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Springtime

Springtime is a gift of blessing. I stepped outside the other day and enjoyed the fresh breeze of Spring, or so I thought, and then came the snow flakes. I dusted the snow off the little green shoots from daffodils right beside the Japanese Maple tree. The tree was planted as a memorial gift and I am waiting for the leaves to gently come out. I just read my morning devotion, "*An improbable gift of blessing*" that invites individuals to pray the Scripture, engage the heart and nurture the spirit.

I returned to my study, turned to the Song of Solomon, "Here, the winter is past; the rains have come



and gone. Blossoms have appeared in the land; the season of singing has arrived." (2:11-12) I read silently first and then went outside and read it aloud to "coach" nature. I realized how naive I am thinking that I can "encourage" beauty to grow. It has a different time altogether.

I was reminded that under the still frozen ground, the bulb and seeds are in the process of emerging into those yet unseen blossoms. It speaks about our faith, post Easter season. Jesus was known fully well in his Resurrection—the promise of Eternal life.

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The really great news of blessing is that we are renewed by the grace of God. There is an opportunity to share the story of faith and this is how we grow. First it must take root in cultivated soil and in our United Methodist language it is through *Prayer, Presence, Service, Gifts and Witness*. And second it will flourish, “rooted and built up in Christ, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)

One of the greatest mind in the world, Stephen Hawking, died recently. He was not a fan of God but the last person who cared for him is a male nurse from the southern part of the Philippines. Professor Hawking wrote a word of thanks to this gentleman for his caring spirit. In reply upon his death, this gentleman offered a tribute, “Your universe is now complete.”

How are we made complete? What is seen is temporary, according to St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, but what is unseen is eternal. May we always find time to receive the gift of blessing.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a global community of women who are focused on missions and supportive fellowship. All women are invited to all of our events at *Our Redeemer's*, whether or not you are a church member. We are so excited to offer many interesting and inspiring events this year.

Please note that our **UMW Retreat** is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28 at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Please contact **Pam Miller** if you are interested and for more details. The cost is \$60.00 and includes overnight Lodging on Friday and Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday. Payment is due to Pam by Sunday, March 25.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ORUMW is organizing "RUMMAGE LITE" on September 14 & 15. Please start saving your treasures for the sale. This year the drop-off starts on Sunday, September 9. Since this is Rummage Lite, we will not accept furniture or electronics. A list of items not being accepted this year will be published soon.

UMW Calendar

Make sure that you look at the **2018 Calendar of Events**, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship:

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - Game Night @ Melinda Taylor's house. Contact Melinda if you want to attend

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 27 & 28 - UMW Retreat at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, Wisconsin

THURSDAY, MAY 10- 1:30 p.m. Matinee- *Jesus Christ Superstar* @ Lyric Opera/ Contact: **Julie Kuhn** to order tickets by March 25

MONDAY, JUNE 11- @ 6:30 p.m.- Annual Salad Supper and Business Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER. 10 - @ 6:30 p.m.- Fall Potluck and Business Meeting

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 & 15TH@ 6:30 p.m.-**Rummage LiteSale** at *Our Redeemer's*. Drop off of sale items starts Sunday, Sept. 9.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - UMW Heavenly Treats Sale/ drop off goodies on Saturday, November 17.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER. 4 - @ 6:30 p.m.- Holiday Potluck and Business Meeting

NOTE: Other meeting topics include: "Encouraging Each Other" and "How to Live a Full...not Frantic Life"



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth

April

- 1 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 8 Youth group at ORUMC
5:30-7:30pm
- 15 The Gathering at ORUMC 6-8pm
- 22 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 29 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm

May

- 6 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm

Please note the different time on April 15—we will be hosting The Gathering and it will be from 6-8pm...with dinner served!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

We still have room on the team if you are interested in this mission opportunity! Our next meeting will be our day retreat on May 12, 9am-3pm. Our trip will be June 9-16.

Education

Education Sunday, when we recognize teachers, youth group leaders, and graduates, will be April 29, 10:30am, this year. If you have a graduate please call the church office and let us know!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt between services (10:10am) on April 1! Bring your baskets and find those eggs!

There will be NO Sunday School on Easter, April 1.



April Birthdays

- 2 Austin Calderwood
- 3 Lili Coary
- 11 Aiden Babb
- 28 Doyle Watson

WOMEN OF ORUMC (and your friends)

Please join us at our 3rd annual retreat at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, WI, on Friday evening, 4/27, and Saturday, 4/28 (we are through after lunch on Saturday).

This year's theme is 'Spirituality in Art' and is based on the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Reading the book ahead of time would be helpful, but is not required.

Prepare on envision yourself as one of the characters in the story of the Prodigal Son and see how it applies to our lives today.

The cost is \$60 which includes lodging, snacks and 2 meals on Saturday. See **Pam Miller** following Sunday services for more information, or to sign up. She can also be reached at pmiller619@sbcglobal.net.

Money is due no later than April 8.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The Crisis Center is always in need of so **many different things**. At the present time they are in need of the following items: Powdered laundry detergent (HE formula), fabric softener sheets, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher powder/liquid, bleach, cleansers, SOS pads, dishcloths, towels, sponges, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags, plastic drinking cups and cereal bowls, flatware, kitchen utensils, large storage containers with lids ground coffee (regular and decaf), bath towels, washcloths (new or gently used), box and oscillating fans.

In addition, the Crisis Center is also in need of the following **food items**: Non-perishable canned and boxed goods, canned items with pop top lids, canned fruit, soups, Ravioli, Spaghetti's, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, cereal, pasta and sauces, saltine and graham crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, instant tea, soft drink mixes.

Baby needs: disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups), diaper wipes.

Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the closet, left of the desk in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.



Breakfast Meeting *April 14, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship at church at 8:00 a.m. on April 14.

Schaumburg Community Blood Drive

April 10 - 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At "The Barn"

231 Civic Drive

Schaumburg

To schedule your appointment contact

LifeSource 877-543-3768

**Or online at www.lifesource.org and
use group code SH98**



Personal Notes



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Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously.

Through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, **100 percent** of your contribution will go to Undesignated - UMCOR, Advance #999895. Your gift received on 05/16/17 of \$470.00 is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us to “Be Hope” to those who desperately need it.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, as we welcome the oppor-

tunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 404-460-7489. You can find out more about UMCOR’s work by visiting our website at www.umcor.org. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR’s work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most. Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes

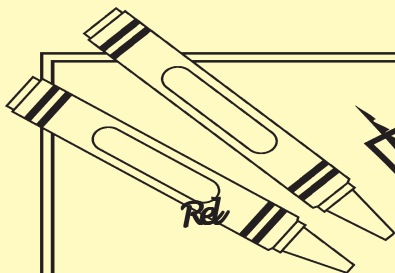
Mary Andreolli

General Board of Global Ministries

*Still time to give for
UMCOR Sunday.*



*Please keep the plastic lids and
pull tabs coming in.*



PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| 2+2 = ___ | united | 2x3 = ___ | death | 7+6 = ___ | resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ | certainly | 18-16 = ___ | have | 4-1 = ___ | been |
| 0+1 = ___ | if | 2x4 = ___ | we | 13-1 = ___ | him |
| 2+3 = ___ | in | 20-6 = ___ | like | 2+5 = ___ | his |
| 2x5 = ___ | be | 8+3 = ___ | with | | |

“For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his.” Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

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