



# The Redeemer

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### Salamat

How can I say thanks? In my first language, “Salamat” is another way of saying thanks. From the very first day when I moved into the parsonage, I have experienced gracious hospitality. “Salamat” to all who welcomed us, preparing the parsonage, providing food, gift cards, a warm hello on our first Sunday in worship and being the Church in all seasons.

A friend who came to worship said to me that it is good to be a United Methodist and perhaps reaffirmed again what John Wesley experienced, “My heart was strangely warmed.”

August is such an “in between time.” Soon, the children will be getting ready for school, college bound students will start the process of leaving home and chart a new direction. Churches will be ready to fall back

into the regular rhythm of liturgical life. I find myself ambivalent in August because I simply want to hang on and enjoy every moment of it.

There are no strangers in our midst. The Trappist monk wrote in a very different time in Louisville, Kentucky and suddenly noticed an overwhelming realization that he loved these people in a new way: young and old, they were no longer strangers. Merton said “*I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depth of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes.*”

I am not sure whether Thomas Merton had read about John Wesley and the way he served because the World is the Parish, as in “The World is My Parish”. John Wesley



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found another venue to preach faith and share the love of God when the dominant voices told him to stay within the path. The rest is Church history.

Fifty years ago, women and men of deep faith felt the spirit of God calling them to build a church. This Church is named Redeemer to offer a vision of God in Jesus. We are a people of many colors and different languages but united in One Faith. Perhaps they were guided by a particular scripture verse that they have memorized and lived. We have to be anchored to a particular belief in order to move forward.

We are living the book of Acts 2: 42: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.”

Let us all enjoy the preparations leading to our 50th Anniversary celebration in October. What I have experienced in my first Sunday was pure delight. This will serve as well today and in the future.

Stay in love with God.

Salamat.

Gracias.

dhan'yavda.

Kamsahamnida.

Merci.

Thank you.

See you in the “Thank you place.”

***Rev. Romir R. Esguerra***

# IMAGINE NO MALARIA



The people of The United Methodist Church\*

SubSaharan Africa is the area most severely affected by Malaria. More than 85% of the world's malaria deaths occur in Africa. Six African nations—the Congo, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, and Sierra Leone are the worst affected of all.

About one in 5 children in these areas of Africa die before they turn 5, and the majority of these deaths are due to Malaria. In fact one in 5 children infected with Malaria will die from it. Infected children and pregnant women are by far the most seriously affected by malaria.

Our church's Imagine No Malaria task force, made up of **Bruce and Gail Bedingfield, Jon Montgomery, Edie Machonis, Annie Wehyee**, will be sharing much more and will be organizing fund raisers over the next three years. But there are two things you can do now.

You can learn a lot more about Malaria and the Imagine No Malaria project by referring to [ImagineNoMalaria.org](http://ImagineNoMalaria.org) and to the Imagine No Malaria section of the Northern Illinois Conference web site—[www.umcnic.org/imaginrenomalaria](http://www.umcnic.org/imaginrenomalaria). And our tech team, **Steve Miller** and **Marshall Nystrom**, have established a link on our church's website, allowing you to view an outstanding 50 minute documentary, "Killer in the Dark", outlining the Greater United Methodist church's battle against Malaria.

The second thing you can do right now if you are able, and if you feel inspired is to make a free will offering to Imagine No Malaria, by writing a check to **Our Redeemer's** and writing "Imagine No Malaria" in the memo line. \$100 will actually save a child's life in the battle against Malaria.





## Youth News:

by Marianne Rogenski

### **August 14, 7-8:30pm**

Mini-golfing at Congo River! RSVP to Marianne by August 7 and be sure to invite friends! Cost is \$8.00 per person for 18 holes of golf and that needs to be to Marianne before that night—we have to pay all at once.

### **September 6, 7-8:30pm**

Paint Wars at ORUMC! This event will be together with a few other church youth groups in the area but we are hosting! This is for jr. and sr. high students and will be a great way to kickoff our new school year! Hope to see you there with friends! RSVP to Marianne by September 1.

Regular youth group on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30pm for both Jr. and Sr. High will begin on September 14.

### **ASP**

Thank you to all who supported our Appalachia Service Project mission team through prayers and finances. We were able to serve in Morgan County, TN, July 5-12. It was a wonderful trip and we appreciate the support of ORUMC.



## **Education News:**

by Marianne Rogenski



Thank you to all who joined us July 14-17 for Vacation Bible School! It would not have been a success without all of our amazing volunteers!

A special thanks to **Jamie Addams** and **Sarah Calderwood** for co-directing VBS this year—you are amazing!

And thank you also to all of the other volunteers:

**Ryan Adamitis, Stephan Adamitis, Jamie Addams, Sarah Calderwood, Donna Echtner, Simon Enriquez, Wesley Enriquez, Jeff Gilbert, Peggy Gire, Gareth Gomes, Shelomi Gomes, Gwyn Greenwalt, Hannah Greenwalt, Karen Greenwalt, Ryan Greenwalt, JoAnne Gregorash, Abby Hill, Julie Kuhn, Kelsey Lukowicz, Shelley Lukowicz, Kim Maher, Joan McCoy, Jerry McDaniel, Shirley McDaniel, Pam Miller, Sarah Miller, Steve Miller, Jon Montgomery, Jim Naatz, Kaitlyn Remian, Elly Rogenski, Isaac Rogenski, Peggy Sanford, Lily Smith, Allison Walters, Jean Walters, Stephanie Watson, Caitlin Wilkes, Colleen Wilkes, Dan Wilkes, Ronda Wilkes, Judy Wilson, Jill Wood-Naatz, Caitlin Zemke, Jerry Zimberoff, and Sue Zimberoff.**

Finally, thank you to those who donated supplies and said prayers for this ministry. We are blessed by an awesome church family!

## Rally Day

Save the Date—September 7 will be Rally Day! Join us that day for the first day of Sunday School! We will have Sunday School during the 9am worship service that morning and will again be doing One Room Sunday School. So, we look forward to seeing you then—back in Wesley Hall!

## August Birthdays

Jared Pierson	8/3
Ryan Greenwalt	8/7
Jessica Rocha	8/7
Samantha Nordli	8/22
Colleen Wilkes	8/23
Nichole Johnson	8/24



## Wanted

We are looking for somebody to coordinate the All Church Picnic on August 24 after the 10:00 a.m. service. We can provide a list of chores from last year's picnic that should help.

Please call **Doug Meneely** at 312-968-6470. Thank You.



## UMW Annual Rummage Sale

*Aug 3 to 7 - all day and night*

Bring your treasures to church. Help set up, sort, price, arrange, organize, etc.

Volunteers will be needed the entire week  
Mark your calendars and sign up in the Narthex.

*Aug 8, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

Sale to members

*Aug 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Sale to public

*Aug 9, 3:00 p.m.*

Clean up and pack leftovers.



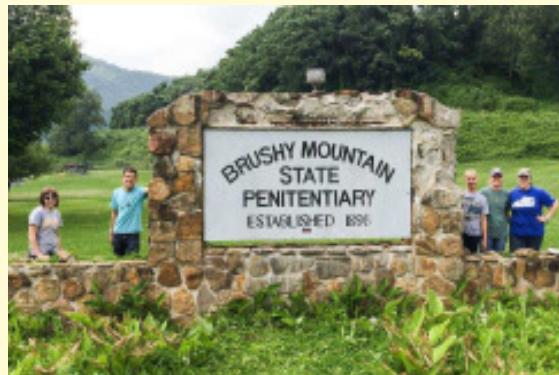


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





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## Community Crisis Center

Dear Friends,

At this time, the CCC is in need of various odds and ends:

- Towels and washcloths
- Kitchen towels
- Hand operated can openers
- Twin size bedding ( new or used)
- Travel size sewing kits
- Paper towel/toilet paper/face napkins/  
facial tissue
- Styrofoam cups/plastic ware/paper  
plates
- Non-perishable foods

They are also in need of School Supplies:

- Waterproof backpacks
- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Pens/pencils/markers/crayons
- Erasers/scissors/rulers/glue sticks

Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!

## Coming to ORUMC - Faith in Action Listening Campaign!

*by Jill Wood-Naatz*

This is an exciting time for our church as we begin to get acquainted with **Pastor Romir** and his family, to finance and have constructed a new roof for the church, and to install a new sound system in the sanctuary.

## It's a Time of a New Beginning

Your Faith in Action Team wants to hear what you have to say. Our goal is to strengthen our relationships by coming together in one- time small groups to listen to one another. We hope you will help identify needs in our church and social justice issues in our community. We will learn from one another!

We also hope that in our small groups we can learn more about what it means to be called to social justice work. During the months of Sept. and Oct. you will be invited to be part of our listening campaign by joining a group that is convenient for you. The issues that are identified will be shared by way of the newsletter and at worship.

Your Faith in Action Team members are **Annette Brown, Jack Denny, Ellen Kobylewski**, and **Jill Wood-Naatz**. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have comments or questions.



## ORUMC 50th Anniversary

The ORUMC 50th Anniversary continued July 13 with Rev. **Jay Walkington** presenting. Several members joined Jay and Jan for lunch after the service.

Rev. **Orrell Ruth** will present on August 17. The **Shaw** family will present September 7 in honor of **Pastor Bill**. Bishop **Sally Dyck** will present October 12.

We are still interested in pictures and history of **Our Redeemer's** to include in the celebration. Your pictures or documents will be scanned and returned. Please contact **Jerry McDaniel**.

Videos and pictures from the **McArthur**, **Rickleff**, **Lovell** and **Walkington** visits are being placed on the [www.orumc.org](http://www.orumc.org) website. Click on the anniversary logo (above).



## United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting Saturday, August 9, 8:00 a.m.

All men of **Our Redeemer's** are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, August 9, at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast, we will have a Bible study and discussion then go shopping at the Rummage Sale.



## Charge Conference Sunday July 6, 11:30 a.m.

The Special Charge Conference was held on July 6 at 11:30 a.m. to address securing a loan for repairing the roof and Wesley room wall. The 52 members of the congregation unanimously approved authorizing the Finance Committee to obtain a loan for \$165,000.

## Religion vs. Spirituality

The following is from the book *Becoming Who God Wants You To Be* by W. Paul Jones and referred to us by Bruce Bedingfield.

A fashionable tendency in today's society is to replace the idea of religion with spirituality. Frequently I hear people say, "I'm not religious, but I am spiritual." For some persons, *religion* has come to mean "churched" activities while *spirituality* supposedly refers to a positive inner attitude.

But *religion*, functionally defined, is the name for one's world of meaning. It is the way in which a person makes sense out of life and thus gives purpose to one's living. Thus each of us has a religion. For many folks, however, their religion is unconscious, functioning as a personal version of the competitive individualism fashioned for them by our materialistic society, motivated by a dream of upward mobility. Their interest in spirituality, then, realized or not, is as a coping mechanism for living their religion with less stress and without need to question it.

Thus the church needs to be a bit skeptical about this fad of spirituality, insisting instead on Christianity as a religion that provides a unique way of living. This idea of religion is a lively alternative to the one implicit within our society. The church, by its very presence, has the task of encouraging others to become self-conscious about their functional religion, testing its power to give life authentic meaning. Christianity is a religion and not a spirituality; Christianity is about transforming and not just coping.

## Personal Notes



### Thank You

We would like to thank our church family for their prayers, support and love following the tragic loss of our beloved **Marcus**.

"Remember Marcus for how he lived and not how he died."

**Rich, Michelle, Alec and Abby Hill**

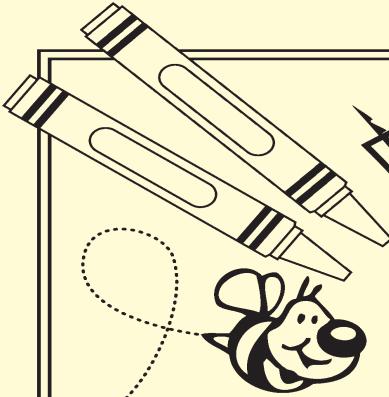
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### Thank You

The VBS kitchen dinner committee thanks all those who donated food for our Bible School dinners. The teachers appreciate the meals and we definitely appreciate your helping us buy.

ORUMC members are "the best".

Thank you,  
**Joan, Peggy, Shirley,**  
**JoAnne and Judy**



# PUZZLE

## BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

**Directions:** Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **P O O R**  
I N S P I R I T

**hunger and thirst** for righteousness,  
for they will be filled."

2. "Happy are those who  
\_\_\_\_\_



**pure in heart**, for they will see God."

3. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_

**peacemakers**, for they will be called  
the children of God."

4. "Happy are those who  
\_\_\_\_\_

**persecuted** because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

5. "Happy are the  
\_\_\_\_\_

**poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven."

6. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_



**merciful**, for they will be shown mercy."

7. "Happy are the  
\_\_\_\_\_

**meek**, for they will inherit the earth."

8. "Happy are those who are  
\_\_\_\_\_

**mourn**, for they will be comforted."

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