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It Is Finally Here

It is finally here. The season of Lent and anticipating the glorious season of Easter. There are times when we are pre-occupied with many things, activities in the life of the church that gives us a sense of purpose and meaning. We are inspired and energized. What binds us together as a community of faith is attention to deep spirituality in worship and stewardship.

This season many embark on a personal quest to re-visit how one can live in gracious way. Some refrain from doing certain activities in lieu of other activities that connect us with one another. Serving in the soup kitchen. Bringing food for the food pantry. Listening to others. Praying. Giving. Presence.

On March 6, 2016 ORUMC will join thousands of others across the U.S. by par-



ticipating in a Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your second mile giving will go toward this.

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

As we give and serve let us also come together for worship every Sunday with our Redeemer Ringers, Praise Team, Ember Days and Chancel Choir offering beautiful musical testimonies.

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Holy Week Observances

March 20- Palm Sunday (9:00 and 10:30 am)

March 24- Holy Thursday Communion (7:30 p.m.)

March 25- Good Friday Service (7:30 p.m.)

Easter Services on March 27

Sunrise Service and Breakfast: 6:30 a.m.

Easter Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 to 9:30

Come and join in this season of Lent and Easter.

Pastor Romir R. Esguerra

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Easter Sunrise Service

Please come and join us for our Easter Sunrise service. We realize it's early, but you get a free breakfast to enjoy afterwards!

We had a very nice breakfast last year and would like to see more of you to share it with us.

If you know you are coming for breakfast, please call the church office with a head count (847-882-6116).

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

by Jon Montgomery

SPRC has the primary responsibility to work with staff as they work with the congregation towards the realization of the mission of the church. In addition to consulting with the district superintendent about congregational needs, the SPRC works directly with the senior pastor and the lay staff: communicating with them and supporting them with their needs throughout the year, reviewing their ministry annually, and supporting their ongoing development.

To support staff directly, there is an SPRC member liaison for each staff member. For 2016, the liaisons are:

Pastor Romir Esguerra (Senior Pastor)

Jon Montgomery

Marianne Rogenski (Director of Youth Ministries and Children's Education)

Don Balk

Donna Echtner (Administrative Assistant)

Debbie Hernandez

Cathy Scott (Choir Director)

Pam Miller

Ron Zemke (Contemporary Music Director)

Raquel Enriquez

Colin Drozdoff (Keyboardist/Accompanist)

Don Balk

Sue Zimmeroff (Children's Choir Director)

Debbie Hernandez

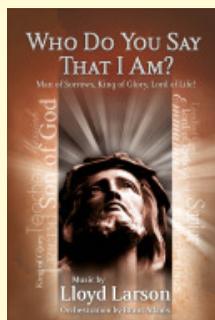
Karen Moore (Redeemer Ringers Director)

Pam Miller

Kim Echtner (Nursery Careperson) and
Assistant Nursery Care Staff

Jon Montgomery

The SPRC also works with members of the congregation if they have any questions, concerns about, or positive feedback for staff, beyond what church members have shared directly with staff. Be sure to reach out to SPRC if we can be of assistance to you and the staff.



Lenten Choir Anthems

Beginning with Sunday Services on March 13, the Chancel Choir will present a series of anthems representing the perspective of different people in Jesus' life, and their answers to the question "Who do you say that I am?"

During this season of Lent, it's a question for us as well. Is Jesus a prophet? A miracle worker? The King of Glory? A man of sorrows? The Son of God? Do we pray for his intervention when we need a miracle? Do we feel his pain as he takes on the sins of the world? Do we praise the Risen Messiah?

Please join us in our musical journey this Lenten season.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News

Thank you to all who helped with the 30 Hour Famine—it is an amazing experience and so awesome that we have ORUMC's support!

March

- 6 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 13 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 20 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 27 Happy Easter!
- NO YOUTH GROUP

April

- 3 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 10 The Gathering 6:30-8:30pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran
- 17 Youth Group to Soup Kitchen 1:30-8:30pm
- 24 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

May

- 1 Youth Group Party at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

Please note the changes in dates/places for youth group in April.

On April 10 we will have The Gathering at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Schaumburg. Please drop off and pick up at that location.

On April 17 we will go to serve at the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. Our church does this once a month and in April the youth will help.

We meet at ORUMC at 1:30pm, setup, prepare food, serve dinner, clean up, and then head home.

On the way back to church we will stop for dinner at a fast food restaurant. Please bring money for that. We will be back to ORUMC about 8:30pm.

Please let Marianne know by April 3 if you plan to go.

We need adults to drive/chaperone this outing—please let Marianne know if you can go!



Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

Our team will meet on March 16, 7-8pm. All who are going on the trip (June 11-18) should plan to be at this meeting.

If you are interested in the trip, or have a friend that is, please contact Marianne. There is still room on the team.



Education

Easter Egg Hunt—Mark your calendar!

On March 27 we will have an Easter Egg Hunt between worship services—we plan to start at 10:15am. We are hoping for good weather so we can be outside in the courtyard but if not, we will be in Wesley Hall!

Easter Sunday

Also on Easter Sunday—there will be NO Sunday School

30 Hour Famine

Thank you to the Sunday School children and families that came to the 30 Hour Famine—we loved having you there!



March Birthdays

- 3 Andrew Pelster
- 25 Madeleine Jane Almazan
- 31 Ellyanna Rogenski

Joy in Service at Our Redeemer's

There are many ways to be of service within our church! Believe it or not, service helps bring joy to our hearts. Many of you already know how that feels and our church family truly appreciates your service.

Consider the Following

In the back hallway across from the coat rack is a bulletin board containing brief explanations and contact information for the following ways to give of your time and talents.

Worship Technology Task Force, Liturgist, Scripture Reader, Usher, Greeter, Offering Teller, Newsletter, Coffee/Treats Host, Banners, Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation, Adult Sunday School, Administrative Council, Finance, Stewardship, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Nominations/Discipleship, Worship Team, Caring Ministries, Outreach, Memorial Committee, Education, Youth Council, Chancel Choir, Redeemer Ringers, Sounds of Grace, Joyful Noise, Cherub Choir, Ember Days, Young Adult Praise Team, Book of Acts, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Adult Bible Study, New Life Bible Study, Women's Book Study, Couples Book Study, Youth Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Bowling Teams.

Can you believe it? Isn't it amazing that all these opportunities exist because someone has volunteered to chair each one! Our church needs you to help in any way you can. When we have visitors, they are often looking at what we have to offer their families and how they too might serve.

So, please take the following steps:

- 1) Check out the bulletin board
- 2) Take a flier for what you feel called to do
- 3) Contact by email the person named on the flier
- 4) Wait for a response
- 5) Begin your service



Habitat
March 19
&
April 30
7:00 a.m.

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church March 19 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 plan to attend or have questions.

Mark your calendar and also plan to attend April 30.

United Methodist Women

Get ready for an exciting year ahead with the United Methodist Women. We've planned a variety of activities and events for 2016 and all women of the church are invited to enjoy the fellowship, friendship and fun that comes with every get together.

Please mark these dates in your calendars, so that you can take advantage of these uplifting and exciting gatherings.

2016 United Methodist Women Event Schedule

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

ORUMC Wesley Room- Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting

Program: The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking –led by Melinda Taylor

**Friday & Saturday April 29 & 30
Wesley Woods (Williams Bay, WI)
Retreat- Theme: Focus on Children**

**Tuesday June 7, 6:30 P.M.
Annual Salad Supper & Business
Meeting**

Program: Crafts for a Cause

**Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.
ORUMC /Wesley Room-
Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business
Meeting**

Program: Communicating & Connecting

**Sunday, November 20
Before and after Church Services
ORUMC / Wesley Room –
Heavenly Treats Sale**

Set up and bring your baked goods Saturday, November 19

**Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
ORUMC / Wesley Room-
Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business
Meeting**

Program: Holiday Happenings / Budget & Allocations and White Elephant gift exchange

HELP WANTED RUMMAGE SALE CHAIRPERSON

A chairperson is needed for this major UMW fundraiser. Think about it prayerfully and let us know if you are interested in leading this event.

REMEMBER: Our first event of the year is Tuesday, March 1 @ 6:30 p.m. Bring a Potluck dish to share. See you then!

United Methodist Men March 12, 8:00 a.m.

All men of the church are invited to attend the UMM breakfast meeting March 12 at 8:00 a.m. After breakfast we will have a short business meeting and study.

Thanks to the weather (no snow this year) and your generous contributions, the Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner was a success.



Herb and Mary Knoppel 50th Wedding Anniversary Recognition



Prayer shawl shawl ministry Christmas coffee (sorry it's a little late). The lady on the floor to the right is Chaplain Phyllis Harman from ABMC.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The Crisis Center is in need of several baby items at this time: Disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups), diaper wipes, formula, baby bottles, and cups with lids.

The CCC is also in need of the following office supplies: Pens, paper, markers, white copy paper, letter and legal size manila file folders, white business size envelopes, paper clips, post-it notes, and staples.

Toiletries: nail clippers and emery boards.

Food and snacks: Non-perishable canned and boxed goods, saltine and graham crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit & pudding cups and canned meat meals.

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the closet, left of the information desk in the Narthex. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We collected \$252 which went into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to be used to help those in need.

We also collected 200 food items for the pantry at ORUMC!

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy:

to **Peggy Miller** and her family on the death of her sister, **Mary Ellen Waligora**.

to **Carolyn Meneely** and her family on the death of Carolyn's mother, **Winnie Smith**, age 100.

to **Helen Lancor** and her family on the death of her husband, **Ron**. Ron and Helen were former members of ORUMC. Their address is 1033 Lowell Lane, Schaumburg, IL. 60193

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to:

Herb and Mary Knoppel who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Don and Mary Stehlin who are celebrated their 28th Wedding Anniversary.



EASTER FLOWERS



by JoAnne Gregorash

As we await the celebration of Easter, we cannot help but remember how Jesus went to the cross for us and saved us all. In defeating death, he gave to us the spectacular gift of eternal life. What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by filling the church with flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as worship the risen Lord and join together in praise of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We invite all who want to join in this celebration of Easter to join with us in in this very special celebration. Here at Our Redeemer's we as individuals, 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. I have been taking mine home each year and planting them in my garden. Each year come July my flower beds are full of Easter lilies!

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 price of this year's flowers is \$12.50 for lilies, tulips or hyacinths.

Palm Sunday, March 20 is the deadline for placing your order. I have promised our florist that I will phone in the order on Monday, March 21 without fail. ***We ask that you please order early to help with this goal.***

Name _____ Phone _____

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

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Lamb of God



John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.



Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.

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