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**Pastor's
Corner**



Living with Thanks

A friend of mine, upon his arrival in the Chicago area made this observation: November is a brown holiday. Naturally, I was curious to find out what he meant because I wanted him to have a good impression in the midst of the changing foliage. "Look" he said, as he stepped on fallen leaves and admired the texture in his hands. I told him in a firm voice, "Look, you missed the yellow, orange, red, green and other shades!" It is a prelude to thanksgiving season.

November is also a season of thanksgiving and living with thanks. We invite you to prayerfully consider the many ways in which you continue to express your thanksgiving to God through *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church. We were caught up in this Jubilee year celebration and something hap-

pened that created a spark for inviting people to seek God. What's next? I was asked this question immediately after the worship service. I really wanted to stay in the present moment but it dawned on me that the Church is always on the move.

The word that came to me is "release" and it suggests going deep with God. The author of "Restart Your Church" (Dottie Escobedo-Frank) wrote that *going deep is seeking those things that are like God: the fruit of allowing God to forgive us, to remake us, and to restart our witness.*

Bearing fruit is not a one-time event. We rejoice for beginning givers, regular givers and tithing givers for they are all expressions of joyful generosity. God really loves what we are doing. I listen for the stories of faith. God is making all things new.

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Happy Thanksgiving



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We invite you to *All Saints Sunday service, November 2*, giving thanks for all those who finished their labors on earth in the presence of the Holy God.

The Bishop from the Philippines, **Bishop Daniel Arichea**, will be our preacher on *November 9*. His Biblical scholarship will engage us.

A forum on Mental health will be held on *November 17* here at our church.

The joint Thanksgiving service will be on *November 25 at Our Savior's UMC*.

Advent 2014 begins on *November 30* and it is the beginning of our preparation for the Christmas season.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

(2 Corinthians 2: 11-12)

See you in the thankful place,
Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

All-Church Charge Conference

Nov 4, 7:00 p.m.



Meet-and-Greets with Pastor Romir - Round 2

By now many of you have been introduced or met **Pastor Romir Esguerra**, his wife **Vren** and their entire family, but some of you may want to welcome him personally and have the chance to chat with him more.

SPRC has arranged the 2nd Round of meet-and-greet opportunities with five to six families at a time in the early evenings. We would like to thank the Balk, Kuhn and McDaniel families for hosting upcoming meet-and-greets, which are:

- Monday, October 27 (7-8:30 PM) with **Don & Mary Balk**
- Thursday, October 30 (7-8:30 PM) with **Tom & Julie Kuhn**
- Thursday, November 6 (7-8:30 PM) with **Jerry & Shirley McDaniel**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex near the office. Please contact the hosts if you wish to come or contact **Jon Montgomery** or **Jeff Greenwalt**, for general questions.

Jon jonmontgomery1@gmail.com

Jeff jgreenwalt@thermohvac.com



Mental Health 101 Monday, Nov 17, 7-9 p.m.

ORUMC will be hosting the program: **Mental Health 101 - A Pathway to Promise: A National Mental Health Awareness Ministry/Program Resource**

Developing the capacity of congregations to support recovery and wellness

The goal of this training is to increase our understanding of mental health issues faced by individuals in our congregations and community, and grow our capacity to support recovery and wellness.

All of us are vulnerable to stress and experience worry, fears, anxiety and other challenges to our mental health. In this training we will focus on five particular areas of concern.

- Children's mental health
- Trauma
- Serious mental illness
- Substance use
- Issues of aging

This will be November 17, 7-9pm, in the sanctuary. Please see Marianne for more information.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News

Youth group is off to a great start! Thank you to all students and parents who are a part of this program. Also, a special thank you to the wonderful adults who help out each Sunday night—**Shelomi Gomes, Ron Gorvett, Michelle Hill, Jon Montgomery,** and **Stephanie Watson**—you are all amazing!

November 2 Youth Group @ ORUMC

6:30-8:30pm

November 9 Youth Group @ ORUMC

6:30-8:30pm

November 16 Youth Group @ ORUMC

6:30-8:30pm

November 23 Youth Group gets cupcakes!

Time TBA

My Sweet Kake, Schaumburg

November 30 NO YOUTH GROUP

December 7 Youth Group @ ORUMC

6:30-8:30pm

December 14 Youth Group @ ORUMC

6:30-8:30pm

Christmas fun!

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) News

We will be going on our trip June 13-20, 2015. If you would like to go please let Marianne know ASAP. This is a wonderful

mission opportunity for high school students and adult leaders. ASP strives to make homes warmer, safer, and drier—all while building meaningful relationships. Talk to Marianne for more information.



Education News

Thank you to all of the adults that make our One Room Sunday School a success—**Sarah Calderwood, Gwyn Greenwalt, Shelley Lukowicz, Doug Meneely, Judy Wayda,** and **Jean Walters**. Also, thank you to the many youth who help on Sunday mornings!

Bible Sunday

This year Bible Sunday will be November 23 at the 10:30 worship service. If you have a 3rd grade child please let Marianne know—and we hope that you can be there on the 23rd!

Acolytes

We are currently looking for students in 2nd grade and up who would like to serve the church by being acolytes. You will be trained by **Pastor Romir**. Please let **Marianne** know if you are interested.

There will be no Sunday School on November 30 and December 28.



Allison Gorvett	11/9
Nicholas Meyer	11/25
Jonathan Dean	11/27
Patrick Brock	11/29
Kimberly Trenn	11/30



**Bulletin and
Announcement
Deadline -
Thursday
Morning 9 a.m.**

Please get all bulletin and announcement information into the office by Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Last minute changes cause extra work and delay the bulletin.

Sound Booth Construction

The new sound booth construction is nearing completion. The building, painting and varnishing are complete. Carpeting is the next item to be finished.

The old equipment has been temporarily installed in the new booth and will be operated from there until the new sound equipment is available.

Thanks to **Glen Hollingsworth** for taking on the booth project with help from **Mark Harris, Rich and Alec Hill, Jeff Oster** and **Jerry McDaniel.**



Anniversary Celebration October 12, 2014

by Edie Machonis

After months of planning, a wonderful celebration of 50 years of Christian love and community took place October 12.

It has been an awesome experience to reconnect with our pastors from the past, to fellowship, hear their messages of faith, hope and encouragement. **Bishop Sally Dyck**, touched us all with her words of wisdom, that church is changing and we need to continue to change with it.

Robb McCoy gave thanks to our congregation for the love and support we gave him during his faith journey to becoming a pastor.

The music from **Pastor Romir's** family, the choir, the handbells, the **Wilkes** family playing their flutes, the youth and the finale the Hallelujah chorus left everyone uplifted.

The potluck following... you had to be there!!!

It was great having **Rev. Elizabeth Bowes** as part of the clergy representation. She will always be a treasured part of the *Our Redeemer's* church family.

Thank you to all who contributed to this year of Jubilee.



District Superintendent Oscar Carrasco



**Pastors Elizabeth Bowes, Robb McCoy
and Romir Esguerra**



**Roger & Joan McCoy - Robb & Sarah
McCoy - Ellie & Lucy**



Esguerra Family Singers



Bishop Sally Dyck



Hallelujah Chorus Finale



Potluck



Anniversary Memorabilia

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

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 28th 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 26, November 2, November 9, or November 16.

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 23 or November 30. Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned by Sunday, December 7.

We must deliver all the gifts to ChildServ after church, so must have the gifts returned to church by 11:00 a.m. on December 7.

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.

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.

This year, my family and I will not be able to collect and deliver the gifts on Sunday, December 7. If you would be willing to do this, please contact me.

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

Ed. Note

Thanks to Carol and Glen for chairing the Gifts from the Heart project for all 28 years.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Now that we are really into Autumn and Winter is just around the corner, the Crisis Center could use:

- Coats, gently used or new for women, men and children
- Hats/gloves/mittens
- Ice-melt for side-walk and driveway
- Bath towels/washcloths(new or used)

Holiday Gifts

Women

- Wristwatches
- Clock Radios
- Steam irons
- Sofa throws(new)
- Journals and pens

Children

- Variety of non-violent toys for ages 1-12 years old
- Dolls
- Puzzles
- Games
- Action Figures
- Trucks and cars

Teens

- Wristwatches
- Wallets/purse on a string
- Bath sets (lotion/gel/etc/)

The CCC is always in need of medicine chest items, baby necessities, and non-perishable canned and boxed goods.

Please place your items in the CCC bins located in the closet in the center of the Narthex wall.

Your continued support is very much appreciated!

Thank you :)



**UMM
Pizza
Sale
Pickup
November 23**

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for pizza starting November 2.

Pizzas will be available for pickup at church on Sunday, November 23.

Consecration of Memorial Gifts

These gifts, made to *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church to honor the memory of friends and family, will be consecrated on Sunday November 2, 2014.

Landscaping trees (Maples, Lindens, Pear and Oak)

In memory of **Justin Miller**

In memory of **Pastor Bill Shaw**

Contributions to ASP Scholarship Fund

In memory of **Pastor Bill Shaw**

In memory of **Marcus Hill**

Contribution to the ORUMC Pastor Discretionary Fund

In memory of **Martin Hernandez**

New Handbell

In memory of **Jim Evitts**

Praise and Worship Music

In memory of **Donald Bedingfield**

In memory of **Sam Schmidt**

Contribution to Alexian Brothers Parish Services

In memory of **Marcus Hill**

New ORUMC Audio Visual Control Booth

In memory of **Marcus Hill**

Contributions to the ORUMC Sound System Fund

In memory of **Jim Guthrie**

In memory of **Martin Hernandez**

In memory of **Marcus Hill**

In memory of **Mary Clare Lynch**

In memory of **Donald Meneely**

Please take a moment to notice the Memorial Book, "In Remembrance", kept in the Narthex in the Usher's cabinet, and read through all the records of Memorial Gifts that have been given to *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church over the years. We are grateful for the many wonderful gifts that honor the memories of our church family.

If you are interested in learning more about memorial or legacy giving to ORUMC please just ask any of the Memorial Committee members.

2014 Memorial Committee

Glen Hollingsworth, Carl Jeziorski, Sharon Jung, Julie Kuhn, John Machonis, Jerry McDaniel, Karen Moore, Jim Naatz, Jeff Randall

Roof Project

The roof project is nearing completion on the lower levels. (The sanctuary roof was not modified.) A portion of the old top layer was removed, new insulation was added, and a new white final layer was added. All seams and joints were sealed on the top layer.

As we prepare the newsletter the downspouts were still to be completed and there were a couple of leaks in Asbury Hall.



Personal Notes



Jubilee Spotlight

by Judy Wilson

The 50th Anniversary Committee would like to honor the 50 years of service to *Our Redeemer's* member **June Guthrie**. She was one of the first few adults to be at the Chartering of ORUMC in October 1964.

She has been a faithful member of our church since its beginning. June has served on almost every committee of the church, been an active member in most of the groups of the church, helped at Rummage Sales, and has served as cheerleader and faithful leader in our church for these past 50 years.

She continues to be an active member and attends regularly-still serving as a teller, a UMW member and a member of the 50th year Celebration Committee.

When you see her, thank her for her service and for help in founding this wonderful community of servants of the Lord.

Baptisms

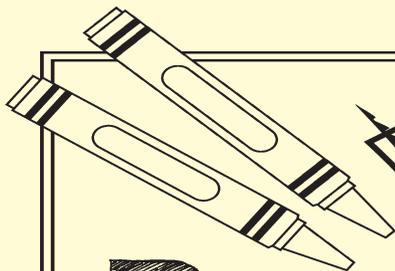
Savannah Lantin Raiz

Savannah, daughter of **Alvin** and **Khareen Raiz**, was baptized September 28. Proud grandparents are **Albino** and **Elenita Raiz**.



Thanks to all who have participated in the ORUMC 50th Anniversary events from the 50th Anniversary Committee:

Bruce Bedingfield, Pastor Romir Esguerra, June Guthrie, John & Edie Machonis, Joan McCoy, Jerry McDaniel, Steve Miller, Judy Wilson, Mary Zalay



PUZZLE

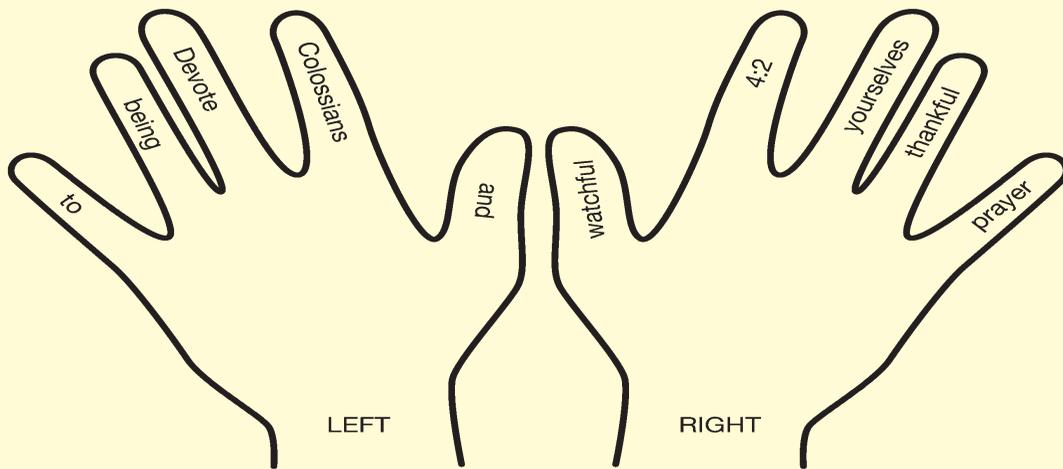
Praying hands



One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.



Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.



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_____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV

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