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**Pastor's
Corner**



“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

I am trying to recall the time when I first heard this epistle of encouragement. It was most probably when I was in a youth assembly and coming to terms with faith.

How shall we proceed and make the scripture speak in new ways? The church then and now is always at the crossroads.

This scripture is meaningful for Timothy because he was being mentored to continue the ministry started by Paul. When the church flourished, the daily life also flourished because there is greater concern for the welfare of one another.

Consider the description of a worship service in the Early Church: “On Sunday all meet and the writings of the apostles and prophets are read; then the leader delivers a discourse; after this all stand up and pray; then there is offered bread and wine and water; the leader likewise prays and gives thanks, and the people solemnly assent, saying, Amen.”

The structure and form of worship is different now but the content is always the same. What kind of “spiritual season” are we experiencing God through Jesus Christ?

In my confirmation class we talked about the season by drawing a circle, assigning corresponding colors associated with Advent, Christmastide, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and



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Pentecost. Each color is symbolic of God's movement in our lives.

In our cultural sphere the choice of color sends a powerful message—you just have to figure out what the message is all about. For the most part the colors represent inclusion and not divisiveness.

I like the way commentators reframe the visual sight as “channeling” the image of a particular person and an era.

I read that the most important word in recent days was “post truth” which suggest that we have to verify what we receive. If indeed what we receive is for the common good, then it is in an affirmation that God is doing a new thing in “our season.”

Join us in our community life at ***Our Redeemer's*** and celebrate the blessings of the season.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

Community Renewal Society Platform for 2016-17

Our Redeemer's is a participating member of the Community Renewal Society, a faith-based social justice organization in Chicago with 90 member churches.

The predominately black city churches are charged with identifying their most pressing issues each year and we, predominately white suburban churches, work to support what they tell us are their most immediate concerns.

Our Faith in Action Team meets with legislators to explain our collective concerns and to ask them to support specific bills that CRS has identified and often helped to write.

All our work is done remembering that we are called by Jesus to advocate for those suffering injustice.

The specific bills for this year's platform are still in the developing stages. However, here are the platform issues.

1) Violence Reduction We reaffirm our commitment to address the issue of violence in Chicago communities.

We will listen to our communities to identify additional priorities and launch a new campaign that continues our work into 2017 to address root causes of violence.

2) Police Accountability We will renew our police accountability campaign by addressing police reform on a city and state level.

We will host community conversations on policing to identify priorities for community oversight and reforms to the police union contract.

3) FORCE (Fighting to Overcome Records and Create Equality) This is an initiative led by people with criminal records, their families, and faith allies.

FORCE is working to pass legislation that would create more transparency and fairness in the background check process for employment and housing, two of the most pressing and fundamental human rights.

They will also work to expand the sealing of non-violent felony records and to oppose legislation that creates new mandatory minimums and sentence enhancements.

If you would like more information on these issues, you may talk with **Jack Denny**, **Annette Brown**, **Ellen Kobylewski**, or **Jill Wood-Naatz**.



Youth News:

February

- 5 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 12 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 19 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 24-25 30 Hour Famine 3pm-10pm
- 26 Famine Sunday 9am and 10:30am
NO YOUTH GROUP in evening

March

- 5 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 12 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 19 Youth Group to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30pm
- 26 NO YOUTH GROUP

30 Hour Famine is almost here!

February 24-25 with Famine Sunday on February 26, both services.

This event is for all who are in 7th-12th grades and all are encouraged to invite friends. This is an event we do each year through World Vision. The students ask friends and family members to sponsor them as they go on a juice and water fast for 30 hours. During that time we do Bible study, games, service projects, and more. The students start the fast on their own on Friday night at 3pm, come to church at 6pm, and we

break the fast at 9pm on Saturday. It is an amazing experience and we hope you will join us!

See Marianne for a consent form and a fundraising packet.

*March 19 we will take the youth to the soup kitchen. We meet at church at 1:30 and carpool to the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. We prepare the food, serve the meal, and then clean up the space. On the way home we stop at fast food for dinner (please bring \$). We return to church at 8:30pm.

Please let Marianne know by March 5 if you are planning to go.

We need parents to drive! Please let Marianne know if you are able.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

We will be going to Kentucky on our summer youth mission trip June 10-17. This is an amazing opportunity for all youth who have completed 8th grade. Please let Marianne know ASAP if you would like to go.

Education News:

Thank you to **Melissa Bland**, **Jane Jesudoss**, and **Kim Maher** for leading a fun movie night on January 7! All who attended had a great time!

Mark your calendar—Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 between services!

There will be NO Sunday School on April 16.



February:

- 3 Karen Greenwalt
- 4 Collin Walters
- 9 Zander Maher
- 21 Caitlin Wilkes
- 24 Justin Edwards

From the Connect Ministry

It has been suggested that Potluck Groups make a comeback at ORUMC. However, we are in need of someone to coordinate this. Jerry & Shirley McDaniel did it for many years and are willing to share how it was done in the past.

Please see Pam Miller if you are interested in taking on this task. This does not have to be done by one person alone. A few people can work together to lighten the load.



February Community Crisis Center

Dear Church Family,

The Crisis Center could use the following items for women and children: (New) sweatsuits, pajamas, slippers, shampoo, hair brushes, combs, Blistex and chap-stick.

For women, men and children: (gently used or new) coats, hats, gloves and mittens

Shelter needs: powdered laundry detergent (HE formula), fabric softener sheets, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher powder/liquid, bleach, cleanser and SOS pads.

Toiletries: disposable shavers, antiperspirant/deodorant for women and men, hand and body lotion

Food and Snacks: All non-perishable canned and boxed goods, soups, pasta/ sauces, Ravioli/Spaghetti's, chili, sloppy joe mix, mac and cheese

Baby Needs: formula, baby bottles, diapers and wipes

Please place your donations in the CCC bins located in the closet left of the Information Desk, located in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations and continued support.

United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to be part of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Women. 2017 will be another year of exciting activities. We guarantee that you'll experience good fellowship, friendship and fun. Please mark your calendar for our upcoming **March 14 Quarterly Meeting**.

Consider signing up for the **Retreat at Wesley Woods on May 5 & 6 (sign up after church services)**. Last year's retreat was awesome and you'll want to be part of this year's weekend of fun and fellowship.

The cost will be \$60 per person which includes lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and snacks and beverages that will be available in the lodges.

The theme will be Women of the Bible. Please see Pam Miller with any questions. Watch for a sign-up in the near future.

Make sure that the following dates are added to your calendars, so that you can take advantage of these uplifting and exciting gatherings.

2017 United Methodist Women Event Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – 6:30 p.m.-
Game Night @ Melinda Taylor's home

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 – 6:30 p.m.-
Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting/ Program: "*African Orphanage Mission Trip*" - presented by Susan Jackson.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY- MAY 5 & 6
– **Retreat at Wesley Woods**/ Williams Bay , WI – "*Women of the Bible*" Bible Study. Cost for Retreat = \$60.00 (includes Lodging, Snacks, Breakfast & Lunch)

TUESDAY, June 6- 6:30 p.m.- **Annual Salad Supper & Business Meeting** / Program: Speaker & Video

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 6:30 p.m. –**Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting** / Crafts for a Cause

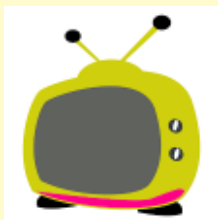
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - **Heavenly Treats**/ Before & after Church Services/ ORUMC- Wesley Room / Set up on Saturday, November 18- Bring your baked goods.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 – 6:30 p.m.-
Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting / Program: Holiday Fun / 2017 Allocations & 2018 Budget/ White Elephant gift exchange.

*You might not have missed this !
Call now and see if you can still come!*

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**Come enjoy a "FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN"
with a home cooked meal served by Mr. and Mrs.
Clever, skits, games and shenanigans.**

**Saturday, Jan. 28 at 6:00pm
At Our Redeemer's.**

**Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex on
Sunday's in January between services or you may
call the church office for details.**

(Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and Book of Acts)



Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner Feb 5, 11:00 a.m.

All members and friends are invited to enjoy the UMM Super Bowl spaghetti and meatball dinner starting Feb 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Spaghetti Dinner Preparation Feb 4, 8:00 a.m.

Feb 4 at 8:00 a.m. the men of UMM will be cooking world famous meatballs for our Super Bowl Sunday Spaghetti Dinner.

The men are invited to come Feb 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. to help serve.

Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 5

Join us in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

On February 5 the youth will be collecting non-perishable food items with \$1 wrapped around them.

All food items will benefit those that come to ORUMC to use the food pantry and all money received will be used for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy:

to **Carolyn and Doug Meneely** and family on the death of Carolyn's father, **Newell Smith**.

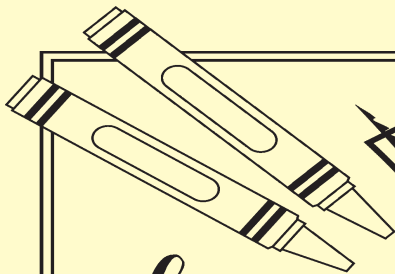
to **Johnna and Don Whelan** and family on the death of Johnna's father, **Carl Helbig**.

Wanted Tellers

Do you like money? How about counting it?

If you are interested in helping count our Sunday offering which is usually done early in the week (Monday or Tuesday) please contact **Donna** in the church office (847) 882-6116.

Thanks!



PUZZLE

Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! _____



(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____



"Honor _____ and

_____, and _____ your



_____."

Matthew 19:19, NIV



Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

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