



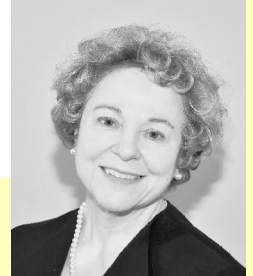
# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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### **Dear Friends in Christ,**

We are in week 2 of **Lent at Home** devotionals and I pray you are being sustained by God's Word as you continue walking in this journey of faith.

This time in the "wilderness" gives us, once again, an opportunity to develop our spiritual discipline and there is no better way of growing as a follower of Jesus than reading the Bible.

This applies to whether you have been a Christian a short time or for ages! So, take this precious time to self-reflect and realign your life through the readings and prayers. These life-giving practices will help you grow in your commitment to God as well as strengthen your faith.

You will be amazed to see how this time of reading and reflection will help you rid yourself of distractions and desires. By doing so, you will seek to live and love as a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Don't miss these hours and use them to grow in your faith as you think upon all that Jesus Christ has done for you!

Look at Jesus' journey in the desert. What did that long, famishing stretch in the wilderness do to him?

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It freed himô from all devilish attempts to distract him from his true purpose, from hungry craving for things with no power to give him life, from any illusion he might have had that God would make his choices for him.

After forty days in the wilderness, Jesus had not only learned to manage his appetites; he had also learned to trust the Spirit that had led him there to lead him out again, with the kind of clarity and grit he could not have found anywhere else.

Perhaps it is enough to know that for all the terror the wilderness can hold, God's promised protection is there for us, too, even as it was for Jesus.

In His Service,

*Pastor Shirley*

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## Update on PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

PADS has taken a very different turn this winter due to COVID. For many years, various churches have opened their doors, usually one night a week during the winter, to offer shelter to the homeless. There have been no sites open for obvious reasons. However, that does not mean guests have not been taken care of.

Journeys the Road Home is the parent organization for PADS. It is a non-profit agency that provides shelter, social services and housing to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in 37 towns in north/northwest suburban Cook County. They have thankfully been able to pay for hotel rooms for guests this whole season. Volunteers have been able to donate meals, but in a different manner. At this point, all slots for these donations have been filled.

They do have a need for small denomination (\$5, \$10) gift cards to grocery or drug stores, or places such as Subway. If you would like to contribute to this, please drop off your gift cards to the church office, or when you are at church for communion.

Of course monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. They can be mailed to Journeys the Road Home, 1140 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine, IL 60074.

Thank you for any support you are able to offer to this important local mission. I will let you know when service opportunities are again available, most likely next winter.

## A Caring "Covid" Ministry

It's no secret the past year has been exceptionally difficult for local restaurants. For most of that year, simply dining in has been off limits due to public health concerns. On-line or phone ordering with curbside pick-up has been a nice substitute, and often life-saving for the restaurants.

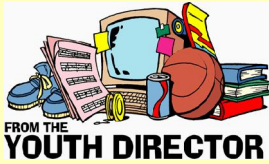
At the January Administrative Council meeting, **Steve Miller** suggested a way we as a congregation can help those restaurants. In fact, many of them have already helped us!

So many times over recent years, local restaurants have helped our church with fund raisers, most notably for our Appalachia Service Project mission trips.

**Jean Walters**, who recruited many of those generous restaurants, provided us with the following list. Please consider ordering takeout, or even frequenting them when appropriate. Then don't hesitate to tell them you're from Our Redeemer's, that we appreciate their generous support, and that we sincerely care about them as well.

### Contributing Restaurants

**Panda Express** both on Barrington  
Schaumburg & Golf Hoffman Estates  
**Country Donuts** Hanover Park  
**Oberweis** Schaumburg  
**Corner Bakery** Schaumburg  
**Village Tavern** Schaumburg  
**Jason's deli** Schaumburg  
**McAllisters** Bloomingdale  
**Lou Malnati's** Schaumburg & Bloomingdale  
**Blaze Pizza** Schaumburg  
**Panera** Schaumburg  
**Menchie's Frozen Yogurt** Bloomingdale



## Sunday School and Christian Education Update

Our Sunday School children have been exploring the love of God and the love of neighbor during the month of February based the following scripture passage:

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." - Matthew 9:35

We participated in the church wide mission project by making paper roses and love 'notes' to be shared with our fragile members and neighbors.

We explored the concept of 'healing' and becoming the 'hands and feet' of Jesus in loving all God's creation by making pine cone bird feeders. And we explored what it means to be 'happy' through the beatitudes and make a promise to share God's love with others.

The Sunday School group likes to meet early at 8:45 a.m. for breakfast together if you want to ðdrop inö to say hello!

Online Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8478826116>

Meeting ID: 847 882 6116

Passcode: ORUMC

## ASP Fundraiser

The youth is excited to announce they are offering **Butterbraids** again as an ASP fundraiser! The pastry flavors available are Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry and Strawberry & Cream Cheese. Also offered this year are Caramel Rolls and Cinnamon Rolls. The order form with all the options is attached. Orders must be entered by March 15 with delivery to church March 29.

These yummy treats are only \$14 each and will arrive in time for Easter morning.

Is your mouth watering yet?? You can place your order by emailing **Kim Maher** at [kimberm@gmail.com](mailto:kimberm@gmail.com) or calling her at 847-791-3851. Payment can be made by check drop off or mail to church. Please make any checks payable to ORUMC and indicate BUTTERBRAID in the memo field.

If you prefer to pay electronically, Kim can accept payment via Zelle, Paypal or Venmo. Cash is always accepted too. Please contact Kim directly to arrange these forms of payment.

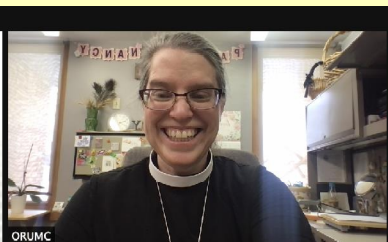
Butterbraid pick up will be at church on Monday March 29. Can't make it to church? We have you covered! Please let Kim or **Pastor Nancy** know and we can coordinate drop off services.

Yummy pastries and contactless pick up or delivery? What are you waiting for. Order today!

The youth of ORUMC thank you in advance for your support.



## Making Bird Feeders



## Making Sunday Love

## Youth Group News

Our Youth were busy this month raising money for both our ASP mission trip in June 2021 and for World Vision through our 30 Hour Famine event that was held February 26-27, 2021. We had 11 young people participate in Famine, including Allison Walters who joined us from College via Zoom and FaceTime. The focus of Famine this year was "Manna Fest" in which we explored the concept of God providing for our needs through 'manna' through the lens of food, water, health, play, education, safety and faith.

Famine was facilitated in a 'hybrid' approach with a combination of Zoom lessons and reflections, games and challenges in teams in different family homes, a mission grocery challenge, winter games in the church parking lot, and a closing circle in which we broke our fast with communion. And as the it says in scripture: "Then the Lord said to Moses, ðI will rain down bread from heaven for you. ...ö -- Exodus 16:4 (NIV) And, indeed, the Lord provided 'manna' in the form of 12 individual loaves made by Donna Echtner - one for each family - and individual grape juice packs!

Our youth have raised over \$2640 and counting! If you still wish to donate, please click on our Team Page at <<https://www.30hourfamine.org/index.cfm?section=donorlist&teamID=2396>>. You can designate donations for a specific team member by clicking on the roster tab

and selecting their name. You can also send a check to ORUMC with 'Famine' in the memo line.

We are so blessed to have such creative youth leaders who went above and beyond to make our 30HF Manna Fest a meaningful experience. Thank you - Jon Montgomery, Sarah Calderwood, Doug Meneely, Kim Maher, Jean Walters, Melissa Bland, Adam Lukowicz, and Pastor Shirley!

In addition, Youth Group is now meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Nancy if you have any questions.

## Confirmation Class of 2021 Update

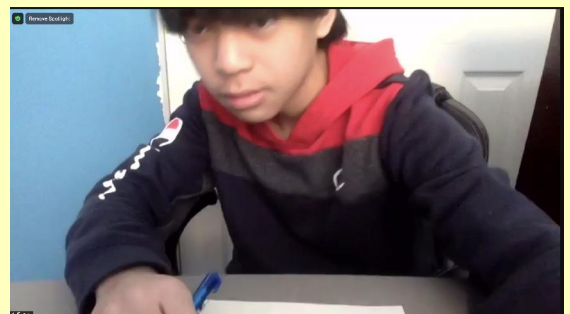
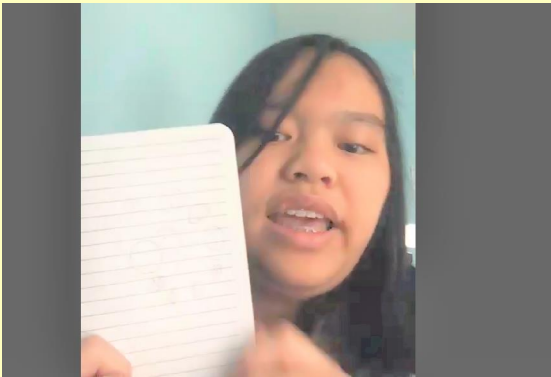
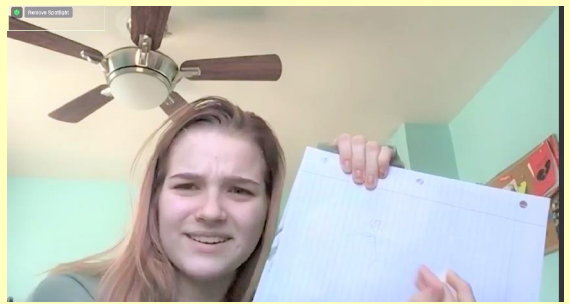
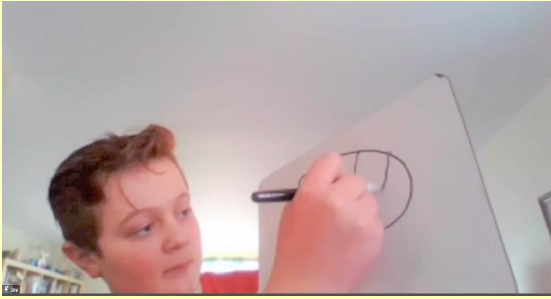
The Confirmation Class of 2021 is underway! We have six young people participating in the class who need mentors. Please let **Pastor Nancy** know if you are willing to be a mentor. Soon you will see them engaging in service and mission projects both within the congregation and "outside the church walls".

Confirmation class meets every first and third Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom. We are currently learning about being in community with one another and exploring that relationship as one in Christ, one in each other, and one in ministry to all the world. We want to thank **JoAnne Gregorash**, **Marshall Nystrom** and **Dann Gire** for sharing their faith stories with us and how they share their gifts with others through ORUMC.

# 30 Hour Famine Shopping Challenge



# 30 Hour Famine Remote Meeting





## Dear Our Redeemer's Church Family,

It has been a long winter, but hope is beginning to spring eternal as we have had a break in the weather and we are beginning to draw our attention to Easter Sunday and the celebration of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!!

The ReTurn team has continued to monitor the ups and downs of the Covid-19 pandemic through the past few months. In consultation with the Worship team, we are planning for an Easter Sunday Parking Lot Service on Sunday April 4 at 10:00 a.m. We are also repurposing some rooms to accommodate church groups that wish to meet within our building.

The start of the availability of Covid-19 vaccinations for some people has been a positive note in our fight against Covid-19. However, 500,000+ deaths to this terrible virus have also been a sad milestone. As we continue to follow all safety guidelines, here are some things that we will begin to implement starting on Easter Sunday

1. 10:00 a.m. Parking Lot Services will be scheduled on a weekly basis. These services will also be streamed for members to watch at home. Rain or severe weather or technical problems will be the only reasons that we will not meet outside during the warm weather season. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the parking lot service indoors and will have to limit the number of persons according to the state guidelines of 40 attendees. Meeting outside is the safest

way, at the present, that all of us can come together as the Body of Christ for worship. Accommodating a larger group in the parking lot will also allow us to welcome visitors and walk-ins to our services. This is what we have been missing. What a celebration we will have!!

2. In April, a sign up, via phone or online for a limited number of people to attend in building services will start. This sign up will only be implemented when we have inclement weather and can't celebrate with the whole congregation together outside. We will continue to stream our services for people to view at home.

3. In April, a video of guidelines for in-building worship will be released to the congregation. Training for ushers will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. via zoom in anticipation of times of inclement weather when 40 people will still be able to attend services inside the building per the CDC safety guidelines.

4. For most groups in our church, Zoom meetings have been very successful. If your group is meeting on Zoom, we highly encourage you to continue to do so. However, for those groups who need to use the building for church meetings we are opening up WESLEY HALL. There will be a training meeting for safety protocol on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00p.m. via Zoom. An active member of each group wishing to meet in the building must attend, train the other members of their group and follow through with any

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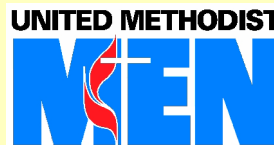
required paperwork. Meetings must be scheduled each time through the church office. One person may represent more than one group.

5. In ASBURY HALL, sections will be set aside for our Sunday School and Youth programs. This will allow us the opportunity to meet the safety requirements of increased spacing and increased ventilation.

Everyone is praying for the health of our members, our church, our country and our world. We pray all people have speedy and fair access to vaccinations and that the Covid-19 virus will continue to decline. As we move through this calendar year, may we make even more headway to return to our new normal. We will soon be united in the Body of Christ in person and what a celebration that will be!

(For more information, please contact Pastor Shirley, Pastor Nancy, Dann or Peggy Gire)

With the Love of Christ,  
Our Return Team



## **UMM Monthly Zoom Meeting March 13, 9:00 a.m. Note the time change!!!**

The link to the meeting is:

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

At previous meetings we have discussed at work day trip to the Midwest Mission Center at Chattam, IL. Chantel Corrie from Midwest Mission will attend our meeting and will do an introduction to Midwest Mission and be available for Q&A.

We have discussed making a trip to Chattam for a work day. We learned that the center is open Monday through Friday. The drive to Chattam is about 3 hours.

A date for the trip is to be determined. The Covid issue is one of the main considerations. Given the driving distance, an overnight trip is also possible.

Please try to join the meeting if you are interested in the trip.

We would probably want to invite any church members to attend when we plan a date.



March is here and Spring is on the way! It's amazing that this month marks one-year of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We extend prayers to all of the families and friends that have been affected by this deadly disease.

Please make sure that you mark your calendars for our **UMW Spring ZOOM meeting- Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Our program for this evening will be *Easter- Women at the Tomb*. **Mary Zalay** is presenting this program and **Elizabeth Jepson** will lead us in two songs. Also, we have a church outreach activity planned that involves writing notes of encouragement.

We are hopeful that the pandemic will recede so that we can get back to having in-person events as well as a Retreat, Rummage Sale and Heavenly Treats.

In the meantime, we will enjoy getting together on Zoom, or social distancing outside when the weather is warmer.

Please save this **2021 List of UMW Events**, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

**Tuesday, March 2 @ 7:00 p.m.-** UMW Spring ZOOM Meeting. Program: *Easter- Women at the Tomb* - presented by **Mary Zalay**. We will also be writing notes of encouragement that go into small gift boxes as part of a church outreach program.

**Tuesday, June 1 @ 6:00 p.m.-** UMW Outdoor Picnic Meeting. Program: Games played outside on the church lawn (Croquet, Bags, etc.). NOTE: Rain date- Wednesday, June 2.

**Tuesday, September 7** – details TBD. Hold the date.

**Fall UMW Retreat- Dates: TBD.** We will study the book by Adam Hamilton entitled *Christianity and World Religions*.

**Tuesday, December 7 @ 6:30 p.m.-** UMW Holiday Meeting. Program: Holiday Happenings

# Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to:

**Mary Knoppel** and family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Bob Herman**. Please also keep her sister, **Shirley**, and her family in your prayers.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

**Herb & Mary Knoppel**  
2125 Sycamore Ave.  
Hanover Park, IL. 60133

Our deepest sympathy also to:

**Dorene Gilbert** and family on the death of her brother, **Dean Lockas**. Please also keep her sister-in-law, **Shannon** and her family in your prayers. During these very difficult times, let us all ask God to surround these families with His love and care.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

**Jeff & Dorene Gilbert**  
18 Middlebury Ct.  
Streamwood, IL. 60107

Unfortunately, Covid-19 does not permit some families to be together at this very sad time. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers and may God comfort them especially during this pandemic

## Letter Deliverers Requested

To deliver letters to families in the church's neighborhood, inviting them to **Our Redeemers** if they do not already have a church home. Please call **Donna** at the church if interested (847-882-6116).

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**Coffee with the Pastors -  
All-Church Gathering [Zoom  
and Phone]**  
*Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.  
Except the first Sunday of the  
month*

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/8478826116>  
Meeting ID: 847 882 6116  
Passcode: ORUMC

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799  
Meeting ID: 847 882 6116  
Passcode: 559754

# Bible Quiz

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks



Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

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