



# The Redeemer Review

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## Content and Thankful

“I have learned to be content in any circumstance, I know the experience of being in need and having more than enough.”

(Philippians 4:11-12)

“Let us be thankful, and so worship God with reverence and awe.”

(Hebrews 12:28)

Two words I like to keep in mind as we enter the month of November: “*content and thankful.*” There are so many life changing stories out there about simplicity and how it is enriching to live simple focus lives. I think of the ancient city of Philippi which was renamed after the conquest of the city by Philip I of Macedon. The original name of the city was “Fountains.”

Paul was said to have preached the Gospel for the first time in this European soil. The city was prosperous and so it resonates with the idea of seeking contentment in Christ. This shift in focus leads to a generous life and being thankful.

In the conclusion of “It’s A Wonderful Life at Our Redeemer’s”, we offered that some can give more and others can give in many different ways. Thank you for putting ORUMC first in your giving. We pray that our faith community will continue to make a difference in the most excellent way in offering Christ—which is our calling. When I go to a park or any other venue, I usually try to find the map or a marker in order to find my way. Sometimes it says, “You are here” with a red arrow mark.

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“Content and thankful” are praise words to give us an orientation. Come and join us for our activities in November-December.

*November 6- “All Saint’s Sunday”  
( Remembering our loved ones who are now with Christ.)*

*November 13- Dedication of Peace Pole*

*November 22- Joint Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd UMC  
751 W. Army Trail Rd. Bartlett, IL  
@7:30 p.m.-Tuesday*

*November 27- First Sunday in Advent*

*December 3- All Church Advent Festival (Saturday 4:00 p.m.),  
Greening the church and activities for children.*

See you in the Thanksgiving place,

*Rev. Romir R. Esguerra*

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## United Methodist Women

The HOLIDAYS are right around the corner, which means that our United Methodist Women are organizing their annual **HEAVENLY TREATS** on **Sunday, November 20!** Here's how it works: church members contribute cookies and individual serving baked goods and the UMW sells them by-the-pound on Sunday. As always, sale proceeds go to local and global missions. Here are the dates & times for set-up and sales:

Saturday, November 19- **4:30 – 7:00 p.m./** Set-up and drop-off of baked goods @ Wesley Room of Church

Sunday, November 20-

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m./** Last minute cookie drop-off and set-up

**9:50 – 10:30 a.m./** Cookie sales between church services

**11:00 a.m.- Noon /** Cookie sales after church

We need lots of bakers and helpers-you've always come through with delicious treats, so I'm sure this year will be no different. It's a fundraiser that has been very popular with our members, meant to help with Thanksgiving or Christmas get-togethers.

**If you are able to bake or help, please sign up online at: [www.volunteersignup.org/33L9T](http://www.volunteersignup.org/33L9T).**

Also, Please mark your calendar for our **December events.** You'll want to join us so that you can take advantage of these opportunities.

**Tuesday, December 6** – Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room / Program: "Holiday Happenings" / White Elephant gift exchange / 2017 Budget & 2016 Allocations to Missions

**Friday December 9** - Feed My Starving Children -Join us at a special holiday meal packing event at Schaumburg Convention Center from 7-9 pm.

For more information, go to [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org). Select the Schaumburg Hope Filled Holiday event, select 'Volunteer to Pack', then 'Join a Group' and enter this group number: 986918. Contact **Julie Kuhn** with any questions.

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## Combined Thanksgiving Service

**November 22, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Good Shepherd UMC**

*Our Redeemer's* will be celebrating with other Methodist churches at a combined Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Bartlett.

Good Shepherd is located at 751 Army Trail Road (east of Rt 59) in Bartlett. Staff and choirs from all churches will participate. All are invited to attend.



## Education News:

Sunday School has been wonderful this year—thank you to our dedicated teachers, assistants, and others who help with the program.

## Looking ahead

There will be NO Sunday School on December 25 or January 1.

On December 3 we will have our Advent Festival

4-5:30pm—crafts and fun

5:30-6pm—Potluck dinner together

On January 7, 6-8pm, we will have a movie night!

## Youth News:

Youth Group—for all teens in 7th-12 grades. We have discussion, Bible Study, games, and lots of fun!

## November

6 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

13 The Gathering at Our Saviour's UMC  
6:30-8:30pm

20 Youth Group at My Sweet Kake 7-8pm

27 NO youth group

## December

4 Youth Group Christmas Party 6:30-8:30pm

On 11/13—The Gathering—Please drop off and pick up your student at Our Savior's UMC.

On 11/20—Drop off and pick up is at My Sweet Kake—please note the different times.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will meet on 11/6, 11/13, and 12/4.

## ASP (Appalachia Service Project) News:

Appalachia Service Project is a relational home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountains. Each summer they have a summer program to provide high school students a mission opportunity. *Our Redeemer's* UMC has been participating in this wonderful mission since 2000.

Our trip will be June 10-17, 2017.

I encourage ALL high school students to go on this trip! It is an incredible opportunity! Please let Marianne know soon if you plan to go. Also please talk to Marianne about any questions you may have.

There will be meetings starting in January for all volunteers who will go on the trip.

*No birthdays in November ???*



## Community Crisis Center

*by Sally Donaldson*

Now that autumn is here and winter is just around the corner, the Crisis Center could use the following:

### **Coats**

Gently used or new for women, men and children. Hats, gloves and mittens are also needed.

### **Holiday Gifts:**

**Women** - wristwatches, clocks, radios, steam irons, sofa throws (new)

**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, gels, etc.)

### **Food:**

Any nonperishable canned or boxed goods

### **Baby Needs:**

Formula, baby bottles, cups with lids, disposable diapers

### **Medicine**

Chest Items: (must be new, sealed with current dates) non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RIP shampoo, anti-diarrhea medications, Orajel, Pedialyte, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, facial tissues

### **Toiletries:**

Disposable shavers, deodorant for men and women, hand and body lotion, bath towels & washcloths ( new or used)

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



**Habitat  
November 12,  
7:00 a.m.**

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church November 12 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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. It has been such a blessing to have been able to be a part of this ministry at ORUMC. It is always a very special moment when we present a prayer shawl to someone or see a baptism blanket being presented to a baby.

The success of this committee is also because of the members of our church. You let us know when there is a need in our congregation or with someone that you know. We also appreciate any monetary donations that we receive. This helps us buy the yarn that we need for the shawls.

Whenever you feel the need for a shawl, please contact the church office or a committee member.

Here is a summary of our numbers to date that we have presented:

- 372 Prayer Shawls
- 45 Baptism Blankets
- 4500 Prayer Squares for the military
- 500 Prayer Squares for pocket or purse
- 700 Pillowcases donated to St Alexius Hospital

Prayer shawls are also donated to Alexian Brothers Hospital.

Prayer shawls are taken on all mission trips.

In addition to shawls given locally, they have also been presented in 20 different states and 5 different countries. We never imagined that this ministry would be so widespread.

We are always in need of more help as we are a small group. We currently meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We do have an evening group that meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.. Since the evening group is very small, we are currently not meeting on a monthly basis.

We also have members who are not available to attend meetings but still work on shawls at home.

We had a lot of interest at the Mission Fair from members who are interested in learning to knit or crochet. We have set a meeting for November 17 at 7:00 p.m. to help teach those who are interested.

We have needles and yarn that you can use to practice. If you are able to make it, please let **Mary Knoppel** (630-837-8783) know, as we would like to have enough committee members so that we can work 1 on 1 with you.



*Mary Knoppel with Prayer Shawls  
at the Ministry Fair*

## Getting Away from the "Maybe"s

*by Bruce Bedingfield*

Speaking for *Our Redeemer's* Administrative Council, I want to express our appreciation to the church directory task force for all the work they did this year. We will all soon have our directories to enjoy.

Speaking for myself, perhaps it will help me clarify some names and faces (I'm ashamed to say) I've never been fully sure of. But I believe the directory will accomplish another very important task. It will allow us to keep track of each other and reach out if and when we haven't seen one another for too long.

If a fellow member is ill or troubled, we certainly want to know about it. Sometimes, however, church members and attenders simply stop attending much, and perhaps stop attending completely.

It certainly shows our interest and our caring when we tell them they are missed. It may even encourage them to return---whatever the reason they haven't been attending.

With our two services, of course, it's too easy to say, "Maybe they went to the other service." But I believe there are too many "maybe"s we're inclined to say. "Maybe their job changed, and they're busy on Sunday mornings." "Maybe their kids have a new Sunday morning activity."

Maybe this, and maybe that. But let me suggest that, armed with our new directory, we scan it occasionally and notice the faces

we haven't seen for a while, give them a call, and be sure all is well.

And before we recycle the previous directory, we might even consider doing the same. Some faces, sadly, have died. Some we know have moved far away.

Some may have voiced their displeasure with *Our Redeemer's*; hopefully they've found a more fitting church home.

Many will not have the same phone number they did in 2003, let alone 1997 or before. But some may answer the phone and be astounded to hear our voice. It just might be a gift that God wants them to receive.



### UMM Holiday Snax

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for their Holiday Snax.

They will make their "Killer Garlic Pretzels" and "Puppy Chow". (it's really tasty stuff for people) for delivery in church December 11.

Check out a sample and place an order starting November 20.

## The Art of Thanksgiving

*by Wilferd A. Peterson  
recommended by Bruce Bedingfield*

The art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: 'In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life.

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement. It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.



We are looking for communion servers for the first Sundays of the month when we serve communion. We would like any and all members to serve – no extra training is required, just your presence on your date.

We will provide instructions before your Sunday to serve communion. We are putting a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, don't forget to put it on your calendar.

Just call Donna in the office (847-882-6116) if you have any questions or to add your name on the date you chose. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry. Thanks for your help!

**Shirley Witte and Donna Echnert**

## Gifts from the Heart

*by Carol Hollingsworth*

With this beautiful weather we have had for most of October, it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. But my calendar tells me that is true!

So, as we enter the seasons of thankfulness and advent, we reach out to children who are less fortunate through our Gifts from the Heart program. This program provides Christmas gifts for foster and at-risk children supported by ChildServ, an United Methodist agency.

You are given the opportunity to sign up for a child or more, are given their age and gender, and asked to buy an age appropriate gift or two, not totaling more than \$40. You can sign up in the narthex on Sundays, October 31, and November 6 and 13.

You will be given the child's information and instructions on November 20. The gifts need to be returned to church on or by the morning of December 4.

Our congregation has supported this program so generously in the past and ChildServ is so appreciative of all that we do, so please consider buying a Christmas gift for a child! If you have any questions, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491 or **clh1325@comcast.net**.

## Lay Servant

The Elgin District of the Northern Illinois Conference has scheduled their Fall 2016 Lay Academy for Saturday, November 19 and December 3.

This is a chance for anyone who would like to share a message with the congregation to get some basic instructions and tips on being a lay speaker.

To register you may go to the Northern Illinois Conference website and click on Elgin District or see **Pastor Romir** or **JoAnne Gregorash** for the registration form. They can also answer any questions you may have.



Thank you to all who participated in our new photo directory project. Directories will arrive at church in a few weeks.

# Personal Notes



## *All Saints Sunday - November 6*

Please call the office with names of loved ones who have passed away within the last year whom you would like listed in the bulletin and read during the service.

## *All Church Charge Conference Sunday, December 11.*

The Charge Conference will be Sunday, December 11 after church, but the time has not yet determined. Reports are due back now.

## Baptisms

**Clark Allen Flores** was baptized on Sunday, 10/9/16 - he's the son of **Kristen** and **Danny Flores**.

**Jackson Noah Raiz** was baptized on Sunday, 10/16/16 - he's the son of **Joseph** and **Maureen Raiz**



A special "Thanks sooo much" to **Betty Miller** for all her TLC with our garden and trees. She did a lot of weeding and watering all summer, especially with some of our new plants and trees. She has one of those very "green thumbs!"

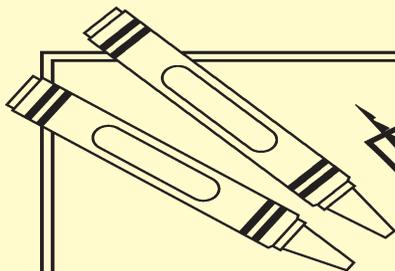
## *Changes???*

Please remember to let the church know when you have changed your contact information - address, phone or email.

## *Nancy Shallcross*

Nancy moved to California October 28 to be near Joe and family. The family wishes to thank her church family for the help and support she has received over the last few years.

Contact Donna in the office in the next few weeks to get Nancy's California address and phone number.



# PUZZLE

## Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

*Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.*

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28:2, NIV

Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

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