



# The Redeemer Review

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“I have a dream” Martin Luther King, Jr. said in 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C. In 2012, I say I have a dream at Our Redeemer’s UMC (ORUMC) in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Dr. King said his dream is a dream deeply rooted in the American Dream. I say my dream is a dream deeply rooted in God’s dream. I believe that God’s dream can be summarized with Great Commandment and Great Commission.

- *Great Commandment (Matthew 22:26-40):* Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind...and love our neighbor as ourselves.

- *Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20):* With God’s authority, go wherever God calls us to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

While visiting one of my pastor friends, she invited me to tag along to a wedding reception. Of course, I knew no one, but I enjoyed watching the people dance and celebrate the festive occasion. As the party progressed, I noticed an elegantly dressed woman sitting all alone, unnoticed by the partygoers. I asked of my friend, “Who is that woman?” My friend replied, “She’s the bride.”

This experience stayed in my mind since then to illustrate the mistakes we the zealous

people of God in doing church together often make—ignoring the One for whom we are doing “church”, God! The question I am asking, “Am I a “church” trying to love God, or a lover of God trying to do “church”? The distinction is crucial here. If I am a church trying to love God, God will not share glory or power with me, because God must always come first. I must be a lover of God trying to do church because the Great Commandment always trumps the Great Commission. I do

church because my love for God is so strong I cannot do anything else.

We live in a “doer” society. The success is measured by the outcome of what we do. I am not saying it is bad. It is surely the way to measure the effectiveness of our time—are we productive or not? It is the act of neglecting the Great Commandment in pursuit of the Great Commission. As I stated in the above, both Great Commandment and Great Commission are the reflections of God’s dream. In pursuing God’s dream, the balance in between those is needed. We cannot put loving God to the side while we do church—no matter how much we want to transform the world. If our heart for God doesn’t grow, God’s ministry that is entrusted to us under the umbrella of ORUMC will subside and we will find ourselves spiritually shriveling up, void of any spiritual power, and that spells doom for doing church.

So, my dream for ORUMC starts from God’s dream—dreaming that each one of God’s people at ORUMC loves God, oneself, and others seriously with both in words and actions. . . .and dreaming also that ORUMC will be a “Glocal [Global-Local]” church to touch the lives of many people in both local and global village in the name of Jesus Christ. I am dreaming that God’s

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Dream will become the reality of ORUMC each and every day by fully relying on God.

Ribbit!

*~Pastor Sunny*

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## A Letter From Bruce

Through the years I've been honored to have a few devotions published in The Upper Room. But quite frankly, for every one they've published perhaps two return "thanks, but no thanks". Of all my "rejects" this is probably my favorite. It's appeared in the Redeemer Review before, but I wanted to offer it again as a tribute to Don Wiebel who died June-15th- and with prayers for the well-being of Richard Vales who we haven't heard from for quite a while.

Bruce Bedingfield

"We have a saint in our church congregation; his name is Richard. Actually we haven't seen Richard for years. He went on a business trip to the Philippines where he heard a call to serve the needy children he saw. Richard sold his possessions to live in poverty as he serves these impoverished children of God.

We have another saint in our church congregation; his name is Don. Don's service

to God is not as dramatic as Richard's, yet I cannot imagine our church functioning without him. Through his many years of church membership, Don has filled just about every position and performed every task. Now, in retirement, Don is all the more a blessing to our church. When no one else will do a job, Don is there to do it.

I recently learned that Don once performed another special act of Christian service. When Richard first visited our church, it was Don who met him in the parking lot and walked him in under an open umbrella. Shortly after that act of kindness Richard decided to join our church. And it was through church membership that Richard became the Christian he is today."

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## Email Addresses

**We are in the process of up-dating our All-Church Emails. If you haven't been receiving the emails from Donna, or your email has changed recently, please email or call the office (847-882-6116) and give us your new information. Thanks!**



## ORUMC Summer Youth Events

*For all youth entering 7th grade through completed 12th grade*

by Marianne Rogenski

### **August 9, 6-9pm** **BBQ/game night at Gorvetts**

Everyone will bring \$ to chip in for dogs, brats, and burgers on the grill plus there will be snacks and desserts.

Bring your favorite game—for outside or inside!

This event is for jr. and sr. high youth

### **August 24, 8-9:30pm** **Feed My Starving Children**

1072 National Parkway  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

This event is for jr. and sr. high students and their families.

Please RSVP to Marianne by August 5.

We will be going to a restaurant together before we go to pack meals so stay tuned for that information!

### **September 9, 6:30-8:30pm** **Youth Group Fall Kickoff**

Jr. high (7th-8th grade) and Sr. High (9th-12th grade) students are invited to join us at ORUMC for s'mores around a campfire and lots of fun games! Parents please plan to stay for the first 20 minutes to learn about our program and fill out necessary forms.

*Jr. High Youth Group and Sr. High Youth Group will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. They will be separate from 6:30-8pm and then together for games for the last half hour. We will try to have a service project for the groups to do together about once per month. There will also be informal outings on days when the schools are not in session.*

## **Youth Group Schedule**

### **September**

**9 Kickoff 6:30-8:30pm**

**16 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**

**23 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**

**30 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**

*Future dates to be aware of:*

### **December 7-8**

**Sr. High Lockin for Hope/Jr. High Night of Hope**

The sr. high youth group will have a lockin (7pm-7am)—we will have tons of fun and have great food while doing service projects to bring hope to others.

The jr. high youth group is invited on Friday night from 7-10pm to join the sr. high in fun, food, and service.  
All activities will be at the church.



## January 18-20

### Ski Trip Weekend at Wesley Woods/ Alpine Valley

For Jr. and Sr. High

## February 22-23

### 30 Hour Famine

For Jr. and Sr. High

February 24 will be Famine Sunday

If you have any questions about the youth program please contact our Director of Youth Ministries, Marianne Rogenski.

## ASP (Appalachia Service Project) News:

21 youth and 10 adults went to Salyersville, KY, in June. We served 5 homes—working to make them warmer, safer, and drier. Please join our team and the Joplin tornado relief team on August 12 at 10:30am for Mission Sunday. There you can hear more about what we did and how the experience helped us to grow. We would like to thank ORUMC for all of your support in this mission—we could never have served as we did without it.

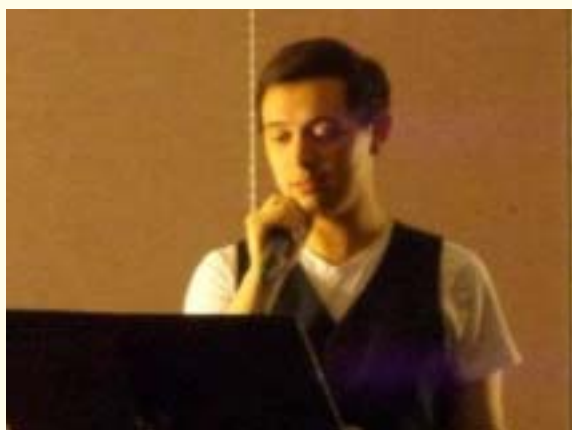
## Upcoming Stewardship Conference

More than ever, church leaders need resources that will help them teach, preach and practice holistic, faithful stewardship. Join us as we learn how to bring the stewardship ministry alive in our congregations. Conference includes a plenary session followed by two sets of workshops. August 25, 9am-3pm at Barrington UMC.

Please contact Ian Rogenski for more information or if you are interested in attending.



<b>Jared Pierson</b>	<b>8/3</b>
<b>Ryan Greenwalt</b>	<b>8/7</b>
<b>Jessica Rocha</b>	<b>8/7</b>
<b>Samantha Nordli</b>	<b>8/22</b>
<b>Colleen Wilkes</b>	<b>8/23</b>
<b>Nichole Johnson</b>	<b>8/24</b>





*Make It  
Glorious  
Concert*









## Vacation Bible School



## United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday Aug 11, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month. We will continue meeting at church during the summer. Next meeting Aug 11.

After the breakfast meeting, we will continue the study, *Life in the Spirit*.

## UMM 2012 Spiritual Congress *September 14-16* *Williams Bay, WI*

All men of the church are invited to attend the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men's Spiritual Congress September 14 -16 at Conference Point in Williams Bay, WI. The program of worship, music, workshops and fellowship runs from Friday evening to Sunday morning. Rev. Larry Hilkemann, with 46 years of ministry in the Northern Illinois Conference will lead the program. Rich Rubietta will lead music and worship.

You can attend any or all parts of the program. Contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, or **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-884-9973, for more information.

## Church Ladies Nite Out *August 15, 6:00 p.m.* *Ruby Tuesday at Woodfield*

Everyone is invited to join the Church Ladies Nite Out once a month. We always meet at 6:00 p.m. Please call **JoAnne Gregorash** at 630-837-5155 if you need a ride or have any questions. Here is our schedule for the rest of the year.

August 15 Ruby Tuesday in Woodfield  
September 19 Hibachi Grill on Barrington  
October 17 Pasta Amo  
November 14 Giordano's off Barrington  
near Walmart  
December 19 Friendship Village

## Walk MS 2012

Thank you for helping make Walk MS 2012 a huge success. Because of your support, our team, Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory, was able to donate over \$25,000 to the National MS Society. Words can not express how touched and grateful we are by your continued support and generosity.

Thank you again for your donation and we hope that we can count on your continued support for next year's events!

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



## Christian Education News Backpack Blessings 2012 Sunday, 08/19

Back to School is just around the corner. Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes become a part of everyone's schedule. Here at Our Redeemer's, on Sunday, August 19th we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students, pre-school through adult, bring their backpacks to worship services at 9am or 10:30am. During the worship services, children and students of all ages will be lifted up in prayer and their backpack will be prayed over as they begin a new school year.

## Safe Sanctuary Training Sat, 8/25, 9am - 3pm

This training is a mandatory training for all paid staff, Sunday School teachers, and all people who will be working with minors at Our Redeemer's. In accordance to its policies that demonstrate its absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of its children/youth.

If you are not able to make it to this training, please arrange another date/time with Pastor Sunny or Marianne Rogenski. Please RSVP with Pastor Sunny or Marianne.

## Chancel Choir/ Chancel Chimes Season Kickoff

*August 18, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
First Rehearsals September 5,  
6:30 and 7:30 p.m.*

In lieu of a potluck supper to start the choir season, Cathy and Karen are inviting all choir and chime members to join in a community service project Saturday, August 18 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. We have arranged to help pack boxes of food for the community at Feed My Starving Children, 1072 National Parkway (2 blocks north of Golf Rd) in Schaumburg. We need to provide a nose count to the organization, so please call **Karen Moore**, 847-397-8832, if you can attend. We will have lunch and fellowship after working.

The first chime and choir rehearsals will be September 5: chimes at 6:30 p.m. and choir at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.



## Personal Notes



### Dear ORUMC Family,

I would like to thank all of you again for the beautiful service for Dad. It meant more to us than words can express. The family is grateful for the time and effort everyone put in to planning the service and luncheon. It was a wonderful tribute to Dad and the life he led, and the many people whose lives he touched. The world would be a better place if everyone lived as he did.

Again many thanks to everyone who was involved. We are forever grateful.

Love,  
**Ann** and the entire  
**Wiebel** family

### Our deepest sympathy to:

Diane Kalla and family in the death of her husband, Dick Kalla. Dick, Diane and their daughters were members of our church for many years.



### Beverly Wilkes

The congregation extends sympathy to **Ron Wilkes** and the entire **Wilkes** family on the death of **Beverly Wilkes** July 1.

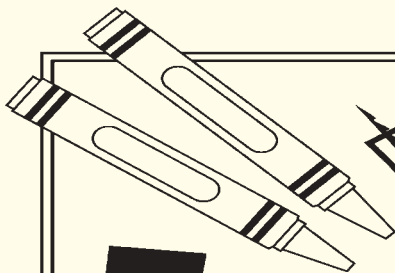
### Thank You

On behalf of **Ron** and the whole **Wilkes** family we would like to express our deepest and most heartfelt thank you for all our church family did for us after Beverly's passing.

Bev was a wonderful wife, mother (in-law) and grandmother and she will be missed by our family. Her spirit lives on in us and in each of you; she loved the time she spent at church and with her friends from ORUMC. It was difficult for her to stay away when her health declined.

We thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, dinners, treats and words of comfort. They mean so much to all of us. The ORUMC family is truly that – a family that comforts and loves their members unconditionally. Thank you again,

The Wilkes'  
**Ron, Dan, Ronda,**  
**Colleen and Caitlin**

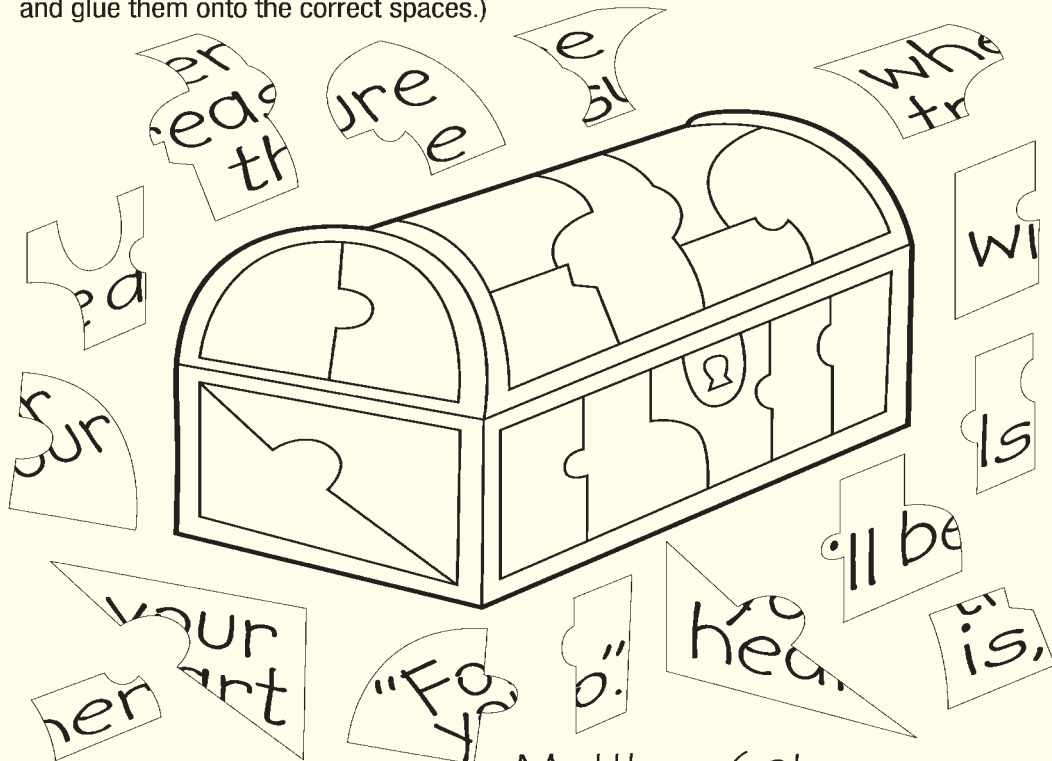


# PUZZLE

## TRUE TREASURE

The Bible speaks often of “treasure” — where we can find it, who gives it and who can have it.

**Directions:** Match the puzzle pieces to the correct shape. Then write the letters to learn what Matthew 6:21 (NIV) says about treasure. (Younger children can cut out the shapes and glue them onto the correct spaces.)



Matthew 6:21, NIV

Answer: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21, NIV)

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