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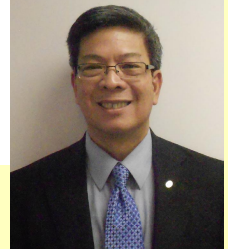
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"You Are a Letter from Christ"



In the last several few years, I have been in the habit of giving away my books so that others may enjoy the benefit of a wealth of resources for personal and church growth. I kept the resources that I need for the years ahead of ministry.

I make sure that personal notes are removed. (Although I may have notes on the margins as well, sometimes to highlight a point or some other insights.) But perhaps, one or two notes may have been inserted in one the many books I gave away.

These notes are observations and useful for ministry; they can be a reference to a story, a poem, a possible sermon topic or an idea.

I was inspired by a professor of preaching who encouraged us to carry a small note-

book and jot down what inspires us at the moment. Now of course, I use the iphone to capture the moment or whatever is important.

Since I am writing this article for the June newsletter and my last one as your Pastor, I keep on rediscovering old notes, small cards and other children's stuff in my study.

In one, there is a paper rolled up and inserted in a small vase. It's not really a time capsule but random things. But I cannot throw them away for one reason or another - it is a sentimental thing.

I enjoy knowing that God is good and His love for us is everlasting and not subject to the pandemic that we are in right now.

I keep several Bibles in my personal study and a letter in the original envelope was tucked in the pages of the Bible.



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It was a handwritten selected account of the famous men and women in the Bible. And a recipe for the comfort food that I like! The letter was from my Mother.

Years later an author by the name of Leonard Sweet wrote the book, "From Tablet to Table" which speaks to the heart of God's purpose—namely relationship through the fellowship table.

This is how God is revealed. Imagine stories of faithfulness and a recipe. And why not? God was present in the journey of the people of Israel from the meal served before deliverance (Passover) to Jesus breaking bread after Easter.

Paul was a prolific letter writer. In those days, a letter or a recommendation is used by Paul to commend the church for the work ahead of them.

But this time, he said to the community there is the letter—*you are a letter of Christ* and he goes on to say that the letter is not made with ink but by the spirit of the living God.

I will carry that letter from Christ. I am a better equipped Pastor and I learned much from you in the last six years of my Pastoral appointment.

I am thankful for your extravagant generosity and faithfulness in your commitment to Christ and for the world.

It is really difficult to say goodbye especially during this time of uncertainty.

But our God is steadfast and strong and

“He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep, the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night, the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.” (Psalm 121).

God will restore the land, and God will continue to bless the Church.

My calling is rooted in responding to the appointment system in The United Methodist Church.

I found in my desk a copy of my first sermon here in July 2014 where I wrote, *“I like the idea of beginning well. Our souls longed to be filled.”*

I arrived six years ago as a friend and I bid goodbye to all of you as a friend. My heart is overflowing with thankfulness and I rejoice because you have provided space and hospitality for the Gospel.

I will treasure our opening greeting: *“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

I pray that this good ending will pave the way for a beautiful, fruitful, faithful and new beginning for the Our Redeemer’s United Methodist Church.

May God bless all of you until we meet again.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Romir
and Vren. Esguerra*

Farewell Message to Pastor Romir

The Staff Pastor Relations Committee wishes to say *“farewellö* to Pastor Romir.

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to him for his faithful service and guidance provided to Our Redeemer’s United Methodist Church over the course of the last 6 years.

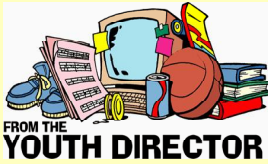
He has been a faithful man of God and has shared his spiritual leadership with us, so that our church could remain strong.

Pastor Romir’s knowledge of the Word of God was a comfort to us as we went about our tasks. We will miss his words of encouragement, caring love and kindness.

As it says in 1 Timothy 5:17- *“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”*



Esguerra Family



Education News

The last official day of Sunday School will be May 31, 2020. We thank all the teachers for their service this year:

Shelly Lukowicz Doug Meneely
Sarah Calderwood Kim Maher
Jean Walters Melissa Bland

We also want to thank the Nursery Team for their love and care of our youngest children:

Kim Echtner Allison Walters
Kayleigh Maher Sarah Miller
Pam Miller Sue Zimberoff

Vacation Bible School is around the corner in mid-July. All parents and volunteers are encouraged to watch your email for a survey to determine when and how to engage in this annual event. The survey results will help to determine how best to proceed in these unique times.

Youth Group

The youth are planning to gather together within social distancing guidelines for two or more whole group social activities this summer - like a hike, maybe a picnic, going for ice cream, etc. Please watch for some

Doodle Polls so that we can set some dates that will be announced.

Youth Group Mission and Service Projects

Since the ASP Mission trip was cancelled by the agency in response to concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, the Youth have decided to embark on monthly mission activities.

For the month of June, the Youth encourage all members of the congregation to sponsor the equivalent of one grocery cartö for a family in need.

Refer to the **Schaumburg Township Food Pantry** newsletter article for details on ordering items through Amazon or delivering items directly to the food pantry.

A list of desired items is included in that article.

Congratulations Graduates

We are proud to announce the following graduates of ORUMC.

High School

Allison Walters Stephanie Fowle
Ryan Adamitis

College

Simon Enriquez Wesley Enriquez



Allison Walters is a graduating senior from James B. Conant High School as a member of the Class of 2020. Allison will be attending Illinois State University in the Fall



Stephanie Fowle is graduating from St. Edward Central Catholic High School. She will be majoring in nursing and attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the Fall of 2020.



Ryan Adamitis is a graduating high school senior, Class of 2020.



Simon Enriquez is graduating from Northern Illinois University with a major in accountancy and a minor in Spanish, Class of 2020. After graduation, Simon plans to continue with the master's program at NIU.



Wesley Enriquez is earning a bachelor's degree for Graphic Design with a minor in advertising from Columbia College Chicago as part of the Class of 2020.

To All Graduates



Hi, my name is Stephanie Fowle and I am very excited to be graduating from St. Edward's this spring, 2020. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to major in nursing.

During the last four years of high school, I have had the opportunity to experience many different things that have led to my successes and future dreams. At my school, I was involved in Rotary Interact club and National Honor Society; both of these organizations are centered around service and helping those in need. Participating in these clubs gave me many opportunities to provide love and care to many people.

Outside of school, being a member of ORUMC allowed me to extend my service to others. I absolutely loved participating in the 30 Hour Famine and Appalachian Service Project and I am so grateful for the chance to connect with the other youth of our church while doing good for others. I will also cherish the memories of singing in Cherub Choir and Joyful Noise when I was younger and going to Sunday school.

Overall, I am so thankful for the opportunities that I have had through my academics and my faith. The lessons and values that I have gained will surely guide me in accomplishing my goals throughout my whole life.

-Stephanie Fowle, 2020

From the Finance Committee

Our Church Finance committee is requesting *AT THIS TIME* that members and friends consider donating ALL of their future giving to the church operating fund instead of the capital campaign fund.

The capital fund is now fully supported and we need the church operating funds to fulfill our financial commitments especially during this crucial time.

You may, if able, make additional contributions to the regular operating fund and you may of course, continue to support the capital campaign funds at a later date.

If you do online giving, you can designate via that system that all offerings go to the operating fund.

If you give through your bank or charitable fund, you will have to contact them to redirect your giving.

Thank you for your faithful support of the Church.

May God continue to bless all of you.



Pastor Shirley Pulgar Hughes *Welcome to Our Redeemer's*

The Staff- Parish Relations committee announced the appointment of **Pastor Shirley-Pulgar Hughes** to Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2020.

Pastor Shirley has served a number of churches in the Northern Illinois Conference for many years. Currently she is the Pastor of Redeemer Calvary UMC in the Jefferson Park neighborhood in Chicago.

Pastor Shirley is married to Pastor David Lagos Fonseca (Our Savior's UMC). She was born and raised in Chile and studied at The Evangelical Seminary in Santiago, Chile.

Let us welcome Pastor Shirley on her first sermon Sunday July 5.



Ron Zemke *A Fond Farewell*

Ron's last day as an ORUMC staff member was May 31.

Ron became connected with Our Redeemer's through the *Voices of Light* summer youth theater program.

He became more connected through the *Ember Days* youth music program and became its director.

The music connection evolved into the creation of the *Sounds of Grace*, the adult music group, with Ron as its director.

Ron continued to evolve and became the contemporary music and worship director.

Although his staff position has completed, we hope that Ron and Dawn will continue to be seen often at Our Redeemer's.

United Methodist Women

During this time of pandemic and uncertainty, please take comfort in these words of assurance from Philippians 4:6-7.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

We will not be having our June quarterly meeting, program, or potluck on Tuesday June 2.

However, we are going to have a **Parking Lot Get-Together** at the church at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday June 2.**

Rain date will be Wednesday June 3.

Bring a lawn chair, snacks for yourself if you want (but no sharing unfortunately).

We will sit 6ø apart in the parking lot and talk! Anyone that isnø comfortable going to the parking lot in person can join in via FaceTime on their phone (just let us know ahead of time so we can call you). No RSVP needed, just join 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.

UMW Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 2 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Parking Lot get-together

Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15- The Rummage Sale is not officially cancelled yet, but it doesnø seem very likely that we will have it. Stay tuned for details.

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.

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of April 30 , 2020.

Year to Date Actual

Income	91,983
Expenses	102,861
Surplus(Deficit)	(10,878)

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry

Our generous community is stepping up to help us fight hunger during this critical time. There are several ways to help:

Financial donations enable us to purchase items in large quantities from the Greater Chicago Food Depository at wholesale prices. This is the link that will take you directly to the Schaumburg Food Pantry Needs page:

<https://www.schaumburgtownship.org/2020/04/Financial-Donations-Needed-for-Food-Pantry/>

Checks can be made out to Township of Schaumburg with "food pantry" noted in the memo section. Checks can be mailed to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Checks or cash can also be dropped off during the week. Staff times vary so please call first before you stop by! (847-884-0030 ext 1010)

In-kind donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:00-1:00. You will find a donation box in the parking lot near the North entrance. Basic, staple items are needed. Please see the list for May below.

You can also shop for the food pantry through Amazon at <http://a.co/9YbUnas> and they will deliver directly to the food pantry. Brands do not matter.

Please call the pantry at 847 884 0030 ext 2022 (Amy) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continuous support of our food pantry and of the community!

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed for June 2020 ó Please donate!

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Beef Stew, Chili

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Canned or Dry Beans

Soup

Tomato Products

Rice

Macaroni and Cheese

Oatmeal and Cereal

Hamburger Helper

Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)

Pasta Roni

Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)

Rice-A-Roni

Canned Pasta Meals (Ravioli, Spaghetti)

Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



UMM June Meeting Cancelled

In light of the Covid 19 virus that continues to haunt us, the regular UMM meeting originally scheduled for June 13 is cancelled.

We hope to be able to meet together in July.

Curbside Communion

Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Self-contained elements, prayers and blessings will be given by Pastor Romir and Pastor Nancy outside the church doors.



Crisis Center Needs

by Sally Donaldson

Summer Needs: new socks/slippers/underwear, summer pajamas for women and children, swim suits (new or gently used), sun block lotion, mosquito repellent,

Shelter Needs: aluminum foil/plastic wrap/plastic storage bags, ground coffee(reg & decaf), paper towels/toilet paper/napkins/facial tissues, styrofoam cups/plastic ware/paper plates

Food & Snacks: non-perishable canned and boxed goods, juice boxes, instant tea/kool aid, canned fruit, pinto beans (dry)

There will be no pick up at our church, so you may deliver your goods to the Community Crisis Center at 37 S. Geneva Street, Elgin, IL

Thank you for your support!

Personal Notes



New Office Hours:

Donna will be available in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am ó 12:00 noon. Please call 847-882-6116 or email donna@orumc.org during that time.

Discipleship Ministry - New Facebook Group

Pastor Nancy started a ORUMC Discipleship Ministry page through Facebook Groups. The site is intended to share scripture, reflections, encouraging words, songs, and other activities to engage our community in discipleship growth and other faith formation initiatives. Please join today.



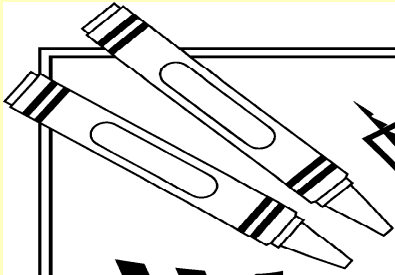
Our deepest sympathy to **Laura Ziebell** and family on the death of her mother, **Lucille Bowen**.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to:
Laura and Ray Ziebell
148 Red Cedar Drive
Streamwood, IL 60107

Our deepest sympathy to **Peggy Miller** on the death of her father, **Warren Joseph** Pollard, who passed away on April 23.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to:
Stephan and Peggy Miller
705 Magnolia Ct
Oswego, IL 60543-7010

Please keep the Ziebell and Miller families in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

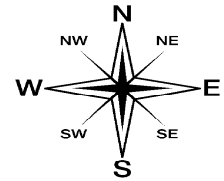
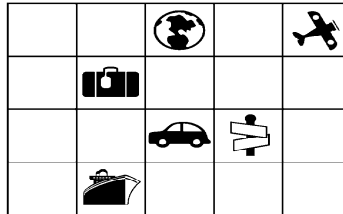


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermores. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

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<i>May 31</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jun 1</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jun 2</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 6:30 PM UMW Parking Lot Get Together	<i>Jun 3</i>	<i>Jun 4</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jun 5</i>	<i>Jun 6</i>
<i>Jun 7</i> 10:00 AM Curbside Communion (till 11:00 am) 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jun 8</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jun 9</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Staff Parish	<i>Jun 10</i>	<i>Jun 11</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jun 12</i>	<i>Jun 13</i>
<i>Jun 14</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jun 15</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jun 16</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<i>Jun 17</i>	<i>Jun 18</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	<i>Jun 19</i>	<i>Jun 20</i>
<i>Jun 21</i> Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jun 22</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jun 23</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study	<i>Jun 24</i>	<i>Jun 25</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 11:00 AM Brookdale-Communion 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jun 26</i>	<i>Jun 27</i>
<i>Jun 28</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jun 29</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jun 30</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study	<i>Jul 1</i>	<i>Jul 2</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jul 3</i>	<i>Jul 4</i> Independence Day
<i>Jul 5</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>Jul 6</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jul 7</i> 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Jul 8</i>	<i>Jul 9</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jul 10</i>	<i>Jul 11</i> 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting