



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

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### **Pastor's Corner**

## Step Away from the Campfire

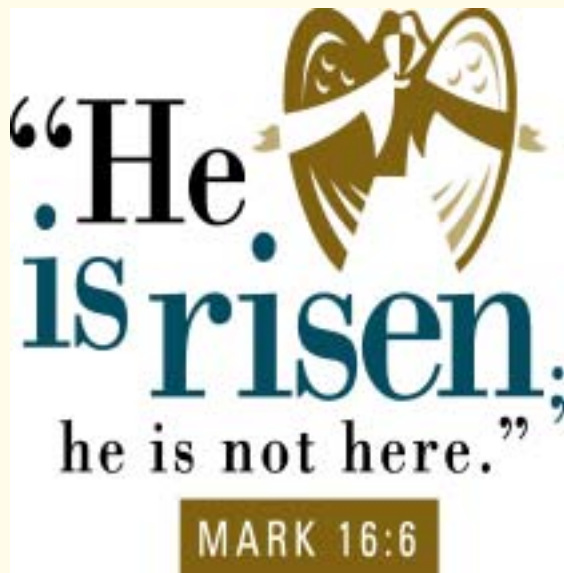
Many times I have been afforded the gift of sitting around a campfire with friends or family. The glow of the fire has not only warmed my body, but also warmed my spirit. Around those campfires I have sung, laughed, told stories, heard stories and felt the grace of God in those times of fellowship and connection. The early followers of Jesus, I am sure, also had “campfire moments” as they sat and listened to Christ tell stories and teach them about God’s kingdom. Yet those campfire moments were not to last. After their final journey to Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified, they no longer could feel his warming presence, and they were devastated.

On Easter, with the coming of the resurrection, the possibilities of having these “campfire moments” again seemed very real. The master was back and things were going to be better. Yet we know from the gospels, Jesus had not come to build small “campfire communities”, but had come to share God’s love in the world. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to go into the world and make disciples of all nations.

In my life I have been “loved” into a life of faith by many who turned away from their “campfires”, and shared the love of the Risen Lord with me. Some did as little as offer words of encouragement, others gave significant amounts of time and energy to me. In all, without their commitment to share Christ’s love, I do not know where I would be to this day. They took a risk to step away from the “warmth” of their life, so that I might know God’s love.

As we celebrate Easter, make a commitment to stretch yourself in ways of love and grace. Make it a point to show kindness and mercy to all, be they a neighbor, a person you work with, or even someone you see at the “window at Dunkin Donuts.” Make it a priority in your day to help others, as you incorporate Jesus’ spirit of love and giving. Finally, set aside some time for prayer or study, a time in which you can feel that love and grace of God that warms our hearts and souls, but also pulls us to kingdom living and radical loving.

Peace,  
**Pastor Bill**



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## **Holy Week Schedule**

*Thursday April 1, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Maundy Thursday Worship  
and Communion**

*Friday April 2, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Easter Cantata**  
*Behold What Manner of Love*

*Saturday April 3, 6:33 p.m.*  
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**Easter Worship**

*Sunday April 4, 6:30 a.m.*  
**Easter Sunrise Service**

*Sunday April 4, 9 & 10:30 a.m.*  
**Easter Worship**

## **Graduate Recognition**

*May 2, 10:30 a.m. Worship*

## **Graduate Luncheon**

*May 2, 11:45 a.m.*

The youth council will be recognizing high school and college graduates at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 2. If you have a child that will graduate from high school or college please contact Marianne through the church office, 847-882-6116, and leave the name of the graduate and where they are graduating from.

Graduates and families are invited to the service and to a lunch immediately following in Wesley Hall.

Please RSVP by April 18.



## VBS 2010 Galactic Blast



*This cosmic combination of faith and fun is sure to help kids develop a closer relationship with God.  
Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

This year VBS promises to be out of this world! Galileo the “green” Gorilla will be leading our cadets during assembly time on the starship Galactic Praise. It’s a fun time you won’t want to miss.

Watch for volunteer sign up to begin in April after Easter in the Narthex. If you’ve helped before and know what area you’d like to volunteer in this year don’t hesitate to contact Rev. Elizabeth today!

We need leaders in registration, the craft center, discovery/snack time coordinators, as well as a dedicated pre-school leader.

If you’d like to help in smaller ways, become a “mission pilot” who travels with the cadets to their different locations in outer space.

We will be looking for donations, and will also need small-part actors, helping hands with set design and helpers in many other areas that require little or no preparation. Some volunteers have already signed on for this outer space voyage!

As in years past, we will host a dinner for volunteers and their families, making it easy for you to come from work, enjoy a wonderful dinner at church with friends, and then help out for a couple of hours during this community outreach program.

Be sure to get on board for this out of this world experience! If you have any questions, contact **Rev. Elizabeth Bowes** at 847-882-6116 ext 107 or via e-mail at [elizabethbowes@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethbowes@yahoo.com).

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### Friends,

Thursday is my “reading” day. Today I came across this interview with Michael Lindsey that I’d like to share with you - the Leaders of the church. He makes some interesting assessments of the future of the main-line church. I read the edited transcript, or you can listen to the entire interview. Or you can discard/delete...no harm, no foul.

<http://faithandleadership.com/qa/michael-lindsay-the-mainline-not-the-sidelines>

Peace,  
**Rev. Elizabeth Bowes**



*by Marianne Rogenski*

## Youth News 30-Hour Famine News

I have totaled the money received for World vision from our 30-Hour Famine and we have raised \$4321 this year! This money will all go to Ethiopia where World Vision is currently working. In the 8 years that we have done the famine here at ORUMC the number is \$25, 019.57! This is incredible—thank you for all of your support through the years. It is truly amazing and awesome that our youth are able to lead us in this fight against hunger.

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

We will be going to the Appalachian Mountains June 19-26. There is still room on the team if you are interested—see Marianne as soon as possible.

Our next meeting is the retreat—May 14-15 at ORUMC. If you cannot make this meeting please contact Marianne. We also need a construction project for the retreat—see Marianne if you have ideas.

## Sr. High News

### April

- 4 NO YOUTH GROUP (Easter)
- 11 7:30-8:30pm Youth Group at Starbucks
- 18 7:30-8:30PM Youth Group at ORUMC
- 25 7:30-8:30pm Youth Group at the Hills

### May

- 2 7:30-8:30pm Youth Group at Chipotle

## Jr. High (Confirmation) News

### April

- 4 NO CLASS (Easter)
- 11 7:30-8:30pm Class
- 18 9am-4pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist in Evanston and Chicago visit
- 25 7:30-8:30pm Class

On April 18 we will meet at the church at 9am. We will then go to 2nd Baptist Church in Evanston, IL, to experience a different kind of worship. After the worship service is over, we will go to Ed Debevic's for lunch. If there is time after lunch we will go to Millennium Park to see the fountain and the bean. Should be a great day! If you are able to drive or chaperone for this activity please contact Marianne. Driver's will be reimbursed for parking fees.

### May

- 2 7:30-8:30pm Class

## Youth Club

On March 14 our 3rd to 6th graders packed care baskets for the moms that are involved with Fellowship Housing, a local organization that supports single moms.

The baskets were delivered to Fellowship Housing on March 15 and were distributed to the moms on March 19.

Thank you to all who supported this mission through donations!

**Graduate Recognition**  
*May 2, 10:30 a.m.*

**Graduate Luncheon**  
*May 2, 11:45 a.m.*



David Rocha	4/07
Hannah Greenwalt	4/15
Devin Klocko	4/19
Jeremy Miller	4/21
Justin Miller	4/21
Aubrey Balk	4/29

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**Easter Worship**  
**Saturday, April 3, 6:33 p.m.**  
*No 633 service on Easter Sunday*

**Hunger Panel**  
**April 11, 6:33 p.m.**  
**"Feed Your Neighbor,  
Feed the World"**  
*Come hear and learn about the  
fight against hunger.  
See details on page 6.*

## Sunday School Food Drive

The 3 year to 2nd grade Sunday School classes are running a food drive service project.

## Spring Forward by Fighting Hunger

*A Micah Ministry Minute  
by Jon Montgomery*

After a long winter, spring is finally here! And each spring for the last few years, we have used the hope of the spring and Easter season to work to provide hope to men, women and children struggling with hunger and poverty.

So what are the spring activities this year that Micah Ministry is sponsoring?

### **“Feed Your Neighbor, Feed the World”** *April 11, 6:33 Worship*

“Feed your neighbor, feed the world” is the title of a special 6:33 p.m. service on April 11. Featuring at least four guest speakers, including representatives from food pantries and state government, a panel will spotlight hunger from various perspectives (nutrition, community faith), and will let us know how we can continue to lend a hand. We hope you can attend!

### **Offering of Letters** *May 16, 9:00 & 10:30 Worship*

2010 Offering of Letters will be May 16. This year, we are focusing on hunger in the United States. Primarily, our efforts are aimed at reducing childhood hunger.

In 2008, nearly one in four children in the United States were at risk for hunger: meaning that 16.7 million infants, children and teens lived in families that could not always afford to put food on the table.

But we can do something to address the issue head on. In May, we will be writing Congress to support the working poor, those striving to provide for their family but still fall a little short.

By reaffirming our commitments to these families, we can extend our mission to fight hunger and help keep millions of children above the poverty line.

Look for announcements in church ahead of the offering to provide more details. However, if you have any questions at this time, please contact **Jon Montgomery** at [jamnjla@aol.com](mailto:jamnjla@aol.com) or visit <http://www.offeringofletters.org/2010>.

For two straight years, utilizing support materials from Bread for the World, members of *Our Redeemer's* have written over 150 letters to their representatives in both the Senate and the House.

Such solution-oriented advocacy for the poor and hungry involves a process that takes time and persistence, but the ultimate victories can affect millions of people.

We hope you will take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to learn and participate in fighting hunger, and thank you for all that you have done to make this a priority at *Our Redeemer's*.

## **CROP for a Cause** *Making MS a Memory*

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with the 4th Annual Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis. It was an amazing evening with over 225 people: scrapbooking, eating, shopping, eating, socializing and eating again!

Everyone had a great time and I received MANY compliments about our church and the things we are involved with, from the people attending. With your support we were able to raise \$14,555.60! WOW!

Thank you again to everyone who helped! If you are interested in getting involved for next year please let me know so I can put you on my list.

**Laura Machonis**

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## **Scrapbook Club at the Church**

*April 16, 6:30-11:00 p.m.*

The Scrapbook Club is for any adult interested in scrapbooking, making cards or crafting. Every 3rd Friday of the month from 6:30-11:00p.m. in Wesley Hall. We will be gathering to share in fellowship and a common hobby.

Please bring all of your own supplies and any snacks or beverages for the evening.

Call **Laura Machonis**, 630-736-9573, for more info or a basic supply list.

## **Walk MS** *May 2*

We are proud that our team “Crop for a Cause: making MS a memory” will be again taking steps to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis by participating in WALK MS on May 2 at Harper College. Every hour in the United States a person learns that he or she has MS. Of every dollar we raise approximately 88 cents goes towards programs, services and research to help the 20,000 families statewide and the 400,000 families nationwide touched by Multiple Sclerosis. We hope that you will consider joining our team at Walk MS this year. To register go to [www.cropforacause.com](http://www.cropforacause.com) and follow the join our team link. If you are unable to join us for the walk you can always sponsor us by making a donation to anyone on our team. Every penny makes a difference! For more information see any of us after church or call Laura, 630-736-9573, or Edie, 847-882-1966. Please send your checks made out to the National MS Society to:

Machonis Family  
126 Amherst Dr  
Bartlett, IL 60103

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support!

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

## The Mystery of Montley's Manor

The Book of Acts presented Montley's Manor March 11 and 12. Thanks to all who worked to make the show a success and especially to all who attended. Proceeds from the show will be donated to various missions of *Our Redeemer's*.





## United Methodist Women

*April 17, 10:00 a.m.*

Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. the UMW will meet and learn how to shop and save money with coupons. All women are welcome and a continental breakfast is served. Come join us!

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## Memorial Committee

The memorial committee now has a new name. It will be Memorials, Gifts, and Endowments. This change was made so that if someone wishes to make a donation in honor of someone there will be an account to put it in until it is needed. This has been a problem in the past as it went into the budget of a specified committee but it had to be used by the end of the year or be forfeited.

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## Church Ladies Nite Out

*Wednesday April 21, 6:00 p.m.*

We will be going out on WEDNESDAY April 21 at 6:00 p.m. to SWEET TOMATOES which is near the Woodfield area. Unless something comes up again, like a holiday, we will be meeting for dinner on Wednesdays from now on.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come and join us for good food, good fellowship and good fun!

## Pillowcase Ministry

We are starting a new ministry that we are very excited about. We will be making pillowcases that we will donate to ConKerr Cancer. They are then taken to Children's Memorial Hospital, UIC Hospital, and Lutheran General Hospital. Once they receive them they are then given to children who are hospitalized with serious illnesses.

The children get to choose the one that they want. They are very colorful and fun (and easy) to make.

There will be a meeting to get organized on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

If you can help or have any questions please contact **Mary Knoppel** via the church office, 847-882-6116. If you want to know a little more about how the group was started go to [ConKerr Cancer.org](http://ConKerrCancer.org).

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## Prayer Shawl

We currently have 2 very active prayer shawl groups but we could always use more people to knit or crochet. The groups meet the 3rd week of the month on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

We do have yarn available. We would love to have you join us. If you can help please contact **Mary Knoppel** via the church office, 847-882-6116.



## Mom's Night Out

*April 8, 7:00 p.m.*

All moms are invited to a night out without cleaning, cooking and kids. Come to Chevy's on Golf Road (near Woodfield Mall).

Contact **Annette Brown** for reservations at 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at [Annettab421@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Annettab421@sbcglobal.net).



## Crisis Center Needs

The Crisis Center can always use the following: toiletries: disposable razors, hair bushes, soap, hair care products, deodorant/anti-perspirants, toothbrushes/toothpaste, hand/body lotion, shampoo/conditioner and towels/washcloths.

They can also use household items including: bed sheets (twin), blankets, can openers, Corel dishes (plates and bowls) dish cloths, liquid dish soap, flatware/kitchen utensils, irons, bath towels and washcloths.

Place items in the collection box in the Narthex.



## Family Camping 2010

All members and friends of Our Redeemer's are invited to share in the weekend family camping program. We enjoy fellowship and food while we do all the normal camping activities. We try to attend a worship service at a local church or the campground.

About 25 of the camping gang met March 7 to plan the 2010 camping season (and eat, of course). We planned several state parks that will require reservations well in advance. Please contact the hosts as soon as possible if you know that you plan to attend a given weekend.

**June 4-6** Rock Cut State Park, Rockford, IL Host: **Don Wiebel**, 630-837-8277.

**July 23-25** LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL Host: **Joe Rocha**, 630-289-3084.

**August 13-15** Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Ft Atkinson, WI Host: **Jon Montgomery**, 630-830-6831.

**Sept 17-19** Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI Host: **Rob Mottar**, 630-682-5890.

**October 8-10** Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL Host: **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

If you would like more information about our camping program, please call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.



## ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The United Methodist Women (UMW) are looking for a few (or a lot) of GOOD Women and Men to help with the Annual Rummage Sale. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to spend some time with us preparing for the sale on May 7 and 8. We will be collecting your TREASURES beginning on Sunday May 2 (afternoon only) and then the entire week thru Thursday. Here are a few hints that will help make the job easier!

- ◆ Please be sure your rummage sale items are Clean and Usable!
- ◆ If you have small appliances, please tell us if they need repair.
- ◆ If your items have been in a garage sale, please remove your tags.
- ◆ Remember no computers, no plumbing parts and no tires!

Any questions call **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-895-0176, or **Shirley McDaniel**, 847-895-7385. Arrangements can be made to have your rummage picked up. All profits are donated to charity!



## UMM Breakfast Meeting April 10, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study is April 10, 8:00 a.m. at church. The study will continue the program started on the October retreat, "*Framing Your World View*" by Rick Warren & Chuck Colson.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, for details.

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## Mission Travelers

Two *Our Redeemer's* members are currently involved in mission trips. As we write, **Michelle Hill** is in Haiti on a one week medical mission trip with the group **Little By Little Haiti**. Michelle will be working with a husband and wife missionary team in a town about 15 miles outside of Port Au Prince.

In May, **Aubrey Balk** is planning to go to Kenya for two weeks with the group **New Mission Systems International and AfricaHope**. Aubrey will be working with a school in a village outside of Nairobi.



## Personal Notes



### Baptisms

#### Ruby Grace Fiore

**Ruby Grace**, daughter of **Ashley Renee Fiore** and **Philip Sabastian Fiore**, was baptized on March 7. The baptism was performed by her proud grandmother, **Rev. Elizabeth Bowes**.

#### Alia Letty Almazan

**Alia Letty**, daughter of **Virgilio Michael Almazan** and **Tristan Toland Almazan**, was baptized on March 14.

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#### The Big Move!

**Ron** and **Bev Wilkes** will be moving to Devonshire sometime in April so you know we will have to remove lots of various stuff from our home.

If anyone needs a ride on tractor for mowing lawns, please give us a call at 630-837-7889. Wish us luck and lots of prayers!



Our congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

**Nancy Schmidt** and family on the death of her aunt, **Helen Gertrude Hanan**.

**Marion Kehrberg** and family on the death of her cousin, **Royce Kellner**.

**Gwyn Greenwalt** and family on the death of her grandmother, **Helen Collings**.

The family of **Leona Loeppert**, from Friendship Village, who passed away February 22 at the age of 104 years.

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#### Wills Return to Schaumburg

**Ralph** and **Barbara Will** have returned to Schaumburg from West Lafayette, IN. They are living at

Sunrise of Schaumburg  
790 N. Plum Grove Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

We look forward to seeing them at **Our Redeemer's**.

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