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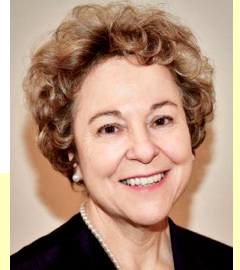
Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Welcome Pastor Shirley



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy that I write these first lines as your Pastor and your spiritual guide. Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to **Pastor Romir** and the Church Leaders for their kind welcoming words via ZOOM as well as their time in organizing worship services on line, during this time of pastoral transition. Through their gestures, I have been reminded, once again, of Jesus's love and care for us.

“Mae Iesu'n fy ngharu i, hyn dwi'n gwybod, oherwydd mae'r Beibl yn dweud wrtha i.”

These are the Welsh words, of the first stanza, of one of the most popular Christian hymns in churches around the world. I grew up singing this song with my family and I am sure many of you did, too.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know, For The Bible Tells Me So, came to my mind as I watched the Pentecost Worship Service on line.

The sacredness of voices coming together, telling the story of God's love for us and reminding us that God can do for us what no other power can do, for God is the source of love and grace.

As **Jon, Ruby and Jamie Montgomery** began reading Acts 2, followed by the many languages being spoken by **Simon and Racquel Enriquez, Vijaya Jesudoss, Jack Denny, Jill Wood-Naatz and Diep Nguyen**, I could not stop thinking how God's love never stops.

He continues bringing people together to proclaim God's grace as it happened thou-

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sands of years ago, in Pentecost. There I was, sitting in my backyard listening to the voices of people whom I have never met, yet in unity of spirit, sharing the Word of God in multiple languages, for everyone in our communities to hear. It was indeed a sacred time.

The love of God, sweeping through virtual connections, into neighborhoods, into homes, into my yard and into my heart. This love, shared not only to the people of ***Our Redeemer's***, but to a family, a town, a country and a world in so much need of love and hope.

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I rejoice in knowing that during this time of pandemia, ***Our Redeemer's*** continues being the hands and feet of our Lord; a sacred place where brothers and sisters can tune in and hear words of love and compassion from a church that cares.

It is in this spirit that I would like to commend you, for going the extra mile in reaching out, Sunday after Sunday, to all those who are in need of hearing the Gospel of Love and also celebrate you for being a body of Christ that can adapt quickly to meet the emerging needs of its community.

It is my hope that what we are learning about ourselves as individuals and as a community of faith - about our capacity for grace, for hope, for change, for love beyond our walls - will enrich us long after this pandemic ends.

I pray to the Lord that, as we begin this new journey of being the church together, a journey of faith where we will show God's love to our neighbors and to each other, we can experience in our lives the most significant and profound truth known to humanity - that God loves us!

In God's love,
Pastor Shirley

There's a New Team in Town It's the ReTurn Team!

In cooperation with and at the direction of church and government authorities, the Northern Illinois Conference ReTurn Team was assembled to investigate and recommend protocols the Church must follow to mitigate the number of people infected with COVID19.

As part of that initiative ORUMC has been called upon to create a ReTurn Team for our church. This team will create a plan to return to our building safely to meet and worship in person when the Covid19 pandemic subsides.

Members of our congregation with certain jobs at ORUMC and special skill sets to meet this challenge have been chosen to serve on this team.

Pastor Shirley	Head Pastor
Pastor Nancy	Youth Pastor, Education, CCCC, NIC involvement
JoAnne Gregorash	Ad Council Chair, Finance, Worship, NIC involvement
Dann Gire	Lay Leader, SPRC
Brian Calderwood	Trustee Co-Chair, IT Professional
Darrell Taylor	Trustee, CCCC, City Development Director
Peggy Gire	Worship Chair
Cathy Scott	Music Coordinator, training in vocal use effects on COVID19
Steve Miller	Tech Team, Worship, Sun Chemical Production Manager
Gail Bedingfield	Caring Ministries, Nurse Practitioner

Debbie Weigel SPRC, Connects,
Greeters, Medical Professional
Jon Montgomery Education, Lions
International Leadership Development

We will meet often and will align our plan to Illinois law and Northern Illinois Conference plans with an eye on health developments. As parts of our plans are complete we will lead our congregation to implement that plan with lots of opportunities for members to help in our efforts to take care of our building and congregation and guard against the spread of COVID19.

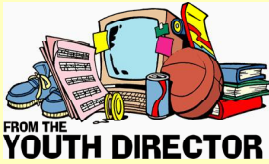
Peggy Gire
Brian Calderwood
Rev. Nancy Grim Hunter
JoAnne Gregorash

Something To Look Forward To

We are planning to have a "Parking Lot Worship Service" with "Drive Through Communion" on the first Sunday of August, September and October at 10:00am here at ***Our Redeemer's***.

Watch for emails for an announcement of the details with instructions and safety guidelines.

Your Worship Team



Education/Youth News

Sunday School Classes and Youth Group Meetings are on Summer Break and will resume their official gatherings when school starts in the fall.

In the meantime, the Youth plans to get together periodically to do outdoor activities together - such as hiking, picnicking, going for ice cream, etc. - once safe guidelines as part of the ReTurn Plan is approved. **Pastor Nancy** will keep everyone posted through social media!

Vacation Bible School



At the present time, the NIC is not approving face-to-face Vacation Bible School. Therefore, **Pastor Nancy** will prepare online VBS lessons and activities during the month of July for families. The theme is Compassion Camp.

There is a possibility that we could meet at the picnic tables - one table per family - at some time in July for whole group science and art activities - pending approval by the ReTurn Plan. Details on this will be shared through social media.

At-Home Faith Formation Activities for Families - Parents are encouraged to download the At-Home Learning Modules / Coloring Sheets which are available online in Pastor Nancy's Google Drive

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IyI367eVbp8dKP-4xaiFZBAyb-2VyVP5> and through the Children's Table website

<https://www.childrenstableumcnic.org/>

This resource is an initiative of the Children's Ministry Committee of the Northern Illinois Conference of the UMC.

CURBSIDE COMMUNION

Sunday, July 5, 2020 from 10:00am to 11:00am - also an opportunity to greet **Pastor Shirley** as this is her first Sunday with ORUMC.

Self-contained elements, prayers and blessings will be given by **Pastor Shirley** and **Pastor Nancy** outside the church door.

United Methodist Women

On Tuesday June 2 the UMW gathered for a **Parking Lot Get-Together** at the church. We could not have our Annual Salad Supper that evening due to the pandemic. Although it was a hot day, a good group of women brought a lawn chair and snacks so that they could enjoy talking and catching up with each other out in the parking lot.

Please save this list of UMW events planned for 2020, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. *All dates are contingent on the dangers posed by the spread of the COVID 19 virus and the guidance of the government agencies.*

Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15- RUMMAGE SALE IS CANCELLED: This cancellation is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current restrictions and recommendations by the State of Illinois and the NIC of the United Methodist Church. We plan to schedule our next Rummage Sale in 2021. Watch for announcements next Spring for the new dates. We appreciate your support for this annual fund raiser and look forward to a great sale next year!

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Fall Meeting and Potluck. Program: øPhilø Friends- assembling packages or cardsø presented by **Sarah Calderwood**.

Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24- United Methodist Women Retreat at church. We will study the book by Adam Hamilton entitled *Christianity and World Religions*.

Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Holiday Meeting and Potluck. Program: øHoliday Happeningsø. White Elephant Gift Exchange.



Honoring Our Graduates

Hello! This is **Wesley Enriquez**, a member of ORUMC since birth, and I just recently graduated from Columbia College Chicago and got a BA in Graphic Design with a minor in Creative Advertising. Since I've been practically born into this church, I don't think there's one defining thing about the church that I would say influenced my life because that influence practically flows through my body as seamlessly as oxygen flows through my lungs, or as blood flows through my veins; I've learned a lot about myself through this church, mainly through the many youth programs here, from early Sunday school classes, up to late night youth group meetings, and then going on a few Adult Mission Trips. I would say being able to connect with the varying personalities here has opened my eyes to a whole different aspect on people in general, which is especially important for someone like myself that is very introverted, which makes it difficult to talk to others at times.

Back to my school experience, I would say choosing graphic design and going to art school is something that I know a lot of people scoff at ó it's interesting to see the change in someone's tone of voice when I mention I go to art school, and it's something that I've had to learn to accept and look past. With that said, being a graphic designer is crucial to many things, from mundane blocks of text like nutrition labels and instruction manuals, to the crucial and complex constructs our society leans on like websites, logos and packaging. Church is no exception

to this, the logo of the Methodist Church, the bulletin that we're handed every week, the slides projected onto the screens, and the videos that the church makes are all graphic design work whether you know it or not; it is so integrated into our society today that we don't think much of it, which is the main goal of graphic designers to begin with: to make the lives of others easier, and it's something that makes me even more passionate about being a graphic designer to begin with.

As of writing this, I'm in the process of applying to jobs/internships and trying to get into the graphic design field as soon as I can despite the current economy, so nothing is concrete yet, but I'd like to thank the people at church that connect with and pray for me, and the many artists at church inspire me to keep going into my career path and to combat doubts others may place on me. This kind of sounds like a good-bye, but this is just the beginning of my career, so I hope you'll keep supporting me, and may we all stay safe, loving and open-minded in this time or crisis.



Special Update Worship Services

In response to the Coronavirus, our worship services will be prepared by a limited number of people and will be available on-line through our ORUMC Website, FaceBook and YouTube at this time. Once posted, you can view them till the following Tuesday.

Come join us remotely as we worship together.

Friendly Reminder Church Activities

All in-person church activities are cancelled. Meetings and Social Hours can be scheduled as online meetings. Please contact the Tech Team for assistance.

The calendar still shows the normal dates and times even though the actual meetings are done elsewhere or virtually.



Breakfast Meetings July 11 and August 8

The United Methodist Men will hold their July 11 breakfast meeting in the church parking lot (weather permitting). Bring your own food and be prepared to enjoy fellowship socially distanced at 8:00 a.m.

Depending on the Covid 19 status, we may be able to meet at a restaurant for the August 8 breakfast meeting. Keep an eye on your email.

Operating Funds

We are requesting that all offerings should be directed to the Operating Fund in order for us to fulfill our obligations.

Your pledges to the mortgage have been fulfilled, so please direct to the Operating Fund.

Thanks for Painting and Planting

Two teams of folks worked hard to clean, paint, repair and plant to make our building and surroundings beautiful.

Jeff Oster and Jeff Randall organized the painters who included

Jeff and Deb Oster
Don and Mary Balk
Doug and Carolyn Meneely
Jeff and Lori Randall
Jim Naatz
Jeff Gilbert
Dave Miller
Brian Calderwood
Jeff Greenwalt
Lee Gac

People who helped with the planting and keep up with watering include

Don and Mary Balk
Vijaya and Jane Jesudoss
John and Edie Machonis
Deb Oster
Jeff and Lori Randall
Doug and Carolyn Meneely

Overall the gangs spent 6 to 8 weeks scheduling around cold and wet weather to get the job completed. Lets hope we all get to see it in person soon.

Feeding the Hungry

We have had no visitors to our church pantry. We have emptied our food pantry here at church and taken the items to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. We will re-stock our pantry when we are back worshipping altogether again.

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of May 31 , 2020.

Year to Date Actual	
Income	115,431
Expenses	126,951
Surplus(Deficit)	(11,520)

Another Caring Ministry - Blood Donations

Another long-time ORUMC Caring Ministry was our annual blood drive, held at the church in early December. **Brenda Raffaelli** was our most recent champion of that ministry. Over recent years, Life Source stopped coming to our church, for that annual tradition.

As you are probably aware, blood donations are very much needed these days. That is especially true, of course, for convalescent serum from those who have successfully recovered from COVID-19. Yet anyone's blood donation would be most welcome.

Life Source is now called Vitalant. Their local center is at 2111 W. Golf Road in Schaumburg. Please call 1-877-258-4825 to arrange your blood donation.

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry continues to have significant food needs. Please consider helping to feed our hungry neighbors by contributing to this long-time Our Redeemer's Caring Ministry. The pantry now accepts food donations on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 AM until 1 PM. See their website schaumburgtownship.org to learn how to donate food through amazon.com or to make financial contributions.

Special food needs for the month include:

- 1) Oatmeal
- 2) Stewed Tomatoes
- 3) Diced Tomatoes
- 4) Pancake Mix and Syrup
- 5) Pork and Beans
- 6) Chili
- 7) Dry Pasta Products
- 8) Canned Meat
- 9) Canned Tuna
- 10) Pasta Sauce

öIf you can't feed one hundred people, then just feed one.ö Mother Teresa

Personal Notes



Staff Parish Announcement

The SPRC is excited to welcome **Cathy Scott** and **Elizabeth Jepson** into new music leadership roles at *Our Redeemer's*.

Cathy Scott has been our Chancel Choir Director for 16 years and she is now taking on the added responsibility of Worship Music Coordinator.

Also, we welcome **Elizabeth Jepson** to the music staff in the position of Contemporary Worship Music Director. Both Cathy and Elizabeth started these new roles at our Sunday service on June 7.

New Office Hours:

Beginning June 1 **Donna** is available in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Please call 847-882-6116 or email donna@orumc.org during that time.

Elgin Crisis Center Coordinator Needed

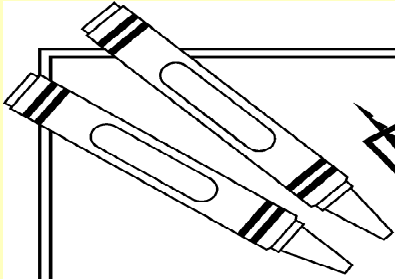
Special thank you to **Sally** and **Jim Donaldson** who have been handling and coordinating the Crisis Center ministry for many years and have decided it's time to pass on these duties.

If you feel this is something you may be interested in, they would be happy to share any information needed. You can also contact **Dr. Bruce Bedingfield**, Chairman of Caring Ministries or **Donna** in the church office.

New Address

Jerry and **Shirley McDaniel** have a new address as of June 12. We are now at 350 W Schaumburg Rd - Apt B138, Schaumburg, IL 60194

Same old email and cell phone as before.



PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



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JOHN 2:1-11



- k + d

Heals a man born

JOHN 9



- op +



- w

Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



- d

Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er

Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

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