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Pastor's Corner

*"To Everything there is a season, and a
time to every purpose under the heaven."*



ōTo Everything there is a season..ö

The Staff-Parish Committee announced my new Pastoral appointment effective **July 1, 2020 to Grace United Methodist Church in Joliet, Illinois.**

I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your welcoming spirit and generosity since I started as your Pastor in June of 2014.

In the United Methodist Church, appointment is made annually by the Bishop and the District Superintendent for mission and ministry.

I love this place. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the blessings through the span of six years. Your kind words will continue to bless my soul and provide the öliftö that I need. This is going to be a long goodbye since we have much work to do in

the meantime. Your partnership in ministry is vital in the years ahead and will continue to make a difference. öYour generosity will produce thanksgiving to God.ö

The book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 describes a time of change and God who determines all that is before us.

We await the coming of Spring but as I write, I can hear the birds singing in the background.

Pete Seeger wrote the lyrics to the iconic song, öTurn! Turn! Turn!ö and was recorded in 1959. The song became an international hit in the 1960s by other folk rock group. But the song for me is timeless because it captures our relationship with God who is steadfast and strong to guide us. You can be at home

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with a view of the backyard, in a café or even in an office and can appreciate the changes unfolding.

We entered a new season in Lent and the theme is "Gifts of the Darkwood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)".

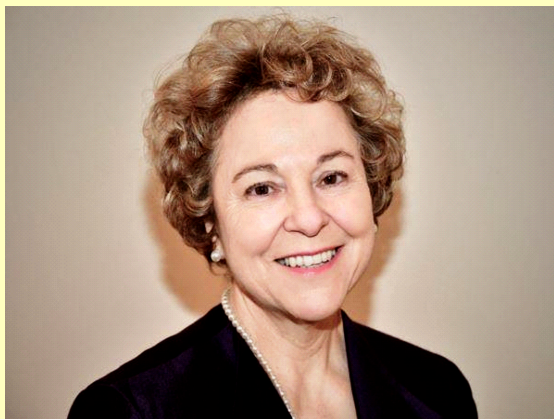
The "soul" according to the author, Eric Elnes, has a native buoyancy. We invite you to worship with us and allow the spirit of the living God to lead and renew us. You will find in this newsletter important information about upcoming events.

During Lent, the "atmosphere" in the sanctuary will be subdued and invites us to go deeper. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday will allow us to re-imagine the Christ who entered our world and offered the gift of salvation thru the cross.

The season and purpose is revealed to all of us in unique ways. This is our journey so that in every turn, we can experience the goodness of God.

See you in the place of turning,

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra



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.

A more detailed profile will be available in our April newsletter and email.

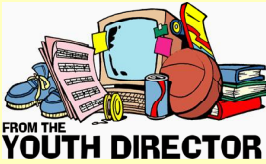
Let us welcome Pastor Shirley in our Church.



The Staff -Parish Relations Committee announced the new Christian Education (Discipleship) and Youth Ministry director **Rev. Nancy Hunter** effective February 16, 2020.

Pastor Nancy is a Deacon in the United Methodist Church in the Northern Illinois Conference. She brings a wealth of experience to Our Redeemer's thru her leadership in the local Church and Annual Conference. She is passionate about ministry to children, youth and families. She served with St. John's UMC in Oak Park (a Filipino-American congregation) for more than 12 years, developing and implementing programs for Vacation Bible School, Church camp and Sunday School.

Pastor Nancy is also a professor at Chicago State University. She was a Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary graduate and also holds a PhD degree from University of Illinois- Chicago. We welcome Pastor Nancy to our Church.



We are so glad to have **Pastor Nancy Hunter** join us.

30 Hour Famine February 28-29

From Friday February 28 at 6 pm till Saturday February 29 at 9 pm we will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

We will be kicking off Famine this year with a trip to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. There we will be packaging vitamin-fortified rice for distribution in impoverished areas across the globe. We are inviting the congregation to join us and help prepare shipments from 8-9:30 pm.

All youth in 7th through 12th grades are welcome to participate in the famine. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with bible study, team building and other activities. We are also in need for 1 male and 1 female volunteer (over the age of 18) to spend the night at church with the youth.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex that lists the juice and bottled water donations we need as well as times when we need drivers and/or volunteers to spend time with the youth.

All Sunday School children are invited to join in an activity on Saturday from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

The weekend will conclude on March 1 Famine Sunday. Here some of the youth will reflect on their experiences over the weekend and assist in our worship experience.

Finally, we need magazines for our Famine visual. If you have any unneeded magazines and wish to donate them, please feel free to do so!

Interested?? Please see one of our youth leaders for more info- **Sarah Calderwood, Kim Maher, Doug Meneely, Jon Montgomery** or **Pastor Nancy**.

Youth News

February

- 28 30 Hour Famine
- 29 30 Hour Famine

March

- 1 Famine Sunday
NO youth group
- 8 Youth Group at 5:30-7:30
- 15 Youth Group at 5:30-7:30
- 22 NO youth group
- 29 NO youth group

Appalachia Service Project

Two more fund raisers are scheduled for ASP. March 9 you can order frozen pastry from Butter Braid for delivery on April 4.

March 25 you can dine at Panda Express at 2519 Schaumburg Rd.

Flyers are available in the Narthex.



Our Sunday Lenten Worship Series is "Gifts of the Dark Wood". It is based on the book by Eric Elnes. Here are some special services that you will not want to miss during our Lenten season:

Ash Wednesday, February 26 - 7:30 pm "Where We Find Ourselves"

Sunday, March 1 -Famine Sunday - 9:00 am & 10:30 am "The Gift of Uncertainty"

A youth-led service with reflections from their 30-hour famine

Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am "The Gift of Emptiness"

Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am "The Gift of Being Thunderstruck"

Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am UMCOR Sunday "The Gift of Getting Lost"

Nancy Hunter preaching

Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am "The Gift of Temptation"

Dann Gire preaching

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am "The Gift of Misfits"

Thursday, April 9 - Holy Thursday Communion - 7:30 pm "The Gift of Disappearing"

This will be special service featuring communion, drama, reflections of Holy Week, and Chancel Choir and Praise Team.

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday Guided Prayer Vigil "The Gift of Reflecting"

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Walk-in time frame Participants will be guided through a variety of opportunities to prayer for issues that concern us all.

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday "Where We Go From Here"

6:30 am- Sunrise Service & Breakfast

10:00 am - Children's Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Worship Services

United Methodist Women

The month of March heralds the beginning of Spring. The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.

Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands. The Lord will come and rule for ever. Alleluia.

Make sure that you have our **Tuesday, March 3 United Methodist Women Spring Meeting and Potluck** marked on your calendar.

Our meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and everyone should bring a dish to share.

Melinda Taylor will be the night's program leader. She will guide us through the evening's presentation: Ted Talk entitled "**Know your Why.**" Sure hope that you can join us.

Please save this list of UMW events planned for 2020, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2- UMW Retreat. The retreat will be held in our church this year and the discussion topic will be world religions. More details will be available soon.

Tuesday, June 2 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Salad Supper and Meeting. Program: "Spiritual Growth For the Love of God: John's Letter" presented by Mary Zalay

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Fall Meeting and Potluck. Program: "Phil's Friends- assembling packages or cards" presented by Sarah Calderwood.

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



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The Crisis Center is in need of several **baby items** at this time: disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups), diaper wipes, formula, baby bottles, and cups with lids.

The CCC is also in need of the following **office supplies**: Pens, paper, markers, white copy paper, letter and legal size manila file folders, white business size envelopes, paper clips, post-it-notes, and staples.

Toiletries: nail clippers and emery boards.

Food and snacks: Non-perishable canned and boxed goods, saltine and graham crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit & pudding cups and canned meat meals.

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the closet, left of the information desk in the Narthex. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

GC2020 Conversation

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, the Northern Illinois Conference held one of six GC 2020 Conversations at Our Savior's down the street.

The meeting gave those attending an overview on what is expected to happen (and what is hoped will happen) at the United Methodist Church General Conference to be held May 5 through May 15, 2020 in Minneapolis.

Several plans are being submitted with the intent to either put a moratorium on or delete the punitive language that was part of the Traditionalist plan passed at the Special General Conference held in 2019.

Most of these plans also address the viability of being a UNITED Methodist church. There was a lot of information given to those in attendance at the Conversation meeting. Much too much to put in this short article.

If you would like to see what is being proposed and are interested in our future as a UNITED Methodist church, then I urge you to go to umcnic.org and follow the links to General Conference.

There you can follow several links that will give you an overview of what is being proposed and why.

If you go to umc.adca.com it will show the complete text of these proposals.

I would like to warn you in advance not to attempt to print them all out as you would get a pile approximately a foot tall!

There is also a page under umcnic.org that an NIC exploration committee has put together entitled NIC 2020+ that gives several statements that will help guide us as we make decisions on our future, and as we assess potential partners in ministry.

If you have more questions after going to these websites, I will be happy to try to answer them or you can see anyone who attended that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Gregorash

Comparison of Proposals

The Comparison of Proposals is available in the Narthex.

The summary compares proposals from various groups about the future structure of the United Methodist Church.

Finance News

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

Year to Date Actual	
Income	\$24,333
Expenses	\$33,833
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$9,500)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	\$165,000
Balance 1/30/2020	\$0



Bob and Pastor Nancy Hunter

We welcomed **Bob and Pastor Nancy Hunter** to *Our Redeemer's* on February 16.

2020 Census

In mid-March households will begin receiving Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 census. Responses can be made online or over the phone in 13 languages.

There is also printed information for 59 non-English languages. You can also reach the Census Bureau Telephone Questionnaire Assistance line at 1-800-354-7271.

By April 1, 2020 every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 census. You can respond online, by phone, or by email.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting March 14, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the United Methodist Men for breakfast and fellowship March 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Mr. Aø in Roselle. Mr. Aø 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.

March 22 is UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, originally was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas during World War II.

UMCOR responds throughout more than eighty countries around the world, but is also local and is one of the first responders to disasters in the United States.

Your contribution on UMCOR Sunday makes it possible to cover administrative costs so that 100% of future contributions can go toward toward the designated projects.

If you would like to contribute, make your check to Our Redeemerø with UMCOR in the comment section.

Personal Notes



Bags for Food Pantry

Please bring plastic grocery bags for use with the food pantry. Leave them in the office with Donna.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes for me when I had my surgery. It is very comforting to know you have the support from a wonderful church family.

I would also like to thank all the ladies in the prayer shawl ministry. I gave my neighbor a prayer square. She really appreciated the message. She is going thru stage four breast cancer.

Thanks again,
Sharon Felski

Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to all who attended the Super Bowl Spaghetti dinner. The UMM thanks you all for your generous contributions.

Twenty Seventh 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.

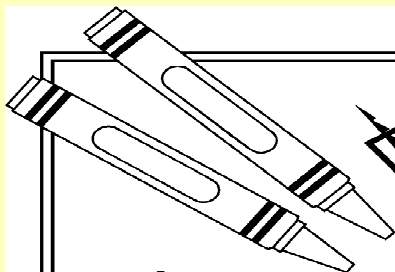
The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good to eat but which are not suitable for use by processing plants due to size or shape.

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 \$700.00. Since 1994 *Our Redeemer's* has raised over \$30,000.

This year's Lenten devotion entitled *Renewed By Living Water* 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, February, 26 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April, 10.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February, 9.



PUZZLE

MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD



People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.



Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



A type of horn

___ _ _ _ _

MURTETP

Played by King David

_ _ _ _

PRHA

Plucked to make sound

___ _ _ _ _ _

IGSNSTR

Similar to a tambourine

___ _ _ _ _ _

MRBELIT

A type of harp

___ _ _

ELRY

Blown through to make sound

___ _ _

EPPI

A percussion instrument

___ _ _ _ _ _

YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, gymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV



EASTER FLOWERS



Spring is coming and with it brings hope and certainty; The hope and certainty of new birth for us all. It is once again time to celebrate Christ's defeat of death on the cross and his glorious resurrection. Easter this year falls on April 12thst. On this day, as a sign of love and joy, we fill our church with beautiful spring flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we worship the risen Lord and join in praise that He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

We invite all who love to see the church decked out with beautiful flowers join with us in the celebration of the miracle of Easter. Here at Our Redeemer's the church purchases the flowers that were ordered by the congregation to be displayed in the church until after Easter when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We order them and arrange them for all to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Then you take them home and enjoy them there. I have been taking mine home each year and planting them in my garden. Each year come July my flower beds are full of blooming flowers, most of them Easter lilies!

To participate, you may order lilies or tulips or hyacinths. Please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex or in the offering plate. The price of this year's flowers is \$10.50 for lilies, tulips or hyacinths. ***Palm Sunday (April 5^h) is the deadline for placing your order.*** I have promised our florist that I will phone in the order on Monday, the 6th without fail. ***We ask that you please order early to help with this goal.***

Name _____ Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$) _____ Tulips (\$) _____ Hyacinth (\$) _____

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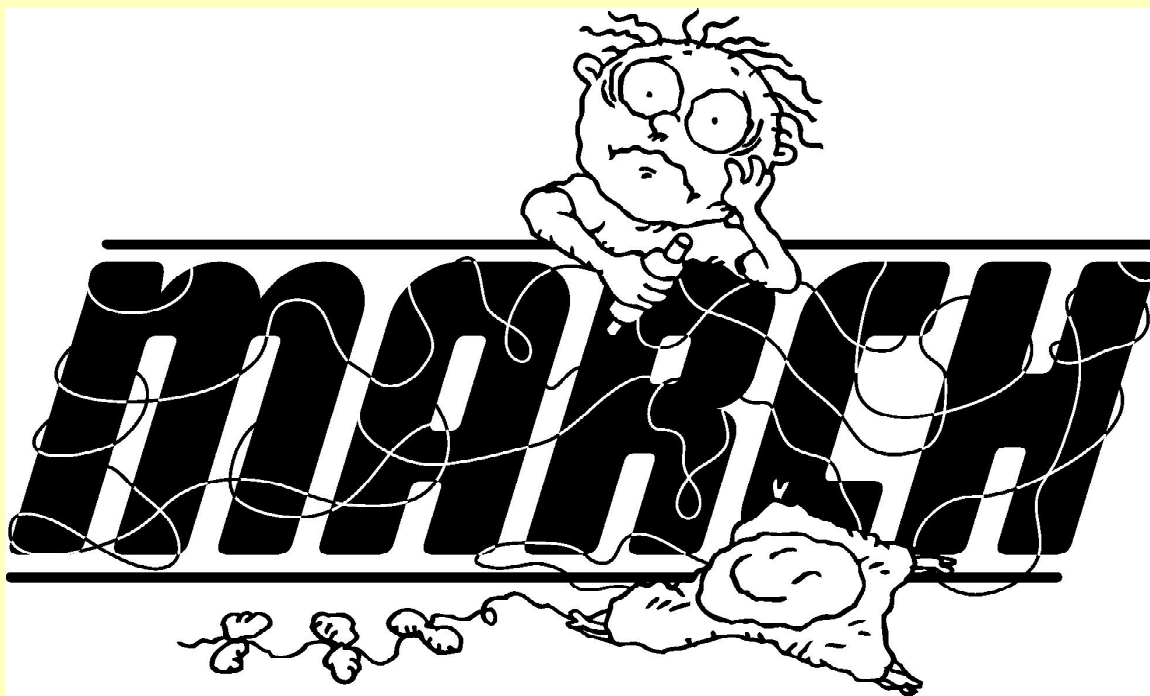
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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