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My dear friends, if anyone is detected in transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore one another in a spirit of gentleness. (Galatians 6:1)

Like many of you, this östay at homeö order can present opportunities for growth and new beginnings. All of a sudden, we have this block of time that is now easily available. I find myself listening to old familiar hymns from the BBC world podcast.

Since my daughter is in the UK, we have this opportunity to worship together online through ORUMC and also listen in to the broadcast from The Methodist Central Hall in London.

This British Methodist Church is right across from majestic Westminster Cathedral and part of the Methodist circuit. After World War II this Hall welcomed people from all

walks of life and was also the venue for the first gathering of the United Nations, seeking to restore the broken world who experienced much suffering.

The people called Methodists were called upon to offer hospitality and space even to-day.

It is happening in places near and far, refusing to wander off but instead örestoring one another in a spirit of gentleness.ö

We also remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, öTruly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.ö

I am convinced that all the things we offer, in small measure or something else, have a profound effect in the lives of many people today.

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May God
Bless You
and
Keep You



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We are not alone really and unconnected. I listen to Krista Tippet, host of "On Being" and she is really quick to respond to any question that pertains to the human spirit.

But the other day, I noticed that she was struggling to find words about being connected; she took time to respond and her answer was profound.

She quoted an author (Pauline Boss) who wrote that "Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside, you must know sorrow as the other deeper thing."

The word that I have been trying to embrace is "restore." The ancient Israel was hoping to restore the fortune of Zion and to return to what was once grandeur and holiness of the Temple.

But God had other plans. To be "restored" is not to return to old things but rather to be "transformed."

Every year, I watched the first flowers of spring and although all I did in that little corner was to remove the old leaves, put in some new garden soil, I am still amazed because I think there is something different there.

It grows and dies; and something else will occupy that small space.

In the conversation with Krista Tippet and a listener, there is a beautiful phrase that was offered that sounds to me like our present state of affairs or present state of mind.

The phrase is "duty to disconnect". Sounds like "stay home to save lives" in order for all of us, by God's grace to be healthy.

In order for us to be "restored" we really have to let go of our fears and anxiety. Many of us have learned the value of appreciating the simple things in life.

Ministry still happens and we pay more attention to the needs of our spirits. All of us will experience a time of transition, when we get the opportunity to greet one another again in person.

We are going to miss Mother's Day, Music Sunday, Recognition of Graduates, Memorial Sunday and other acts of worship like Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

This may seem like a lost opportunity, but I pray it is a gift preparing us to celebrate and be restored in a new way.

I have a picture of John Wesley who wrote these words when he experienced a change in his heart, "If your heart beats with my heart in love and loyalty to Jesus Christ, give me your hand."

We cannot extend our hands for now, but we can extend the grace that we have received. It makes a difference to all the spirit of gentleness.

Rev. Romir R. Esquerro

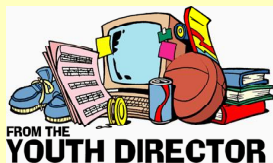
From Finance Committee

Many people are struggling with the financial impacts of the pandemic and our church is no exception. Thank you to everyone that has maintained their support of ORUMC during this difficult time. As you may expect, with the loss of collection plate giving and the closure of Christian Corner day care, our income so far this year is significantly less than our expenses. Finance committee is looking at many options, including applying for the government Paycheck Protection Program loan.

If you are able, there are several ways you can help. First, if you have not yet signed up for online giving please consider it. You can access it easily from the button on ORUMC.org, then create a login profile and provide your bank information and choose your donation. The online tool is very flexible so it allows you to make a one-time donation in any amount whenever you want, or set up a regular weekly or monthly donation. Checks can also be mailed to the church at 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

Also please consider redirecting any contributions from the capital fund to the operating fund. Our roof mortgage was paid off in February! We have sufficient capital funds, for now, and the greater need is for operating funds to cover normal expenses.

We all pray for a return to normal but during this crisis your financial support of the church is greatly appreciated!



Sunday School and At-Home Faith Formation Activities

In order to continue support for our children and families, Sunday School will continue into the summer until further notice using the Zoom platform.

Support materials for Sunday School Curriculum and At-Home Learning Modules / Coloring Sheets are available online at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IyI367eVbp8dKP-4xaiFZBAyb-2VyVP5>.

Additional materials are available 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.

Families are encouraged to log on at approximately 8:45 a.m. so that we can share our breakfast together. The lesson will start at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/756648364>

Meeting ID: 756 648 364

Password: ORUMC

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,756648364# US (Chicago)

Contact Pastor Nancy for more information at [<revnancygrimhunter@gmail.com>](mailto:revnancygrimhunter@gmail.com) or (773) 350-8508 cell / text.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will continue to meet online using Zoom for Bible Study and other activities for the summer.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/412930350>

Meeting ID: 412 930 350

Password: ORUMC

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,412930350# US (Chicago)

Discipleship Ministry New Facebook Group

The ORUMC Discipleship Ministry page through Facebook Groups has just over 100 FB members. 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. Share your love of Christ and each other by asking your family and friends to join the group.

ASP Mission Trip Update

The ASP Mission Trip for June 2020 was cancelled by the ASP organization in response to concerns related to the coronavirus.

The Education Committee and ASP Mission Leaders are exploring options. Fundraising options are still moving forward and can be applied to the next mission trip opportunity. Thank you for your support of the Youth.

Honoring our Graduates

The ORUMC Family of Christ would like to honor our graduates. The celebration that was originally scheduled for May 17, 2020 has to be postponed until later this summer. And yet, to honor our graduates we plan to highlight them through the newsletter in the next couple of months and through our worship services. The high school graduates will be featured on May 17 and the college graduates on May 24.

Our high school graduates include **Allison Walters, Stephanie Fowle, and Ryan Adamitis.**

Our college graduates are **Simon Enriquez** and **Wesley Enriquez.**

Simon Enriquez is graduating with a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University with a major in Accountancy and a minor in Spanish.

His twin, **Wesley Enriquez**, is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Advertising from Columbia College Chicago.

Allison Walters

Hello, my name is **Allison Walters**. This year I will be graduating from Conant High School.

Next school year, I will be attending Illinois State University to study Biology. My plan is to eventually do disease research or maybe even become a doctor.

With this new chapter in my life, I would like to take a moment to reflect on my time spent within this church. My first Sunday here was famine Sunday in 2009.

At the time, I was still very young and quite shy. The people in this church welcomed my family and me with open arms, and soon enough this church became a second home to me.

Sunday school and youth group played a very important part in my life. Sunday school taught me so many new things through Bible studies, crafts, and games.

I am so grateful for everyone who has been a part of making Sunday school such an amazing experience for me, and all other kids.

In the last 6 years of my life, I have been a part of this wonderful youth group. It opened my eyes to service projects, gave me experiences that I will never forget, and gave me life-long friends.

My absolute favorite thing about youth group was the connection we all had. Every Sunday we all came together to talk about our lives and the things we wanted to do for our community, played some games, and learn from lessons in the Bible.

I was also lucky enough to participate in 30 hour famine each year, and ASP for two years.

Those experiences are so special to me and they were very life changing. Famine allowed me to spend a weekend learning what it feels like to truly be hungry. Through my years of doing famine I saw the number of lives lost to hunger each year continue to decrease. That is about the most rewarding feeling in the world. We are making real change.

As for ASP, its hard to explain in words exactly how much it means to me. I got to help rebuild homes, meet amazing families, hear some awesome stories, build stronger bonds with the youth group, meet new people, and grow closer to God.

My favorite memory from church has to be getting to work with my crew (strawberry 2) last summer in Tennessee on ASP.

We all bonded so well, and got to make a difference in the process. Those moments spent in Appalachia each summer are irreplaceable. I will forever be grateful for the experiences that this church has given me the opportunity to have.

I would not be who I am today without Our Redeemers United Methodist Church.

Although I am moving away, I will continue to grow in my faith through organizations on campus and will always have a special connection to ORUMC.

I can't wait to be back in church and see everyone in person so that I can say a proper goodbye.

I know this is a difficult time, but keep your head up, we will get through this and God has a plan.

Thank you to all of you for helping me grow and for supporting me throughout the years.

I will forever be grateful for the 11 amazing years I spent here.

A scripture that has kept me positive during this time is John 13:7 which states "Jesus replied, "you do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Sincerely

Allison Walters





A Time for Thanks and Goodbye

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) of Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to **Ron Zemke and Dawn Zemke** for being a part of the church ministry since 2003.

Ron Zemke is our Music Director and the ministry evolved through the years. He has served with three Pastors since 2003.

The *Voices of Light* was a summer youth theatre program of ORUMC and Ron started connecting with our Church.

The Ember Days was formed in 2007 composed of young people and he was named as director. (Ember days in the liturgical calendar are set apart days for prayer and service.) The Church enjoyed the presence of our young people together in worship and service.

In 2008, the ministry position led to the creation of *Sounds of Grace*, an adult praise team. In 2014, the ministry continued to evolve with Ron serving as contemporary music and worship director.

It was really a pleasure to serve with Ron through the last six years of my Pastoral appointment at ORUMC.

He is gifted not only with music but compassion and generosity. It speaks well of his love for God and out that outpouring, his love for his beloved family overflows and to the rest of the community of faith.

In the Bible, there is a term *ōkairos* which means the appointed time in the purpose of God.

There is also *ōRonos* time which is a spontaneous burst of energy, creativity and faith. In his letter to express his desire to end his long relationship as worship director, he expressed that this is the *ōright time*.

We honored that request with mixed emotions but we know that God will use Ron and Dawn in different ways. We are blessed.

This is indeed a time of thanks and good bye.

We look forward to a new relationship. May God bless and keep both of you. May God bless our Church.

*Pastor Romir Esguerra
and SPRC*

United Methodist Women

We are all struggling at this time to find our "new normal" as women, mothers, wives, and sisters united in Christ. Let us be comforted by these words of assurance:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3: 12). Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1: 9).

Due to the COVID 19 virus, we have rescheduled our **United Methodist Women Retreat**. It will now be held at the church on **Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24** (no longer May 1 and 2). The sign-up/payment deadline will be set at a later date. In the meantime, everyone who signed up and gave payment, should have received reimbursement by this date.

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.

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

Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15- Rummage Sale Lite "Drop off of sale items begins Sunday, August 9"

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Fall Meeting and Potluck. Program: "Phil's Friends- assembling packages or cards" 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: "Holiday Happenings". White Elephant Gift Exchange.



May UMM Meeting Cancelled

Considering the COVID 19 virus, the regular UMM meeting that would normally be scheduled for May 9 is cancelled.

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.

You can also donate items to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed for May

You can check out the wish list on Amazon! You can order and have it delivered right to the food pantry!

Go to the Amazon link: <http://a.co/9YbUnas>. Brands do not matter

The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry remains open to help those most vulnerable during this current health crisis. Donations are still accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-1:00. You will find a cart for donations at the main (front side) entrance.

The items most needed include:

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Soup and Crackers,

Oatmeal and Cereal

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

Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges),

Canned Pasta Meals

Beef Stew

Chili, Pork n Beans

Canned or Boxed Potatoes

Canned or Dry Beans

Tomato Products, Macaroni and Cheese

Hamburger Helper

Pasta Roni

Rice A Roni

Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Our food pantry is experiencing an enormous increase in households needing food assistance.

Residents can come for a drive through pick up service on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 for an emergency prepacked box of food. Since March 24, 2020 we have assisted 3,658 households with food. During a “typical” month we average 650 households.

New Office Hours Effective Monday, April 27

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



Personal Notes



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Access to the Crisis Center is limited due to street construction making delivery difficult at best.

Your support is much appreciated, but not needed this month.



The congregation also extends deepest sympathy to **Carol McArthur** on the death of her husband, **Rev Wayne McArthur**. Rev McArthur was Our Redeemer's original pastor and first pastor.

Sympathy cards can be sent to:

Carol McArthur

3101 W Oakland Circle

Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **Dawn Zemke** and the **Zemke** family on the death of Dawn's mother **Doris Hansen**. Graveside services were April 22 in Montgomery, IL. Expressions of Sympathy may be sent to:

Ron and Dawn Zemke

908 Sunburst Lane

Gilberts, IL. 60136

The congregation also extends deepest sympathy to **Sherrie** and **Jim Cottrell** on the death of Sherrie's son, **Steven Granstrom**, April 30. Expressions of Sympathy may be sent to:

Jim and Sherrie Cottrell

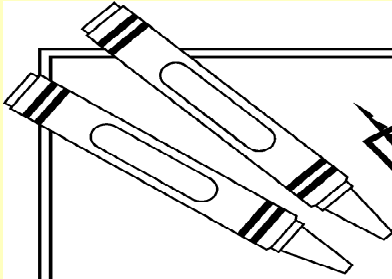
10612 N Kidder Rd

Edgerton, WI 53534

SherrieCottrell@Rocketmail.com

(608) 580-0549

Let us pray for all of God's blessings and comfort and strength for **the McArthur family, the Zemke family, the Hansen family, the Cottrell family and the Grantstrom family.**



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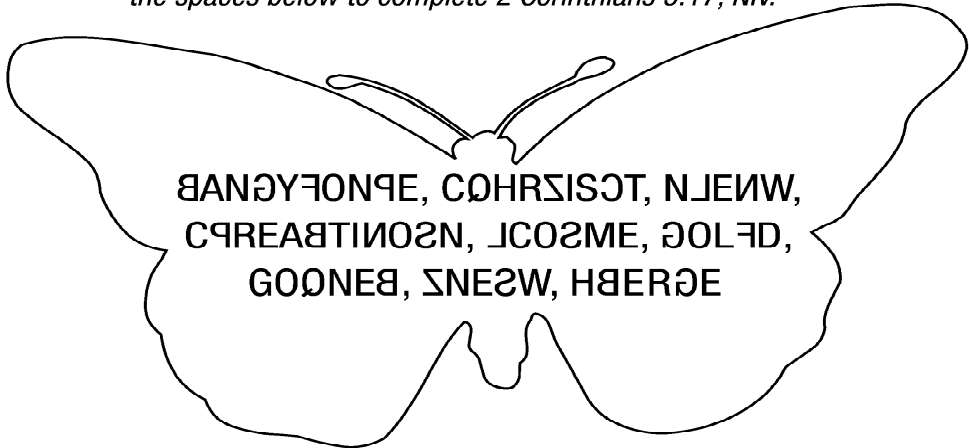
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 C O R I N T H I A N S 5 : 1 7 , N I V

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Apr 26</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>Apr 27</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Apr 28</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Apr 29</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Apr 30</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 1</i>	<i>May 2</i>
<i>May 3</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>May 4</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 5</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>May 6</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>May 7</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 8</i> 6:45 PM Scout Pack 195 Rm 1 & Rm 4	<i>May 9</i>
<i>May 10</i> Mother's Day 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>May 11</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 12</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Staff Parish	<i>May 13</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>May 14</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Pack 195 Parent Meeting-Rm 2 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 15</i> 6:45 PM Scout 195 Pack Night-Wesley Hall	<i>May 16</i>
<i>May 17</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>May 18</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 19</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>May 20</i> 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>May 21</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg <div>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>May 24</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>May 25</i> Memorial Day (Observed) 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 26</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>May 27</i>	<i>May 28</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 11:00 AM Brookdale-Communion 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i>
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