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Thanksgiving

“I plan to give thanks that I’m still alive”
Marine Cpl. Matthew Hummel, 21,
celebrated 2004 Thanksgiving in Iraq

One of the reflections of the development of the character of Christ in a human heart is the capacity to give thanks to and receive thanks from other people. We are to live a life of thanksgiving with each other. Sometimes that means saying thanks for the blessing we receive from others. I have noticed that we often have trouble with *“thanksgiving”*—a way of life. I don’t know why.

Perhaps, we think that we lose some of ourselves in giving thanks to others. Over the years, I have learned that we really gain a new portion of our redeemed selves when we give some of ourselves away in *thanksgiving*. One of my personal habits is to try to thank the people around me for the things that they do

that others many not seem to notice. It gives me a sense of purpose when I can build another person up.

Perhaps, we fear that we contribute to puffing another person up if we shower them with thanks and affirmation. This does not seem to be in the spirit of the scriptural admonition to build one another up in love. My own personal conviction is that the world around us does enough to deflate our egos and that the Body of Christ should set the standard for affirming and celebrating one another. We have the chance to offer grace to each other when we show and share *thanksgiving*.

Perhaps, we can try to be *thanksgiving* and *thanksgiving* for Thanksgiving Day this month as we celebrate over the turkey meal with family and friends. What would happen if we do fast from saying not-so-good things

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Happy Thanksgiving



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this month, but say good things about something even when we do not feel like it? How the world around us would become different if we practice *thanksgiving* and *thanksgiving*. I am curious. Would you be willing to test out on this with me this month? I pray that many of you will join me in the practice of *thanksgiving* and *thanksgiving* during the month of November by fully relying on God.

**Happy Thanksgiving!
Ribbit!**

~Pastor Sunny

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Annual Charge Conference

Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Charge Conference is the annual church conference celebrating God's blessing upon ORUMC in a conference setting. All are invited to join in this celebration.

Community Thanksgiving Service at Bartlett UMC

Tuesday, Nov 20, 7:30 p.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in the Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by our local cluster of United Methodist churches.

The service is at Bartlett Good Shepherd UMC, 751 Army Trail Road, Bartlett, on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

As I write this, the leaves have changed color, some of the trees are already bare, the days and nights are chillier, and so, before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. Once again, the congregation of *Our Redeemer's* has the chance to brighten the holidays for a child by providing gifts to children through the program, Gifts from the Heart.

This is the 26th year that the program Gifts from the Heart has been implemented here. Members of the congregation are given the opportunity to sign up for the number of children they wish to sponsor. This year you may sign up in the narthex on October 28, November 4 and November 11.

New this year due to the economic times we are in, ChildServ requests that no more than **\$40** be spent on each child. The names and ages of the children you sponsor will be given to you on November 18 or November 25.

Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned on Sunday, December 2, where they will be delivered to ChildServ by the Gifts from the Heart elves.

ChildServ, the United Methodist agency that serves foster and at-risk children, has been very appreciative of our congregation's efforts each year in providing gifts for children.

This year, more than any other in the recent past, it is important that we reach out to those who are so affected by the economy and are in need.

Gifts from the Heart has been very well supported by the *Our Redeemer's* congregation and I hope that, once again, you will find that it is a very worthy outreach to children, and you will find it in your heart to add another or several additional children to your Christmas list.

If you have any questions about Gifts from the Heart, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491 or clh1325@comcast.net.

Pastor Sunny's Office Hours

Pastor Sunny will be in the office Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. unless she has to be on duty away from the office. People can reach her via her cell phone (630-501-8130) or via her email: (pastorsunnyahn@gmail.com) if she is not in the office.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth Group News

Schedule (7th-12th grades)

November

- 4 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 11 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 18 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 25 NO YOUTH GROUP—Thanksgiving weekend

December

- 2 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 7 Sr. High Lock-in of Hope 7pm-7am
Jr. High Night of Hope 7-10pm
- 9 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 16 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 23 NO YOUTH GROUP—Merry Christmas!

Friday & Saturday Dec 7-8

We will have a **Jr. High Night of Hope** and a **Sr. High Lock-in of Hope**. We will be spending time working on various service projects, playing games, eating yummy food, and enjoying the company of one another.

The Jr. High will be invited to come from 7-10pm on Friday.

The Sr. High will have a lock-in from Friday at 7pm to Saturday at 7am.

We need parents who are willing to be there during those times to chaperon. Please let Marianne know if you are interested.

There will be more info sent out via email and Facebook in the middle of November—please be looking for that to see what service projects are planned and what donations may be needed.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

It may seem early but it is time to start planning for ASP 2013! Our 2013 trip will be June 15-22 and we have spots for 25 youth (completed 8th grade through completed 12th grade) and 10 adult leaders. If you are interested in going, please contact Marianne.

I apologize for the mixup—our first meeting was October 14, not October 21. If that caused some of you to miss the meeting don't worry—just let Marianne know as soon as possible if you will be going on the trip.

Dates to make note of:

January 18-20, 2013 will be the youth ski trip

February 22-23, 2013 will be the 30 Hour Famine



Allison Gorvett	11/9
Nicholas Meyer	11/25
Jonathan Dean	11/27
Kimberly Trenn	11/30

The 11th Annual Open Mic Night

Saturday, November 3, 7:00pm

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.

United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Saturday Nov 10, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, Nov 10 at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast, we will have a Bible study and discussion.

UMW Movie Night at Mottar's

Friday, Nov 16, 7:00 p.m.

All women of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to view the Ken Davis movie "Living Fully Alive".

Come to the Mottar home, 896 Chatham Dr, Carol Stream, at 7:00 p.m. Call **Cathy Mottar**, 630-682-5890, for information.



Sat, Dec 1, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The Christian Education Committee invites all children and families to the Advent Festival 2012 which will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

We will learn what Advent means and how we are to celebrate the season of Advent. Please speak to **Dorene Gilbert** or **Pastor Sunny** for more information.



Hanging of the Greens

Sat, Dec 1, 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

The Worship Team is inviting all people of God to join in decorating the church for the Advent Season. Please speak to **Jill Wood-Naatz** for more information.



Community Crisis Center

by Carlene Thompson

Gently used heavy winter coats for all members of a family as well as hats, gloves and scarves (even boots) are needed for the Annual Coat Give Away. They CANNOT USE lightweight or spring items, sweatshirts or long trench or dress coats. The Give Away starts in October and ends in February.

The Crisis Center FOOD PANTRY is always in need of canned fruit, canned meat meals, beef stew, chili, ravioli, etc. Also cereal/oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, mac & cheese, pork & beans, powdered milk, saltine crackers, soup/Ramen noodles, spaghetti/marinara sauce, Spaghettio type canned items, tuna, and hand can openers.

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bin in the Narthex cabinet (the bin is labeled). Or if you prefer, leave items in the church office.

The CCC Toy Give-Away will be coming in mid-Dec. We usually have a group who assist in this effort. Please think about volunteering for this very worthwhile event.



Habitat Oct 27, 7:00 a.m.

Join the Habitat gang at church Saturday, October 27 at 7:00 a.m. We will carpool to the Lake County Habitat site and spend the day helping work on a Habitat house. We return to church by 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge**, 630-289-4334, if you have questions.

Church Ladies Nite Out November 14, 6:00 p.m. Giordano's (near Walmart)

Everyone is invited to join the Church Ladies Nite Out once a month at 6:00 p.m. Call **JoAnne Gregorash**, 630-837-5155, if you need a ride or have questions.

The December meeting will be:
December 19, Friendship Village

UMW Potluck at Church Tuesday, Dec 4, 6:00 p.m.

All women of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to the United Methodist Women's quarterly meeting and potluck supper on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. The main course will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped white elephant gift.

Consecration of Memorial Gifts

These loving gifts made to *Our Redeemer's* to honor the memory of friends and family will be consecrated on Sunday November 4, 2012.

- A Prairie Fire Crab Apple tree planted in the East lawn in memory of **Archie Wilson**
- A Redbud tree planted east of the daycare wing in memory of **Mary Greiner**
- Computers, Printer/Copier, Sports Equipment and a Shelf for Christian Corner Children's Center in memory of **Don Wiebel**
- A new water fountain near the Sanctuary in memory of loved ones from anonymous donations.

Guest Speakers

Sunday, December 2

Rev. Eric Blachford and **Rev. Kevin Clark** from The NET Church will be bringing God's message on Sunday, December 2.

The Net Church is a new faith community in Rockford, IL that started on July 1st, 2012 with the mission to daily engage the young "in years" or "at heart" to create passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ who love God and love others.

Let us come and hear what new things God is doing with young people in God's kingdom.

Stained Glass Window

The stained glass window in the hallway across from room 2 is a gift returned!

Pastor Fred and Doris Rickleff served *Our Redeemer's* from 1977 to 1987. The people of *Our Redeemer's* presented this beautiful window to Fred and Doris on Fred's retirement from our church in 1987.

After enjoying the window for 25 years, they now wish to share it with our congregation in honor of their good memories of *Our Redeemer's*.



Fred and Doris Rickleff

Community Blood Drive

Thurs, Dec 6, 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.

All members and friends are invited to donate blood December 6 between 3:00 and 8:30 p.m. You can sign up at church make an appointment to give, but drop-ins are welcome, too.



Personal Notes



Baptisms

Samantha Lantin Raiz was baptized on September 30th. Proud parents are **Alvin** and **Khareen Raiz**. Proud grandparents are **Albino** and **Elenita Raiz**.



Dominik Christopher Wrobel was baptized on October 7th. Proud parents are **Matt** and **Callie (Gatti) Wrobel**. Proud grandparents are **John** and **Robyn Gatti**.



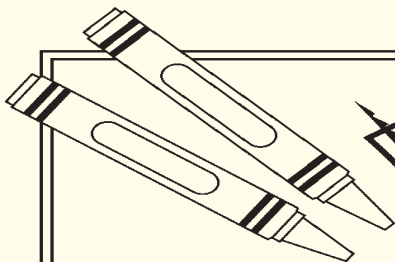
Don Wiebel Memorial

Christian Corner Children's Center was saddened by the loss of our Board President, **Don Wiebel**, earlier this year. He was always there for support and to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. We think of him everyday, through everything he created and accomplished at CCCC.

The students and staff would like to thank all of those who donated in the memory of Don. Don was a great Board President and we are touched by the generosity of those who gave in his memory. Christian Corner Children's Center was able to purchase new computers, a copier/printer, new shelves and a lot of sporting equipment for the children.

Once again thanks to all of Don's wonderful friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Regards,
Justyna Peron-Podgorski
Director Christian Corner
Children's Center



PUZZLE

Be thankful for everything

When we're faithful, we see that God provides all we need.

Use the list of vowels below to complete the words of Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV.

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Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV)

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