



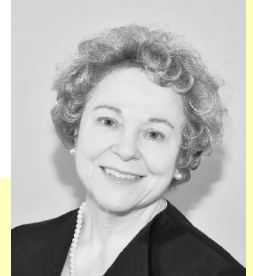
The Redeemer

Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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My dear Friends in Christ,

A new year has arrived and now that advent calendars, manger scenes and decorations are packed away in the garage till next year, our brother John Wesley comes to challenge us to begin this new year by renewing our covenant with God, in the same manner that he strongly urged his followers to renew their covenant with their Creator. Following in the steps of our Wesleyan tradition, I invite you to join us as we renew our Covenant with God and our baptism using John Wesley's historic Covenant Renewal Service, which will be held on the first Sunday in January.

Wesley's Covenant service was held for the first time on August 11, 1755 at Spitalfields in London, with an outstanding attendance of 1800 people. In our area, the first covenant service in Chicago was cel-

ebrated at Ft. Dearborn on New Year's Eve, 1831, by the congregation of First United Methodist Episcopal Church, worshipping then on Wolf Point. The heart of the service celebrated that night, focused on the Covenant Prayer. This same Liturgy will be used in our Covenant Service. John Wesley introduced this covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God.

This idea of Covenant was basic to John Wesley's understanding of Christian discipleship. He saw the relationship with God in Covenant as being like a marriage between human beings on the one side and God in

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Christ on the other (Ephesians 5: 21-33). It is important to emphasize that the Covenant is not a contract in which God and human beings agree to provide particular goods and services for each other! It is not something that we have to do to create a relationship with God as God has freely already made it possible. Rather, the Covenant is the means of grace by which we accept the relationship that God has given to you and I and then seek to sustain it. It is not so much about you and I getting into a relationship with God as it is about staying in it. The covenant is about liv-

ing within the loving relationship that God has already offered us.

It is our intention that you find the Covenant Service to be an encouraging and uplifting affirmation of your baptismal vows and spiritual commitment, and a means to energize your spirit to continue serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

In His service,

Pastor Shirley

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"I Dream a World"

*I dream a world where man
no other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
and peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
and every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
and joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind—
of such I dream, my world!*

Langston Hughes' poem
ōI Dream a Worldō

United Methodist Women

We are so excited to start the New Year 2021! We have high hopes that the United Methodist Women will have activities that you will want to add to your calendars. Even though 2020 was a challenging year, we continued to bring you events and fun activities, as well as fund raisers for missions.

We wrapped-up the year 2020 with our fun Holiday Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. Over 20 women attended this Zoom meeting! It was so fun to see and hear our friends, as well as enjoy some fun games and laughs. We confirmed our slate of UMW officers for the year 2021, which include: Co-chairs- Melinda Taylor and Julie Kuhn, Treasurer- Sarah Calderwood, Secretaries- Debbie Weigel and Mary Zalay and Board Member-at-large- Pam Miller.

We also approved the disbursements of our funds to worthy causes and mission organizations. Also, we had some extra Christmas fun and organized a gift exchange for UMW members who were interested. In addition, we successfully raised funds with our sale of Luminarias for the Christmas Eve outdoor service.

Our next event is the **UMW Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.**

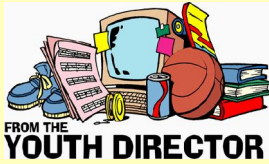
Details TBD

2021 UMW Meetings

- **Tuesday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.** - Quarterly Meeting – Details TBD
- **Coming in the February newsletter: Schedule of 2021 UMW events**



December UMW Meeting via Zoom



Live-Stream 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.

Our current "experiment" is to "Live-Stream" our Worship Service each Sunday with a combination of live and pre-recorded components that are "Premiered" at 10:00 a.m. in "real time." Once the "Live-Stream" service is done "the video is "rendered" and made available for public viewing at any time. Come join us "remotely" as we worship "together."

ORUMC YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvbdCv0RqfNc0Y9wBrIDigg>

ORUMC Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ORUMC1>

Many thanks to the ReTurn Team, Worship Team, and the WTTF Technology Team for pulling together this opportunity to "test out" the parameters necessary for us to worship safely in unity as one body of Christ, the ORUMC family, together!

Curbside Communion

Now that we are Live-Streaming our Worship Services at 10:00 a.m., Curbside Communion is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in our Church parking lot. Please enter from the Springinguth Road entrance. We will follow safe-distancing practices and wear our masks to keep everyone safe as we share in this holy sacrament and individualized prayers together.

WTTF Team Technical Assistance Available

Members on the WTTF Team are offering their assistance to get you connected to our online services, meetings, and other online gatherings. Please contact the church office or send an email to [<orumchurch@gmail.com>](mailto:orumchurch@gmail.com) to be added to our call list to determine next steps to get you connected.

Coffee with the Pastors - All-Church Gathering [Zoom and Phone]

Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to engage in an opportunity to visit with each other and the pastors as well as share prayers and concerns. There are two ways to participate - by Zoom or by Phone:

Online Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8478826116)

[8478826116](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8478826116)

Meeting ID: 847 882 6116

Passcode: ORUMC

By Phone

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 847 882 6116

Passcode: 559754

Contact Information for Pastor Shirley

The contact information for Pastor Shirley Pulgar Hughes is as follows:

shirleymph@gmail.com or 815-474-5540 cell.

Give the Gift of Heifer for Christmas

Each year, Our Redeemerø offers the opportunity to support Heifer International. For those who donø know, a donation to Heifer means a family in need receives the gift of an animal (cow, goat, chickens, you get the idea) ø a gift which in turn makes the recipientø life and community better. Giving to Heifer through Our Redeemerø can still happen this year despite COVID-19. Between now and Christmas, checks made out to Our Redeemerø UMC with Heifer in the memo line could be dropped at the church, mailed in, or a gift can be made at our online giving page on our website. You can contact Jon Montgomery for more information as well.

Online Church Calendar of Events

In an effort to streamline our church calendar that is connected to our Zoom online platform for meetings and other gatherings. Please send calendar posting requests to ORUMChurch@gmail.com. The calendar is available at:

<https://calendar.google.com/>

[calendar/](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/)

[embed?src=orumchurch%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=orumchurch%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago).

Office Hours:

Donna will be available in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00am ó 1:00pm. Please call 847-882-6116 or email donna@orumc.org during that time.

Sunday School/Youth Group

Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. and the Youth Group meets at 5:30 p.m. in the ORUMC Zoom Room. The Sunday School group likes to meet early at 8:45 a.m. for breakfast together if you want to ødrop inø to say hello!

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Sunday School will meet on Sunday, De-

ember 20 but then take a break and reconvene on Sunday, January 10, 2021. Youth Group had their "Game Night" on December 13, 2020 and will now be on break until January 10, 2021.

Save The Date/Youth Group (Tentative)

The Youth Group is plans to have their annual Famine Lock-In Event on February 26-27, 2021. The theme is "Manna-Fest." Youth and Leaders are encouraged to "Join the Team" at:

<https://www.30hourfamine.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=23969>.

Stay tuned for more information.

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. In addition, weekly Children's Worship Bulletins and Online Bible Games based on the lectionary readings are available at:

<https://www.childrensbulletins.com/>

[games/playgame.aspx?bulletinId=106756](https://www.childrensbulletins.com/games/playgame.aspx?bulletinId=106756)

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

Our greatest need at this time continues to be financial donations. These monies allow us to purchase items from the Greater Chicago Food Depository at wholesale prices and they deliver our order to us. Checks can be made out to Township of Schaumburg with "Food Pantry" noted in the memo section. Donations can also be made through our website at schaumburgtownship.org. You will find the "Donate" button on the homepage.

I'm Not Racist! Or Am I?

What is racism?

Is racism unavoidable?

What is white privilege?

How do I know if I'm racist?

Can I be racist even if I treat everyone equally?

Can I be racist if I have friends of color?

Can legislation change racism?

Is racism easy to identify?

The Shepherding team for the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has set three goals for all churches. Goal #2 states "To live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching." In order to do that, with all that is happening in our world, perhaps we all need to take a deeper look at ourselves.

In Biblical terms, racism is a demon and an idol, a fallen principality and power that enslaves people and nations in its deadly grip. A power according to the Bible (and racism is virtually emblematic in this regard) may be identified as both structural and spiritual - having two aspects in these realities. Walter Wink, teacher of non-Christian violence explained that the creation hymn to Colossians 1:15-20 underlines powers and authorities and describe them as both heavenly and earthly, visible and invisible. Every power tends to have a visible pole, an outer form - be it a church, a nation, or an

economy - and an invisible pole, an inner spirit or driving force that animates. **According to the Bible, racism is not just a structural and economic problem, but also a spiritual one, something that requires both prayer and action.**

Our church is offering all of us the opportunity to look a little deeper at ourselves. Beginning in January, we are invited to join a **six weeks** Zoom study of the book White Fragility by Robin Diangelo. The book starts with the premise that racism exists and explores how one aspect of white sensibility continues to hold racism in place. And that is white fragility. And because of white fragility, it is rare that at any time in our lives we actually discuss racism.

Two sessions are being offered via Zoom and facilitated by Pastor Shirley.

Wednesdays - 10:00-11:00 AM beginning January 20

Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 PM beginning January 20

For the first session we will read and discuss the author's note, the introduction, and chapter 1.

If this sounds intriguing to you, email or call Jill Wood-Naatz at jill.woodnaatz@gmail.com or 847-507-9724.

Please indicate which session you prefer and whether you can purchase your book or want it done for you. This will be a meaningful learning experience for all of us.

Christmas Eve 2020 Luminarias

United Methodist Women thank all of you that purchased luminarias. Although we miss the poinsettias at the altar this year, we hope the luminarias will bring light and joy to our special parking lot Christmas Eve service. Watch the Christmas Eve announcements for information on how to safely pick up your luminaria after the service, or for a back-up plan in the event weather causes the service to be cancelled.

Gail and Bruce Bedingfield
In Memory of Jane Stavoe
In Memory of Richard Lynch
In Memory of Diane Lynch
In Memory of Jane Stavoe
In Memory of Jim Lynch

Sarah and Brian Calderwood
In Memory of Bill Calderwood
In Memory of Marian Current
In Honor of Tyler and Austin

Aidan Echtner
In Memory of My Great Grandma

Donna and Bob Echtner
In Honor of Jim, Kim, and Aidan
In Memory of Marvin and Fern Echtner
In Memory of Bertil and Bertha Carlson
In Memory of Tony Tosterud
In Memory of Jerry Zimberoff
In Memory of Ray Echtner
In Memory of Skyler Campbell
In Memory of Gunnar Campbell

Glenn and Sally Hedenberg
In Memory of Gertrude Hedenberg

Dorene and Jeff Gilbert
In Memory of Betty Gilbert
In Memory of Ed Gilbert
In Memory of Lena Outman
In Memory of Virgil Outman

Jane Jesudoss
In Memory of Vijaya Jesudoss

Mary and Herb Knoppel
In Memory of Paul & Lorraine Knoppel
In Memory of Bill & Iva Churchill
In Honor of Kelly, Connor, Evan,
and Kara Brinkley
In Honor of the Birth of Jesus

Tom and Julie Kuhn
In Memory of Marge and Chuck Bagans
In Memory of Von and Jim Evitts
In Honor of ORUMC
In Honor of #2020 Heroes

John and Edie Machonis
In Memory of John Machonis, III
In Memory of Jonathan and Clara Webster
In Memory of John and Aldona Machonis
In Memory of Henry Landon Peterson
In Memory of Shirley McDaniel
In Memory of Jack Thompson
In Memory of George Rowe
In Memory of Vijaya Jesudoss

In Honor of Jim and Laura Machonis
In Honor of Grandchildren: Kevin,
Chris, and Tyler
In Honor of Great Grandchildren
Kayden and Ainsley
In Honor of Beckett Oliver Peters

Fred and Betty Miller

Dave and Pam Miller
In Memory of Ethel Tamraz
In Memory of Raymond Miler
In Memory of Joseph Tamraz
In Memory of Carol Miller

Karen Moore
In Memory of Faye and Robert Moore

Jim Naatz and Jill Wood-Naatz
In Memory of Our Parents

Melinda Taylor
In Memory of Art Smith
In Memory of Eleanor Smith

Darrell Taylor
In Memory of Iver Patrick
In Memory of Hallie Patrick

Debbie Weigel
In Honor of Megan Rytlewski
In Honor of All Hospital Workers
In Memory of John Weigel
In Memory of Robert and Louise
Rytlewski

Laura Ziebell
In Memory of Lucille Bowen



Zoom Meeting Jan 9 Chattam IL Feb 13

At the Nov 14 UMM meeting we discussed traveling to the Chattam, IL Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The Chattam facility is one of the centers from which the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) ships disaster aid supplies worldwide. The center ships 1300 Cleaning Buckets multiple times a year depending on natural disasters.

The tentative plan would be that on February 13, up to 8 of us could travel to Chattam for carpentry, bike repair, etc.

We would leave church in our own cars at 5 AM, arrive ~8 AM in Chattam and depart about 3 PM for home.

Please bring old bikes if you have one for donation. Hygiene items too, more on that later.

All tools are provided. The facility is large allowing for social distancing.

Let Rich Hill know if you would be able to attend. There is a maximum number limited by COVID-19.

Our next meeting will be 01/09 at 8 AM via Google Meet. The link to the meeting is:

<https://meet.google.com/umx-brqz-nmm>

Christmas Eve Service

We attended the Christmas Eve Service in the parking lot at 4:00 p.m. The UMM gentlemen directed cars around the edge of the lot so no view was obstructed and everyone could stay in their car with the engine (and heater) running.

The manger was in the middle of the parking lot. The program included narration and recorded music and was broadcast so we could listen on the car radio. The cast included the holy family, angels, shepherds, wise men and even a camel.





Personal Notes



Staff Gifts

We all send our thanks and love for the staff gifts we received on Sunday, December 13. We hope you are all staying safe, healthy, and we wish you a very happy holiday and hope to be worshipping altogether soon in 2021.

Thank you again for your generosity and we are grateful to belong to such a loving and caring church family.

Pastor Shirley, Pastor Nancy, Cathy Scott, Elizabeth Jepson, Sue Zimmeroff, Karen Moore, Colin Drozdoff, Wilma & Denny Baluyot, Kim Echtner, Allison Walters, and Donna Echtner.



ORUMC

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the generous contribution of \$1500 to the Schauburg Township Food Pantry especially during this health crisis. Your donation will help make sure that the residents of Schauburg Township in need of food and personal items receive assistance.

Your involvement makes it possible to meet the needs of a very diverse population despite the economic hardships that many are presently experiencing. From Mar 24 through Sept 30, we had 9,288 visits to the pantry serving 32,676 individuals during that time period. And with the help of donations like yours, we were able to provide perishable and non-perishable foods to those in need. Additionally, deliveries continue to be made to hundreds of homebound residents during the pandemic.

Your commitment, support and generosity to your community is greatly appreciated during this difficult time and always

Sincerely,

**TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG
Diana Nelson Amy Fillmore**

Finance News

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

Year to Date Actual

Income	268,188
Expenses	263,420
Surplus(Deficit)	4,780

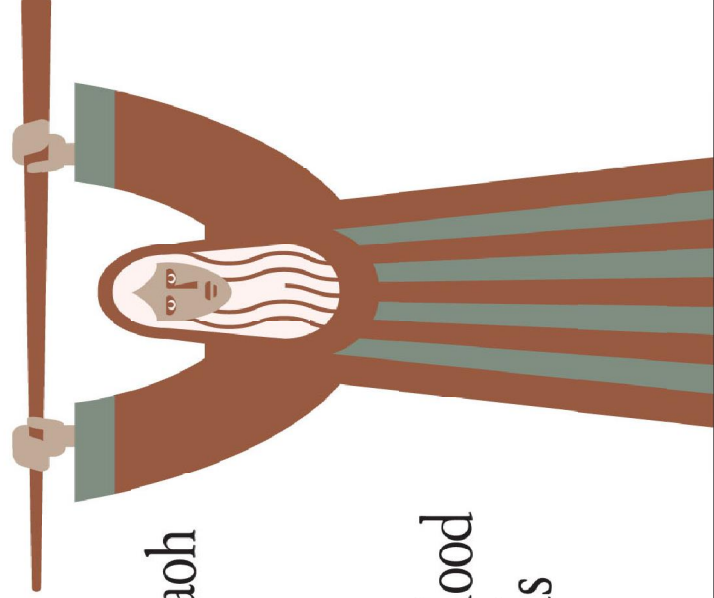


Bible Quiz



Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14–12:32.)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 27</i> 11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom	<i>Dec 28</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Dec 29</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study	<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>Dec 31</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jan 1</i> New Year's Day	<i>Jan 2</i>
<i>Jan 3</i> Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service 11:00 AM Parking Lot Communion	<i>Jan 4</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jan 5</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study	<i>Jan 6</i> 7:30 PM Choir Zoom	<i>Jan 7</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg	<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>Jan 9</i> 8:00 AM UMM Zoom Meeting
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