



The Redeemer

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Our Redeemer's Hires Minister of Christian Education

We are excited to welcome **Reverend Elizabeth Bowes** as our new Minister of Christian Education starting in February. In this position Elizabeth will be working with our Education team, Pastor Bill, and Church leadership to grow our Christian Education program.

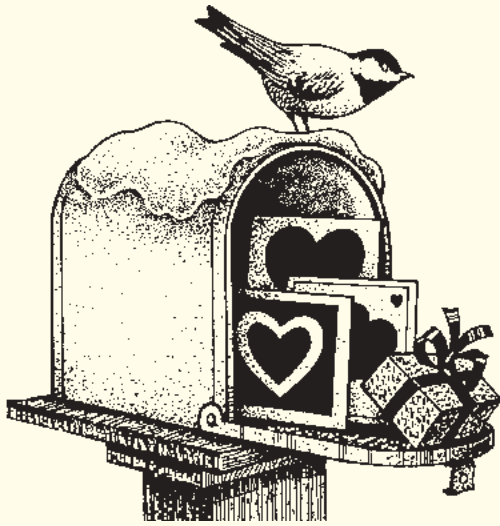
This is a part time position involving organizing Sunday school, Vacation Bible school, and Adult Christian Education opportunities.

Rev. Bowes has a Masters degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a certification in Christian Education. She also has a Bachelors degree in Sociology from Gordon College in Wenham, MA.

She is a Full Member of the Order of Deacon with the United Methodist Church in the Northern Illinois Conference. Rev. Bowes is trained in small group leadership and certified in pre-marital counseling and marriage enrichment.

Elizabeth has taught at North Central College and held similar positions at United Methodist Churches in Naperville, where she lives.

We look forward to working with her in her ministry at **Our Redeemer's** United Methodist Church. You can look forward to meeting her on February 7. Let's give her a warm ORUMC welcome.



Millikin University Chamber Chorale Concert January 11

The Millikin University Chamber Chorale presented a wonderful concert at *Our Redeemer's* on January 11. Our very own **Daniel Shaw** and **David Zemke** are members of the Chamber Chorale.

The Schaumburg High School *Choraliers* and Glenbard North High School *Goldtones* also performed. Daniel and David, along with several members of the Voices of Light, have been members of those groups.

Many members of *Our Redeemer's* helped make the concert possible. **Ron Zemke** coordinated logistics with the performers.

Von Evitts coordinated dinner and housing for the visitors.

The **United Methodist Women** served dinner for the choirs and, along with the Chancel Choir, provided food.

Fourteen ORUMC families hosted choir members overnight.

Steve Miller worked his computer magic to send the concert live to New Zealand for parents of one of the choir members.

Thanks to all who helped make this very special evening possible.

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Millikin Chamber Chorale



Voices of Light Alumni



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

If you are still planning on going on this mission trip and have not yet contacted Marianne, now would be the time!

The volunteer deposit of \$120 per person is due by February 7. Please contact Marianne if this is a problem and something can be worked out. Our next meeting is March 10, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

30-Hour Famine

We will again be participating in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine this year. The dates are February 19-20 with Famine Sunday being February 21

This is an event open to all Jr. and Sr. High students and their friends. It is a 30 hour juice fast (participants can only have 100% fruit juice and water) and the students come to the church for the majority of this time for fun, games, fellowship, Bible study, and to learn more about world hunger. This is always an amazing weekend for the participants and also for the adults that help. The fundraising packets are already at church so please contact Marianne if you are interested.

We are looking for adult help during the famine—we need adult leaders and also prayer partners. See the sign up posters in the church Narthex for more information and if you have additional questions please contact Marianne

Finally, for the famine we need donations of bottled water and 100% fruit juice. There is a sign up poster in the Narthex for this.

Thanks in advance for all of your support!

Sr. High

February

- 7 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 14 NO YOUTH GROUP (no school on Mon)
- 19-20 TBA 30-Hour Famine
- 21 6:33 p.m. 30-Hour Famine Sunday
NO YOUTH GROUP
- 28 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group at
ORUMC

March

- 7 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group at
Portillos
- 14 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth group at
ORUMC
- 21 NO YOUTH GROUP (spring break)
- 28 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group at the
Hills

Jr. High / Confirmation

February

- 7 NO CLASS
- 14 NO CLASS (no school on Mon)
- 19-20 TBA 30-Hour Famine
- 21 6:33 p.m. 30-Hour Famine Sunday
NO CLASS
- 28 7:30-8:30pm Class

March

- 7 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class
- 14 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class
- 21 1:30-8:30 p.m. Soup Kitchen
NO CLASS
- 28 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 7

As we have done in the past, the youth of ORUMC will be collecting canned goods and dollars on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. Please bring this into church—the food will be used to stock our church pantry and the money will be donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

If possible, look for canned meats (tuna, chicken) that do not need to be heated as not everyone has access to a stove! Thanks for your support!



Education News

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

The Education Committee is looking for interested persons to teach, co-teach, or substitute in classes for the 2010-2011 year. The curriculum makes substituting very easy. Please contact the church office at 847-882-6116 to volunteer.

TIRED OF WINTER?

How better to get in a warmer frame of mind than becoming Coordinator for VBS! Get to know **Rev. Elizabeth Bowes** as you work toward making VBS a success! Interested parties please contact the church office at 847-882-6116.



Karen Greenwalt	2/03
Ellen Swartz	2/11
Michael Hernandez	2/20
Caitlin Wilkes	2/21
Justin Edwards	2/26
Kelsey Lukowicz	2/29



Family Pizza Party/ Game Night

Sat, February 13, 4:00-7:00

Calling all families for a night of games and fun! We'll have board games, bingo, ping pong, Wii competitions, and more. Feel free to bring your favorite games to share with others. We're especially looking for game ideas for younger children.

We'll provide pizza for supper. We're asking everyone to bring a side dish, snack, dessert, or drinks (juice or 2 liter of pop).

It should be a wonderful evening for parents and kids alike.

If you have any questions or would like to help with planning, contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

February 13, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study is February 13, 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.



Scrapbook Club

*Date change
February 12,
6:30 p.m.*

Due to the Youth Group's 30-Hour Famine, Scrapbook Club will meet on Friday, February 12 instead of February 19.

Church Ladies Nite Out

February 16, 6:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be having a different and earlier schedule for the next few months. Our new time for meeting at our chosen restaurant will be 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Also, due to Ash Wednesday and St Patrick's Day, we will be going out to dinner on TUESDAY nights for the months of February and March. Hope you can join us and bring a friend to enjoy good fellowship, good food and good friends.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please phone **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Here is our schedule so far: TUESDAY, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. we will be going to the Wild Bull at Walnut and Golf Roads. TUESDAY, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. is at Chevys Restaurant, 1180 North Plaza Drive (just off Golf east of Meacham). April, May and June we will be going out on WEDNESDAYS again. We are all looking forward to seeing some new faces and meeting new friends!



We know now that the Bears won't be in the Super Bowl, but we can all still enjoy fellowship and world-famous United Methodist Men meat balls at the annual UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner.

We will start serving right after church on February 7. Come and enjoy the fun.

United Methodist Women

March 20, 10:00 a.m.

The UMW is taking a winter sabbatical and will not be meeting until Saturday, March 20.

Our meeting time has also changed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you all at the March meeting!

Seventeenth Annual Meals for Millions Lenten Program

Meals for Millions is a mission project for the United Methodist Men, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. UMM have provided literally millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry through fund raising activities.

The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that are perfectly good to eat but which are not suitable for use by processing plants due to size or shape.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the Society of St. Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent. During last year's Lenten season *Our Redeemer's* raised \$950. Since 1994 *Our Redeemer's* has raised over \$24,000.

This year's Lenten devotion entitled "Jesus is..... Who is Jesus to You?" can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from "giving up something" during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April 2.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, January, 31.



ORUMC A Rainbow Covenant Church Once Again!

Again in 2009 *Our Redeemer's* qualified as a Rainbow Covenant church. That means we paid all our conference apportionments and went the "extra mile" to contribute (\$300) to each band of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries. This money is budgeted to our church's Caring Ministries Council.

In addition, our church was able to contribute \$600 to Richard Vales' "What Would Jesus Do?" ministry.

Thank you for your generosity to *Our Redeemer's* and its many ministries throughout 2009.

Bruce Bedingfield,
Chairman
Caring Ministries Council

Crop for a Cause March 6

by *Laura Machonis*

A few tickets are still available for the Fourth Annual Crop for a Cause/Making MS a Memory, Saturday, March 6. The event benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the only voluntary health organization dedicated to the prevention, treatment, alleviation, and cure of MS. One hundred percent of the evening's proceeds will go directly to the MS Society. Get your ticket today as there are a limited number available and this event has sold out in the past. Tickets are \$40 per person. This includes table space to scrapbook, goodie bag, dinner and snacks. Please go to the web site below for a registration form.

We are also in need of volunteers for many of the jobs including set-up and clean-up. If you are able to help in any way please let me know. There is a sign up poster in the church.

If you are not a "crafter" please feel free to come by for the auction or just to say hi. The silent auction has over 100 items including scrapbooking supplies, leisure items, sporting event tickets, gift certificates, golf packages and a seven-day condo rental in Maui. All items are generously donated, so if you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact **Laura Machonis**.

If you are interested in attending, volunteering, or donating, please contact **Laura Machonis** at info@cropforacause.com or visit www.cropforacause.com.



Email Addresses

We are trying to get a complete listing of email addresses for the church membership. The purpose is to reduce the cost of mailings and to improve our communication.

Please send Donna all of your family's email addresses in one of the following forms.

For example:

Bill Jones thejonesgang@wow.net
Betty Jones thejonesgang@wow.net
Baby Jones thejonesgang@wow.net

Or:

Bill Jones cowboy@wow.net
Betty Jones bosslady@wow.net
Baby Jones littleone@wow.net

Note that the actual email address doesn't mean much unless we know who it belongs to.

Please send your email information to **Donna** in the church office via email to donna@orumc.org. Also remember to send an update when your email address changes.



Crisis Center Needs

Christmas cards can be recycled as well as all other greeting cards. Leave them in the Crisis Center Bin in the Narthex and they will be used by the Crisis Center or St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

The Center helps women (and children) set up households to begin their new lives without abuse after their stays at the Center. They need lots of items to accomplish this including: bed sheets (twin), blankets, can openers, Corelle dishes (plates and bowls), dish cloths, dish soap (liquid), flatware/kitchen utensils, irons, laundry soap (powder), bath towels, washcloths and plastic drinking glasses.

Crisis Center Benefit Auction *March 13*

The Community Crisis Center Annual Benefit Auction will be held March 13 at the Q Center in St. Charles. The theme is Sham Rock-n-Roll. They are looking for volunteers and donations. Contact person is Arlene Gocken at 847-742-4088 or e-mail agocken@crisiscenter.org. They will also be selling raffle tickets for \$5. each or \$25. for six. First prize \$2010. 2nd prize \$500. Contact Jeri Hodal at 847-742-4088 or e-mail jhodal@crisiscenter.org for more information.



by Lauri Marmorstone

Bii Fit: Mind, Body, & Spirit 5 Week Lenten Challenge

“We are not any more perfect during Lent than we are at other times of year. We are just more aware of our failures, more willing to give God our best effort, and more open than usual to his helping hand. We know we are “work in progress”, and Lent is the season when we open up to let God inside for some major renovations on us.”

Our bodies are a living sacrifice for God. We are told in scripture,

Romans 12:1-2: ¹⁻² So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eat-

ing, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

If we are to give ourselves to God, we must do that mind, body and spirit. We cannot be our best for God when we don’t take time to care for ourselves. We are told in

1 Corinthians 19-20: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

For our Unfiltered Lenten Series, we are challenging the congregation to look at themselves—mind, body and spirit. God wants us to be the best we can be in order to fulfill our calling here on Earth. In addition to our physical and emotional well-being, we need to be in sync with God so that we are aware of His presence and workings in our life.

Come and explore our “Bii Fit” series as we set out to inspire you to “be your best you” while teaching you some ways to in fact be fit!

Personal Notes



A Special Thank You to Our Church Family

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for your words of kindness, your love, and your hugs and prayers during the last 9 months as I went through my treatments. A “special” thank you to the Ladies (“angels”) who provided and delivered meals during my radiation treatments.

We all enjoyed the meals and it was such a blessing to have such wonderful dinners when I didn’t feel up to making a meal. We are extremely grateful for what you have all done for our family. Having the love and support of my church family has helped me through this.

While these past few weeks have been pretty tough for me due to some complications, unexpected hospital visits and unexpected surgery. I am still thinking positive and know that this is just another “bump” in the road. I just keep telling myself “It could be worse”! I know that I am not alone and will get through all of this.

Bless you all
Sandy Rathje

A Huge Thank You to One And All!

Ron and I wish to thank our congregation family for all the beautiful get well cards that you sent to Ron. His open-heart surgery came at an unexpected time (again) and he received so many cards and phone calls from so many of you. For us to know that you are praying and thinking of us is a wonderful feeling of peace. You give us hope and friendship; bless you all.

I want to thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards and emails that I received for my 70th birthday. I actually got 71 cards and emails that brought a smile to my face and a pain to the postman’s back. I even got an email from China from Ronda’s brother telling me he will shoot 70 fireworks from the fireworks capital of the world! Such beautiful cards but a special thanks to my family and to Steve and Penny Miller and family. Cats and ice cream will always bring a smile to my face!

Many thanks,
Ron and Bev Wilkes

Personal Notes



Baptisms

Jasmine Grace Gonzales Lucero was baptized December 20. Proud parents are **Joel** and **Sarah Lucero**.



Our Deepest Sympathy:

to **Alison Nystrom** and family on the death of her mother, **Alice Leptich**;

to **Ellen Kobylewski** and family on the death of her husband, **Tom Kobylewski**;

and to **Jason Lannerd** and family on the death of his grandmother.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone for your calls, cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. Your constant love and support mean the world to me. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers in the months to come.

Paula Patterson

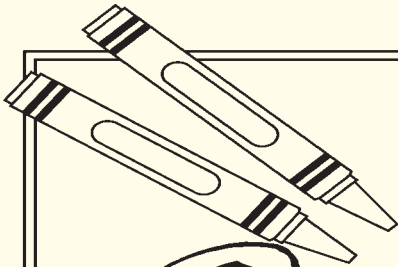
From Family Ministries:

Thanks to everyone who joined us for caroling and the potluck on December 19.

We had a great group of singers and it was a wonderful gift to people we visited that afternoon!

Staff Gift

On behalf of all of the staff at *Our Redeemer's*, thanks to the entire congregation for your generous Christmas gifts.

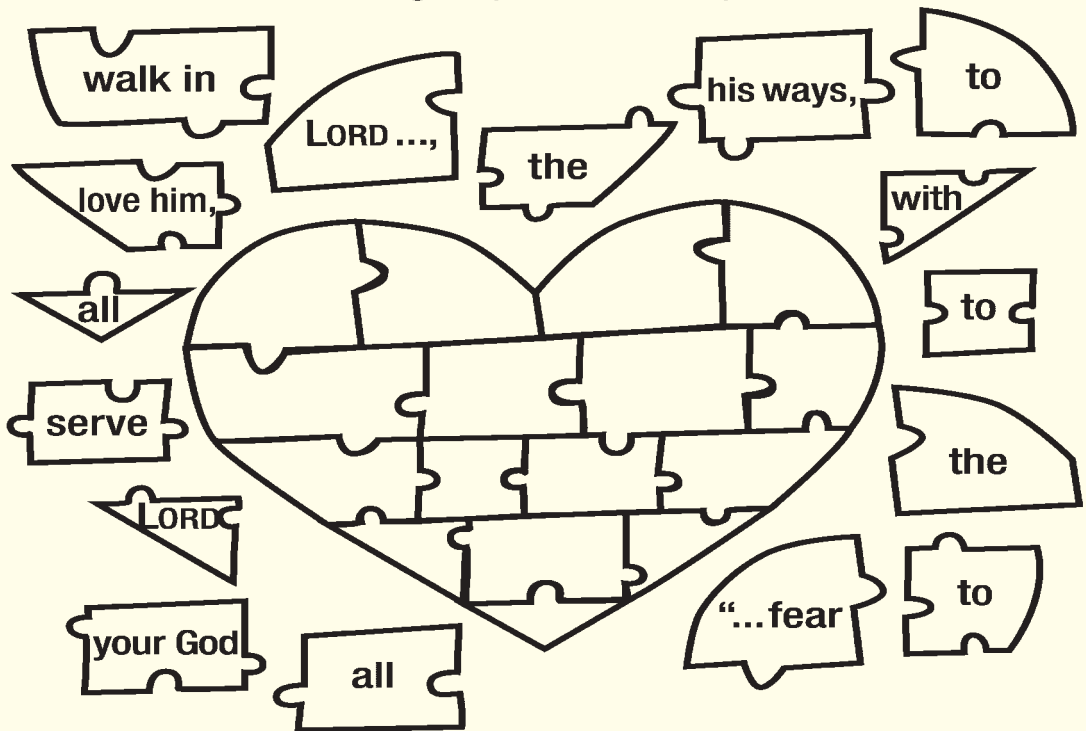


Just for **KIDS**

Our first love

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.



... your heart and with all your soul ..."

Answer: " ... fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all ... "

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