



# *The Redeemer*

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### **Pastor's Corner**

### Offering of Letters



On May 11, *Mothers Day*, *Our Redeemer's* will participate in an **Offering of Letters**. This program, put together by an organization called Bread for the World, encourages congregations and organizations to write to their elected officials and encourage them to pass legislation that helps feed people who do not have enough to eat, and fund programs that help people feed themselves. As we meet on Mother's Day, we thought it would be a powerful and fitting way to remember those who fed us with loving hands, by extending their love and care to us, through advocating for others in need.

Throughout the world, it is the hands of our mothers that often plant the seeds, harvest the crops and cook the meals for their children and their families. By encouraging aid and support to mothers in our nation and around the world we, as followers of Jesus Christ, begin to get on the "*solution side*" of need and hunger and empower others to live in the fullness of life, as

God has intended for all of God's children. Please join us on that day to make the voice of Christ heard, through our prayers, through our actions and through our love.

Finally, I would encourage you to continue to learn about the issue of human need and hunger in our world. Part of the reality of our world is that often hunger is caused by natural disasters, such as drought, or political issues, such as war. On the other hand, much hunger is caused by practices and policies that do not factor in those who are in need; leaving in place policies that often cause hunger and suffering. As those who call Jesus Lord, we are compelled, by his great love, and his teaching to feed those who are hungry. If you would like to learn more about the issue of hunger in our world you can log on to Bread for the World's website at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Bill**



## Pastor Bill's Devotional Corner

I have a place. It is not a fancy place. It is not a big place. I have a place where I sit on a hill. As I sit on this hill I look out over a small body of water. As I continue to sit I will often watch geese or ducks, sparrows, cardinals, and every now and then a hummingbird. On the other side of the water there is a cliff that I have seen bald eagles nest in. It is a great place.

I do not tell you these things to bore you, but to share with you a place I have found to be holy. It is not holy because of some religious words I have used to bless it, but because it is in that place where I have the opportunity to relax and to practice Sabbath, taking a time to rest, to rejuvenate and to remind myself I am a man who has been made whole by a loving God.

My prayer for you this summer is that you too can have such a place.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bill

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## New Members

We welcome the following families who joined the *Our Redeemer's* family April 20. **Pieter Hugo** was not available for a picture.



*Mayumi and Chad Parish*



*Owen and Debra Jirka*



*Helen, Michelle and Tim Hugo*



*David, Dawn, Caitlin and Ron Zemke*

## Finance Report

The following is our status through the end of March.

### YTD Actual vs. Budget Through March 2008

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	77,183	85,207	(8,024)	-9%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	5,888	8,880	(2,912)	-33%
Other Income	14,372	11,105	3,267	29%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>97,442</b>	<b>105,111</b>	<b>(7,669)</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100,799</b>	<b>103,944</b>	<b>(3,145)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(3,357)</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>(4,524)</b>	



*by Marianne Rogenski*



## Appalachia Service Project

The ASP Team retreat and workday is coming up May 16-17. We will meet at church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and spend time together, have pizza for dinner, snacks throughout the night, play some games, and learn some stuff! Saturday is our workday and we are very excited to be able to help some members of the congregation with projects in their homes. Also, all forms are due this weekend. If you are an adult and still need to turn in a background check application, please get it to me ASAP. The weekend retreat is too late.

We are also having a bake sale during the UMW Rummage Sale May 9 and 10. If you are able to bake or help that weekend, please contact Mert Rutledge or the church office. All funds will help defray the costs of our trip.

Another way that you can help the ASP fundraising efforts is to save your grocery receipts! If you shop at Ultra Foods in Hanover Park, please save your receipts and turn them into the drop box in the narthex. We can then take them to Ultra and get 5% of all that we have spent there! This will go on until June 1.



Thanks in advance for your support!  
**Katrina Relief Team**

The team will leave on July 26 and return on August 3. They will be staying at Camp Hope in Vancleave, MS. The cost per volunteer will be \$100. Anyone 18 years old or older is wanted and needed to go on this trip. It should be a wonderful way to serve the people that are still in need after the 2005 storm. If you are interested, please contact Marianne through the church office.

## Summer Mission Sponsorship

If you would like to help fund the two mission trips that ORUMC is undertaking this summer please start looking in your bulletins! All prayer and financial support is very much appreciated!

## 633 Worship

Come and join us every Sunday evening for fun, interactive worship led by our live band, Ember Days.

May 4: Savin' Me

Featured speaker: **Shelomi Gomes**

May 11: Offering of Letters

Join us as Micah Ministries leads us in this important ministry.

May 18: 633 Music Sunday

May 25: Live Life Loud!



## Graduate Recognition

Attention all high school and college graduates: We are going to honor you at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 18. Immediately following the service we are holding a luncheon in Wesley Hall in your honor! We will be sending invitations through the mail, but wanted to let you know the date so you can get it on your calendar. Also, if you are graduating from high school or college or have a student that is going to be a graduate, please call the church office at 847-882-6116 and let us know!

## Youth Group News

There are youth groups for both Jr. and Sr. High after the 633 Worship Gathering from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth groups will take a break in the summer, but be on the lookout for some youth activities in those months. So, here is the youth group schedule for this month:

May 4: 7:30-8:30

May 11: NO YOUTH GROUP—Spend time with your mom!

May 18: 7:30-8:30

May 25: NO YOUTH GROUP—Memorial Day weekend

That is it until the fall!



## Sunday School News

The education committee will be very busy during the month of May. May 4 is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will be honoring our teachers that day and introducing them at church. Please take a moment to thank the following dedicated volunteers for their time and commitment to the youth of our church.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sophie Byrnes Grace Foss</b>
<b>3-4 yrs</b>	<b>Sally Brown Peggy Miller</b>
<b>5 yrs/K-1st</b>	<b>Stephanie Edwards Jim Machonis Laura Machonis Linda Nordli</b>
<b>2nd/3rd/4th</b>	<b>Cindy Machonis Doug Meneely Sandy Rathje Catherine Kulprathipanja</b>
<b>5th/6th</b>	<b>Shelley Lukowicz</b>
<b>Jr. High</b>	<b>Annette Brown Michelle Hill Marianne Rogenski</b>
<b>Sr. High</b>	<b>Jon Montgomery Shelomi Gomes</b>

**Substitute Teachers: Gwyn Greenwalt, Amy Meyer, Dan Meyer, Lori Randall**

**VBS 2007 Coordinators:  
Annette Brown & Amy Meyer**

**Children's Music: Carolyn Meneely, Paula Patterson, and Sue Zimmeroff**

**Education Committee Members:  
Mary Balk, Lisa Dierbach, Dorene Gilbert, Gwyn Greenwalt, Catherine Kulprathipanja, Doug Meneely, Lori Randall, and Pastor Bill**

## Regular Sunday School

May 11 is Mother's Day and our last day of regular Sunday School for students kindergarten through high school. Children will begin the service in the sanctuary, and will then be dismissed to Sunday School after a special tribute to Mom.

On May 18, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy Music Sunday with their families (only the Rainbow Room students will have Sunday School on Music Sunday).

There is no Sunday School scheduled for May 25 (*Memorial Day Weekend*).

## Summer Sunday School

During the summer we give our Sunday School teachers a well-deserved break. In an effort to provide Sunday School for the "little ones" who are too old for the nursery but may not be ready for worship service, we are

again coordinating our parent/volunteer-led summer Sunday school program during our 9:00 a.m. service.

Starting June 1, Summer Sunday school will be offered to children 3-7 years old, and lesson materials will be provided. Watch for more information coming home soon, and a sign-up sheet outside of the Rainbow Room.



## VBS 2008

Mark your calendars! VBS at *Our Redeemer's* will be held the week of July 21 (Monday through Thursday in the evening). Ask any member of our Education Committee for ways that you can help out with this community outreach. Watch for details in the bulletin and June newsletter.

## Family Ministries

Watch the June newsletter for our summer schedule of events. If you have a summer activity in your community that would be of interest to the Family Ministries group, please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116.



## ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends are invited to join in the *Our Redeemer's* Family Camping program. We get together once a month during the summer and enjoy all the regular camping stuff. We share a potluck supper on Saturday and try to attend a worship service at the campground or a local church.

Our first campout is scheduled for June 6-8 at Shabbona Lake State Park, Shabbona, IL. Reservations are all ready in, but if you decide that you can come, please call the hosts for the weekend, **Jerry & Shirley McDaniel**, 847-882-6116.

The July campout is July 11-13 at Le-Aqua-Na State Park, Lena, IL. call **Wade & Sue Brown**, 847-882-6116, for information.



## United Methodist Men May 10, 8:00 a.m.

We will continue the Tony Dungy Bible study at our May 10 meeting. Come to church at 8:00 a.m. for a continental breakfast then stay for the study and fellowship.

Feel free to come even if you haven't been able to attend before.

## UMW Rummage Sale May 9 & 10

*"ATTENTION" "ATTENTION"*

*SPRING IS HERE & RUMMAGE IS ON OUR MINDS!!*

We will NEED your Rummage! (Treasures). Please bring your Treasures from Sunday afternoon May 4 through NOON on Thursday May 8.

*Remember NO computers,  
NO plumbing parts  
and NO tires!*

We will need lots of help sorting and marking! You can work for an hour or a day or more. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

We promise lots of fun & fellowship!

The UMW Annual Sale will be Friday May 9, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the Saturday Bag Sale from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

We pick up and deliver! All profits go to charity.

Any questions, call **Sherrie Cottrell** or **Shirley McDaniel**, 847-882-6116.

The United Methodist Women will not meet through the summer. The regular monthly UMW breakfast meetings will resume in September.

## Church Cleanup Day

*May 31, 8:00 a.m.*

Saturday May 31 will be Clean Up Day at our church. The Trustees will need painters, carpenters, cleaners and anyone willing to help clean up *Our Redeemer's*. When you come, please bring some pails, rags and anything else you think could be used.

For more information you can contact **Fred Felski, Leo Gac, Jim Naatz** or any of the Trustees at 847-882-6116.

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## Church Ladies Nite Out

*May 22, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be having a very special nite in May! We are going to The Melting Pot on Roselle and Golf Roads at 7:00 p.m. on THURSDAY May 22. The Melting Pot is on the corner of the strip mall with the health food store and Catherines. We MUST have RESERVATIONS for this nite.

If you need a ride, have any questions or wish to make a reservation, call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us is good fellowship, good fun and good food.

On June 18 we will be going to Panera Bread on Golf Road across from Barnes and Noble.

## Scrapbook Club

*May 16, 6:30-11:00*

If you are a scrapbooker, paper crafter, or just plain curious to see what it is all about, come join us on Friday, May 16 and see what all the fuss is about!. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall, bring all of your own supplies and snacks. No reservations required

## Summer Scrapbook Club Info June-July-August

Due to popular demand, we will continue to meet through the summer months. But just for the summer months we will be asking you to make a reservation. We will only meet if there will be at least 3 of us coming.

For more information or to make summer reservations, call **Laura Machonis**, 847-882-6116.

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## Seniors Ride Free

Seniors in the 6 county RTA area can sign up for the RTA's free pass at any one of over 200 sites in the region. To find a registration site near you, call 836-7000 from any local area code. Give your zip code to the operator, and they will let you know which location is nearest to you.



## Crisis Center Needs

For May the CCC needs the following: Towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, twin size bedding (new or used), travel size sewing kits. Paper goods: Towels, toilet paper, face napkins, facial tissue, cups, plastic ware and paper plates. School Supplies: Waterproof backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens/pencils/markers/crayons, erasers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, 3-ring binders and 2-pocket folders.

We are continually thanked by CCC for all the support ORUMC gives them!



## Voices of Light

For five years *Our Redeemer's* has sponsored the *Voices of Light* youth drama team for Junior and Senior high students. The team is open to all youth in the church, but also to all local youth, no matter their church affiliation.

This year the team will be performing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The performances will be August 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday August 10 at 3:00 p.m. Save the dates now.



## National MS Walk-a-Thon Sunday, May 4

We are proud that our team -Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory-will be “taking steps” to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis by participating in the MS Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, May 4.

Every hour in the United States, a person learns he or she has multiple sclerosis. Of every dollar we raise, approximately 88 cents goes toward programs, services and research to help the 20,000 families statewide and 400,000 families nationwide touched by Multiple Sclerosis. We hope that you will consider joining our team or sponsoring our participation in the MS walk. Every penny makes a difference!

For more information see any of us after church or call **Laura** or **Edie**, 847-882-6116. You can mail your checks made our to the National MS Society to:

The Machonis Family  
126 Amherst Dr  
Bartlett, IL 60103

Thank you in advance for all of your help!

**John, Edie, Jim, Laura**  
and **Chris Machonis**

# Personal Notes



5/06	Rebecca Gilbert
5/07	Alec Hill
5/14	Melanie Johnson
5/15	Brian Nordli
5/18	Joshua Kane
5/21	Katherine Sullivan
5/24	Kelley Oster
5/25	Riecee Brock
5/25	Cassandra Pierson
5/26	Daniel Breda
5/28	Marcus Hill

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## Mary Harrison

We have learned that former *Our Redeemer's* member **Mary Harrison** will be celebrating a significant birthday on June 1. If you would like to send a card, her address is:

1173 Timberwood Lane  
Scherverville IN 46375

Happy Birthday Mary



Congratulations to **Nona** and **Harry Schlinker** in celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary April 1.

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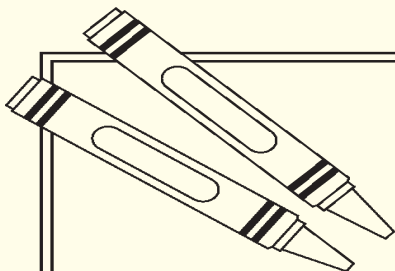
Our Deepest Sympathy to **Sue Bruneau** on the death of her mother.

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## Memorial Money

The Memorial Committee has memorial contributions that have not been designated for a specific use.

If you have ideas for items that could enhance our church or its programs, please leave them in the Memorial Committee mailbox at church or call **Mary Knoppell** at 847-882-6116.



# Just for **KIDS**

## *A Mother of Noble Character*

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (*v. 10*).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (*v. 12*).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (*v. 13*).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (*v. 17*).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (*v. 20*).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (*v. 21*).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (*v. 30*).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Caring**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Godly**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Prepared**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Hardworking**            \_\_\_\_\_ **Hearty**                    \_\_\_\_\_ **Priceless**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Kind**

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

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