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A Time to Harvest



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6: 9-10

Fall is a wonderful time to drive around the countryside. The fields along the roads and freeways are painted with different colors of crops; corn, beans, alfalfa and wheat. I remember fall as a time of harvest, where my uncles and aunts who lived on farms would bring in their crops for sale or storage. It was a time to “reap the benefits” of the hard work that had begun in the spring.

Often Jesus, in his ministry, spoke about harvest, using it as an example of discipleship. In one story Jesus tells us that the “harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” In the past when I heard Jesus’ teaching about harvest it would make me feel tired; like I had to work harder than I normally do. However, in the last few years I have come to hear Jesus words with a different attitude, more like a farmer might see it, as a way to gather in those things that give us life, and in terms of our faith life, give us purpose and meaning.

The apostle Paul writes, “do not become weary in doing good for . . . we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” I believe that when we offer words and deeds of concern, of justice, of compassion and of love, the harvest is not far off. Surely there are times when we are taken advantage of, or our acts of love are rebuffed, or misunderstood. Yet, like any garden or planted field, weeds, drought, and flood are always possible, and yet the farmer never stops the process of planting, tending and harvesting. When we as followers of Christ, make it a “faith commitment” to care for others when care is needed, to mend relationships that might be broken, or to give of ourselves when others are in need, I have no doubt that God’s harvest will be realized and we will be glad we did not tire of the works of love.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Fall Back

Set your clocks back
November 2

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New Member Invitation Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 2008

*10:30 & 11:30 - after both
worship services*

If you are considering making *Our Redeemer's* your spiritual home, there will be informational meetings on Sunday November 9 after both services, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. You will be able to learn about the United Methodist Church and *Our Redeemer's*, our work together in our church community and throughout the world.

We invite you to become a part of our church family on your faith journey, joining us in worship and fellowship. Please call **Carolyn Meneely** at 847 – 882 – 6116, ext 107 or e-mail carolyn@orumc.org to sign up.

All Church Conference

November 20, 7:15p.m.

All members of *Our Redeemer's* are encouraged to attend the All Church Charge Conference Thursday, November 20 at 7:15 p.m.

Celebration Sunday

October 19 the sanctuary was set up with tables for worship and communion followed by the celebration luncheon. About 200 people were served a catered dinner.

After dinner we celebrated the results of our commitments for 2009 and the sale of the Sprint lease and resultant payoff of our mortgage on the church property. **June Guthrie**, a charter member of *Our Redeemer's* was joined by **Nancy McPherson** (a charter kid) in helping **Pastor Bill** burn our mortgage.

The elimination of our mortgage payments (even with the elimination of the monthly Sprint income) will reduce our annual expenses by \$27,000.





Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

7th Annual Open Mic Night November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Come one and all for this community talent show of sorts! We are looking for talent of all kinds—look for a sign up in the narthex. We also want you to invite your friends and just come out and enjoy the fun! This is an evening of fun, fellowship, and wonderful entertainment for the whole church family and community!

Confirmation class:

November 2, 9, 16, 23 Confirmation class 7:30-8:30 p.m.

November 30 No class.

We are in need of parent helpers for November 9 and 23, and December 7. Please contact **Marianne** if you are available.

Sr. High Youth Group

November 2, 9, 16, 23 Youth Group 7:30-8:30 p.m.

November 30 No Youth Group.

Appalachia Service Project

We will have one scheduled meeting before Christmas. Keep an eye on the church bulletin and also the mail for a specific date! The trip is June 13-20, 2009. If you are interested and have not yet signed up, there is still room! Contact **Marianne** now!

Upcoming 633 Series

Video Game Fever

November 9, 16, & 23

Come and explore how video games can relate to our Christian life and our walk with God.

Christmas on the Big Screen (Advent Series)

November 30, December 7 & December 21

Come and explore Advent through classic Christmas movies that we all know and love. See how these movies reveal things we need to understand about our walk with Christ.

No 633 on Sunday, December 14



November Birthdays

Allison Gorvett	11/9
Nicholas Meyer	11/25
Jonathan Dean	11/27
Patrick Brock	11/29
Kimberly Trenn	11/30



Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

Since the time of the Magi and the birth of the Christ child, gifts have been given to children at Christmastime. Once again, the congregation of *Our Redeemer's* has the chance to brighten the holidays for a child by providing gifts to children through the program, Gifts from the Heart.

This is the 22nd year that the program Gifts from the Heart has been implemented here. Members of the congregation are given the opportunity to sign up for the number of children they wish to sponsor. This year you may sign up in the narthex on October 26, November 2 and November 9. ChildServ requests that no more than \$60 be spent on each child. The names of the children you sponsor and a wish list for each child will be given to you on November 16 or November 23. Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned on Sunday, December 7, where they will be delivered to ChildServ by the Gifts from the Heart elves.

ChildServ, the United Methodist agency that serves foster children, has been very appreciative of our congregation's efforts each year in providing gifts for children. This year, more than any other in the recent past, it is important that we reach out to those who are so affected by the economy and are in need. Gifts from the Heart has been very well

supported by the *Our Redeemer's* congregation and I hope that, once again, you will find that it is a very worthy outreach to children, and you will find it in your heart to add another or several additional children to your Christmas list.

If you have any questions about Gifts from the Heart, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-882-6116 or clh1325@comcast.net.



Scrapbook Club November 21, 6:30-11:00 p.m.

If you are a scrapbooker, paper crafter, or just plain curious to see what it is all about, come to church November 21. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Bring all of your own supplies and snacks. No reservations required

December Date Change December 12, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Crop for a Cause March 7, 2009

Tickets for *Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory* scrapbook night go on sale November 1. Last year tickets were sold out by the 1st week in January. Go to www.cropforacausemakingmsamemory.com for a registration form.



Crisis Center Needs

The Community Crisis Center organizes holiday meal giveaways for November and December to make sure that families have a special meal. The items needed for each basket including a turkey are: boxes of mashed potato mixes, large cans of yams, boxes of instant stuffing, gravy mixes, 15 oz. cans of cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit, and boxes of dessert mixes (brownies, cakes, etc.). The CCC supplies nearly 300 families with these baskets!

Christmas is right around the corner. The CCC also needs women's gifts such as: medium laundry baskets, journal and pen, towel sets, alarm clock radios, wristwatches, Afghans, lotion/shower gel sets and \$20 gift cards for Wal-Mart or Target.

United Methodist Women *November 15, 9:00 a.m.*

The UMW monthly meeting is on Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. at church. **Sister Marianne** from Church of the Holy Spirit will present the last in our interfaith series.

A light breakfast will be served and all are welcome! Please join us!



Community Thanksgiving Service

Salem Korean UMC

November 25, 7:30 p.m.

Each year for Thanksgiving it is a blessing to worship together with neighbors from other United Methodist churches in our community. This year's service will be held at the Salem Korean UMC at the corner of Walnut and Schaumburg Roads.

Our chancel choir will join with the other choirs to present a message in song. You are invited and encouraged to worship with members of Roselle UMC, Our Savior's UMC and Salem Korean UMC on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The offering will be given to **"Five Loaves and Two Fish Mission"** in support of starving children in North Korea.



Garden Report

*For I was hungry, and you fed me.
Matt:25:34*

The Garden produced over 200 lbs. of fresh produce this season. The produce made it way into the salad at Rogers Park Community Feast (soup kitchen), 198 people were served on that day. Schaumburg and Hanover Township also received produce. As did The Church of the Holy Spirit which gave out produce at their open pantry. Thanks to efforts of those who provided time and efforts into maintaining the garden. We look forward to next year's crop. With your help it will be another successful year.

The Micah Ministry



November 4
Don't forget to vote.

UMM Breakfast Meeting *November 8, 8:00 a.m.*

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study is November 8, 8:00 a.m. at church.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Steve Miller**, 847-882-6116, for details.

Finance Report

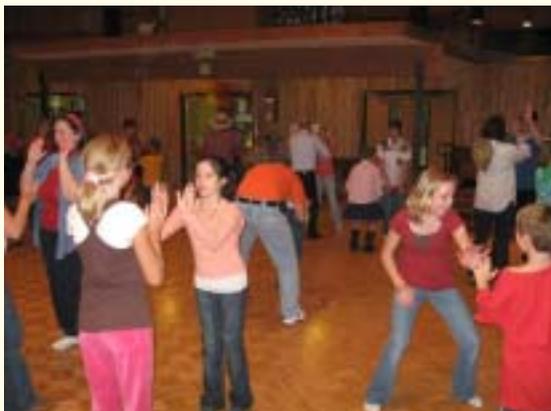
The following is our status through the end of September. The reduction in the Sprint rent and increase of \$275,000 in Other Income reflects the sale of the Sprint Lease. The increase in expenses of \$273,643 reflects the final pay-off of our mortgage.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through September 2008

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	229,954	242,093	(12,139)	-5%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	12,075	27,124	(15,049)	-55%
Other Income	297,531	18,983	278,548	n/m
Total Income	539,559	288,200	251,360	87%
Total Expenses	532,657	294,315	238,342	81%
Net Income (Loss)	6,902	(6,116)	13,018	n/m

Family Ministries Hoedown

Family Ministries sponsored a Family Hoedown October 4. A caller led the crowd through a series of line and square dance commands. Judging by the smiles, everyone had a good time. Popcorn and pop also added to fun.





Mom's Night Out

November 6, 7:00 p.m.

Yu's Mandarin (on Golf Rd. behind Outback)

Mom's Night Out is a chance for mom's to go out and enjoy good food and fellowship. A time for someone else to do the cooking and cleaning! It's for all mothers but especially those who have children that are school age or younger.

You do not need to be a member of ORUMC to attend! All are welcome. For more information contact **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116 or annetteb421@sbcglobal.net.

We do not require reservations, but if you know you will be joining us I would like to know so I know what size table to get. If you can not make it for dinner feel free to join us for dessert! And if you are not sure of your plans until that evening, don't worry, come join us for the night.

Future Dates:

Dec 4	The Melting Pot
Jan 8	TGI Fridays
Feb 12	Charlies Charhouse
March 5	La Magdalena
April 2	Babalucci's
May 7	Bahama Breeze

Hope to see you there!

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. to Ruby Tuesday's across from Stratford. Please join us and bring a friend! If you need a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food. Drop-ins are always welcome; no invitation necessary!

Movie Memorabilia Coming attractions!

What's the buzz about Oscar and the Academy Awards! Coming soon to a theater (or church) near you! *Our Redeemer's* is planning a movie memorabilia get-together with silent auction of film mementos in February 2009. We have t-shirts, posters and other memorabilia from more than 100 movies, including: *There's Something About Mary*, *Dr. Doolittle*, *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *The Patriot*.

The items were donated by **Dann Gire**, *Our Redeemer's* member and movie critic for the *Daily Herald* newspaper. Proceeds will be used for **Richard Vales** mission in the Philippines.

Keep watching for further previews on the big screens on Sunday mornings.



Advent Festival

November 29, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family (and friends too) to our Advent Festival! You will get to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our young children will make Christmas crafts with the help of our older youth.

What is an *Our Redeemer's* gathering without food? That's right! It's a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Everything else will be provided. It will be a great time of fellowship.

You'll experience all this and more at 4:00 p.m. on November 29. And you will still have time afterward for other important Saturday evening activities.



Blood Drive December 4

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 4 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. On Sundays during November you can make a reservation to donate. You can also feel free to drop in and donate.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2 we will honor those who died in the past year. If you would like a loved one remembered in the service, please call **Donna** in the office, 847-882-6116.



UMM Pizza Sale

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for pizza starting in October.

Pizza will be available for pickup Sunday, November 23.



Personal Notes



In Response to Our Recent Food Collection...

On behalf of the students of School District 54,1 would like to thank you for the generous donation of food for the children in our before-school breakfast programs at the John Muir Literacy Academy in Hoffinan Estates; Anne Fox Elementary School in Hanover Park; and Blackwell Elementary School, Addams Junior High School and Enders-Salk Elementary School in Schaumburg.

Please let everyone who donated cereal, milk, granola bars, juice and other items that many children have benefited from their efforts. In our current economy, we have more children coming to school hungry. How can we expect them to learn when their mind is filled with thoughts of when they are going to get their next meal? Due to the generosity of your members and our community, they will start each school day with a nutritious meal. Thank you again.

Terri McHugh
District 54 Community
Relations Director



We wish to thank the church members for their kind thoughts, words, cards and prayers during this difficult time in our lives.

Sincerely,
Cheryl and Jacob Duvall



Our Deepest Sympathy to:

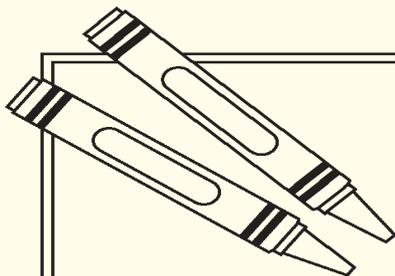
Linda Nordli and family on the death of her father, **George Kowalski**

The **Temple** and **Patterson** families on the death of **Diane Temple's** mother and **Paula Patterson's** grandmother, **Doralene Herren**.

Marianne Rogenski and family on the death of her grandmother, **Mary Hamburg**.

Anniversary

Congratulations to **Don** and **Evelyn Wiebel** in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary!



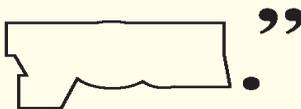
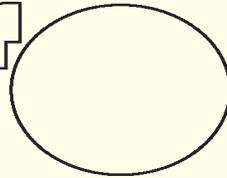
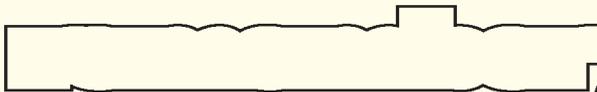
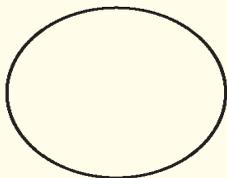
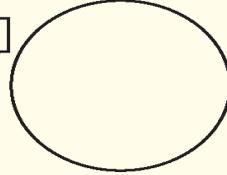
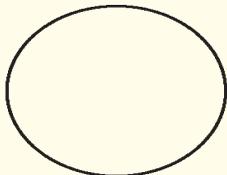
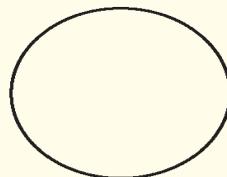
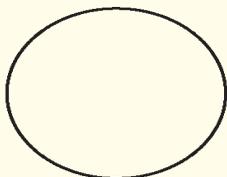
Just for **KIDS**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

WORD LIST: remember time you I God
I my thank every



Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."



The Hope of Christmas

by JoAnne Gregorash

With the birth of the baby Jesus, Our Father promised us that we would be saved from our sins if we just believed. The blind man Simeon, who was at the temple where the baby was brought to be consecrated to God, knew instantly that this was the “Son of God”!

It is time for us to start our rejoicing for this Holy birth. At *Our Redeemer’s* it is our tradition to celebrate the birth of Jesus, by filling the sanctuary with flowers for Christmas. For many years members and friends have been given the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias (red, white and pink) and “lend” them to the church to decorate our sanctuary in honor of the Blessed Event.

This year is no different. We invite all members and friends to continue this tradition and for those who are new to *Our Redeemer’s* to become part of our celebration. Ordering is easy. You simply need to fill in the form below and drop it in the basket in the narthex with your payment. The price this year will again be \$11.00. We will order for you, take delivery for you and use your flowers to decorate the sanctuary and the church.

After Christmas, you may take your flowers home and enjoy their beauty in your own house. The deadline for ordering this year is *Sunday, December 14*. Let us see if we can all be on time this year! Our florist would like to guarantee us the colors we want and the most beautiful flowers they have and for that to happen, we need to give them as much notice as possible.

Won’t you help us celebrate Christ’s birth so all may look around and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and remember the joy and the hope the season brings to all.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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