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*“Be still, and know that I am God” –
Psalm 46:10a*

Lately I have been in service so often to those who face “death” in life and it got me to reflect and think. Some people went “heavenly” home peacefully, but some didn’t. Some people were willing to let go of the earthly life for transiting into the “heavenly” life, but some didn’t. Some families of the person who was dying celebrated the life of the person in the passing, but some didn’t. Having to minister to the family whose husband and wife died a month apart pushed me more into the reflection mode.

Surely sending off our loved ones to “heavenly” home is hard even though we know that we all go there someday and it is the best place without pain or sorrow. I call this stage of life “the pit of life” or “the bottom of the ocean.” There is no sound of hate and of supernatural being. There is a pitch darkness of the moment that forces us to be still and reflect. In the funeral/

memorial service, I hear many stories sounding of love, not hate. I know that the person who passed was not perfectly flawless, but there was not one reflection story telling of it in the service. The people who were present at the service truly embraced the person as whole and said, “He is good.”

It got me to thinking. What if we say “you are good” to everyone now instead of waiting for “the pit of life”. What if we embrace the person around us as whole now instead of waiting for the person to die or leave us. What will happen if we are still and reflect before we say or do anything. As journeying *the Via Dolorosa* that leads us to the glorious Easter morning at the end, let us have time to reflect, repent, readjust, and rejuvenate ourselves at the light of death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ by Fully Relying On God.

Ribbit!

~Pastor Sunny



Rev. Alexander Sharp

March 17, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Discussion 11:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

by Jill Wood-Naatz

The Micah Ministries Team of *Our Redeemer's* has invited **Rev. Alexander Sharp** to preach on Sunday, March 17.

During this Lenten season we are asked to reflect on our lives in light of Christ's sacrifice for us. He will help us to better understand our Christian calling to respond to injustices in our world.

Rev. Sharp has a passion for and a history of pursuing social justice from a Christian faith perspective. He brings a Biblical and theological perspective to public issues. He will provide us with "food for thought" relative to a number of topics in order to assist us in examining our responsibility as Christians.

If you have a desire to learn more about social justice issues and what's happening in Illinois, please join us after the service. Rev. Sharp is offering a time from 11:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. in room 2 to more deeply discuss specific issues and to answer questions.

Rev. Sharp is best known for serving as the founding Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good (PCG) from May 1996 through June 2012. PCG is an Illinois faith-based education and advocacy organization that is in the final stages of merging with The Community Renewal Society.

In addition he served as chief financial officer of the University of Chicago, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago

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Coalition for the Homeless, serves on the Executive Committee of the Center for Budget and Tax Accountability, and is a board member of CHANGE Illinois, a coalition created to fight political corruption in Illinois.

He graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, with Masters of Public Affairs in 1969; received his Masters of Divinity Degree from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1996; and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in January of 2007. He is a member of Hyde Park Union Church in Chicago, is married and has two daughters.

We, the Micah Ministries of *Our Redeemer's*, invite you to be present on Sunday, March 17 to receive what God has to say to us through Rev. Sharp.

Lenten Journey 2013

March 24 - 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). Children will bring the palms to the 9:00 a.m. worship service to create the triumphal entry scene.

March 28, 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 “The Last Supper” directed by Peggy Gire and Sue Zimberoff. The service will be

held jointly with Our Saviour's 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!

March 29, 7:30 p.m. (Good Friday Service)

Good Friday Service at ORUMC is a Tenebrae Service led by the Ember Days and Young Adults Praise Teams. 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.

March 31 (Easter Sunday)

Egg Hunt for children will be held between the worship services from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter “Cantata” Service led by the Chancel Choir.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

30 Hour Famine

Thank you to all involved in the 30 Hour Famine—participants, adults who helped, prayer partners, those who donated juice and water, and all who thought about us and prayed for us as we prepared and fasted. Your support is greatly appreciated! Look in the April newsletter for final fundraising numbers!

March

- 3 NO youth group
- 10 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 16 Youth 16 years and older to Habitat for Humanity 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 17 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 24 Jr. High to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
Sr. High youth group 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 31 NO youth group—Happy Easter!

On March 16 anyone 16 years or older is encouraged to go to Habitat for Humanity with the ORUMC group. Please contact Marianne by March 3 if you are interested.

On March 24 the Jr. High youth will go serve at the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. We leave ORUMC at 1:30 p.m. and return to ORUMC around 8:30 p.m.

Please bring money to eat dinner at McDonald's on the way home. Please let Marianne know by March 10 if you can go. Parents—we need drivers so please let Marianne know if you are available.

April

- 7 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 14 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 21 Sr. High to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
Jr. High youth group 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 28 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.

On April 21 the Sr. High will go to serve at the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. We leave ORUMC at 1:30 p.m. and return to ORUMC around 8:30 p.m.

Please bring money to eat dinner at McDonald's on the way home. Please let Marianne know by April 7 if you are able to go. Parents—we need drivers for this so please let Marianne know if you are available.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

*The next meeting for the 2013 ASP team is March 20, 7-8:15pm. This is a meeting for all who will go on the trip in June.

*The Burgers and Books fundraiser, organized by Colleen Wilkes, raised \$267.87. Thank you to all who came out and supported the cause—and thanks to all of the performers at Barnes and Noble!

*We have a fundraiser at Noodles & Co. on March 17 so be on the lookout for more information about that!



30 Hour Famine



30 Hour Famine at ORUMC, Gameworks, Sam's Club and Blackwell School





United
Methodist
Women

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

Come join us for the next United Methodist Women's meeting at the parsonage Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. The main dish will be provided by Sung and friends.

Please bring an appetizer, side dish, drinks or dessert to share.

We will find out about how butterflies impact our lives. Contact **Melinda Tayler**, 847-781-8416, or **Cathy Mottar**, 630-802-5976, if you have any questions.



Heifer Results Are In!

Due to your generous donations this holiday season, over \$3,600 was raised for Heifer International. Your giving translates into life-changing gifts for families and entire communities in the USA and around the world. Thank you for supporting this wonderful mission!



UMM Elgin District Lenten Breakfast Meeting

March 9, 8:00 a.m.

Crystal Lake UMC

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join our local UMM group at the United Methodist Men's Elgin District Lenten meeting on March 9 at the Crystal Lake UMC.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the Woodstock UMC and Crystal Lake UMC and will include breakfast, a business meeting and worship service.

We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at church and carpool to Crystal Lake.

This meeting will be in lieu of our regular second Saturday local UMM meeting.

Thanks to all who purchased UMM holiday snacks and to all who attended and helped make the UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner a great success. These netted \$1387 that will help support several UMM projects. Thank you for your generous support.



**Corned beef and cabbage for
St. Patrick's Day?
Who wants that?!?
What you really want are
noodles...lots and lots of
Noodles!**

Noodles & Company

March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for our next ASP Restaurant Fundraiser on Sunday, March 17, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Noodles & Company, 2610 W. Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg (Northwest corner of Schaumburg and Barrington Roads by Home Depot)

Pick up a flyer for the event in the narthex. A portion of all sales will go to benefit the ASP Mission Trip in June.



Habitat for Humanity

March 16, 7:00 a.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the ORUMC Habitat for Humanity team for a work day at a Lake County habitat site. Any youth 16 years old and older are especially invited to join the team.

We will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and carpool to the site. We will return to the church about 5:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch.



Offering Envelopes

Please put your name on your giving envelopes, both cash and check donations, to reduce the chance for errors on computer entry.

Meals for Millions Lenten Program

Good Friday Fast March 29

Meals for Millions is a mission project for the United Methodist Men, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. All members and friends of ***Our Redeemer's*** are invited to join the Society of St. Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent.

This year's Lenten devotional entitled "How Beautiful" can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from "giving up something" during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program began Ash Wednesday and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on March 29.

Those participating in the Good Friday Fast are invited to break the fast on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. with a pizza supper at church.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to come to the pizza supper.



Meals for Millions Potato Drop

UMW Annual Rummage Sale

April 27 - Set up Wesley Room
April 28 to May 2 - Accept Items
May 3 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Sell
May 4 - 9 a.m. to Noon - Sell
May 4 Noon - Pack & Clean Up

Beginning on Sunday, April 28 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, TVS, TIRES, PLUMBING PARTS, BABY CRIBS, MATTRESSES OR CHILD 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 in April. We also need hangers, paper and plastic grocery bags, and newspapers. Look for drop-off spots near the nursery in April..

- 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.

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to:

The **Zweifel** family on the death of **Albert Zweifel** who passed away January 21 and his wife, **Florence Zweifel**, who passed away February 22.

Lynne Gaska and family on the death of her mother, **June Brown**, who passed away January 31.

Mary Koncos and family on the death of her father, **Greg Koncos**, who passed away February 7.

Shirlie Witte and family on the death of her sister, **Mary Jane Weiss**, who passed away February 16.

Tom Kuhn and family on the death of Tom's mother, **Dorothy Kuhn**, who passed away February 21.

Mary Knoppel and family on the death of Mary's nephew, **Jamie Hecht**, who passed away February 23.



Lynne Gaska and her family wish to thank my church family for the outpouring of love and support you provided for our Mom's Memorial Service.

A special thank you to **Pastor Sunny**, everyone who kindly and generously donated food, **Donna Echtner** for coordinating and the **United Methodist Women** for serving and assisting us in every way possible.

Being enfolded in your loving arms has made a very sad and difficult time a little easier to bear. We will be forever grateful.

Lynn Gaska



Brian Higgins	3/11
Ashley Mottar	3/24
Madeleine Jane Almazan	3/25
Adam Lukowicz	3/26
Ellyanna Rogenski	3/31



PUZZLE

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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112-68-102
102-107-92-102
102-47-92

92-97-82-92
92-37-82
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42-55-52-66-62-77-72

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EASTER FLOWERS

As the season of Lent draws to a close, we look forward to the joy that only the celebration of Easter can bring. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to us that as Jesus overcame death, so then shall we. What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by filling the church with flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

We invite all who love to celebrate Easter with the beauty of flowers to join with us in this most holy of celebrations. Here at Our Redeemer's we purchase flowers and then "lend" our flowers to the church until after Easter when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We order them and arrange them for all to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Then you take them home and enjoy them there.

To participate, you may order a lily or tulip or hyacinth. Please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex or in the offering plate. The prices of this year's flowers are \$13.50 for Lilies and \$11.00 for tulips or hyacinths.

Palm Sunday (March 24) is the (ABSOLUTE) deadline for placing your order.

Our florist **MUST** have the order on Monday morning March 25 to ensure we receive not only exactly what we order, but the very best they have to offer.

We ask that you please order early to help with this goal.

Name _____ Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$) _____ Tulip (\$) _____ Hyacinth (\$) _____

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