



# The Redeemer Review

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## A Hymn for the Special General Conference 2019

A special General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, *February 23-26, 2019.*

The General Conference is a quadrennial meeting of United Methodists to specifically address the question of human sexuality and the mission of the church. I have outlined in previous newsletters the three main proposals for consideration. There are a total of 48 petitions related to the three plans submitted by the Way Forward Commission who studied this matter.

For your information, included in this issue is a summary of the petitions before the General Conference. I would like to thank our Lay Leader, **Dann Gire**, for sharing this information.

We hope that we can offer an opportunity this month to hear again the proposals under consideration. This is a pivotal moment in the life of The United Methodist Church and the future of the denomination.

In April 23, 1968, *The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church*, merged to form The United Methodist Church.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, offered the following words to Thomas Coke to go to America and ordain Francis Asbury: "*Offer them Christ.*" John Wesley stood at the pier and bid goodbye and blessings to Thomas and the work of the Holy Spirit in America. This was reported to be his final instruction toward the end of his long ministry as a "Circuit Rider."

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Now, the church is Global. We acknowledge the decline in membership throughout the denomination especially in the U.S. However, there are bright spots in the data. The latest global membership now is 12.5 million. When we act locally, it resonates in many parts of the world.

While we do not know what will be the outcome of this special General Conference, I am convinced that the mission and ministry to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world will always be front and center. We carry the light of Christ.

We will sing in February "And Are We Yet Alive." When we open the conference session every year and in other gatherings, it is a moment of celebration of our common heritage and mission. In Ephesians 5:19, Paul wrote, "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."

"And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace! Preserved by power divine to full salvation here, again in Jesus' praise we join and in his sight appear."

Let us pray for the Church and sing the songs of faith. Best of all God is gracious and good. Let us continue the work placed before us and make a significant difference. It is a gift to be a part of the body of Christ.

*Rev. Romir R. Esguerra*

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## United Methodist Women

We hope that everyone had a great time at our UMW Trivia Night fundraiser on January 19. It was a great success and we were able to raise funds for our Food Pantry as well as for missions that benefit women and children.

We extend our thanks to the committee that organized this event: **Melinda Taylor, Julie Kuhn, Sarah Calderwood, Peggy Gire and Melissa Bland.**

Also, we thank everyone that attended, brought desserts, moved furniture and helped in many other ways.

Our next event is our **Tuesday, March 5th Quarterly Meeting and Potluck @ 6:30 p.m.**

We're looking forward to the program entitled "Footsteps of Paul". Our guides through this presentation will be **Jill Wood-Naatz, Carolyn Meneely and Ellen Kobylewski.** All of them toured Greece and Turkey in October 2018. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner.

Make sure that you record the **2019 Calendar of Events** so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

· **FRIDAY, FEB. 15** @ 6:30 p.m. Game night @ Melinda Taylor's home

· **TUESDAY, MARCH 5-** 6:30 p.m.- Quarterly Meeting & Potluck. "Footsteps of Paul"

· **FRIDAY/ SATURDAY, MAY 3 & 4-** Retreat at Wesley Woods (United Methodist

camp in Williams Bay /Lake Geneva, WI). Program theme: "Resisting Happiness"

· **TUESDAY, JUNE 4-** 6:30 p.m.- Annual Salad Supper & Quarterly Meeting: "The Life of hymn composer Fannie Crosby" (presented by Carol Hollingsworth)

· **TUESDAY, SEPT. 10** @ 6:30 p.m.- Quarterly Meeting & Potluck. "Food and Faith: Where Would Jesus Sit?" (presented by Mary Zalay)

· **TUESDAY, DEC. 3-** 6:30 p.m. UMW Holiday Meeting & Potluck- Program: "Holiday Happenings" and White Elephant gift exchange

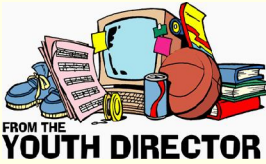
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## Feeding the Hungry at Our Redeemer's

Please remember our church feeds hungry neighbors in two important ways. Food is delivered each week to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry and food items are also given out judiciously to those hungry neighbors who stop by our church. We can also feed these hungry guests through gift cards (i.e. Subway, Jewel, etc.) given to Donna in the church office.

We have a new location for food donations thanks to our Narthex Beautification Team. Please place your donated food on the designated shelf on the food cart located in the narthex.

This week, and every week, please buy a little extra to share with those in need. ..."***For I was hungry and you gave me food.***"



*by Marianne Rogenski*

## Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 3, both services bring a canned good with \$1 wrapped around it and help us fill the church pantry and boost the Pastor's Discretionary Fund!

Thank you!

## Education News:

Mark your calendars

## April 21 - Easter Sunday

**Easter Egg Hunt** between  
worship services

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

## Youth News:

### February

- 3 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 10 Youth group 5:30-7:30
- 17 Youth group 5:30-7:30
- 22-23 30 hour famine
- 24 Famine Sunday
- NO YOUTH GROUP

### March

- 3 Youth group 5:30-7:30pm
- 10 Youth group 5:30-7:30pm
- 17 The Gathering 6-8pm  
at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- 24 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 31 NO YOUTH GROUP

## 30 Hour Famine

Join us for the 30 Hour Famine on February 22-23! See Marianne for more info.

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to start thinking about ASP again!

If you are interested in going on the trip and have not yet let Marianne know, please do so now.

If you would like to donate to the team, please make sure that your donation is clearly labeled "ASP". We are still in need of funding and would appreciate all support!



### February:

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



## Community Crisis Center

*by Sally Donaldson*

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 chapstick.

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/Spaghettios, 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.

## Twenty Sixth Annual Meals for Millions Lenten Program

Meals for Millions is a mission project for the United Methodist Men, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. UMM has provided literally millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry through fund raising activities.

The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good to eat but which are not suitable for use by processing plants due to size or shape.

All members and friends of ***Our Redeemer's*** are invited to join the Society of St Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent. During last year's Lenten season, ***Our Redeemer's*** raised \$550.00. Since 1994 ***Our Redeemer's*** has raised over \$29,000.

This year's Lenten devotion entitled "Seasons of Joy and Gladness" can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from giving up something during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program will begin Ash Wednesday, March, 6 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April, 19.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February, 17.

## Finding A Way Forward

Open doors. Open hearts. Open minds. We know well these three phrases. They greet us on the wall in the narthex. They express the core values of our Redeemer's parishioners as members of the greater United Methodist Church.

But do we, in practice, faithfully translate our avowed values of openness into actions?

We will know the answer to this question next month when United Methodist delegates from around the globe gather in St. Louis for a Special Session of the 2019 General Conference to consider an issue that has been dubbed "A Way Forward."

In 1972, church officials added new language concerning human sexuality to the United Methodist Book of Discipline. That language said, "The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals<sup>1</sup> are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church."

Since 1972, we have, as a society, evolved and become far more enlightened, empathetic and understanding of the scope of human sexuality. Today, the additional language in the Discipline has become a lightning rod of controversy as the United Methodist leadership struggles to reconcile the 1972 stand on homosexuality with the actual teachings of Jesus Christ. As church officials explain it: "Increasing harm to one another, and a deepening impasse related to human sexuality and the unity of the church has led to a

Special Session of the General Conference."

So what will actually happen at this Special Session? Delegates will consider four submitted plans to put the church on the Way Forward.

### **Plan 1: The One Church Plan**

This proposal removes language from the Book of Discipline that forbids pastors and churches from conducting same-sex weddings, and annual conferences from ordaining self-avowed practicing homosexuals. It adds language protecting religious freedom of pastors and churches choosing not to perform or host same-sex weddings, and all Boards of Ordained Ministry choosing not to credential homosexuals. Simplified, this means each church leadership can choose its own rules pertaining to issues regarding sexual orientation.

### **Plan 2: The Connectional Conference Plan**

The current five geographic U.S. jurisdictions of UMC will be replaced by three "connectional" conferences not defined by geography, but by different theological approaches based on their LGBTQ ministry perspectives referred to as "Progressive," "Unity" or "Traditional." Each church will decide which of these three philosophies it will follow, allowing parishioners a clear choice of what connectional perspective they feel comfortable with.

### **Plan 3: The Traditionalist Plan**

This requires every annual conference to certify it will enforce the Discipline's rules on LGBTQ marriage and ordination. By 2021, conferences refusing to comply can no longer

use the United Methodist name and logo, and no longer receive funds from The United Methodist Church. Additionally, the current description of homosexuals becomes broadened to "persons living in a same-sex marriage or civil union or persons who publicly state that they are practicing homosexuals."

#### **Plan 4: The Simple Plan**

It removes the language from the 1972 Discipline that forbids the conducting of same-sex marriages and ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. Churches can establish their own policies on weddings and credentials.

These descriptions have been greatly simplified for easier understanding of their basic differences. Only Plan 1 has been recommended by the UM Council of Bishops, and, even though this plan is considered to be the most likely to be selected by the Special Session, delegates may opt for other plans sub-

mitted at the Conference, or may opt for none of them.

This Special Session vote will be a sticky wicket to work as our delegates navigate a political, economic, social, religious and emotional minefield to find our best way forward.

No one can be certain of the Special Session's outcome, or of the ramifications and ripple effects of that outcome.

Some observers say the delegates could opt to make minimal changes, so the status quo continues. Other observers fear that any change – or even no change – could cause a split in the UMC with billions of dollars in retirement and pension obligations hanging in the balance.

Please take a moment to offer prayers to our delegates as they meet in St. Louis to find a way forward through the words of Jesus Christ.

**Dann Gire, Lay Leader ORUMC**

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## **UMW Trivia Night**

Thanks to the United Methodist Women and all those who helped organize, set up, tear down, bring dessert, clean up and answer trivia questions. It was a fun night!





## Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner Feb 3, 10:45 a.m.

All members and friends are invited to enjoy the UMM Super Bowl spaghetti and meatball dinner starting Feb 3 at 10:45 a.m.

## Spaghetti Dinner Preparation Feb 2, 8:00 a.m.

Feb 2 at 8:00 a.m. the men of UMM are invited to help cook the world famous meatballs for our Super Bowl Sunday Spaghetti Dinner.

The men are also invited to come Feb 3 starting at 9:00 a.m. to help serve.

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## Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 3

Join us in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

On February 3 the youth will be collecting non-perishable food items with \$1 (or more) wrapped around each item.

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



### From ChildServ

You did it! ChildServ's 2018 Holiday Gift Drive was the agency's biggest, most successful yet!! Because of your generosity, 1,500 children who are at risk received toys, clothes and other gifts for the holidays.

Thanks to you and your congregation for sponsoring our kids this year. Your kindness ensured our clients experienced the magic of the holidays, and we appreciate your commitment to their futures!

Now in our 125th year, ChildServ continues our mission to protect, heal and educate children and families so they can build better lives through early childhood learning, foster care and adoption and supportive housing programs.

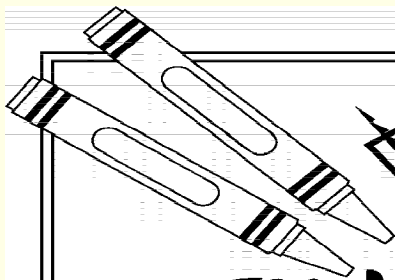
We are fortunate to have the amazing support and friendship of *Our Redeemer's* UMC of Schaumburg and many within the Northern Illinois Conference, whose partnership has empowered ChildServ and our kids since 1894. Without your help, our impact would not be as great.

Thank you again for all you do for our kids and families and have a blessed new year.

### Dishes Missing?

Are you missing any of your dishes? If you have brought food to church in the past, please check the kitchen and see if any of your dishes are there. Thanks



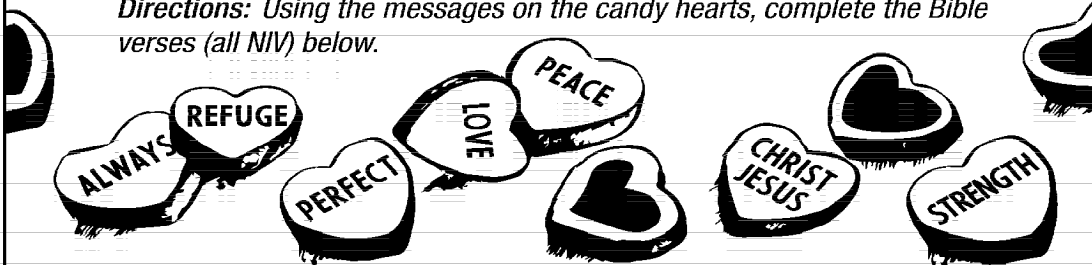


# PUZZLE

## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philipians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

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**January 27, 2019 - March 09, 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><i>Jan 27</i></p> <p><b>9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery</b></p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Bowling @Poplar Creek</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Jan 28</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera</p> <p>7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jan 29</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p><b>7:00 PM ASP Meeting</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jan 30</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Cherub Choir</p> <p>5:20 PM Joyful Noise</p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jan 31</i></p> <p>8:30 AM TOPS</p> <p>7:15 PM UMW Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 1</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 2</i></p> <p>8:00 AM UMM Spaghetti Dinner Preparation in Wesley Hall</p>
<p align="center"><i>Feb 3</i></p> <p><b>Soup-er Bowl of Caring Food Drive</b></p> <p><b>No Youth Group</b></p> <p><b>9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery</b></p> <p><b>10:45 AM UMM Spaghetti Dinner</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 4</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera</p> <p>7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 5</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Staff Parish</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 6</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Cherub Choir</p> <p>5:20 PM Joyful Noise</p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 7</i></p> <p>8:30 AM TOPS</p> <p>3:00 PM Delta Kappa Gamma Mtg</p> <p>6:15 PM Pack #195 Bear Den Meeting-Rm 1</p> <p>6:30 PM PEO Meeting-Wesley Hall</p> <p>7:15 PM UMW Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 8</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 9</i></p>
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<p align="center"><i>Feb 17</i></p> <p><b>9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM Soup Kitchen</b></p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 18</i></p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera</p> <p>7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 19</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 20</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Cherub Choir</p> <p>5:20 PM Joyful Noise</p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 21</i></p> <p>8:30 AM TOPS</p> <p>7:00 PM Ad Council</p> <p>7:15 PM UMW Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 22</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 23</i></p> <p>10:30 AM Worship/Nursery</p>
<p align="center"><i>Feb 24</i></p> <p><b>No Youth Group</b></p> <p><b>Famine Sunday</b></p> <p><b>9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM Bowling @Poplar Creek</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 25</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera</p> <p>7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 26</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Reading the Bible Group</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 27</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Cherub Choir</p> <p>5:20 PM Joyful Noise</p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p align="center"><i>Feb 28</i></p> <p>8:30 AM TOPS</p> <p>11:00 AM Brookdale Service</p> <p>7:15 PM UMW Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Mar 1</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Mar 2</i></p>
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**30 Hour Famine**