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Disciples vs. Christians

While reclaiming our call to the life of discipleship on Sunday, March 25, we distinguished between being Disciples from being Christians. After that Sunday, I was asked to elaborate on the idea in my upcoming FROG newsletter article if possible. As we know, everything is possible in Christ. So, I am here to do so.

The origin of the term “Christian” is given in Acts 11:25-26. It is comparatively rare, appearing only three times in the Bible (Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16). The word “Christian” derives from the Greek word “Christ” describing a person who professes Jesus as Christ—Messiah, Lord and Savior. The word focuses on the state of “being” more than the state of “doing” in the linguistic approach of the word. It gives more weight to the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) than the Great Commission

(Matthew 28:16-20). The born of “this being” is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is personal and also it can be privatized. Not like Christians, however, disciples cannot be privatized. A disciple is a follower or a doer of the lessons learned, who emphasizes the Great Commission. Here at *Our Redeemer’s* United Methodist Church (ORUMC) we are talking about the Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Can the person be a Christian without being a disciple? YES. The person who does nothing about one’s belief in Jesus Christ falls into this category. Does this person have eternal life? YES. According to John 3:16, whoever believes in Jesus Christ will have eternal life.

Can the person be a disciple without being a Christian? Yes and No. Among Jesus’ 12 disciples, there was Judas who followed

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Jesus for 3 years, learned everything Jesus taught, and yet he did not put his heart in learning or following Jesus. He had his own agenda. When Jesus did not satisfy him or his agenda, he turned his back on Jesus and betrayed him. In the 21st Century, we still have “Judas” in church who imposes one’s own agenda seeking one’s own glory or satisfaction in following or doing what Jesus taught. So, I say “Yes” that the person can be a disciple without being a Christian.

On the other hand, I would say “No” that the person cannot be a disciple without being

a Christian since the TRUE discipleship requires wholesome/total commitment and submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Also, I believe that TRUE Christians [True Lovers of God] cannot privatize their faith/love by doing nothing about their faith/love. We do something about our belief if we truly believe in something. By doing something about what we believe, we are confirming our faith in it. I believe that being and doing cannot be separated. We do what we do because we are who we are. What we do defines who we are [Disciple-Christians] and who we are directs the course of our action in life/ministry [Christian-Disciples].

Through the Reverse Tithing program we had at ORUMC, I’ve witness of this concept of being “Christian-Disciples” and “Disciple-Christians” plays out well in pursuing the mission/vision of ORUMC. In the beginning of the program many of us did not know what to do with the \$20 gift of grace we received from the church. Some families went through periods of frustration, and yet they all did something with it as a recipient of the grace. The following is the summary of the program becoming “Christian-Disciples” and “Disciple-Christians” as of 4/18/12:

· Total Financial Return: \$2,372.73; Total Service Return: Priceless!

· **How People Invested:** Matching the \$20 gift of grace; Purchase some raffle tickets for fundraising; Blow snow on neighbor’s walks and driveways; Candy Bar Sale; Pheasant - Veggie Burger Sale; Pot with Plant Sale; Hand-Knitted Dish Cloth Sale; Been blessed

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day after receiving the “Divine” envelope; Handmade Necklace Sale; “Pretend” Higher Interest Rates; Bought stripper, stain, varnish to refurnish tables for church member; VBS invitation; ORUMC’s Food Pantry; helping neighbors who are in need of extra grace in life; Partner with mission driven organization that matched with ORUMC’s such as Micro Lending; 4 Paws for Ability (the agency that trains dogs for helping people with autism); First United Methodist Church of Winchester, Indiana which is in crisis; K-Love Christian Radio Station; Feeding America Program; Rogers Park United Methodist Church Community Dinner; Society of St. Andrew to feed the hungry; MS Walk; World Vision 30 Hour Famine; Local food pantries; UMCOR; and a Nursing Home.

I am so proud of many “Christian-Disciples” and “Disciple-Christians” at ORUMC who have done and still do something about their faith in Christ faithfully and creatively to meet the mission/vision of ORUMC. Just let me know if you are interested in having one of the “Christian-Disciples” or “Disciple-Christians” to be your mentor or coach in your faith journey. I am more than happy to connect you up with these Godly people. Once you see what I see and experience what I am experiencing at ORUMC, your faith journey with ORUMC would give you amazing thrill to live your life as “Christian-Disciple” or “Disciple-Christian”! I pray that you will have this amazing thrill in your life by fully relying on God!

Ribbit!

~*Pastor Sunny*

Estate Planning

Save the Date-May 31, 7:00 p.m.

For anyone who has begun working on their will or estate planning and would like to learn how to leave a legacy to ORUMC, the Memorial Committee is sponsoring an educational event for our church.

A Planned Giving Workshop led by Janet Boryk, the Director of Planned Giving at the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois UMC Conference, will be held on Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Members of Memorial, Finance, and Stewardship Committees are encouraged to attend but all members of the congregation are welcome to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and learn! For those that can’t attend, Memorial committee will be providing more information to all in the coming months.

Contact **Julie Kuhn** or **Jane Martin** for more information.

Memorial News

Have you tried the new working water fountain near the restrooms? Thanks to the Trustees for using undesignated (anonymous) Memorial Funds to replace the old broken fountain.

A significant contribution was added to the Sound System Fund thanks to donations made in memory of **Ken Finke**.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Attention all high school and college graduates and parents:

If you are graduating from high school or college (or are a parent of a graduate) please call the church office and let us know—we don't want to miss anyone!

We will be having a graduate recognition on **Education Sunday, May 20**, at the 10:30 service. Immediately following the service we will host a luncheon in honor of the graduates and also the Sunday School teachers.

Please RSVP to the church office at 847-882-6116 no later than May 13 with how many will be attending the lunch.

Youth Group

Last meeting is May 6!

Sr. high at 6:30pm

Jr. high at 7:00pm

Ends at 8pm

We will have some great food and fun games—hope to see you there!

Youth Group Summer Events

For all youth entering 7th grade through just graduated from high school

June 25, 6:30-8:30

Family fun night with stewardship

July 2, 6:30-8:30

Family fun night with stewardship

For these two nights all youth and their families are invited to come and discuss different aspects of stewardship, from budgeting to tithing and many things in between! After that discussion there will be food, and parents vs. youth games—don't miss these fun and educational evenings!

July 11, 6-9pm

Pool/game party at Hills

Everyone will need to bring \$ for Nana's Gi-Nana-Mous pizza, plus there will be snacks and desserts.

The pool will be open and there will also be other games.

July 25

Laser Quest (Time TBD)

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!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team:

It is almost time! We leave ORUMC on June 16 and return on June 23.

A few things that ASPers need to do before the trip:

May 4-5

Help with the bake sale by staffing it and baking

May 19

Come to the day retreat and car wash (and bring your filled out, signed, and notarized forms!)

May 22

Eat at Village Tavern

June 12

Come to our last meeting

Please contact **Marianne** if you have questions!



Rebecca Gilbert	5/06
Alec Hill	5/07
Melanie Johnson	5/14
Brian Nordli	5/15
Joshua Kane	5/18
Katherine Sullivan	5/21
Kelley Oster	5/24
Riecee Brock	5/25
Cassandra Pierson	5/25
Daniel Breda	5/26
Marcus Hill	5/28



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.

Attention All Users of Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4!

Each Sunday we do have Sunday school classes held in Room 1, 2, 3 & 4! We need to have a clean and welcoming space for the Sunday school teachers to use on Sunday. We would appreciate you greatly if you leave the room as it is organized.

Please communicate with Christian Education Chairperson, **Dorene Gilbert** or **Pastor Sunny** if you have to utilize the classroom space for whatever reasons during Sunday school hours.



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.



ASP Car Wash May 19, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Bring in your dirty car, get it cleaned and make a generous donation to the ASP team.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday, May 12, 8:00 a.m. Saturday June 9, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on second Saturday of the month - May 12 and June 9..

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

Church Ladies Night Out *May 16, 6:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will meet on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Baker's Square in Palatine. Call **Bev Wilkes** if you have any questions!



Community Crisis Center

Summer is around the corner so the Center can use gently used or new swim wear for women and children. No foot ware is accepted unless new. Beach towels (used) and sun screen (new) will also be appreciated.

Paper products are always needed: paper towels, Kleenex, Puffs, toilet paper, etc.

Diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 are also needed.

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.

Help Wanted! Bakers for ASP Bake Sale May 4 & 5!

On Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 we will have a bake sale fundraiser for the Appalachia Service Project. It will be held along with the annual Rummage Sale here at church.

If you are able to contribute, please label your items and also indicate whether there are nuts, etc. in the baked goods.

Please bring these items to church on Thursday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or anytime on Friday or Saturday morning.



Pastor Fred and Doris Rickleff visited *Our Redeemer's* April 22. Pastor Fred retired from *Our Redeemer's* in 1987.



**2012 Confirmation Class
Simon & Wesley Enriquez & Bailey
Gaston with Pastor Sunny**

How-to article: 9 easy steps to online giving

Online giving can be an important part of making stewardship easy for you and your family. This article will help you understand how to set up online giving.

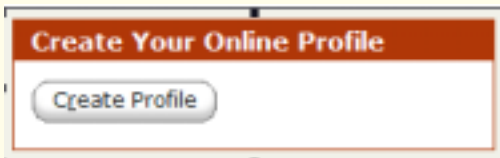
1. Grab your checkbook or savings account statement. You will need the bank routing number and the account number. More on how to find those numbers later.

2. Navigate to our church's website www.orumc.org. While you're there, check out all of the new content and things that are happening at our church. You can also like us on Facebook!

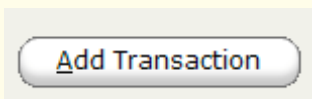
3. Click on the blue online giving button at the top right.



4. Create your online profile so that you can log in next time. Enter an email address and then fill in your name/address info and create a password.



5. Click add a transaction



6. In this next section, you can choose how to direct your funds and choose when

and how often you give. The General Operating line is our overall church budget. The other three lines are for specific initiatives we have underway at this time. There are several options for donation frequency:

- One-time – single donation
- Weekly – donation that occurs on the same *day* each week
- Monthly – donation that occurs on the same *date* each month
- Semi-monthly – donation that occurs on the 1st and 15th of each month

You can select the start date of your donation. Note that this date must be a week-day (and not a bank holiday). Click continue

A screenshot of a web form titled "Donations" with a red header. The form contains several input fields: "General Operating:" with a value of "100", "AGP Fund:" with "0.00", "Triple Fund:" with "0.00", and "Sound System Fund:" with "0.00". Below these is a "Total:" field showing "\$0.00". There is a "Donation Frequency:" dropdown menu set to "Once One" and a "Donation Start Date:" field set to "06/20/12". A "Continue" button is at the bottom.

7. On the next page, you will input your banking information. Choose checking or savings account. If you choose checking account, the screen will show an image of a check. Use this image to help you find your bank routing number and account number. Enter this information as shown.

Account:

Routing Number:

Account Number:

Joe Smith
1234 Anystreet Court
Anytown, AK 12345

1234

Pay to the order of _____ Dollars

Bank Anywhere

[123456789] [123456789123] - 1234

Bank Routing Number Bank Account Number Check Number (Do not use)

Finance Factoid

ORUMC May 2012

In an effort to be fiscally transparent and increase understanding among the congregation members at ORUMC concerning the finances of the church, the Finance Committee has decided to provide brief explanations, updates and other finance related information in the newsletter called FINANCE FACTOIDS. This is the first in a series of FACTOIDS. Enjoy!

The ORUMC annual budget is about \$350,000/yr.

A little over 90% of our budget is allocated to three areas:

- Salaries, wages and benefits for our wonderful staff- 59%
- Maintenance, repairs, utilities, insurance, housekeeping and lawn service for the church and parsonage (Trustees)- 21%
- Denominational Missions and District operations (Apportionments) and benevolences (Rainbow Covenant) – 11%

8. Click process. This will confirm your account info and show you a confirmation screen.

9. The next time you want to give online, you simply log in and do step 6. It's that simple!

Contact **Ian Rogenski**, 224-875-9704, if you have any questions. Ian can send you a copy of these instructions including full size screen graphics for each step in the process.

UMW Salad Supper

Tuesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend the quarterly United Methodist Women event, the Annual Salad Supper.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food and fellowship. Bring a salad or dessert to pass. Look for program details next month.

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to:

Nancy Beck and family on the death of her mother, **Betty Carroll**. She was 92 years young.

Jill Wood-Naatz and family on the death of her father, **Martin Wood**.



Congratulations to **Bob and Nancy Beck** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 17th.

Congratulations to **Jerry and Shirley McDaniel** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 21st.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2012: **Simon Enriquez, Wesley Enriquez, and Bailey Gaston**; confirmed on April 15th.

Bailey Gaston was also baptized on Sunday, April 15th

Congratulations to **Aidan, Kim**

Echtner's son who celebrated his 1st birthday on April 11th.



Bob and Debbie Hernandez's daughter, **Tara**, became engaged to **Andrew Howard** on April 17th in Grapevine, Texas.



We were so blessed that many of our out of state friends, including **Fred and Doris Rickleff**, were able to come and help us celebrate our 50th anniversary and attend church on Sunday. Fred was invited to speak a few minutes during church on the history of *Our Redeemer's* during his pastorate.

Jerry and Shirley McDaniel



Worthy of honor

What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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