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**Pastor's
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Journeying with Jesus

We are a mountain top people. We like to set goals and benchmarks, work toward those, and when we achieve them, we feel great. However, life is not always like that. Often we set goals, but unforeseen things happen. Our situation changes, or perhaps somebody makes a decision that drastically changes our life. These last few years we have seen many changes in our world and our nation. Some of us have had *changes in our family situation* and still others have *lost jobs*. At these times what can become important is not the goals we have set (we may have had to let go of), but the way in which we deal with our situation, the way we “journey” through our circumstance.

When Jesus was about to begin his ministry, he did not climb a mountain and look over the land (*in fact it was the tempter who took him to the summit*). Jesus took forty days to journey through the wilderness before he began his ministry. As he journeyed he faced temptation, gained focus, and found strength and wisdom to fulfill his ministry. This Lent we will focus on journeying with Jesus, so we too can face temptation, gain focus in the ways of love, and live out our call to ministry. Make a commitment to be in worship during this Lenten season.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill



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Rev. Elizabeth Bowes on her first Sunday at Our Redeemer's was joined by grand daughter Ruby Grace and Ruby's parents, Ashley and Phil Fiore.

Exciting

I have been part of the *Our Redeemer* community for just a month, and what a joy it has been! I would like to thank the congregation, staff and children for their gracious welcome. Since arriving I have had the pleasure of meeting a variety of people who contribute to *Our Redeemer's* distinctiveness as a Christian community.

My life before seminary was very varied – I was a jack of many trades and master of none (until now ☺). I am a wife, mother and now grandmother; but have also been an intern for the USDA, election worker, PR assistant, Girl Scout Leader, Homeowner's Director, elected official, child advocate, Home and School officer, psychological tester, soccer coach, medical administrator, business consultant and college professor. A common theme running through all these occupations was the ministry I was able to have with people at the place of my work in daily life (paid or unpaid).

I place a great value on Christian education; after all, to be in relationship with God implies that our growing in understanding is meant to never end. While each of us has our own interests and aptitudes, we glorify God in seeking to know God's purposes for our lives. I am very grateful for the Christian education I received - which nurtured my character and soul. As I reflect on my life thus far, I can see how God uses that underpinning in my everyday life, despite my shortcomings and fallibilities.

As believers we're called to serve God wherever we are placed. As someone who is a second career minister I am excited about doing what I can to aid this community in nurturing the hearts and minds of all people to exhibit the character of Christ in the world wherever they may be.

Redeemed together,
Rev. Elizabeth





by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News

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.

If you are part of the team and have not yet paid your deposit (\$120) please get that to Marianne as soon as possible or talk to her about other arrangements.

Our next meeting is March 10, 7:00-8:15 p.m. at ORUMC. If you cannot make this meeting please contact Marianne.

30-Hour Famine

Thanks to all who were involved in the 30 Hour Famine. We had 29 youth participants and just over 30 adults who helped—you are all amazing and inspiring people! Look in the April newsletter to see how much money our youth raised!

Sr. High News

March 2010

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

April 2010

- 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

Jr. High (Confirmation) News

March 2010

- 7 7:30-8:30pm Class
- 14 7:30-8:30pm Class
- 21 1:30-8:30pm Soup Kitchen in Rodger's Park NO CLASS
- 28 7:30-8:30pm Class

April 2010

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

Any confirmation students who would like to earn service credits can help out Sunday mornings on March 21 or 28. Please contact Gwyn Greenwalt at 847-884-1392 or jgreenwalt1@att.net in advance for details.



Spring Break is Coming!

Our local schools will be out on Spring Break the week of March 20-28. Since some of our students and Sunday School teachers will be traveling over the break, we will be having modified Sunday School classes during the 9:00am worship service on March 21 and 28.

Hard-boiled eggs and cupcakes need to be brought on Palm Sunday. If you can bring either, please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392 or jgreenwalt1@att.net.

All other items can be dropped off with **Rev. Elizabeth** in the church Office. Thanks!



Sunday, March 21 - Movie Day

Sunday School students will meet in the High School room for popcorn and a Veggie Tales movie.



Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday Pre-Easter Event

Sunday School students will meet in Wesley Hall and participate in the “Waving of the Palms” at the beginning of the worship service. After palm waving, we will have a variety of activities in Wesley Hall, including cupcake decorating, egg dyeing and an Easter egg hunt.

We are looking for donations for our March 28 event. We need the following items:

Andrew Pelster	3/04
Ashley Mottar	3/24
Taylor Marmorstone	3/24
Madeleine Jane Almazan	3/25
Adam Lukowicz	3/26
Daeyamean Mambia	3/26
Ellyanna Rogenski	3/31

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| Hard-boiled eggs | Cupcakes (unfrosted) |
| Egg Dyeing Kits | Sprinkles |
| Paper Towels | Jelly Beans |
| Candy and Plastic Egg “fillers” | Icing |

The Mystery of Montley's Manor

You won't want to miss this one!

Can you imagine **Jerry McDaniel** as a powerful wealthy man who is believed to have died while getting something out of the cellar?

Can you imagine **Jeff Greenwalt** as a greedy, snobby rich kid who tries to get all he can from his father's will?

Can you imagine **Jamie Addams** as a ditz blond nurse?

Can you imagine **Lance Foss** as a private detective hired to investigate the mysterious happenings at the Montley Manor?

Can you imagine **Steve Miller** as a local historian who appears to be a nervous, wimpy man?

Well, you can experience all of this and much more on Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. when ORUMC's Book of Acts converts our sanctuary into a mystery playhouse.

Tickets will be on sale for \$10 between services on February 27 and March 6 or any time from any cast member.

Dessert, tea, and coffee will be served. The show is appropriate for any age!



Vacation
Bible
School
July 19-22

Mark your calendars! Our Vacation Bible School program for 2010 is ***Galactic Blast***, where our young cadets will voyage into outer space.

This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have our cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Our VBS program will run in the evenings, Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22.

Watch for volunteer opportunities coming after Easter. If you have any questions, contact **Rev. Elizabeth**.



United
Methodist
Women
*March 20,
10:00 a.m.*

All women and friends (men, too) of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to the March 20 meeting of the United Methodist Women. Note the new time, 10:00 a.m.

Cathy Mottar will present the program, *Surviving Job Loss*. A continental breakfast will be served.



UMM Communion Breakfast And Potato Drop at Belvidere

March 13, 8:00 a.m.

The ORUMC United Methodist Men will hold their regular meeting in Belvidere on March 13. We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and car pool to Belvidere.

Society of St. Andrew's Development Associate Wade Mays will speak about how the UMMen can help end hunger. Special worship music will be by Alleluia Quartet. After breakfast, meeting and worship, there will be a semi-trailer filled with surplus potatoes in the parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to stay after worship and help transfer them to the vehicles of the hunger relief organizations we've invited.

Belvidere First UMC is at 610 Bonus Ave, Belvidere, IL. The schedule for the morning is: 8:00 am Gathering, 8:30 Breakfast, 9:00 Meeting, 9:45 Worship. Cost \$8.00.

Spaghetti Report

Thanks to all who attended the UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds of the dinner will be used to support various Methodist Men mission projects.

Elgin District UMM Lenten Breakfast

March 20, 8:00 a.m.

All men of Our Redeemer's are invited to attend the Elgin District Lenten Breakfast at First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and car pool to Crystal Lake.

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Steve Bullmer will lead the worship service and bring a message to us concerning the hope and life changing experiences that have resulted from the men serving in the Mississippi Gulf area.

ORUMC Family Camping Planning Meeting

March 14, 4:00 p.m.

All members and friends are invited to participate in the *Our Redeemer's* Family Camping program. We get together once a month during the summer at campgrounds within a couple of hours of Schaumburg. We 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.

All are invited to a planning meeting and potluck Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m. to schedule the camping dates and destinations. If you would like more information, call **Jerry and Shirley McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.



Family Ministries Game Night
February 13



30 Hour Famine February 19 and 20

Youth and adults fasted for 30 hours to raise money and awareness to help fight world hunger.

Youth Club News

*Attention 3rd-6th Graders
(Plus Parents and Everyone Else!)*

March 14, 1:30-3pm, will be a service day! Come and help us pack baskets for women involved with Fellowship Housing, a local organization that supports single moms. We will also have snacks and play some fun games.

Parents—if you are interested in helping that day please contact Marianne.

Everyone Else—You can help too! We will be collecting donations on March 7 at church. We need lotions, toiletries, and anything else that would be nice to go in the basket.

Please bring your donations to church and put them in the collection box on March 7. Thanks in advance for your support!

We did it!

Thank you everyone that donated to Heifer this holiday season. The congregation raised enough money to donate an Ark and the Sunday School children raised enough money to supply an extra animal. So in addition to a full Ark of animals we are donating a water buffalo as well. I am proud to say we exceeded my expectations.

Again thank you for supporting this wonderful mission. It had been my pleasure to serve the church in support of Heifer.

Robyn Gatti



Cheryl St. Phillips and Dawn Newton

Dawn Newton, a member of the needleworks group that meets at church, recently delivered 290 pocket Prayer Squares knitted by Dawn and her daughter **Cheryl St. Phillips**. That brought their total up to 1828 (and still counting).

Theirs is part of the 4829 Prayer Squares that have been made by the entire Prayer Shawl Committee. **Fred and Betty Miller** package the squares and takes them to Operation Support our Troops Illinois. From there they are included in care packages that are sent to the military.

Mom's Night Out

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

All moms are invited to join in an evening out without cooking. Come to Claim Jumper Restaurant at Higgins and Route 59 on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact **Annette Brown** for reservations at 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at Annetteb421@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.



Church Ladies Nite Out March 16, 6:00 p.m.

March will be another special nite for the Church Ladies due to St Patrick's Day being on a Wednesday. We will be going out on TUESDAY, March 16 to Chevys Mexican Restaurant on Golf Road by Woodfield at 6:00 p.m. (please note the time is different too).

Please join us and bring a friend! Call **Bev Wilkes** if you need a ride or have any questions. Come and have good food, good fun and good fellowship!



Crop for a Cause March 5 & 6

Crop for a Cause is looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday, March 5 and clean up on Saturday, March 6 as well as help the day of the event. If you would like to help but can not be there, we are also looking for donations of water bottles and cans of pop. There will be a sign up poster in the back of church.

There are only a few tickets still available so if you are interested please contact Laura Machonis at info@cropforacause.com.

MS Fundraiser at Riccardo's March 31, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Riccardo's Restaurant on Roselle Road is supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Society in two ways. They are donating all the food for Crop for a Cause on March 6.

On March 31 they will donate 25% of your check (excluding alcohol, tax and gratuity) to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Pick up a flyer with details at Crop for a Cause.

Personal Notes



Baptisms

Alex Daniel Rutledge was baptized on January 31. Alex is the son of John and Amy Rutledge.



Our deepest Sympathy to Roger and Joan McCoy and family on the death of their sister-in-law, Janie McCoy.



My sincere but belated thank you to all who called, sent cards, e-mails, gifts and came to visit me recently when I had surgery. I was very fortunate to have had so many praying for me. And, I believe, thanks to you I had a very easy recovery.

Carlene Thompson

St Patrick's Day Anniversary

Congratulations to **Dan and Ronda Wilkes** on their 20th wedding anniversary on March 17.



Easter Flowers



It has been a long, cold winter and we are all ready for spring! What a wonderful way to celebrate new life with the addition of flowers to the church. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Christ and his promise of new life for us all.

We invite all who love to celebrate Easter with the beauty of flowers to help us adorn the church with beauty in celebration of Christ's victory over death. Here at Our Redeemer's we purchase flowers and then "lend" our flowers to the church until after Easter when they may be taken home. It is easy since we do all the work for you. We order them, arrange them and then make them available for you to take home.

To participate, you may order a lily or tulip or hyacinth. Please fill in the order form below and place it with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex, or in the offering plate. The prices of this year's flowers are \$ 12.75 for Lilies and \$11.25 for tulips or hyacinths. Palm Sunday (March 28) is the deadline for placing your order. Please order early so that our florist may save us his very best selection and also ensure we are guaranteed to receive just what we order.

Name _____

Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$) _____ Tulip (\$) _____ Hyacinth (\$) _____

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