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by Marianne Rogenski

Jenna Nystrom Honored



Jenna, Alison & Marshall Nystrom

On September 16, 2010, **Jenna Nystrom** was recognized by the District 54 School Board and given the Outstanding Alumni Award.

She received this award for her many years of service, which really started with her very first Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip in 1999—the summer before her freshman year in high school.

Jenna served many through ORUMC youth group trips to the soup kitchen, 30 Hour Famine, 9 ASP trips, and many other opportunities at church. She went to Eastern Illinois University where she majored in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Family Services. She was part of a service sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha which specifically focused on helping St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Most recently Jenna served for 10 months in Americorps National Civilian Community Corps, graduating in July and receiving a Bronze Congressional Medal.

At the District 54 School Board meeting on September 16 Jenna graciously accepted her award and also dedicated her Bronze Congressional Medal to **Pastor Bill Shaw**. Jenna attributed her desire to serve others to Pastor Bill's encouragement and model.

It was an honor to be there for that moment—to see a young adult that has grown up at ORUMC with Pastor Bill, who has made service to others her purpose in life.

Congratulations to Jenna and her family.



Pillow Case Ministry

Mary Knoppel, chair of *Our Redeemer's* Prayer Shawl and Pillow Case ministries, arranged for *Our Redeemer's* to host the Chicago chapter of Con Kerr Cancer for a pillow case manufacturing day.

Saturday, September 18, 38 people spent the day cutting, sewing, ironing and packing 647 pillow cases. These pillow cases, made from cheery patterned material, will be donated to local hospitals for use by cancer patients in pediatric wards.

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Confirmation Class 2010

Sunday, September 19 **Rev Ron Graham** and **Marianne Rogenski** received the 2010 Confirmation Class into full membership at *Our Redeemer's*.

The congregation is happy to welcome the 2010 class: **Erin Berndt, Joshua Brown, Sarah Meyer, Jared Pierson** and **Emily Trenn**.



Rev Ron, Erin, Emily, Joshua, Sarah, Jared and Marianne



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News

Thank you to all who made the Sr. High youth group kickoff such a success—a great time was had by all and the taco bar was delicious! I cannot wait to work with this amazing group of young people and get to know them all better throughout the year.



Sr High Kickoff

Attention all Jr. and Sr. High students and families

On October 3 there will be a dinner for all Jr. High and Sr. High students and they are invited to bring their friends! The dinner is from 6-6:30pm and our first 633 worship experience of the school year will start at 6:33pm. The worship experience is for all

who would like to come—students, families, community, congregation and more! Hope that you can all join us!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

Our date is confirmed. We will be in the middle of those awesome mountains June 18-25, 2011. We do not yet have a location, but I will pass that along as soon as I know.

We will have our first meeting on **October 28, 7:15-8:30pm**, at church. This meeting is for *anyone* who is considering this mission opportunity. We will be discussing future meetings, getting to know one another, and learning about what to expect on the trip. A full schedule of the ASP program will be handed out at that meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting but would still like to go on the trip please contact Marianne *before* October 28.

Sr. High Youth Group (9th-12th grades)

October 2010

- 3 Dinner and 633 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 10 Meeting at ORUMC 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 17 CROP Walk and Oberweis 12:30 p.m. registration, 1:00 p.m. kickoff
- 24 Meeting at Chipotle 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 31 No meeting

It is an important part of the Christian walk to serve others. That is why the youth council has tried very hard to have a service

project for the Sr. High youth group each month.

In October that is the CROP Walk for hunger. We ask that each student who would like to participate signs up just as everyone else in the church does. You are in charge of getting your own sponsors and getting yourself to the walk at Our Saviour's. After the walk we will go as a group to Oberweis in Schaumburg for ice cream.

Please let Marianne know by October 10 if you plan on walking. And parents, please let her know if you can drive afterwards.

When we meet at restaurants (like Chipotle on 10/24) please drop off and pick up at the restaurant. We will meet at the Chipotle at the corner of Schaumburg and Barrington Roads, in front of Lowes.

November 2010

- 7 Meeting at church 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 14 Meeting at church 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 21 Serve at soup kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
- 28 No meeting

The soup kitchen is in Roger's Park and we meet at ORUMC at 1:30 p.m. and caravan to the soup kitchen. Pick up is around 8:30pm back at ORUMC. We usually stop for dinner at McDonalds on the way home, so if you are planning on going please bring money for this.

Please let Marianne know by November 7 if you plan on going. Parents, we need drivers so please let Marianne know if you are able to go.

Youth Fund

When we go to restaurants with the youth group we like to pay for the students. That way no one is left out for financial reasons. So, if you would like to donate money for this please give it directly to Marianne. It will go into the youth fund at church.

Ski Trip 2011

We hope to go on the ski trip through the conference again this year. The dates that we have chosen are January 14-16. If you are interested please keep in mind that money (between \$100 and \$120) will be due in December. This is not the best timing, but we hope that we are giving you enough advance notice that it will work out.

Youth council is currently looking for someone to organize this trip—contact Wesley Woods with numbers, hand out info and forms, collect forms and money, etc. If this is something that you are interested in doing please contact Marianne.



Alex Pope	10/1
David Kessler	10/16
Stephen Kessler	10/16
Jareth Gomes	10/18
Doug Rathje	10/21
Kelsey Gorvett	10/22
Kyle Huber	10/22



Christian Education News

by Rev. Elizabeth Bowes

Why Be Part of a Bible Study?

When we claim to study the sacred text of the Bible we are doing two things. First, we are asserting the text to be sacred. Sacred to us. Sacred in the sense that it is a thing, a story and a history which helps us get closer to God.

We believe that the particular history of the Bible, both Jewish and Christian, reveal to us a God who has entered history in a unique way. In this way the underlying assumption about the text – what it is all about – is God’s relationship to humanity.

Secondly, the Hebrew understanding of studying the text literally meant “to turn”. In this sense we study the Bible as a multifaceted gem which we turn in the light and the light reflects off it differently.

From the Hebrew tradition we learn that the study of the text was considered a life long occupation in which one came to know the text by living with it in community.

Believed to be recorded in the Bible, by both the Jewish and Christian communities, is God’s ongoing conversation with humanity. Contained within the Bible are the struggles, triumphs, foibles and joys of centuries of God’s people.

Within the story is an invitation that reaches out off the text to us as members of the community to join in the ongoing conversation with God. Therefore, when we study the Bible by scrutinizing it and evaluating it we are not disrespecting it, but are engaging it fully to better understand the multifacetedness of its story.

When we read and study the Bible we encounter God – and it is this encounter with the living God which gives the Bible authority. The Bible itself is not God and therefore we do not worship it, for to do so would make it an idol. We treasure the Bible and we worship God. We read and study the Bible today to discern what the text says to us now in the ongoing conversation with the living God in this time and place.

Adult Sunday School, 9:10 am Invitation to Study the Old Testament

We invite all to engage and study with us the Old Testament. Bring your favorite Bible. We meet in the Junior high room. Each class is a stand alone class with a quick review at the beginning...so join at any time. The hope is that as we study the text we will discover anew our identity in God, our community with one another and our calling to serve God’s vision for the world.

Other Studies and Book groups are starting up this fall...watch for information about them in the bulletin, newsletter and on the website.

Calling all 3rd Graders

If you are going into 3rd grade this year please notify Rev. Elizabeth Bowes in writing. It is our tradition here to give new Bibles to our 3rd graders. We will do so on Sunday, October 10 during the 10:30 service.

Confirmation – October 2010

- Oct 3 – 11:30 lunch and class
- Oct 10 – 10:30 help with Bible Sunday
- Oct 17 – 1:30 CROP WALK meet at
Our Saviour's UMC
- Oct 24 – 11:30 lunch and class
- Oct 31 – 11:30 Celebration Lunch and
class

Bring in your Paper Cranes

It is so wonderful that a lot of you are making paper cranes at home. Remember to bring them in by Sunday, October 31 (Celebration Sunday) so they can be included and dedicated the following Sunday, November 7. We are trying to make 1,000 Paper Cranes as a gesture of caring, devotion and our hope for peace throughout the world. Make one for each family member or as many as you like from any 6"X 6" or 8" X 8" paper (wrapping paper, colored Xerox paper, old bulletins, stationary, etc.). Below is a link to a video on how to make a paper crane.

<http://www.5min.com/Video/How-to-Make-a-Paper-Crane-1100>

People Who Sew: Worship Bag NEEDS your help

One person has offered to help stock worship bags. We are thinking we'd like to make personalized bags for each child that wants one and they could keep theirs here at church. We'd supply the initial supplies and then parents would keep them stocked. What we need now are some people who could sew and make the bags, a shopper to buy the starter supplies and a carpenter to build something to hang them on. If you can help please contact Rev. Elizabeth Bowes.

Young Adult Get Together

Friday, October 22 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Dave & Busters on 1030 North Clark, Chicago, IL. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Conference Young Adult Network. All young adults 18-35 are invited to attend this fellowship opportunity with other young adults from the Northern Illinois Annual Conference! There's no agenda other than come, have a great time, and meet some cool people! We have a room reserved from 6-8 with dinner served, and can stay to play games as long as you want! Cost: \$20/person which includes food, endless (non-alcoholic) drinks, & \$10 token card. RSVP by October 12 to NICYATEAM@gmail.com. If you are interested let Rev. Elizabeth & Marianne know and let us get together a group from ORUMC and go have some fun! Invite your friends!



633 Worship Returns

October 3, 6:33 p.m.

633 will be back 3 times this year and October 3 is the first one! Come and join us for this special worship experience led by Ember Days.

All are welcome and we hope to see you there *October 3, 6:33pm*



Family Camping 2010

The next campout is scheduled for **October 8-10**, but the location is subject to change.

If you would like to attend the October campout, please call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

Out of the Darkness Walk

October 9, 9:00 a.m.

As most of you know, April 16, 2004, I lost my beloved 19 year old son Skyler to suicide. I miss him every single day. The Western Suburbs Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Awareness will be held in Elgin on Saturday, October 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you would be interested in helping or walking, please go to the AFSP website and register. We need you to do this asap so we can order enough t-shirts. If you care to donate, that's great! Skyler's Crew is happy to accept. You don't need to donate to volunteer the day of the walk, but we need you to register asap (for the t-shirt order), so please do register at www.afsp.org. Click on "Out of the Darkness Walks" then find the Elgin walk and click "Register Now."

By walking in the Out of the Darkness Community Walks to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), you will be walking with thousands of people nationwide to raise money for AFSP's vital research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide, advocate for mental health issues, and assist survivors of suicide loss.

Thank you all,
Sue Zimberoff

UMM Breakfast Meeting

October 9, 8:00 a.m.

Join the United Methodist Men for their regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study at church, Saturday, October 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Scrapbook Club

*Friday, October 15,
6:30-11:00 p.m.*

Scrapbook club is back to our regular schedule! This drop-in program is for adults interested in scrapbooking, making cards or crafting. Every 3rd Friday of the month from 6:30-11:00 p.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.

United Methodist Women

October 16, 10:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. All women are encouraged to join us for an informative discussion and video, part 2 of Human Trafficking.

A light breakfast is served.

Crop Walk

October 17, 1:30 p.m.

The CROP WALK (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be held Sunday, October 17 at Our Saviour's United Methodist Church. Julia Jones from CWS will speak to us on Sunday, September 26 and sign up for walkers and sponsors will begin that day.

Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker. This event has been a long-standing one at **Our Redeemer's**. We look forward to walking with our church family again this year.

For more information, contact **Randy Schmidt**, **Edie Machonis**, or **Carolyn Meneely**.

Church Ladies Nite Out

October 20, 6:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going to the Golden Corral Restaurant on Randall Road on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. This is a buffet type of restaurant with some extra foods not found around here.

Please come and bring a friend! If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact **Bev Wilkes** at 847-885-2311. Join us for good food, good fellowship and good fun.

Our Redeemer's UMM Retreat *October 22 & 23*

The United Methodist Men of *Our Redeemer's* invite you to join them for 24 hours of prayer, Bible study, music, fun, hiking, and food at Wesley Woods Conference Center on Lake Geneva.

Tentative Schedule Friday 10/22

Carpool from ORUMC to Wesley Woods in the afternoon.

6:00 p.m. UMM Gourmet Pizza followed by music, Bible study, & Games.

The study is a DVD featuring motivational speaker Charlie Plumb

Saturday 10/23

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall

9:00 a.m. Music & Bible study

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall then Fun, Games, & Hike.

5:00 p.m. Return to ORUMC

Bring your own linens and sleeping bag. The cost is a \$25 donation.

For more information contact **Marshall Nystrom, Steve Miller, Rob Mottar, or John Machonis** at 847-882-6116.



The 9th Annual Open Mic Night *Saturday, October 23 7:00 p.m.*

Mark your calendars now and start rehearsing! This is a great night for the whole ORUMC family. Come out and sing, recite a poem, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, or just watch and be entertained!

There will be food, fun, and great acts for sure! Questions? Contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392.

Habitat for Humanity *October 30, 7:00 a.m.*

Meet in the church parking lot October 30 at 7:00 a.m. to caravan to the Lake County Habitat site. Plan to return by 4:00 p.m.

Celebration Sunday October 31 at Church

On Sunday October 31 we will hold our annual Celebration Sunday dinner. On that day we will celebrate our common ministry, commit ourselves and our financial gifts to Christ's work and enjoy a wonderful fellowship dinner in our sanctuary.

Please make arrangements to attend worship and the dinner (which will begin at 12:00) on that special day.

Staff Parish Update Fall 2010

The Staff Parish Committee is responsible for interface and interaction with the paid staff of Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church. The committee has liaisons assigned to the staff members.

The following list includes members of the Committee and their current staff alignment:

Glen Hollingsworth (Co-chair) – **Rev. Elizabeth Bowes**, Minister Christian Education

Julie Gorvett (Co-Chair) – **Rev. Ron Graham** / Incoming Pastor

Mary Zalay – **Donna Echtner**, Administrative Assistant

Doug Meneely – **Cathy Scott**, Choir Director

Mary Balk – **Marianne Rogenski**, Youth Director

Dennis Harrison – **Marion Kehrberg**, Organist; **Karen Moore**, Redeemer Ringers

Bob Edwards – **Ron Zemke**, Director Sounds Of Grace & Ember Days; **Paula Patterson**, Sounds of Grace Accompanist

Lois Browning – **Sophie Burns** and **Grace Foss**, Nursery Staff

Peggy Gire – Not Yet Assigned

There are some staff adjustments this fall. Marianne has returned as Youth Director but has requested a reduction in hours from 25 to 15 per week, starting in October.

Confirmation responsibilities have switched to Reverend Elizabeth. Her hours have been increased from 20 to 25.

We have also split the organist and accompanist position. Marion will continue as the organist and we are recruiting for a new accompanist. Ron Zemke is filling in temporarily. Compensation adjustments have been made with no net increase.

The Nursery age has been increased from 2 years old to 3 years old. No change in Staffing is expected.

Our Pastoral appointment is still anticipated around the end of October. The parsonage will still be made available for Pastor Bill's family through end of 2010.

Please feel free to contact any of the Staff Parish Committee about staffing in general, or the assigned liaison about any specific position.

Glen Hollingsworth and
Julie Gorvett, Co-Chairs

Crisis Center Needs

The Crisis Center needs these items for their Emergency Food Pantry: spaghetti noodles 1# bags, spaghetti sauce, white rice 1# bag/box, pinto beans, mac & cheese, ravioli/spaghettio type items, chili, beef stew, tuna, ramen noodles, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables, saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal/oatmeal, powdered milk and hand can openers.



Operation Airlift

Deadline Sunday, October 24

Our Redeemer's Operation Airlift Caring Ministries has placed a crate in the Narthex for your donated items from now to Sunday, October 24. We appreciate all that you have done for OSOTIL in the past and we hope we can count on you again to make the holiday season a little brighter for our heroes.

Two of many soldiers have expressed their gratitude. From Korea a soldier wrote, "The soldiers of my platoon have greatly enjoyed the care packages we have received from OSOTIL. They are a warm reminder that what we do, half way around the world never goes without appreciation."

Another gentleman from the other side of the earth sent, "The 101st was overwhelmed by the love they felt when they walked in the door. They had no clue when they left home station that so much love was waiting for them in Afghanistan. Thanks to your faithful support they received a loving welcome when they arrived."

Contact **Fred and Betty Miller**, 847-884-9388, or www.osotil.org for more information.

Needed Items include:

- Crackers (16 oz or less, Ritz type or graham)
- Slim Jims
- Individual packets of coffee creamer
- Chapstick or lip balm
- Mouthwash (20 oz or less, plastic bottles please)
- Wipes (baby or adult wipes, flat packs of 100 ct or less)
- Foot powder (20 oz or less)
- Vitamins (100 ct or less, Multi or Vitamin C)
- Nasal spray
- Anti-itch or antibiotic creams

Christmas Stocking Items:

- Unbreakable Christmas Ornaments
- Small Sudoku/puzzle books
- Small hand held games
- Mechanical pencils
- I tunes gift cards
- AA and AAA batteries
- New decks of playing cards
- Granola bars
- Mints and holiday candy
- Fruit snacks and rollups
- Individually wrapped Slim Jims
- Small bags of nuts
- Microwave popcorn
- Chewing gum



Personal Notes



Anniversaries

Congratulations to the *Our Redeemer's* couples celebrating anniversaries in September.

Lee & Marilyn Gac celebrated their 45th.

Don & Evelyn Wiebel celebrated their 50th.

Joe & Nancy Shallcross celebrated their 52nd.



Thank you my ORUMC family for all your kind words and cards when my grandmother died.

Rev. Elizabeth Bowes

Response to Our Redeemer's Heifer Giving

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to United Methodist Committee on Relief. **100 percent** of your contribution will go to Heifer Project International. Your gift received on 06/01/10 for \$5,004.07 is supporting family livestock programs around the world.

Because you gave, UMCOR is able to “Be There” and “Be Hope” on your behalf. UMCOR programs provide food for the hungry, help farmers grow plentiful and nutritious food, and support people left destitute by natural disasters and war. Your gifts go a long way to bring healing and hope to people in need. We give thanks for your generosity.

You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at <http://www.umcor.org>. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer
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