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Summer of Faith



As I write this newsletter, my family is enroute to the Philippines for a much awaited trip to visit relatives and friends. The most anticipated part is the journey itself but the hardest part is deciding what to bring home. A simple gift that I may take for granted conveys a different tone. It is really not about the gift itself but the gift from the heart. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus said, “ *Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

Summer has much to tell us about faith. Whether you stay home or spend a few precious days away, may you rediscover the simple gifts of faith in the ordinary experiences. It makes sense that

the concept of journey is so central in the history of faith from Genesis to Revelation. We love the story of how God weaves our journey with God's story. The love of God is constant. Most often than not, it is in the *ōdetourō* that we find the presence of God inviting.

Summer of faith is sowing time and growing time. I hope to learn something new this summer. I encounter a new term that I find interesting: *ōmoral ecologyō*. Author David Brooks coined the term and he said that *ōone of the greatest legacies a person can leave is a system of belief and behavior that lives on.ō* It is also a resource or collective response to the world.

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The whole section about *treasure* was a direct response of Jesus to the people intent on following the established ways or sometimes uncharted ways. Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught them to *seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Our faith is not about us. It is about God who brings all to the center of faith. Each one of us is gifted with unique roles in order for the church to flourish. No one has the monopoly on church stuff. Only God. The reason is quite plain: to bring us closer to God's heart. And the rest is our response to this invitation. We have a story to tell and John Wesley famously said, "Offer them Christ."

Join us for *Vacation Bible School in July 8-11, July 14 Vacation Bible School Sunday and Church Picnic following the service.* There are many opportunities to serve. Check them out.

May God bless all of you in this summer of faith.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

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Welcome to our new custodians at ORUMC

We are pleased to announce that Wilma and Denny Baluyot accepted the invitation to join our church staff effective June 1, 2019.

Wilma is a teacher at the Christian Corner in our church since arrival in the US in 2015. Wilma sees her job as a custodian in a different way. She said that this is her ministry to make sure that the place of worship is inviting and our meeting rooms are cared for. Wilma like her husband, Denny are members of ORUMC by way of transfer from their home church in the Philippines. Both were active members in the local United Methodist Church there with their respective families.

Denny works at Friendship Village and is with our chancel choir. Like Wilma, he views this new position as a ministry. His family is in the San Francisco area and active in their local United Methodist Church.

Wilma and Denny have three children. Lawrence and Daniel emigrated with them and are active members in our church. Wilma and Denny are also proud grandparents; their daughter and her husband lives in their hometown in the Philippines.

We welcome and extend our blessings and best wishes as you serve the church in this way.



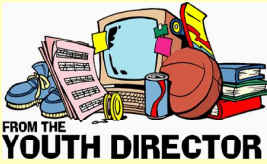
Denny and Wilma Baluyot

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of May 31, 2019.

Year to Date Actual

Income	\$132,824
Expenses	\$135,341
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,517)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	\$165,000
Balance 4/30/2019	\$26,031



Youth

Thank you to everyone who supported our mission trip to Appalachia Service Project!

Rally Day is September 8 so mark your calendars for the start of youth group!

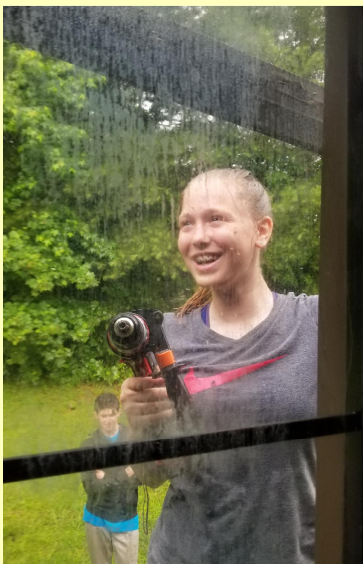
Education

VBS is July 8-11, 6:30-8:30p.m. with VBS Sunday and church picnic on July 14. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Rally Day is September 8 so can't wait to see everyone for the first day of Sunday school!



ASP Departure - June 15



United Methodist Women

A big thank you goes out to **Carol Hollingsworth**, who treated us to a musical program at our Tuesday, June 4 Salad Supper. She shared the story of hymn composer Fanny Crosby (e.g. - *Blessed Assurance*) and led us through the singing of many of Fanny's hymns with her piano accompaniment.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Rummage Sale Lite on Friday & Saturday, August 2 & 3**. You can drop off your treasures from Sunday, July 28 through Wednesday, July 31. There's more information about the sale in another article within this Redeemer Review.

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

Friday, Aug 2 & Saturday, Aug 3 - Rummage Sale Lite 2019
Pam Miller & Betty Miller will be the co-chairs for this upcoming sale. Rummage Drop-off dates: **July 28 - 31**. Start saving your treasures!

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

Sunday, Nov 24- Heavenly Treats- More information closer to the date.

Tuesday, Dec 3- 6:30 p.m. UMW Holiday Meeting & Potluck- Program: *Holiday Happenings* and White Elephant gift exchange

Trivia Night 2020- We will schedule our 2nd Annual Trivia Night for early next year.



UMW at Feed My Starving Children June 17

OFFICE RENOVATION THANK YOU



Thanks so much to all the people who gave their time, talents and financial gifts to make our office renovation happen. We were able to do a floor to ceiling renovation of two office spaces due to a lot of hardworking people and a generous donation of office furniture from the Daily Herald.

SUMMER RENOVATIONS

June - Complete the Newly Created Youth Room

July ó Complete Nursery Facelift

August ó Paint & Decorate The Walls in Room 1 & the Choir Room

Check the Narthex Bulletin Board for Details

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) Make a financial donation to the "Designated Trustee Projects" account # 8342
- 2) Sign up to paint on a Saturday in August.
- 3) Volunteer for a few easy sewing projects in June. Check the Narthex Bulletin Board or ask **Jill Naatz** or **Peggy Gire** for more information.

Conference Report

My Fellow ORUMC Members:

Church delegates **John Machonis** and **Dann Gire** plus Conference Delegate **JoAnne Gregorosh** attended the 2019 annual Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church in Schaumburg, June 2-4. The following report summarizes highlights from the Conference Report, the full text of which can be found on umcnic.org.

Legislation Passed

Much of the legislation that passed at Annual Conference reflected the disapproval of the Traditional Plan adopted at February's General Conference Special Session, which emphasizes the current policies around homosexuality in the Book of Discipline for ordination and same-sex marriages while strengthening enforcement of those rules. Approved legislation included suspending payments to the General Administration Fund until changes are made to the structure and practices of General Conference. Also, a call to form a task force to explore a way forward for the NIC, including the possibility of a new Methodist expression, was approved.

Members also approved taking a non-binding straw poll to gauge the annual conference on which direction it would choose for its future. The two choices included: 1) a conference whose policies allow for clergy to officiate at same-gender weddings, allow for consideration of ordained ministry people of varying sexual orientations and gender identi-

ties, and in which appointments are made with consideration given to the full range of contextual realities, or 2) according to the Book of Discipline as amended in 2019. The result was 441 for option #1 and 79 for option #2.

The Annual Conference Shepherding Team (ACST), the NIC's coordinating and connectional group, presented three top strategic goals for the Conference to be implemented through a two-year plan. The goals approved are: To Grow and Reach New Disciples of Jesus Christ, To Live Out the Conviction that Racism is Incompatible with Christian Teaching, and To Increase the Number of Highly Vital Congregations.

2018 Statistics

NIC's membership stands at 77,682, down 2,850 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 26,701, down 1,765. Church school attendance stands at 6,521, down 353. Professions or reaffirmations of faith was 875, down 59. The number of adults and young adults participating in small groups was 27,759, up 465. The number of worshippers engaged in mission was 758, up 73.

Next year's Annual Conference will return to the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center from June 7-9, 2020. This will be Bishop Dyck's last annual conference as she announced her retirement after 41 years of ministry starting September 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, **Dann Gire**, Lay Leader.



2019 UMW RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget - Rummage Lite is Friday, August 2, from 9-4 and Saturday, August 3, from 9-2. Drop off times are limited to the following: Sunday, July 28, from 12-5; Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31, between 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. No drops will be accepted after Wednesday evening.

The following items will be accepted: small kitchen appliances (must be in good working order), frames, wall art, kitchenware, dishware, holiday items, clothing and shoes, linens must be marked with sizes and the pieces attached together, small pieces of furniture and small table lamps that can fit in the back seat of a car and be in good working condition.

The following items will NOT be accepted: electronics, computers, pillows, stuffed animals, jewelry, large furniture, luggage, large exercise equipment, bikes, ceiling fans, chandeliers, large floor lamps.

Be watching for a volunteer sign-up to be posted sometime early in July. We need all the helping hands we can get, including set-up following church on July 28 and take down at 2:00 on Saturday, August 3. We really could use some strong arms for those specific times!

Any questions can be answered by **Betty Miller** or **Pam Miller**.

Membership Invitation

If you are new to *Our Redeemer's* and would like to consider a deeper connection, you are invited to become a member. **Pastor Romir** will be conducting membership orientation classes after services August 18 and 25 at 11:15 a.m. You are invited to attend either one of the classes. Members will be received on September 15.

Please contact **Donna** in the office, 847-882-6116, if you would like to attend.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting July 13, Aug 10, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the United Methodist Men for breakfast and fellowship July 13 and Aug 10 at 8:00 a.m. at Mr. A's in Roselle. Mr. A's is located at 609 E Irving Park Rd, Roselle, IL 60172.

If you plan to attend, please contact **Rich Hill** at orumc.umm@gmail.com so he can make reservations.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Summer Needs and Back to School Supply Drive

Please help us with any of the following items:

Baby Needs: Disposable diapers and baby wipes.

Back to School Supplies: Waterproof backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, erasers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, 3 ring binders and 2 pocket folders.

Food & Snacks: There is no summer vacation from hunger. The CCC is always in need of non-perishable canned and boxed goods (soups, cereal, pasta and sauces, chile, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, saltine and graham crackers and microwave popcorn)..

Odds & Ends: Towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, hand operated can openers, twin size bedding (new or used) trial size sewing kits, paper towels, toilet paper, face napkins, facial tissue, styrofoam cups, plastic ware and paper plates.

Summer Needs: New flip flops, slippers and summer pajamas for women and children, swimsuits (new or gently used), sunblock lotion, mosquito repellent, box and oscillating fans.

Toiletries: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, nail clip-

pers, emery boards, disposable shavers, deodorant for men and women, hand and body lotion.

Womens Needs: Blank journals, wrist watches, wallets on a string, 4 place setting dish sets, pots, pans and laundry baskets.

Please place your donations for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins in the cabinet to the left of the information desk located in the Narthex. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Church Picnic - July 14

The Connect Committee will once again be hosting an all church/VBS picnic on VBS Sunday, July 14, immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

Since the committee is quite small, we will need some help from others. We will supply the hot dogs, buns and chips. Church members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be a sign-up in the narthex for doing so. We also need help with set up and take down. Many of the tables will already be up from VBS, but we may need some extras, plus chairs. We had over 100 attend last year and hope to have the same, or more, this year.

We could also use volunteers to help serve food and supervise games. Please be sure to sign-up in order to help make our picnic a great success! Any questions, please contact **Pam Miller** or **Debbie Weigel**.

Pastoral Care

For Pastoral Care and other related matters please contact the church office, 847-882-6116. You may also send an email to donna@orumc.org.

For an emergency, the church office will forward your information to the Pastoral Care team.

For an emergency you may also email **Pastor Romir** at romir5@me.com. You may also send phone numbers to Donna at donna@orumc.org.

Blessings and Peace

Rev. Romir R. Esquerra

We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. during the summer through September 1. We will resume our two service schedule on September 8.

The next Ad Council Meeting will be on Thursday, August 15.

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy

to: **Shirley McDaniel** and family on the death of her brother, **Evan Lottich**, he was 95 years young.

to: **Judy Gurga** and family on the death of her mother, **Irene Schreiber**.

to: **Gail Bedingfield** and family on the death of her father, **Richard Lynch**.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to **Jeff & Gwyn Greenwalt** who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 4.

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