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During the years of my life and ministry I have learned a great deal about gossip, judging, criticism, and faultfinding. For one thing, I have learned that these things are disgusting to God. It disturbs God that with the same mouth we use to bless and praise God, we curse and condemn our fellow sisters and brothers, made in God's image just as we are.

That is an easy thing to do, isn't it? Do you know why? Pride. Pride is the attitude that we are *clean* and if others don't agree with us, they must have something wrong with them. The Bible says that all the ways of a man are *clean* in his own eyes (Proverb 16:2). I think we would not be harshly talking about others if we know the truth and if we know what's going on in the lives of others. I think our pride paralyzes our consciousness to respect others with the life-giving words. If we were humble enough to see ourselves as we really are, then we wouldn't be so quick to criticize everyone else. Nor would

we be so quick to spread that criticism, that slander.

In a Greek dictionary I found a definition of the word *islanderers* as those who are guilty of finding fault with others and spreading criticism (Vine, *New Testament Section*, p. 580, s.v. *islanderer*). Also, according to Webster the word *islander* is derived from the Latin word *scandalum*, meaning *scandal*, which itself is derived from the Greek word *skandalon*, meaning *trap*. The Greek word translated *islanderers* in the King James Version of 1 Timothy 3:11 is *diabolos*, which Strong defines as a traducer: *spec. Stan*—false accuser, devil, slanderer (James Strong, *Greek Dictionary of the New Testament*, in *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1990).

I have noted, the Greek dictionary states that this Greek word is an adjective meaning
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islanderous, accusing falsely, and that its noun form is translated slanderer. where the reference is to those who are given to finding fault with the demeanor and conduct of others, and spreading their innuendos and criticisms in the church. The word translated devil in English is the exact same Greek word, *diabolos*, meaning an accuser, a slanderer.

Do you realize what that means? It means that when you and I slander someone or accuse another person falsely, we are allowing the devil to use our mouths. As James tells us, these things ought not so to be (James 3:10). Now please

understand that I am not bringing this message because I have no problem in this area. I do. So there is no need to feel guilty if you do too. Let's work together to be gracious to each other with our anointed mouth. There are many people in the Body of Christ who use their mouths for the wrong purposes, to slander and criticize, to depress and discourage others. It grieves me to see a number of people flocking to the altar seeking comfort and release from pains that were inflicted on them by others two, ten, twenty, or thirty years ago.

Too often such people cannot lay hold of the good things of God, because somebody wounded or even broke their spirit, so that they ended up with a failure image. Sometimes these people are so depressed, they are never able to rise above their state in life. You have no idea how it hurts me to see people who can hardly stand to approach and talk to those in spiritual authority, like me, simply because of the way they have been treated in the past; often by those in the home or the Church.

My dear friends! If you feel that you are the ones who have been victimized by slanderers in the past, then I would like to encourage you to lay down the hurts at the foot of cross and let God be the healer for you. Free yourself from the hurts or slanderers in the past by trusting God. No one can do anything about your past or the hurts from the past, but God. The only choice you have, for pursuing the happiness in life, is trusting God and moving on to celebrate the precious presence of God is giving you daily. Yes, in theory it is easy, but I also know that it is hard in practice. However, with God's help it

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is possible. I pray that you will choose the right choice, so you will be happier each and every day. Also, I pray that people around you will become happier because of your right choice.

Let us not be the ones who create the broken spirit in the kingdom of God. But, let us touch the wounded spirit around us in the name of our Lord, Jesus and let the healer, God, help them to be healed through our tiny hands and mouth. Let us create a safe sanctuary at ORUMC to protect the well-being of God's people and embrace broken spirits by sharing the life-giving words through the holy mouths we have. By Fully Relying On God, let God be God in us and show who God is to others through us. God is LOVE! Let's talk lovingly, graciously, and honestly to communicate the message we have. Happy October to you all and to God! Ribbit!

~Pastor Sunny

Church Ladies Nite Out

October 17, 6:00 p.m.
Elgin Public House

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 following is the schedule for the rest of the year.

November 14 Giordano's off Barrington
near Walmart
December 19 Friendship Village



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. The Give Away starts in October and ends in February.

When your kids grow out of their coats, please consider the Crisis Center and the work they do to help the homeless, etc. Most years the Center has to suspend the event as they run out of coats. Let's hope that does not happen this year.

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, Spaghettiio type canned items, tuna, and hand can openers.

The Crisis Center is still in need of BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES: folders (2 pocket/solid color) spiral notebooks (one subject, wide rule/solid colors only), pencils (10-count standard #2 yellow wood), black pens, scissors (gender-neutral color), glue sticks (0.21 oz), rulers (wood or gender-neutral color), crayons (24 pack/Crayola preferred), and gender-neutral backpacks.

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.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth Group News

Schedule (7th-12th grades)

October

- 7 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 14 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 21 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 28 Youth Group to soup kitchen at Rogerís Park 1:30-8:30pm

For the soup kitchen on October 28 we will meet at church at 1:30pm. Please eat lunch before you come and bring money for McDonalds because we stop there on the way home. Also, please do not wear anything that has your school name on it. We arrive back at church around 8:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to serve others and learn about a soup kitchen. The one that we go to is in Rogerís Park.

We need drivers for this! Please let Marianne know if you can drive by October 21.

Please let Marianne know if you plan on going to the soup kitchen by **October 21**.

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 6 Thanksgiving weekend

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 10 youth (completed 8th grade through completed 12th grade) and 10 adult leaders. If you are interested in going, please contact Marianne.

Our first meeting will be **October 21, 11:30am**, room 2 at church. Please plan on being there if you want to go on the trip!

Dates to make note of: *December 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 and the Sr. High will have a lock-in from Friday at 7pm to Saturday at 7am. Look for more info in the November newsletter!

January 18-20, 2013

The youth ski trip *February 22-23, 2013*

30 Hour Famine

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.



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.

October Birthdays

Alex Pope	10/1
David Kessler	10/16
Stephen Kessler	10/16
Jareth Gomes	10/18
Doug Rathje	10/21
Kelsey Gorvett	10/22
Kyle Huber	10/22

UMM Pizza Sale Pickup October 14

The United Methodist Men are now taking orders for pizza to be available for pickup at church on Sunday, October 14..

Please order in advance, so we can be sure to have your favorite pizza in stock.

United Methodist Men Pizza Assembly *Saturday Oct 13, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemeris* are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m.

This month, instead of breakfast, we will be assembling world famous UMM pizzas for delivery October 14.

UMM Retreat *October 19 - 20*

All men of *Our Redeemeris* are invited to attend a retreat sponsored by our local United Methodist Men's group at Wesley Woods on Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20.

We usually have a couple of groups going up on Friday afternoon or evening and return Saturday evening. There will be time for food, games, fellowship and a Bible study.

The study includes two books: *Why Men Hate Going to Church* and *Wild at Heart*.

If you are interested in the retreat or would like more information, contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, or **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-884-9973.





Church Picnic September 9

There was lots of good food and fun and games at the annual church picnic September 9.

Thanks to **Gwyn Greenwalt** and all the gang that helped make the day a success.



Happy Birthday Leota

Several members helped surprise **Leota Sahr** at Friendship Village with a cake a few days ahead of her 104th birthday.



Take a SECOND... for Fair Trade Coffee

Micah Ministries, our church's social justice committee sells fair trade coffee and tea between services on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month.

Fair trade products ensure that the farmer who labors to produce a product gets fair profits, protected from expensive middlemen. Plan to purchase these delicious products each second Sunday as you support this important social justice ministry.

Personal Notes



The congregation extends sympathy to **Von Evitts**, her family and many friends, on the death of **Jim Evitts**. Jim and Von have been part of *Our Redeemer's* since the early days in the barn. Jim was a dear friend who will be missed greatly.



From the Trustees

A great big THANK YOU to **Jeff Oster** for working a full day on the parking lot lights as well as doing some inside work on our ceiling lights and providing power for our newly installed water fountain.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following ORUMC members who have celebrated wedding anniversaries in recent months:

Lee and Marilyn Gac	47 years
Fred and Sharon Felski	50 years
Joe and Nancy Shallcross	54 years

Dear Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church Members:

On behalf of Hanover Township Welfare Services, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of groceries. Your contribution makes it possible for us to keep the shelves of our Food Pantry stocked in these hard economic times.

Our Food Pantry has expanded to help more than 700 families every month. Keeping our shelves full is always a struggle, and is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you.

This year, we hope to keep the Food Pantry well stocked, and help as many struggling families as we can. As you know, the cost of feeding a family does not go away. We hope for your continued support in the future.

Once again, thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,
Brian P. McGuire
Supervisor

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