



The Redeemer

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When September comes around a lot of fond memories occupy my mind. I think of leaving home to start school, starting a new career opportunity, birthday of a beloved Mother, anticipation of the coming Autumn season and return to the normal rhythm of the Church.

In the lectionary calendar, it is still “ordinary days” in the season of Pentecost. Around the Church, we have seen coming and going, of new people in the community of faith and bidding farewell to the beloved in Christ who have returned home to be with God.

I love words. The Church uses a lot of words to describe the God who is with us. In the last few weeks, we have focused on the idea of being grounded in faith and in creation. We explored what it means to be good

stewards of creation (dirt, water and sky). We connected with our roots, home, neighborhood, commons and sacred spaces in our lives.

Diana Butler Bass wrote in her book, *Grounded*, “people are finding new spiritual ground through a God who resides in the world with us.”

I wonder if there is one word or theme that will define September here at Our Redeemer’s United Methodist Church. I would suggest going all the way back to the last book of the Bible.

“God’s dwelling place is now among people, and he will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3)

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The word is ***dwell***. It sounds static, seemingly monotonous and boring. At least that is the impression when one is only concerned about the individual, private practice of faith.

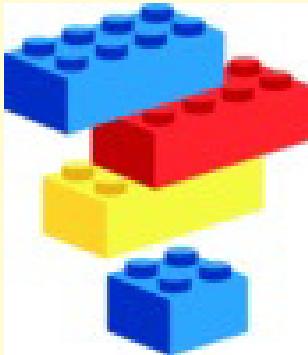
The Biblical practice however gives us another way of reading through a different lens of faith. To allow God to *dwell* in our hearts is an invitation to live a life of significance with Jesus saying, “Go therefore....and make disciples.”

Welcome back to two worship services beginning, September 11, 2016 at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. We will recognize our Sunday School teachers, leaders and students in all ages.

We will receive new members in our Church. We will have a Mission Fair highlighting various ministries of the Church. It's the first ever event at ORUMC and we expect that you will set aside this time to learn more about these ministries as we “*dwell*” into the future.

See you in the dwelling place,

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra



ORUMC Ministry Fair Sept 11, After Each Service

The Connect committee (formerly known as Evangelism) is planning ORUMC's First annual Ministry Fair. This is your chance to learn more about all of the missions, ministries, and active groups in our church -and an opportunity to connect with new activities that match your interests.

The Ministry Fair is planned for Rally Day- as our youth get involved and inspired at the start of the new school year, we hope all ages will also find new opportunities for their involvement with the church.

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 11 after each service, and plan to browse in Wesley Hall to learn, to share, and to connect with something or someone new in the church. Snacks and raffle prizes will be provided!

Coming Soon!!



by Jill Wood Naatz

What could it be? A new and improved sanctuary? New furniture in the narthex? Too many people and not enough committees? More than enough volunteers for everything? **No it's even better than all that!**

Coming soon is a new church pictorial directory! That's right! You heard it from me. And we need every one of our church family to participate in order to have a complete directory. You will receive a **free 8 X 10 photograph and a directory** just for participating

If you wish to purchase additional photos you will receive \$10 off your order for registering early! **Early bird internet sign up will begin August 30 and end Sept. 24.** There is a 20% discount for those over age 60. And if you bring an item for our food pantry you will receive another \$5 off your order.

The photography dates are Oct. 6,7,8, and 10 at church. Stay tuned for much more information by way of email, phone calls, bulletin inserts, and announcements at church. But most important of all, we need everyone to schedule a photo shoot!



Education News:

Rally Day is September 11!

We are so excited that Sunday School will begin again on September 11—at the 9am worship service.

We welcome back our teachers—**Sarah Calderwood, Shelley Lukowicz, Kim Maher, and Doug Meneely**. Also our assistants—**Judy Wayda and Jean Walters**.

Thanks for all you do!

That day we will all start in the sanctuary—the teachers will be introduced at the beginning of the worship service and then the kids will go to Wesley Hall with the teachers for Sunday School.

Sunday School is for children age 3 years through 6th grade and is offered almost every Sunday during the school year at the 9am worship service.

We will once again have Trunk or Treat at the end of October—be on the lookout for more info.

We are looking for youth helpers for Sunday School. If you are between 7th and 12th grade and would like to help please see Marianne.

Youth News:

Our youth ministry at Our Redeemer's UMC is for all youth in 7th-12th grades. We meet most Sunday nights during the school year—we have discussion, Bible study, games, fellowship, service, and more!

Youth Group Kickoff is September 11, 6:30-8:30pm! We hope to see you there!

September

- 11 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 18 Youth to Soup Kitchen 1:30-8:30pm
- 25 The Gathering 6:30-8:30pm
At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

October

- 2 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 9 NO youth group
- 16 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 23 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 30 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

September 18—Soup Kitchen in Roger's Park Youth will meet at church at 1:30 and caravan to the soup kitchen. Please bring money for a fast food dinner on the way home.

Marianne needs parents to drive to this—please let her know if you can do that by September 4.

Please let Marianne know if you will be going to the soup kitchen by September 4.

September 25—The Gathering

We will once again meet with several other youth groups 4 times during this school year. Please drop off and pick up at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Higgins Road.



9/17 Sarah Miller

Surely there must be more September birthdays out there. Please contact Marianne with your children's birthdays (or your own). We need you.



The ORUMC bowling group meets every other Sunday (with a few exceptions) at Poplar Creek Bowling. The first week to get together and clean off your bowling gear is a free night August 28 at 6:20 p.m.

The official season starts on Sunday, September 11 at 6:20 p.m. If you are interested in bowling, contact Dan Wilkes at [wlks1@yahoo.com](mailto:wiks1@yahoo.com).

September Fest

Sunday, September 4 & Monday, September 5, 9:00am - 5:00pm

We have signed up for a booth at the September Fest this year. We are looking for volunteers to help man our booth on these dates and these hours. The purpose is to let others know about ORUMC; our mission and our ministries. We will have a display about Imagine No Malaria, a mosquito net, and also the ladder that we used for Vacation Bible School. A sign-up will be in the Narthex this Sunday.

We do not know at this time if we will be allowed to have a booth on both Sunday and Monday, but we need to plan ahead to get our volunteers signed up just in case. There is a possibility that we will only be there on Monday, which is the Non-Profit Day.

Please consider helping out & signing up, we are excited to tell others about *Our Redeemer's!*

Children's Choirs Schedule Changes

The children's choir rehearsals will remain on Wednesdays, but Cherubs will be from 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise will be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Our first meeting will be the Wednesday after Labor Day, Sept 7.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The Community Crisis Center Food Panty 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.

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, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, crayons (24 pack/Crayola preferred), and waterproof backpacks. All school supplies should be gender-neutral.

Autumn is in the air!

Hats, gloves and mittens are needed along with ice-melt for sidewalks and driveways. Also, Halloween costumes for children (non-violent)

Medicine Chest Items:

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

Baby Needs:

Formula, bottles, cups with lids, diapers and wipes

Toiletries:

Nail clippers, emery boards

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins located in the Narthex cabinet, left of the information desk.

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

Imagine No Malaria

The goal of the Imagine No Malaria fund is to stamp out malaria in Africa. We know that with every \$100 our church donates to Imagine No Malaria, we can save the life of an African child who would otherwise die from malaria.

The Imagine No Malaria contributions at *Our Redeemer's* have grown to \$6289.92. We are looking forward to additional contributions at September Fest. And don't forget our Imagine No Malaria bed in the narthex is always "open for business"

The Northern Illinois Conference is continuing the malarial fund until Mother's Day, 2017. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Louisiana Flood Relief

UMCOR will be responding to the flood relief effort in Louisiana. If you would like to contribute, you may write a check to ***Our Redeemer's*** with a designation in the memo - UMCOR LA Flood Relief



The Rummage Sale was delayed a week, but plenty of stuff showed up for the sale. Thanks to all who brought, bought, and worked all week.



Discontinuation of Campbell Soup Label Program

by JoAnne Gregorash

Over time, ministries seem to come and go. It is time now to suspend the Campbell Soup Label program. There are only a few people contributing these days and I think that it is time we made way for new and different ministries.

I will mail the bag of labels for education that I have been acquiring through your donations and will send them to McCurdy School in New Mexico in memory of **Don** and **Evelyn Wiebel**. Thanks and blessings to all who faithfully cut and saved these over the years.



The Art of Worship

*by Wilfred Peterson
recommended by Bruce Bedingfield*

OUTER SYMBOLS create the atmosphere and mood of worship—the altar, the cross, the candles, the stained-glass windows; the silent sanctuary before the service begins...

In cathedral or cottage, the art of worship is an inner adventure; it is the personal practice of the presence of God.

It is meditation and prayer expressing the soul's sincere desire.

It is resting our weary hearts and minds on the Everlasting Arms.

It is emptying and cleansing our minds of fear and worry, jealousy and envy that God may fill the vacuum with His goodness.

It is being quiet and relaxed that we may experience the inflow of the peace that passes all understanding.

It is counting our many blessings and giving thanks for the power to grow, to serve, to conquer ourselves and to discover the sublime values of the life of the spirit.

It is the inspiring realization that this is God's world, that all life pulsates with God's eternal purpose and that we are a part of the divine pattern and plan.

It is envisioning, high and lifted up, all that is heroic, great, good and beautiful in our common life.

It is realigning our lives again with the laws and principles of God, that we may move forward, with our brothers, on the pathway of the King.

It is the renewing of our noblest dreams and aspirations that we may rise above defeat, failure and discouragement and have another try at making the most of our lives.

It is climbing to the spiritual mountaintop of conscious one-ness with God that we may light again the candles of our spirits and return as *new men* to the valley and our work.



Sept 10, Oct 8, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the United Methodist Men's breakfast and business meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 10 and October 8.



**Habitat
Oct 1
7:00 a.m.**

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church October 1 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.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone that participated in the sewing, decorating and filling of the (150) fabric bags that were donated to the Women's Crisis Center in Elgin and Blackwell Grade School in Schaumburg. On Sunday, August 14th Pastor Romir blessed the bags and thanked Pam Miller and Mary Illg, who organized this project. The school and the Crisis Center were thrilled to receive these gifts from ORUMC.

Autumn is in the air! All friends and women of the church are invited to our next United Methodist Women event on **Tuesday, September 6th @ 6:30 p.m.** in the Wesley Room. This is the date set for our September Potluck and Business Meeting. Everyone should bring a favorite dish to share and get ready for a fun evening. The program

is "Communicating & Connecting" and is based on the book *Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say* by Karen Ehman. We'll also hear the results of our August Rummage Sale.

Please mark the following dates in your calendars, so that you can take advantage of our interesting and fun events that are scheduled in November and December:

Sunday, November 20 – Heavenly Treats- Sales takes place Before and After Church Services in the Wesley Room / Set up is Saturday, November 19th- Bring your cookies & baked goods.

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



Delivering Finished Bags to Blackwell School



Personal Notes



Communion Servers Needed

We are looking for communion servers for the first Sundays of the month.

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! Watch for the fall sign-up calendar too!

thank you,

Shirlie Witte & Donna Echtner

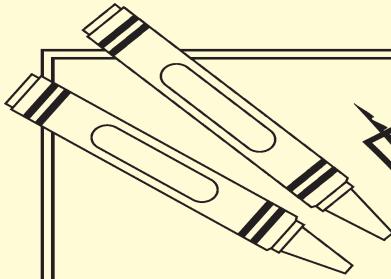


Our deepest sympathy to: **Roger McCoy** and family on the death of his beloved wife, **Joan McCoy**.

Our deepest sympathy to: **Mary Balk** and her family on the death of her dear mother, **Ginny Puchner**.

Youth Group Help Needed

The Youth Group is starting up for the fall on September 11. Marianne would like additional adult help with the program that meets Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please contact Marianne if you would like to work with teens on Sunday evenings.



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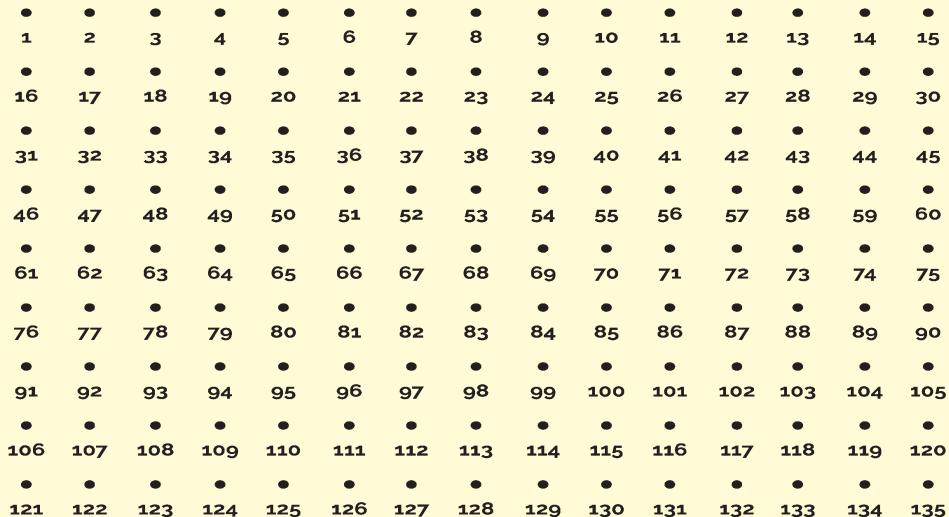
THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.



>> "So do not fear _____, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

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