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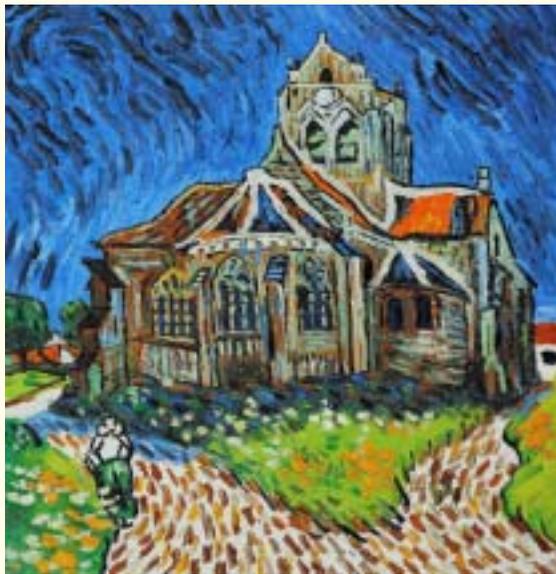
These days, I am thinking. Yes, I am seriously thinking....thinking about *CHURCH*. What I am sharing here is my thinking. What I am sharing here might not be logical or reasonable for some to understand my thinking. If you are one of those, please excuse my sharing of thinking. Since it is where I am now, I just want to share just who I am here. Here is my thought.

*Church* is a word that used to convey the comforting image of little brown churches in the vale filled with box pews and holy smog. No more. Note the roads while you're driving to church some Sunday. Note how many people *don't* go to church. This doesn't include the numbers of people who still go but wish they didn't, or who go but not because they're drawn there by some mysterious fire. British novelist Barbara Pym, after a long, clichéd sermon that had fallen into mere formula, wrote in her diary that she wished she had the courage to give up church for Lent.

A few weeks before he took his life, former Methodist preacher Vincent van Gogh painted a picture of a church. It emanated a dimly eerie light from the inside, but it had no doors. There was no way in.

Van Gogh's *The Church at Auvers* gets my vote as the most haunting painting in the history of religious art. It is lobbed into our midst as a missile from the past to be a missal for the future. The disconnect between the language of devotion and liturgy and the way post-moderns perceive themselves and the world is alarming. Or as New Zealand theologian Michael Riddell puts it, "The church is inhuman in the dual sense of being cut off from the humanity of its own members, and being absent from the mass of humanity outside its doors." Will the church as we know it have a future?

Princeton sociologist Robert Wuthnow believes that the church of the twenty-first century will remain vital insofar as "it can provide



## ***Redeemer Review***

### **Our Redeemer's**

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people with a strong sense of community.” But that is precisely what is at issue. The church increasingly is unable to sustain a sense of “community,” at least a community “woven together in love” (Colossians 2:2) with which post-moderns can connect.

M. Scott Peck, in his book *A World Waiting to Be Born* (1993), argues that most organizations aren’t willing to take the steps to become communities and so remain “pseudo-communities.” I feel like he is right in a way. While the early church may have been a model of community, churches today are the hardest kinds of groups in which to build authentic community. Church is all too often a pretend community populated by pew-sitting people.

I believe that God is releasing a stream of living water on us. The floodgates of heaven are open and the latter rain is falling. I believe that God is not so much creating a new church as a new world. What we are in the midst of now is more than a “reformation.” It is more than an “awakening.” I have no name or word for it because I feel like it is something totally strange and new to the persons like me who are so used to doing “church” as it was/is now.

I am wondering what would be the church God is pleased with in the twenty-first century. I am wondering what if we start this unknown journey by focusing on the things we know—building community “woven together in love” (Colossians 2:2). Just a thought.

Ribbit!

~ Pastor Sunny

## Kickoff Sunday

### Sunday September 8

Sunday, September 8, is the Kickoff Sunday to resume our regular ministry schedule.

**Worship:** We will have a regular worship service at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Christian Education:** It is **Rally Day**—the day to resume ORUMC’s Education Ministry for the new school year. At 9:00 a.m. we will have Sunday School for both children and adults.

**Church Potluck Picnic:** After the 10:30 a.m. worship, we will have our annual church potluck picnic. Bring your favorite dish to share. See the picnic wall outside the office for sign-up information. Please contact the church office if you have any question.

**Youth (Jr. & Sr. High):** Regular Sunday night youth group will resume at 6:30 p.m.

**Children’s Choirs:** **Cherub Choir** (ages 4 yrs thru 2nd grade) and **Joyful Noise Choir** (3rd thru 8th grades) begins their rehearsals Sept 3. Cherubs are from 5:30 p.m.-5:50 p.m. and Joyful Noise from 5:50 p.m.-6:20 p.m. in the choir room. Please speak to **Sue Zimmeroff** if you have any question.

**Chancel Choir and Redeemer Ringers:** Rehearsals begin Sept 4: Ringers at 6:30 p.m. Choir at 7:30 p.m.

### Adult Education

Sunday Mornings (Starts Sept 8, 9:00 a.m. Room 2) led by **Marshall Nystrom**

Monday Evenings (Starts Sept 16, 7:30 p.m. Room 2): Study on “*The Way: Walking*

*in the Footsteps of Jesus*” led by **Ellen Kobylewski**.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Study (Starts Sept 17, 10:00 a.m. Room 2): Study “*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*” led by **JoAnne Gregorash & Jill Wood-Naatz**.

Wednesday Morning Bible Group Reading (Starts Sept 11, 10:00 a.m. Home of **Inez Morgan**)

Job Search Seminar by **Doug Meneely**. Doug works privately with individuals seeking jobs. He helps individuals create resumes and improve interview skills.

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## “Committed to Christ”

### Stewardship Sermon Series

### Sept 15 to Oct 27

Please plan to join us each Sunday as we explore the steps to a generous life: Prayer, Bible Reading, Witness, Financial Giving, and Service.

With each of these steps, we will have the opportunity to prayerfully assess our own level of commitment and to consider increasing that commitment by one step.

While it would be fair to conclude that this is a stewardship series, it is more importantly a series about being committed to Christ in all areas of our lives. Equal emphasis will be placed on each of the six steps, so it is clearly not a program that is simply about money. It is rather about cultivating a thankful heart that will lead us to living with greater generosity than we could ever imagine. On Sunday, Sept 15, a booklet titled “*Committed to Christ*” will be provided for you to read and reflect.



## Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Youth Group Kickoff—It is that exciting time of year again when school starts...but even more fun is youth group! We kick off on **September 8, 6:30-8:30pm**, at church. We will be having a campfire, s'mores, and a Minute To Win It competition! Should be tons of fun—see you there! Parents—we ask that you stay for the first 15 minutes.

### September

8 Kickoff—Minute to Win It @ ORUMC!  
6:30-8:30pm

15 Youth Group @ ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

22 Youth Group @ ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

29 Youth Group @ Bock Park 6:30-8:30pm

\*For the kickoff on Sept 8, please see above.

\*On Sept 29 we will meet at Bock Park instead of church (weather permitting). Please drop off and pick up at the park, which is located at 1223 W. Sharon Lane, Schaumburg...near the corner of Braintree and Sharon.

### October

6 Youth Group @ ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

13 Youth Group @ ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

20 Youth Group @ ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

27 Sr. High at Portillos 6:30-8:00pm

Jr. High to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30pm

\*On October 27 the Jr. High will be going to the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. Please meet at the church at 1:30, bring money for fast food dinner on the way home, and pick up at church around 8:30. Please let Marianne know by 10/20 if you will go. Parents—we will need drivers for this so let Marianne know that also.

\*On 10/27 the Sr. High will meet at Portillos from 6:30-8pm...please drop off and pickup at the restaurant.

## Jr. and Sr. High Youth—We need you!

We are looking for Jr. and Sr. High students to help with Sunday School at ORUMC each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. You will be assisting the teachers and getting to know the Sunday School children. Please talk to Marianne if you are interested.



<b>Simon Enriquez</b>	<b>9/1</b>
<b>Wesley Enriquez</b>	<b>9/1</b>
<b>Ryan Randall</b>	<b>9/1</b>
<b>Jenna Edwards</b>	<b>9/4</b>
<b>Christopher Machonis</b>	<b>9/4</b>
<b>Sean Nichols</b>	<b>9/4</b>
<b>Lindsay Oster</b>	<b>9/4</b>
<b>Sarah Pepper</b>	<b>9/9</b>
<b>Joshua Brown</b>	<b>9/29</b>
<b>Taylor Swartz</b>	<b>9/29</b>



## Education News:

**Rally Day 2013:** Join us on September 8 for Rally Day! This is a very special day at ORUMC—when we kick off our fall ministries. Here is the schedule that day:

9am—First day of Sunday School! Children should start in the sanctuary and will be led to Sunday School by the teachers.

10:30am—Teachers and youth group leaders will be recognized at the worship service

11:45am—ALL church picnic!

6:30pm—Youth Group kickoff

Do you know sign language? If so, the Sunday School ministry needs you! Please talk to Marianne about a fun opportunity...

### ***New Sunday School format:***

We are very excited to try a new Sunday School format this year—we will have One Room Sunday School! We have a wonderful curriculum—Grow, Proclaim, Serve—that is for children 3 years old through 6th grade. They have a great website ([growproclaimserve.com](http://growproclaimserve.com)) and even an app for smartphones! Check it out if you have a chance!

A team of education committee members, teachers, Pastor Sunny, myself, and others have been working hard this summer to prepare for this change. We think that it will be a great fit for ORUMC...but we also acknowledge that there will be some bumps that we have to work through. We appreciate your support as we transition to this new adventure!

If you have any questions please talk to Marianne Rogenski.

## **Charge Conference** *Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.*

The Charge Conference is the annual church conference officiated by the District Superintendent or Elder Pastor in the United Methodist Church. It is the day to celebrate God's blessing upon ***Our Redeemer's*** United Methodist Church in a conference setting.

This year the main thing we will discuss at the conference will be about "Who is Our Neighbor." Photos of and prayers for our neighbors will be collected and discussed. *Please provide those to the church office by Sunday, October 13.* All Annual Reports are also due to the church office by ***Sunday, October 13.***



## Community Crisis Center

The Community 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, spaghetti 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.

Autumn is in the air! Hats, gloves, and mittens are needed along with ice-melt for sidewalk and driveway.

Medicine chest items (all items must be new, sealed and with current dates): Non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, Diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, facial tissues.

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bin in the Narthex cabinet (the bin is labeled).

Do not send clothes to the CCC. They have no room to store them. Send only the items we ask for such as hats, gloves and mittens.

Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful donations. Your gifts mean so much to those in crisis.

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## Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors at ORUMC

Both our conference and our church have placed a new emphasis on serving our neighbor. *Our Redeemer's* has been feeding our hungry neighbors in two ways over recent years.

Food placed in the designated wagon located in the narthex is delivered to Hanover Township Food Pantry. We have a loyal team of food deliverers who deliver food there each week.

But *Our Redeemer's* also feeds hungry neighbors who stop by our church requesting food. Food placed in that designated wagon is set aside for these neighbors. Gift cards for grocery stores (given out judiciously by **Donna**, the church secretary) are also greatly appreciated.

Each week when you do your grocery shopping, please buy a little extra to help feed these hungry children of God. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”*

## Godspell 2013

Congratulations and thanks to who helped make the performance of *Godspell* a very special event. **Ron Zemke**, all the talented performers, the assistant directors, (and especially the parents) spent most of their summer preparing for the performance.

Also thanks to all who helped set up, tear

down and clean up after the performances and to all who donated goodies to serve at the performances.

A special thank you to all of the Voices of Light alumni who performed at the Friday night after party. And thanks to all of you who attended and contributed.



## Food for Thought!!

*by Ron Zemke*

*Your worship team met on Saturday, August 10 and discussed the survey results for more than 2 hours. As you may have imagined, there are many diverse opinions in our congregation about how worship should be done. We are prayerfully considering all that you have told us.*

*At this time we will not make any radical changes. However, you did tell us that you would like more congregational singing. We plan to make that happen! You also told us that you do not like responsive readings. However, that term is open for interpretation. The only responsive readings we have done recently have been the Scripture during the sermon. Due to your response, Pastor Sunny will ask us to do that much less frequently. We will continue to discuss ways to make our services more inspirational and motivational.*

*Any changes that are made in the future will be made prayerfully and with great consideration given to the entire church body. You did, however, tell us that we are doing many things well, so some things will not be changed.*

*Ron Zemke, director of our praise teams and worship team member, shared some very meaningful thoughts for us to consider. With his permission we want to share some of his thoughts with you.*

As we discuss the content and/or style of our worship gatherings, it's important to remember the purpose of worship. "We worship the Audience of One." (1) No matter what direction we go with worship at ORUMC, we need to remember that ALL of us in the congregation are the performers, and GOD is the audience. With that in mind, how do we make our worship the best that it can be?

Our primary goal needs to be offering worship that will please God. While it may be difficult to know exactly what that should be, we can take a clue from the powerful worship offered by the angels in Revelation 7:11-12. "All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!'" "Do we evoke these feelings in our worship? Are we feeling the awesome majesty of the angels giving "praise and glory and... power and strength" to God? Are we experiencing the profound amazement of "wisdom and thanks and honor" when we worship God?

Besides pleasing God, what are the other goals of worship at *Our Redeemer's*? Obviously, we need to promote worship that brings each person closer to God, that allows each person to feel God's love and grace. Another goal of worship should be to attract others to join our worshiping community, to

provide a church home for those who don't have one, to share God's love with people who don't know God.

To accomplish these goals, we may need to change aspects of our worship. But how much change is desirable or necessary? Dan Kimball, author of *Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations*, says, "You may not feel comfortable with change. Or you may not understand yet what it is that you will do. The important thing is that you desire emerging generations to truly connect with God and worship him in your worship services." (2)

Someone commented to me that she was concerned that we will try to become something that we're not. Instead, she felt we should focus on making the best of what we are. I've been thinking a lot about this idea. What if the changes that we need to make are to do a better job of recognizing our strengths and accepting the gifts that God has given us? What if we just need to give more thought to who we are and what our role should be in this community?

There are more than 100 churches within a 20 minute drive of *Our Redeemer's*. So, why should anyone choose *Our Redeemer's* as a church home? What makes ORUMC unique? Why has God gathered this group of people in this place at this time?

When we look at the worship survey regarding what brought people to our church and what keeps them here, the common factors are "friends and family," and "a feel-

ing of love and acceptance." When I look at these commonalities, I immediately think of our church vision statement... "To be the HOME — Welcoming, nurturing, and celebrating God and everyone."

Most homes have photo albums and videos that capture the sights and sounds of life in that home. When I think of some of my favorite sights and sounds of worship at *Our Redeemer's*, whether on Sunday morning, at 6:33, or for some special occasion, I am amazed at the variety! A warm welcome from **June**, when she didn't even know me... **Ruby's** exuberant Cherub Choir performances... **Sue's** warm and welcoming style as liturgist, and **Dann's** quirky and comedic style... **Nona's** eloquent and inspiring scripture reading... Delighted surprise that this small church has such a great choir... God's love shining through **Eddie** as she passes the peace... **Pastor Sunny's** stories about her "hubby" **Sung**... **Pastor Bill's** stories about **Tim, Daniel, and Ian**... **JoAnne's** heart-felt prayers for our church and nation... The sweet clang of handbells... The boisterous twang of electric guitar... Feeling chills while singing "Word of God Speak" with the praise team's beautiful harmony... The meditational beauty of a candle-lit service... **Marianne** and **Lauri** leading us in a "poster prayer"... **Marshall's** enthusiasm for balloon drops and other "special effects" in worship... **Steve's** attention to technological details... **Colleen's** flute... **Jareth's** violin... **Jill** reading scriptures in French while also hearing Telugu, Tagalog, Korean, and Italian... Singing "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" with the majestic sounds of the

pipe organ... Singing “He Reigns” with drum set, djembe, guitars, and synthesized marimba... A sanctuary full of orange paper chains to remind us to feed the hungry... Mother and daughter perspectives on ASP shared by **Melissa and Bailey**... The beautiful new white Easter banners accented with gold and purple... Sitting in worship with my family, surrounded by my church family, feeling at home. And I could go on and on! This is just a sampling of the many forms and faces of worship at *Our Redeemer’s*.

As I look for common themes in these sights and sounds of my church home, I notice two important ideas. The first is that they are intergenerational. Children, teens, adults, seniors... all together, all contributing to the worship life of our church home. A second idea is that they represent a variety of worship styles, or no particular worship style. To me, they are just favorite memories of worship... no labels needed.

Consider this statement from Phil Burkhart, founder of Convergent Worship. “I believe that God is calling us not to be stuck within the confines of a label but to take a broader look at what God wants to do and converge history and style to reach the world in relevant and authentic ways...” (3) Also, consider this quote from Steve Burger in an article about intergenerational worship. “Who or what we choose to exclude from our worship gatherings says as much about our community of faith as who or what we choose to include. And, really, does excluding anyone make sense when you realize we’re spending an eternity together?” (4)

To me, these concepts of convergent and

intergenerational worship work perfectly with the idea of worshiping as a home... a place where family members, with their various interests, live together in mutual acceptance and love. So, whatever happens with worship at ORUMC, I hope that it will reflect our vision of the home... showing the best of who we are... sharing with each other the gifts and strengths that God has given us... using our worship gatherings to welcome, nurture, and celebrate God and everyone.

(1) Kenny Lamm, “An Audience of One,” September 9, 2010, <http://blog.ncbaptist.org/renewingworship/2010/09/09/an-audience-of-one/>.

(2) Dan Kimball, *Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations* (El Cajon, CA: emergent YS Books, 2004), xv.

(3) Phil Burkhart, [www.convergentworship.com](http://www.convergentworship.com).

(4) Joan Huyser-Honig, “All Ages Needed for Intergenerational Worship,” June 11, 2007, <http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/all-ages-needed-for-intergenerational-worship/>.

Worship team members are **Steve Miller, Ron Zemke, Karen Moore, Carolyn Meneely, Jamie Addams, Marshall Nystrom, Julie Gorvett, Cathy Scott, JoAnne Gregorash, Sue Zimberoff, Colin Drozdoff, and Jill Wood-Naatz**.



The 12<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Open Mic  
Night  
*Saturday, Nov  
2, 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! Coming soon... watch for our event wall in the narthex for performer, volunteer, and donation sign-up.

Questions? Contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at [jgreenwalt1@att.net](mailto:jgreenwalt1@att.net) or 847-884-1392.



**Habitat**  
*October 5, 7:00 a.m.*

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church October 5 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.



**UMM 2013 Spiritual  
Congress**  
*September 13-15  
Williams Bay, WI*

All men of the church are invited to attend the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men's Spiritual Congress September 13-15 at Conference Point in Williams Bay, WI.

The program of worship, music, workshops and fellowship runs from Friday evening to Sunday morning.

David Murrow is a dynamic speaker, author, and teacher. He is not a pastor, professor, or theologian. He is just a guy in the pews who noticed a disturbing trend: churches are losing their men and boys. As a result he wrote the book, "*Why Men Hate Going to Church*", which became an instant Christian bestseller.

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.

The regular Saturday monthly UMM meeting on September 14 is cancelled.

**Pizza Sale**

In September the UMM will begin taking orders for pizza for delivery October 13.

## UMW Invites ALL Women in the Church

Sept 10, 6:30 p.m.

United Methodist Women meets every quarter to share a meal and fellowship. Perhaps you come on a regular basis, perhaps you thought you had to be a “member”. Well, if you are reading this article, and you are a woman, consider yourself a “member” of UMW!

Over the summer, UMW sponsored several activities to appeal to various interest groups. We had a dessert night with many tasty treats, a movie night complete with a chick flick and make your own sundaes, and a tennis outing to get some fun exercise. We would like to continue with these ways to connect via special interests, so please share your ideas at the next meeting.

We will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share (but if you find you can come at the last minute, just bring yourself!) We will discuss how we can be good neighbors. Hope to see you there!

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## Church Ladies Night Out

Sept 18, 6:00 p.m.

Join the church ladies Sept 18 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food and fellowship at IHOP. Call **JoAnne Gregorash**, 630-837-5155, for information or if you need a ride.

## Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to **Nona Schlinker** and family on the death of her husband, **Harry Schlinker**. Harry and Nona are long-time members of *Our Redeemer's*.



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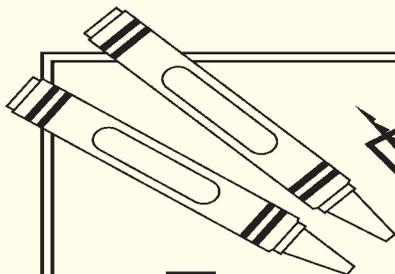
Congratulations to **Glen and Carol Hollingsworth** on their 35th Wedding Anniversary!



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Congratulations to **Kelsey Gorvett** and **Mike Belpedio** on the birth of their daughter, **Brooklyn Marie**, who was born on August 1.

Her proud grandparents are **Julie and Ron Gorvett**, and her proud great-grandma is **Judy Wilson**.



# PUZZLE

## From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*

JOEL 1:3, NIV

**Directions:** List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

**2-letter words**

**3-letter words**

**4-letter words**

**5+ letters**

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Add up the total number of words you found. >>>

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