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January



This is God's Word on the subject: I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. Jeremiah 29:11

From the pen of the Old Testament Prophet, God is about to do a new thing after 70 years of captivity for the people of Israel. God was silent but God was present. God was ready to bring Israel home. That was the promise.

When January comes around we are ready to roll out promises to make us closer to God, to be better individuals who are given the awesome gift of stewardship in all facets of life and to love more. I know it sounds ambitious and we narrow it down to something that we can easy handle. After all, the

new year is a time for new beginnings. It is that time where it feels like anything is possible. We hear the scripture, "All things are possible with God."

Well, we know how it ends with most new years resolutions. It can start off with enthusiasm but then slowly fizzle. It's difficult to embrace change. But then maybe the word is really about "renewal" because it invites us to see many different possibilities in each season. I often cringe at the comments I read when good intention meant to convey a compliment can be a laughing matter. When people say to me, "You haven't changed a bit," I immediately go to see a reflection of myself and declare, "Yes, I have changed. Thanks be to God!" I turned 59 last year and this year is going to be a milestone for me. I look forward to it with excitement.

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But then there are things that never change. The sun rises and sets accordingly. There is a rhythm of life and death. The steadfastness of the Lord is constant. The joy of knowing Jesus Christ in our hearts is the rock of our faith. Steadfast. Solid.

In January 7, we will celebrate the Manifestation of our Lord or Epiphany. We will complete the Creche with the addition of the The Three Kings who honored Jesus Christ with their gifts of Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense. We will use the Wesley Covenant Service in our worship with communion. It is an invitation to ðrenewö our covenant with God. And in our Church calendar, we will recall the Baptism of our Lord and our own unique identity through our Baptism. The ancient words say, born of ðWater and the Spirit.ö That is who we are.

God has a plan for all us. A plan to bless us and give us a future with hope. We are being crafted for something new. I am excited to be a part of the Church and we have much to offer to continue building the beloved body of Christ. Make disciples. Offer Christ. Let us do so in the spirit of peace, a lasting peace for the world and the brokenness we see daily.

Happy New Year and Blessings.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

No Regrets

by Bruce Bedingfield

It was the first Sunday in Advent. I took out my Christmas to-do lists from previous years. I began to feel anxious as I realized all that had to be done.

Then I found a note I had written to myself, "Be Mary, not Martha." I couldn't remember when I had written it, but I knew instantly why I had. It came from one of those Christmas seasons in which I was so busy that I failed to fully remember and experience the sacred meaning behind the busyness. As I reread the note, I asked God to help me not make that mistake again.

Four weeks later it was the last Sunday of Advent! - Christmas week. I looked back at all I had done, and I had no regrets. If I had not bought those gifts, I would have disappointed loved ones. If I had not sent greeting cards, I would have missed connecting with friends and family. If I had not put up decorations, our home and our neighborhood would have been less festive. Yet if I had not taken the time to joyfully worship and serve Christ, I would have missed completely the point of Advent: to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ.

Prayer: Dear Lord, teach us to properly celebrate your gift of Christ, the greatest Christmas ever given. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Thought for the Day: This Christmas season, be Mary, not Martha.

From the November 23, 2005 Upper Room.

Please Save

Some throw-away stuff can be used:
Any hard plastic lid - such as water bottle, ketchup, mayo, etc. lids.
Metal can pull-tabs.

Plastic lids can be melted and used to make benches for the handicapped. St. Paul's church in Elgin is collecting lids.

Metal pull-tabs can raise money. United Commercial Travelers Elgin Council 412 is collecting tabs to raise money to pay for kidney dialysis at Heinz VA Hospital.



Please deposit lids and tabs in the two Folgers coffee containers in the office.

**Dec 24 & 31
One Worship Service
@10:00 a.m.**



by Marianne Rogenski

Education News:

After taking December 24 and 31 off, Sunday School will begin meeting again on January 7 welcome back!

A huge thank you to our teachers, assistants, and youth helpers for making Sunday School such an amazing experience each week!

Youth News:

Youth group begins again on January 7!

January:

- 7 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 14 The Gathering at Our Savior's UMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 21 Youth Group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 28 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm

February:

- 4 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 11 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 18 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 23-24 30 Hour Famine
- 25 Famine Sunday 9am and 10:30am
NO youth group in evening

30 Hour Famine is coming soon!

We will be doing World Vision's 30 Hour Famine at ORUMC on February 23-24, 2018. This is a truly amazing experience for everyone and we are very excited about it!

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Youth from ORUMC and their friends go on a juice and water fast for 30 hours all while learning about hunger around the world, doing service projects, having Bible study and discussion, playing games, and just being together. They ask friends and family to sponsor them and all funds raised benefit World Vision.

If you are interested in participating please see Marianne after Christmas for a consent form. Once you turn that in you will receive your fundraising packet.

Please see Marianne if you have any questions.

Famine Sunday is February 25.

If you would like to help with the 30 Hour Famine please keep an eye out for the sign up sheet it will go up in the narthex mid-January.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

We will have our first meeting on January 23, 7-8pm, at church! If you are interested in the trip this summer please plan to be at this meeting! Our trip is June 9-16, 2018. If you are interested see Marianne.



January 31 Tyler Calderwood

United Methodist Women

We are looking forward to 2018 and all of the opportunities and blessings that it will bring to our United Methodist Women and the missions that we support. Just to wrap up 2017 in a bow; we remember with a smile all of the fun that we had at our December 5 meeting, as well as the great food provided and the White Elephant gifts exchanged. Also, we approved disbursement of \$1,500 to missions. These funds were available as a result of our fund raising activities throughout the year. Our UMW Board Members elected for 2018 are as follows:

Co-chairs- Julie Kuhn & Melinda Taylor

Recording Secretary- Mary Stehlin

Events Secretary- Mary Zalay

Treasurer- Cathy Mottar

Board Members at Large- Pam Miller and Elinor Reader

Make sure that you look at the 2018 Calendar of Events, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship that each event provides.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 - @ 6:30 p.m.-
Game Night at Melinda Taylor's

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 - @ 6:30 p.m.-
Spring Potluck and Business Meeting @ church. Program: "Delighting Daily in the Word"

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 February 18

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 - @ 6:30 p.m.- Annual Salad Supper and Business Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 - @ 6:30 p.m.- Fall Potluck and Business Meeting

TUESDAY, DEC. 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"



Jan 13, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship Saturday Jan 13, 8:00 a.m. at church.

Feb 3, 9:00 a.m. Meatball Prep at the Parsonage

Feb 4, 10:45 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner at Church

All men are also invited to help prepare and serve the annual Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner. We will be making the meatballs Saturday Feb 3, 9:00 a.m. at the parsonage and serving Sunday Feb 4, 10:45 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. at church.

All are welcome to come and enjoy.



Decorating December 2



Chancel Choir



Redeemer Ringers

Music Sunday December 17



**Praise Team
Music Sunday December 17**

Music Sunday

December 17 was Music Sunday. All of the adult musical groups performed at both services. Even those of us who performed thought it was a great morning.

Thanks to **Cathy Scott, Ron Zemke** and **Karen Moore** for their planning and guidance, to **Colin Drozdoff** for his performance, and to all of the musicians for their participation.

Narthex Update

The narthex update is a work in process. The painting of the narthex and hallway is complete. Two new chairs and a table have been added along with new cushions for the narthex benches.

New artwork includes the custom designed "This is the Day" graphic. More updates are on the way.

Thanks to **Mary Zalay, Peggy Gire, Jill Wood-Naatz, Carolyn Meneely, Mary Illg** and **Penny Miller** for their planning and participation.

THIS IS THE *Day* THAT THE *Lord*
HAS MADE. LET US *Rejoice* & BE
Glad IN IT.
PSALM 118: 24



Narthex Update

Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Annual Coat Give Away

Gently used heavy winter coats for all members of a family as well as hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots are needed for the **Annual Coat Give Away**. They cannot use lightweight or spring items, sweatshirts or long trench coats. The Give Away ends in February.

Toiletries:

Nail clippers and emery boards.

Medicine Chest Items:

All items must be new, sealed and with current dates.

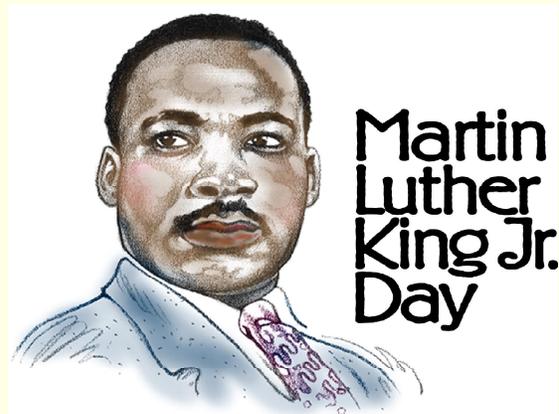
Non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, anti-diarrhea medications, Orajel, Pedialyte, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, facial tissues

CCC Food Pantry:

Canned fruit, canned meat meals, beef stew, chili, etc. Also needed are cereal/oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, mac and cheese, pork and beans, powdered milk, saltine crackers, soups, spaghetti and marinara sauce, spaghetti type canned items, tuna, hand can openers

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.



King Day Faith in Action Assembly

Join us for the Annual King Day Assembly of Community Renewal Society. Our church is a member of this social justice organization which works toward racial and economic justice in Illinois. ORUMC has a Faith in Action Team composed of 6 members who advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

This year's assembly will be at **Old St. Patrick's church** in Chicago from 8:30-12:00 noon on **Monday, January 15**. There will also be a governor's candidate forum where you will have a chance to hear from each candidate.

We will car pool from church to Old St. Pat's. See the flier for more information.

You may speak with members of our Faith in Action Team to get more details. They are **Andrea Meyer, Annette Brown, Jack Denny, Joanne Gregorash, Ellen Kobylewski, and Jill Wood-Naatz**.

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&

GOVERNOR'S CANDIDATE FORUM

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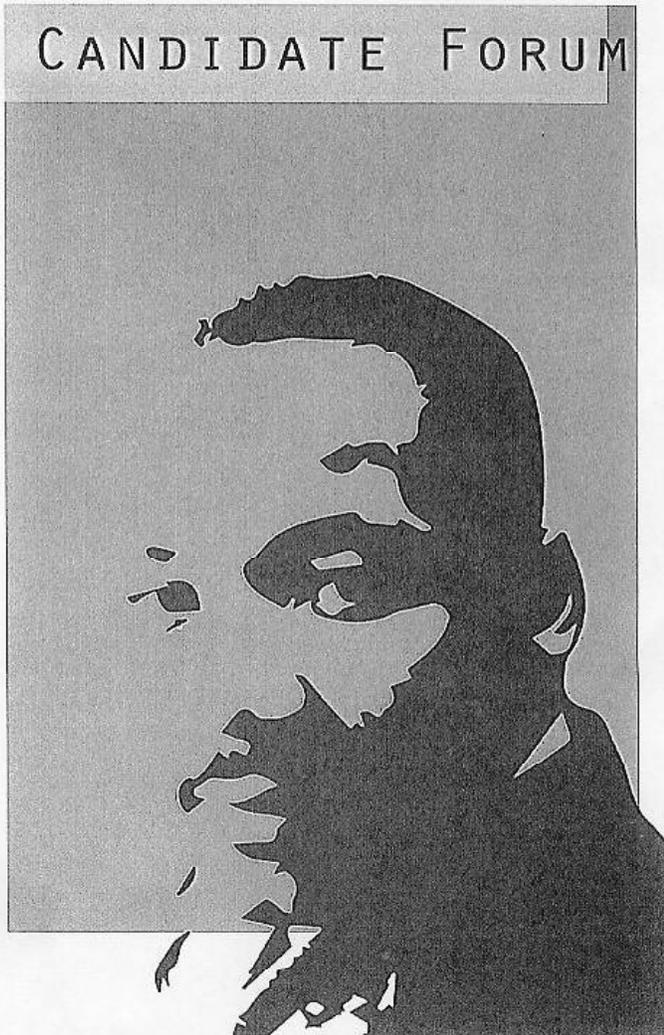
The hope of a secure
and livable world
lies with
disciplined
nonconformists
who are dedicated
to justice, peace
and brotherhood.

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OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
700 WEST ADAMS, CHICAGO
JANUARY 15, 2018
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

   @crschicago
Register at bit.ly/CRSMLK18

#CRSMLK





Personal Notes



Heifer International

Thanks to all who have given a Heifer gift for Christmas. *It's not too late.* If you would like to contribute, contact **Jon Montgomery** for more information.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2018 are available for pickup in the narthex for those who have envelope assignments. Envelopes are labelled and sorted alphabetically.

If you do not have envelopes and would like to use them, please call Donna in the church office (847) 882-6116.

Gifts from the Heart

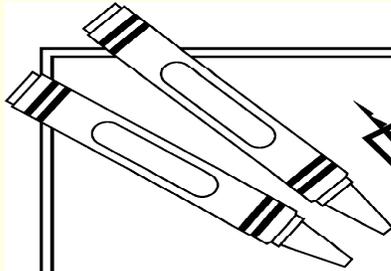
by Carol Hollingsworth

On behalf of ChildServ and the children, I would like to thank the generosity of the 57 individuals and families who sponsored 87 children for our Gifts from the Heart program. It is always so heartwarming to see the response from our congregation for these children, who otherwise, would not have quite as bright a Christmas.

Thanks to **Dan** and **Ronda Wilkes** for helping collect and deliver the gifts.



Delivering gifts Dec 3



PUZZLE

A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.



Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

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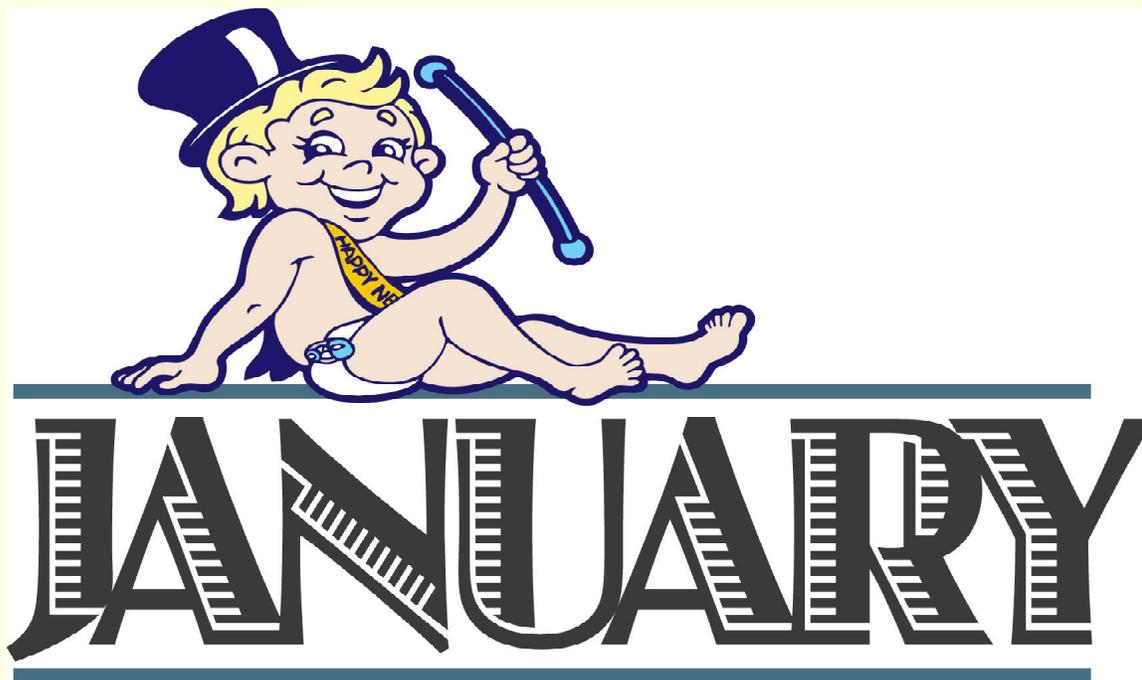
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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
 The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

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