



# *The Redeemer Review*

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## **Comebacks**

In sports, we get excited about teams or players that make great comebacks, beat the odds, and do something that almost no one thought possible. The team that's down by an insurmountable point spread and finds a way to overcome and win. The player who was washed up and rededicates him or herself and does whatever it takes to play at a high level once again, and triumph.

We celebrate those comebacks because they inspire us to believe that seemingly impossible things really are possible.

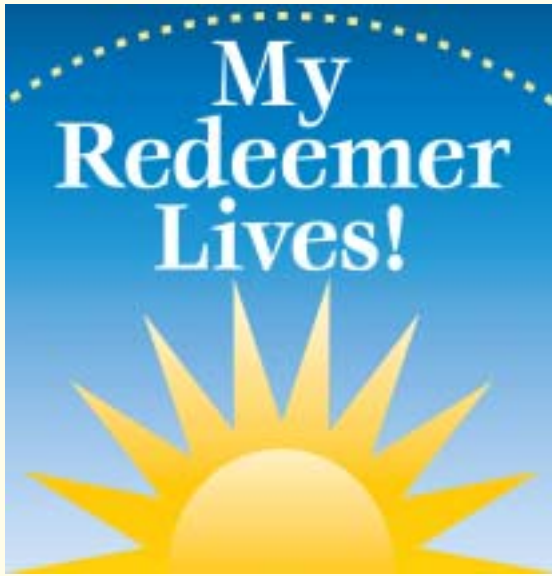
We often call those comebacks as our "heroes" because they demonstrate remarkable bravery and faith to bring the possible from the impossible.

According to Paul Jeffers in his book *The 100 Greatest Heroes: Inspiring Profiles of One Hundred Men and Women Who Changed the World*, the top five of them are Christians—1) George Washington, 2) Abraham Lincoln, 3) Franklin Roosevelt, 4) Winston Churchill, and 5) Ronald Reagan.

All these named heroes were the disciples of Jesus Christ who practiced the teachings of Jesus. They transformed the "challenging or impossible" situation they faced like Jesus turned death to life. Risen Jesus is the comeback of the comebacks!

Are you going through some dark days in your life and saying "Why is this happening to me?"

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Perhaps, circumstances are not of your choosing. When you feel like you are walking through the valley of shadow of death, keep walking and living without fear (Psalm 23). Don't stay in the valley.

If you have ever hiked in the mountains, you have discovered the thrill of reaching the peak, being able to see green valleys stretching out for miles, reaching a mountain meadow at the very moment a heavy snow shower starts to fall, or enjoying those hikes with a good friend.

It's always hard work climbing those mountains, but it is always worth the effort. There is nothing that compares to reaching majestic mountain peaks. Be the comeback!

I believe that comebacks are not only needed in our life but possible. Is it an easy road to travel? NO! Is it a journey worth taking? YES! Can it be you and me?

YES...because we are Christians—the followers of Jesus Christ who is the comeback of the comebacks and promises us that he will never leave us nor forsake us.

Nothing can be against us or defeat us because God is for us and God is with us (Romans 8:31). Let us claim the victory over our life through our Risen Lord Jesus Christ by fully relying on God!

Ribbit!

*~Pastor Sunny*



### April 1 (Palm Sunday)

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). For this year, we will design this service with the result of “Reverse Tithing Program.” Children will bring the palms to the 9am worship service to create the triumphal entry scene.

### April 5, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

The Maundy Thursday Service is a Foot/Hand Washing Service with Communion. This year we will dramatize the service with the theme “Beneath the Upper Room” jointly with Our Savior United Methodist Church. It is the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and thereby instituted Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Also, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service (John 13:3-17). Please come to the service with clean feet in clean footwear. Please do not wear stockings or panty hose!

### April 6, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

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.

#### *Upper Room*

Check the April 6 article in the *Upper Room*. It’s written by one of our favorite pediatricians (**Dr. Bruce**).

### April 8 (Easter Sunday) 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

The Chancel Choir will present an Easter Cantata at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

#### 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The Education Committee invites all to an Easter Egg Hunt for children between worship services from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.



## Youth News

*by Marianne Rogenski*

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

We have a great group of youth and adults going to Kentucky as part of ASP this year June 16-23. We will be making homes warmer, safer, and drier. If you are interested in sponsoring us please see the inserts in the bulletin or see the sponsorship sheet in the Narthex. Your prayers are also greatly appreciated!

There is a meeting for all adults going on the trip on April 26 from 7-8 pm.

## Sr. High Youth Group

### April

- 1 Youth Group to Nana's and bowling 4-7pm
- 8 NO YOUTH GROUP  
Happy Easter!
- 15 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 22 Youth to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30pm
- 29 633 Worship at ORUMC 6:33pm

### April 1, 4-7pm

We will have a fun outing with the Jr. High. We will meet at 4pm at Nana's, 1102 East Irving Park Road, Streamwood, for

dinner (I know it is a bit early, but if we plan for that it will be fine.) We will then head to Streamwood Bowl, 1232 East Irving Park Road, Streamwood, for bowling and fun! Pick up will be at 7pm at Streamwood Bowl.

Students need: Money for dinner at Nana's (a pizza and hot dog place), \$7.50 for bowling (covers shoes and 3 games!), Money for snacks at the bowling alley if they want.

If you would like to chaperone with us please let Marianne know!

## Youth to Soup Kitchen—April 22

All Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to serve with ORUMC at the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. We leave ORUMC at 1:30 and return around 8:30pm. Please bring money to eat dinner at McDonalds on the way home.

## Join us for 633 on April 29!

### May

- 6 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 13 NO YOUTH GROUP  
Spend time with your mom!
- 20 Graduate Recognition and lunch 10:30am-1pm  
NO YOUTH GROUP

If you are graduating from high school or college this year you and your family are invited to graduate recognition and a lunch following on May 20. The recognition will be at the 10:30 service and the lunch is immediately afterwards. All food will be provided by

the youth council and the education committee so we just need you to show up! Please let Marianne know by May 13 if you plan on attending and with how many people.

If you are graduating please call the church office and let us know!

### 30 Hour Famine update:

Thank you ORUMC for your incredible support of the 30 Hour Famine at the end of February! We had 27 Jr. and Sr. High students participate and they raised \$4388!

Thank you also for your prayers. What a great group of youth we have and what a supportive congregation—you prayed, you came to help during the weekend, and you donated water and juice. We could not have done it without you!



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

## Christian Education News

### Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School for children age 4 years-2nd graders will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship after Children's Time in Classroom 3 during the month of June and July, except the first Sunday of the month. The curriculum will be provided. We need two adults per Sunday. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be from July 16-19 (Monday-Thursday), 6:30-8:30 p.m. The registration will begin Sunday, May 20. More information will be available soon. Please speak to **Pam Miller** or **Pastor Sunny** if you would like to help with the program.

### Crop for a Cause:

#### Making MS a Memory

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with the 6th Annual Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis. What an amazing evening, with over 250 people: scrapbooking, eating, shopping, eating, socializing and eating again! This year we raised over \$18,000.00 for the National MS Society! This is our best year...so far!

Thank you again to everyone who came out to help make this event such a success! Without all of your help this would not be possible!

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





## Uncle Phil's Diner

*Where the Food is Fresh  
and So is the Help*

*Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 28, 6:00 p.m.*

Come and join the Book of Acts drama group of *Our Redeemer's* as we take a trip back to the fabulous 50's for an evening of **Food, Music, and Fun**. Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets and come ready to enjoy some classic diner food and an evening of entertainment.

You will meet such characters as Uncle Phil, Flodene, Gladys, Bunny Sue, Gertie, Scoop, and Coach Spandex. You will recognize some familiar faces as you've never seen them before. Performance dates are April 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 p.m. Saturday in the sanctuary of *Our Redeemer's*.

Bring your friends and neighbors. Tickets will be available at church starting on Sunday, March 25. Donation: \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

Proccedes will go toward improving the sound system. Be there or be square!



## UMW Annual Rummage Sale

*April 28 - Set up Wesley Room*

*April 29 to May 3 - Accept Stuff*

*May 4 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Sell*

*May 5 - 9 a.m. to Noon - Sell*

*May 5 Noon - Pack & Clean Up*

Beginning on Sunday, April 29 after the second church service we will be accepting treasures for our ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE in the Wesley Room. We will be ready to take your treasures each day in the afternoon and evening until Thursday afternoon.

This year we will NOT be able to take: COMPUTERS, TIRES, PLUMBING PARTS, BABY CRIBS, MATTRESSES OR CAR SEATS.

We will need people to help us all week long and of course, on the days of the sales. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in the narthex. We also need hangers, paper and plastic grocery bags and newspapers. Leave at dropoff spots near the nursery.

- ◆ 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.

If you have any questions or need help getting your treasures to us, please call the church, 847-882-6116, or **Melissa Bland**, 224-653-8236.

## MS Fundraiser at Riccardo's April 25, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Riccardo's Restaurant at 1170 S. Roselle Road (Roselle and Wise Roads) is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Dine in or carry out any time between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on April 25 and 25% of your check (excluding alcohol, tax & gratuity) will be donated to the National MS Society.

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. Call 847-891-7777 for reservations. Check their web site at [www.riccardosschaumburg.com](http://www.riccardosschaumburg.com).

Pick up a donation form at church and take it along to Riccardo's.



## United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting Saturday, April 14, 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, April 14.

We are back to our regular second Saturday breakfast meeting followed by the study, *Life in the Spirit*.

## Easter Basket Childserv Collection

It's time for *Our Redeemer's* annual Easter Basket collection for Childserv. Caring Ministries will be collecting items to share with local children in need. Items will be collected in the Narthex on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Appropriate items would include disposable diapers, formula, bottles, wipes and new or unused infant clothing.

Please call **Gail Bedingfield**, 847-934-6410, with any questions.



## Scrapbooking Night at Church

*April 20, 6:30 p.m.*

Attention to any adults interested in scrapbooking, making cards or paper crafting. Join us Friday April 20 from 6:30-11 in Wesley Hall for a time to share in fellowship and a common hobby. If you are an experienced or beginner scrapbooker / card maker or you would like to stop by and learn more about this hobby please feel free to attend. Please bring all of your own supplies and any snacks or beverages for the evening.

We usually meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, so if you can't make it this month mark your calendars for May!

We would love to have you join us.

Please call **Annette Brown**, 847-341-8445, for more information.

## Community Crisis Center

The Crisis Center emergency food pantry is BARE. They are having an Emergency Food Pantry Drive. A list of nonperishable foods most needed is on the window outside of the office.

The Center needs all greeting cards (the entire card) to recycle and sell for a money making event which is on-going. They have made thousands of dollars from them.

They can always use toiletries (new) including the hotel/motel small items. Basic health supplies (containing no alcohol): acetaminophen, allergy meds., antacids (Tums), ibuprofen, kaopectate, neosporin/bacitracin, sinus meds., and calamine lotion.

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## Church Ladies Nite Out

*Wednesday, Apr. 18, 6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. the Church Ladies will be going to the Cheese Cake Factory at Woodfield.

Please plan on joining us for a Ladies Nite out for good food, good fellowship and good fun. If you need a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-885-2311.

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## New Member Class

A new member class will be offered after Easter. Please let the church office or **Pastor Sunny** know if you are interested in becoming members of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church.

## Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to:

**Shelley Lukowicz** and family on the death of her mother, **Norma Duncan**.

**Don Wiebel** and family on the death of his sister, **Min Edwards**.

**Sharon Jung** and family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Denny**.

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## Happy Birthday

Congratulations to **Evelyn Wiebel** for celebrating a very special birthday March 5th

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**Shirley** and **Jerry McDaniel** are celebrating their 50th Anniversary April 21.

**Nona** and **Harry Schlinker** are celebrating their their 62nd Anniversary April 1.





# PUZZLE

## The purpose of the gospel

The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.



Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

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JOHN 20:31, NIV

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Answers: “ ... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Just Believe!

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