



The Redeemer

Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Whew... The charge conference is done. We celebrated God's ministry 2010 at ORUMC and selected a new leadership group for this year 2011. I've learned so much about ORUMC while receiving and compiling the ministry reports 2010. It surely amazed me. Like Rev. Elizabeth mentioned at the charge conference, there are so many fruitful ministries that cannot be quantify with numbers. However, you will know what those are once you experience these ministries. I would like all readers of this article to come and receive the blessings of these awesome ministries at ORUMC when you can.

Another annual report I am working on is Statistics Report 2010. It is all about numbers. So, I would like to share some numbers I've gathered up for the report here with you. The interpretation of numbers needs to be done

by you—the members of ORUMC. Before sharing the numbers, I would like to remind all members of ORUMC about the membership vow you made when you joined the church. When you joined the church, you promised that you will uphold ORUMC with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. When you read the numbers below, please check where you are in upholding your beloved church—Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church.

Here are the numbers from 2010.

- *Presence:* The total membership of our church was 469. Out of this, the average worship attendance was 193 (Sunday morning worships and 633 worship) which is 41% of membership. Were you part of 41% or 59% of membership?

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- **Gifts:** The average giving per week was \$7,005.58 which means that about \$36 each person brought to God in worship as his/her tithing. This means that the average income of our church family was \$1,440 per month. Is this true?
- **Service:** We had 2 mission trips—Appalachian Service Project with 31 participants and Katrina Mission with 17 participants. Through 19 community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy, we served about 2, 500 people. Have you participated in any of the mission or caring ministries of ORUMC?

Your promise about praying for the church cannot be translated in numbers. So, I am just here to ask how are you doing in upholding ORUMC with your prayers?!?!

Lenten Season 2011 will begin on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. with Ash Wednesday Taize Service. On that day, we will start the 40 Day Fasting Prayer-A-Thon to discern the will of God and the lead of God to fulfill the ministry God has for us.

During that time, please check how you are doing with God, with yourself, with your family and God's family ORUMC, and with the generation to come. It is the "tune up" time. Let us check how we are doing by Fully Relying On God...and let's leap and hop for Christ as a healthy FROG team.

Ribbit!

- Pastor Sunny

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Worship Schedule

March 6 Pastor Sunny

Envision the Future

Acts 20:22-24

March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

March 13 Pastor Sunny

Blessed Are They--Blessing #1

Matthew 5:3

March 20 Pastor Sunny

Blessed Are They--Blessing #2

Matthew 5:4

March 27 Pastor Sunny

Blessed Are They--Blessing #3

Matthew 5:5



Crisis Center Needs

by Carlene Thompson

Health Supplies needed are: Acetaminophen, allergy medication, antacids (TUMS), Band-Aids/bandages, calamine lotion, cold/flu products, Ibuprofen, Kaopectate, Neosporin/Bacitracin, pediatric and sinus medications. All supplies must be new, over-the-counter items sealed in original containers and have current dates.

Children's snacks are always needed: Nutritious items such as animal crackers, fruit cups, 100% fruit juice, graham crackers, granola bars, pudding cups and whole-grain crackers. Non-parishable items includes canned goods, cereal, dried beans, pasta and rice.

Wonderful Volunteer Opportunity Available!

by Sue Zimmeroff

Do you like having fun? Do you enjoy watching the children's choirs at church? Do you love kids? *Can you play the piano?*

If so, the Cherub and Joyful Noise choirs need you!

Sadly, I must report that **Paula Temple Patterson**, our accompanist for 15 years, is leaving for Florida this summer. In order to keep the Cherub and Joyful Noise choirs going, we need a new accompanist. We rehearse Tuesdays during the school year from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. – Cherubs from 5:00 to 5:20 p.m. and Joyful Noise from 5:20 to 5:45 p.m.

Please call **Sue Zimmeroff**, 847-812-5296, if you are interested.

Cradle Roll Needs You

This is a fun and easy way to serve our church and our children. Cradle Roll celebrates births, baptisms and birthdays. What better way to be a part of the future of *Our Redeemer's*. If interested, contact **Paula Patterson**, 847-651-8661.

Lenten Journey at ORUMC

Lent is the period of the Christian liturgical year leading up to Easter. The season of Lent is a journey in which we have been given the opportunity to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

· **March 9 (Ash Wednesday, @ 7:30pm)**

Ash Wednesday service at ORUMC is Taize Service, including the traditional imposition of ashes. It is a service of meditation and prayer. The ashes received by Christians on Ash Wednesday are traditional signs of penitence and mourning (Genesis 18:27; Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 6:26; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21).

· **40 Day Fasting Prayer-A-Thon during Lenten 2011**

ORUMC begins its Lenten Season with Fasting Prayer-A-Thon to discern the Will of God, so we might be led by God to fulfill the ministry God has for us to do. We will be in fasting-prayer for 40 days starting March 9 till April 23, Monday through Saturday (except Sunday). During this time, Good Friday Fasting opportunity will be offered through United Methodist Men also (*see another article in this newsletter for more info*). You may sign up to give up one meal per day, per

week, per month or more and pray for the church and the leaders of the church. Please sign up with Joanne Gregorash in the narthex after Sunday worship.

· **Lenten Sermon Series on Sundays [6 weeks: 03/13-04/17; "Blessed Are They"- based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5)]:**

How do we go about securing God's blessings? How close at hand do those blessings lie? What are God's blessings anyway? This sermon Series brings a Lenten flavor to our lifelong walk with God and prepares us for a richer participation in God's blessing.

· **Lenten Study with Pastor Sunny & Rev Elizabeth Mondays @ 7pm in the Senior High Room [03/14-04/18]:**

We will be using the Lenten Devotion Booklet from Society of St. Andrew called "We've a story to tell" that will give us an opportunity to grow closer to God by hearing the stories how Jesus has touched the lives of people. We will focus on how being in relationship with Jesus has made a difference in our lives. This Lenten season is an opportunity to grow in your faith so that Easter and the resurrection of Jesus might be the glorious celebration of a risen Christ that lives within each of us. You may obtain the booklet from Jim Naatz.

· **April 17 (Palm Sunday):**

Egg Hunt for Children during 9am Worship. Palm Sunday is the day we remember the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection (Easter, Matthew 21:1-11).

· **April 21 (Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm)**

The Maundy Thursday Service is a Foot/Hand Washing Service with Communion. The word “Maundy” is from the Latin for *mandatum novum*, “a new commandment” (John 13:34). Maundy Thursday is also known as Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and thereby instituted Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Also, Jesus washed the disciple’s feet as an act of humility and service (John 13:3-17). ORUMC observes Communion and foot/hand washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus’ serving Last Supper and washing the feet of the disciples.

· **April 22 (Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm)**

Good Friday Service at ORUMC is a Tenebrae Service. The word ‘*tenebrae*’ is Latin for shadows, so this is a service of shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story: the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished because the story is not over until Easter Day. In this service, we use increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week. The most significant feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the sanctuary. The service ends in darkness and silence.

· **April 24 (Easter Sunday)**

6:30 am- Sunrise Service

9am & 10:30am: Easter Sunday Morning Service

Eighteenth 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 \$766. Since 1994 *Our Redeemer’s* has raised over \$25,000.

This year’s Lenten devotion entitled “We’ve a Story to Tell” 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, March 9 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April 22.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February, 20.



Youth News

by *Marianne Rogenski*

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Thank you to all who donated food and money on Super Bowl Sunday! The people of ORUMC gave \$180 to the pastor's discretionary fund and donated about 150 food items to the church food pantry. This is a wonderful way to give to those in need in our community.

30 Hour Famine

Thank you so very much to the 28 youth and many, many adults that were a part of this year's 30 Hour Famine. It is always an amazing and wonderful experience and it takes many people to make it that way. I thank ORUMC for supporting this ministry for these last 9 years. Please be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for the total amount raised and sent to World Vision.

Sr. High Youth Group

March

- 6 Youth Group at church 7-8:30 p.m.
- 13 Youth Group at church 7-8:30 p.m.
- 20 NO YOUTH GROUP Happy spring break!
- 27 Youth Group at Chipotle 7-8 p.m.

Please note that youth group on March 27 is only one hour.

April

- 3 Youth Group at church 7-8:30 p.m.
- 10 Youth Group at church 7-8:30 p.m.
- 17 Youth Group at Portillos 7-8:00 p.m.
- 24 NO YOUTH GROUP—Happy Easter!

Please note that youth group on April 17 is only one hour.

Also, youth council is working on getting a service project put together for March or April so be on the lookout for that!

633 Worship Experience

Our next 633 service will be on May 1, 6:30pm—mark your calendars as this is an evening you won't want to miss!

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) News

Our next meeting is March 7, 7-8:15pm, at church. We are also going to have several restaurant fundraisers in the next couple of months. Please look for bulletin inserts, emails, and announcements about these events! Our remaining meetings are as follows:

- March 7, 7-8:15pm
- May 13-14, retreat
- June 15, 7-8:15pm
- June 18-25, the trip!

The website for ASP is www.asphome.org and I would encourage all volunteers to check out the info that is there. Adult leaders—there is some info specifically for you!



30-Hour Famine - February 18-19



Education Ministries

by Rev Elizabeth

Wonder & Blessing

“Are we having communion today?” asked Alex, age seven and a half.

“Yes,” whispered her mother, “how can you tell?”

“I can smell it,” said Alex.

Conversations like this and many more are living proof that children worship more observantly than we realize. Creating welcoming space where children can experience worship allows them to wonder about the vastness of God.

Sitting still and being silent slows down our senses. In worship children have the opportunity to touch, taste, see and hear about the wonder of God. Participating in the tasting of the bread and drinking of the wine awakens children’s senses, expands their spiritual awareness, and develops an appreciation for God.

“I like wearing my choir robe,” said Marla, “it makes me feel like a minister.”

Including children in public worship is a commitment worth investing in. Who knows what possibilities it will lead to. By participating in worship children are given the opportunity to share their offering of praise to God. And we are blessed.

By creating space for this blessing to occur, children learn they are an important part of the faith community. So next time you are sitting by a child tell him how much you appreciate his being there.

If they sing, share what a blessing you received from their singing. In this way we help them experience being part of the body of Christ.

9:10 a.m. Adult Sunday School – Junior High room
Studying the book “Certain Trumpets” by Gary Wills

March 6:
NO CLASS

March 13:
Chapter 8: Traditional Leader – Pope John XXIII
Chapter 9 Constitutional Leader – George Washington

March 20:
Chapter 12: Sports Leader – Carl Stotz

March 27:
Chapter 16: Sainly Leader – Dorothy Day
Evaluate and wrap-up this book. Pick next study.

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and 11:30 a.m. Confirmation

March 6:

9:00AM – No Sunday School
11:30 Confirmation – Lunch – Hill's – Wesley Hall

March 13:

9:00 a.m. – Class: go directly to classroom
11:30 a.m. Confirmation – Lunch – Wilkes's - Wesley Hall

March 20: Spring Break

9:00 a.m. – No Sunday School
Movie in Sr. High room
11:30 a.m. – No Confirmation

March 27: Spring Break

9:00 a.m. – No Sunday School
Movie in Sr. High room
11:30 a.m. – No Confirmation



March Birthdays

Brian Higgins	3/11
Ashley Mottar	3/24
Madeleine Jane Almazan	3/25
Adam Lukowicz	3/26
Ellyanna Rogenski	3/31



Mom's Night Out
Thursday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
Red Lobster (on Golf Road)

All moms are invited to go out and enjoy good food and fellowship. Mom's night out is 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 or reservations, contact **Annette Brown**, 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email Annetteb421@sbcglobal.net. We do not require reservations, so feel free to join us at the last minute.

Future Dates:

March 10 John Barleycorn
April 14 Melting Pot
May 12 Riccardo's
June 9 PF Chang's

Church Ladies Nite Out
March

The Church Ladies will be going to the Ballydoyle in Stratford on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Hope all of you who are hungry will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please call Bev Wilkes at 847-885-2311. Please join us and bring a friend for fellowship, fun and good food!

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United Methodist Women invite
ALL LADIES of ORUMC to



at **Pastor Sunny's Home**
called PARSONAGE (1214 W. Sharon Lane)
on Thursday, March 24, 6pm-9pm
a light dinner will be served
by the cook of the day-Mr. Sung Ahn!
Bring your SPRING THOUGHTS of UMW!
Contact **Mary Zalay @ 847-843-1671**
for more info or RSVP!

ORUMC Travel Mugs

We still have travel mugs available for purchase. If you would like one, see Marianne anytime you are at church. They are \$7 per mug.

Special Community-wide Event Collaborating for Kids at Risk *Thursday, March 3, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Our Redeemer's will be hosting a special event: Collaborating for Kids at Risk, on March 3, 7-8:30 PM.

This event, which will feature 2-3 outside speakers, will focus on children at risk and how we can help as a faith community. We also hope to encourage greater collaboration among and between congregations and (secular and faith-based) human service agencies to help kids at risk.

The event will be open to the public, so please encourage your friends to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jon Montgomery**, a member of Micah Ministries, at jla@aol.com.

United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. After breakfast we will continue the study of Tony Dungy's book, *Uncommon: Finding Your Way to Significance*.

Spaghetti Report

Thanks to all who attended the UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds of the dinner (\$432) will be used to support various Methodist Men mission projects.



Family Camping Planning Meeting Mar 20, 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 20 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.



No Scrapbook Club in March

Due to the "Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory" Scrapbook Event on March 12 and spring break for District 54 & 211 the following week, we will not be having our regular scrapbook club on March 18. We will get back to our regular schedule on April 15.

We hope you can join us for the Scrapbook Event and Auction on March 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle, IL. For more information on this event go to www.cropforacause.com



Personal Notes

Births

Congratulations to: **Gail and Bruce Bedingfield** who are the proud grandparents of a new grandson, **Kellen Patrick Bedingfield!**



Deaths

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family of **Ray Reid** who passed away on January 29.

The family of **Dorothy Gorham** who recently passed away in California.

Ardell Pollert and family on the death of her husband, **Bruce Pollert.**

MS Fundraiser at Riccardo's

What: A Fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

*When: Wednesday April 13
11am - 10pm (All Day)*

*Where: Riccardo's
1170 S. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL
(847) 891-7777
riccardosschaumburg.com*

How: 25% of your check (excluding alcohol, tax & gratuity) will be donated to the National MS Society.

Important Info:

- *You may not use coupons in conjunction with this fundraiser.*
- *Reservations are needed to insure there is enough kitchen and wait staff to provide everyone with an excellent dining experience.*
- *You need to bring this form in and give it to your server to fill out. The bottom portion is for your records.*

*Total Order: _____
Server: _____*

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Server: _____*

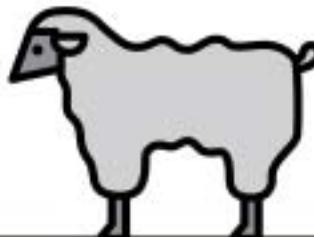
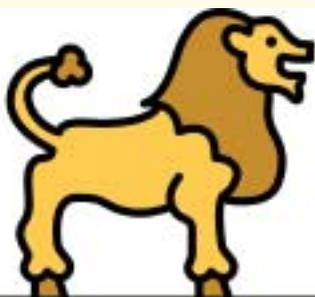
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and help fight MS!**

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