

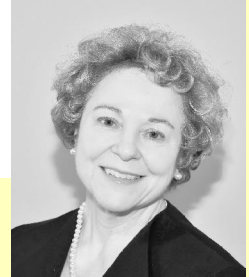


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“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that

I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

(Deuteronomy 6:4-8)

This is the *Shema Prayer* from the *Torah*. *Shema* (šhearö) is the Hebrew word that begins this prayer, which is the most important invocation in Judaism. This prayer begins with the command to šHear.ö For centuries, families have followed this practice. As a re-

minder that the love of God must always be the most important goal in human life, these verses are printed on a small piece of parchment paper, then rolled up and inserted into a decorative cylinder called a *Mezuzah*. The *Mezuzah* is then placed at the doorpost of the home, so that, each morning and each night, as God’s people go out and into the house, they can place their hands and touch a small object to remind them of who they are... and whose they are.

This month, even though Covid-19 continues, we will still be observing our own reminder of the *Shema*. Each September, here at ORUMC, the church sets aside one special day at the end of the summer, to šrallyö, to šdraw together for a common purposeö as the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it.

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On Sunday September 12th we will be withdrawing together renewing our energy for the common purpose of passing true and authentic faith on to our children, and to remind ourselves of what we are really about, is a sacred calling for every disciple.

Sunday, September 12th is also *Grandparent's Day*. This is a day when we celebrate the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. A bond formed by a biological relationship or by adoption. A sacred bond that was designed by God. Because of this special relationship, grandparents have a great opportunity to pass the faith and profoundly influence their grandchildren. In recognition of this unique situation, God commissions grandparents with the task of training their children spiritually as we can see when Paul reminds Timothy saying: *ō. . . I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also*". Timothy's grandmother had this faith and was able to continue practicing the tradition of her ancestors when she passed her faith to her daughter, who then passed it on to Timothy.

I ask God that our ancient practices and traditions will capture you, bless you, and turn your faces toward God in the season to come. Hear, O church, the Lord your God is calling!

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



Midwest Mission Center

Due to the Covid situation, the Work Date Is Yet To Be Determined

At previous meetings we have discussed a possible **United Methodist Men** work trip to the Midwest Mission Center at Chattam, IL.

The Mission Center supplies disaster relief materials to events such as the Texas weather issues. A variety of work at the mission can be done by volunteers ranging from packaging relief materials to carpentry and repair jobs.

Tools are available for the various jobs. The facility is large enough that there is no problem keeping social distancing even with 20 or so people working together.

UMM president, **Rich Hill**, is attempting to schedule a work date (**probably not until the fall**) and is **inviting the whole church to participate**.

The facility only works Monday through Friday. The plan would be to travel to Chattam, about a 3 hour trip, on a Friday morning (**date to be determined**) leaving church at about 8:00 a.m. We would spend the day working, stay overnight at the facility and travel home Saturday morning.

The overnight facility can handle up to 16

people. 4 dorm rooms are available sleeping a total of 16 (4 to a room) with up to 12 on the lower level (4 on upper bunks)

RV sites are also available.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact **Pastor Shirley** at 815-474-5540 or **Rich Hill** at 312-480-7430.

When the date is determined and scheduled with the Mission Center, volunteers will be asked to register on line. Details will follow for those who wish to attend.

UMM Monthly Meeting **Sept 11, 9:00 am**

The UMM will have its regular monthly meeting Sept 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot depending on the weather. Bring your own breakfast and remain socially distanced.

In case of inclement weather we will meet at Mr Aø restaurant in Roselle. Keep an eye on your email for the final information.



The Autumn season is upon us, and we look forward to cooler days and crisper evenings. At the time this article was written, we were hard at work setting up for our **August UMW Rummage Sale**. We are excited to be able to have it again after a year off due to COVID, and expect to be able to report a successful event. We so appreciate the organizational skills of Betty Miller, Pam Miller and Melinda Taylor who have once again planned this event. As always, we are thankful for the men and women of the church (and youth) who volunteer to set up and the Wesley Room, so that we were ready in time. This event is our big fund raiser for the year and we look forward to distributing the funds from the sale to local and global mission agencies.

Save the date for our next **Quarterly UMW Meeting & Brown Bag Dinner on Tuesday, September 7 @ 6:00 p.m.** All women of the church are invited and we will hold this event in the Wesley Room (masks required). Please bring your own food to eat (no sharing of food) as well as your own beverages, plates and flatware. Napkins will be provided by the UMW. At **6:30 p.m.** we will begin our business meeting, followed by our

program @ 7:15 p.m.: **“Safety for the Suburban Woman.”** Our presenter will be Detective Chris Nowicki from the Schaumburg Police Department. He will speak on personal safety, cyber safety and staying safe at church. Don't miss this important and informative evening.

We are hopeful that it will be possible that the pandemic protocols may allow us to schedule a Fall Retreat and Heavenly Treats later in the year. In the meantime, we will follow the state and church protocols

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

- o **Tuesday, September 7 Quarterly UMW Meeting & Brown Bag Dinner** ó Wesley Room (masks required) **@ 6:00 p.m. Dinner/ 6:30 p.m. Business meeting & 7:15 p.m. Program**). Program: “Safety for the Suburban Woman”

- o **Friday & Saturday, October 22-23: Fall UMW Retreat** to be held in the Wesley Room at Our Redeemers. We will study the book by Adam Hamilton entitled *Christianity and World Religions*.

- o **Sunday, November 21-** UMW Heavenly Treats. **SAVE THE DATE**

- o **Tuesday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m.- UMW Holiday Meeting**. Program: Holiday Happenings



The exciting news from Education isí RALLY DAY is coming!!!

We invite children ages 4-11 to join us for Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th at 9:00a.m.

Sunday School will be meeting each Sunday, in person and outdoors when weather permits. All teachers and families have been trained to meet safely in Asbury Hall, in the event of inclement weather.



Youth Group - We invite Junior High and High School students to join us at 4:00 p.m. in person on the First and Third Sundays each month beginning 9/19.

More info to come!



Confirmation Class- resumes for current enrollees at 4:00 p.m. in person on the Second and Fourth Sundays beginning 9/26.

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The parking lot worship service will continue at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting.

September Pantry Needs

The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry helps those struggling not only with food items but personal and household items as well. These products can be costly and are not currently covered by SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps).

For example, laundry detergent. Studies show that access to clean clothes can improve a child's performance and attendance at school. For adults facing financial difficulties, not having properly washed clothes can damage opportunities for employment.

And so, September's Food Pantry donation theme is Household Housekeeping!

If you are able, please consider household product donations to the food pantry this month.

Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Disinfectant Wipes
Sponges
Disinfectant Spray
Any Household Cleaners
All Purpose Cleaners
Garbage Bags
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Tissue

Additional Needed Items

Canned Corn Chili
Pasta Roni Pancake Mix
and Syrup
White or Brown Rice

Large 19 oz. Canned Soups (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky)

Tomato Paste	Boxed Pasta Noodles
Jarred Pasta Sauce	(Ragu, Prego, etc.)
Kidney, Garbanzo	Black Beans
Any Dry Beans	Baked Beans
Canned Spinach,	Beets,
Asparagus	Sauerkraut
Zucchini	Carrots
Lima Beans	Canned Pineapple,
Apricots	Plums
Cranberry Sauce	Applesauce
Mandarin Oranges	Salad Dressings
Baking items such as	Jiffy Mix
Cake Mix	Frosting
Baking Soda	

Any Fresh Produce
Refrigerated Items such as
butter, yogurt, cheese, orange juice, etc.
Frozen Items such as frozen vegetables,
frozen fruit, frozen boxed meals, waffles, etc.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Allow me to share the letter below, sent by our brother **Bruce Bedingfield** to the Church Council, a few weeks ago. These lines, together with **Father Richard Rohr's** meditation "**When Crisis Comes**" is a must-read for everyone in this moment of crucial need of prayer and solidarity in the lives of our brothers and sisters in our country and the world.

In Christ's mercy,
Pastor Shirley

To My Fellow Administrative Council Members,

Our world, our nation, and our church are going through difficult times!

I am forwarding to all of you a recent meditation from **Richard Rohr**, the Franciscan priest I have come to admire, "When Crisis Comes".

I have also recently been re-reading **THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE** by Rick Warren, pastor of a "omega church" in California. A line from that jumped out at me, "It is your job to protect the unity of your church." I certainly don't believe it resonated with me as my own personal obligation, but it seems to be a worthy task for us all. We've been through a lot, especially over recent weeks. Yet just about every church in our country (and perhaps in our world) must be struggling to unite (or re-unite) their church.

In our case that includes uniting the parking lot worshipers with the sanctuary

attenders, uniting them all with those who prefer to watch on-line, and most importantly with those we just haven't heard from for a while. It involves uniting the vaccinated with the unvaccinated, the masked with the maskless, the Democrats with the Republicans. We want to unite the old with the young as we unite our recent joiners with our long-time members.

I don't pretend to have solutions or answers to these quandaries. I do believe God has provided us with some helpful material. Perhaps the best piece of advice we received was from the February lay convocation "encouraging churches to establish communal prayer, praying as a faith community that God would guide us all to be the church He wants us to be."

Finally let me leave you with what I consider a gem from Father Rohr,

"Knowing our true identity as sons and daughters of God can save us thousands of dollars in psychotherapy. Knowing that everyone else is a child of God, and treating them as such, can save the world."

Bruce Bedingfield

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Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation From the Center for Action and Contemplation

When Crisis Comes

Living in a transitional age such as ours is scary: things are falling apart, the future is unknowable, so much doesn't cohere or make sense. We can't seem to put order to it. This is the postmodern panic. It lies beneath most of our cynicism, our anxiety, and our aggression. Yet, there is little in the biblical revelation that ever promised us an ordered universe. The whole Bible is about meeting God in the actual, in the incarnate moment, in the scandal of particularity. It is rather amazing that we ever tried to codify and control the whole thing.

Chaos often precedes great creativity, and faith precedes great leaps into new knowledge. The pattern of transformation begins in order, but it very quickly yields to disorder and if we stay with it long enough in love eventual reordering. Our uncertainty is the doorway into mystery, the doorway into surrender, the path to God that Jesus called "faith." In her work on "crisis contemplation," CAC teacher Barbara Holmes confirms what we and others have long suspected that great suffering and great love are the two universal paths of transformation. Both are the ultimate crises for the human ego. Barbara writes:

The crisis begins without warning, shatters our assumptions about the way the world works, and changes our story and the stories

of our neighbors. The reality that was so familiar to us is gone suddenly, and we don't know what is happening. . . .

If life, as we experience it, is a fragile crystal orb that holds our daily routines and dreams of order and stability, then sudden and catastrophic crises shatter this illusion of normalcy. . . . I am referring to oppression, violence, pandemics, abuses of power, or natural disasters and planetary disturbances.

We can identify three common elements in every crisis: The event is usually unexpected, the person or community is unprepared, and there is nothing that anyone could do to stop it from happening.

Even if there are signs everywhere that something is not right, we tend to ignore the warnings and the signposts. Not even sky writing, or messengers from other worlds, would be able to shift our gaze from the comfort of our daily routines.

Thus, the slave catchers, the roundups for native removal, the pandemics, devastating hurricanes, and volcanic eruptions catch us off guard.

When the unexpected happens during a communal crisis, we are not alone. We are with friends and neighboring villagers, and we all experience the same break in reality. Bereft of words, all of us hold the same question: How could this be happening? . . .

I consider crisis contemplation to be an aspect of disorder that prepares communities for a leap toward the future. This is a leap

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toward our beginnings. We are not just organisms functioning on a biological level; our sphere of being also includes stardust and consciousness. We all have a spark of divinity within, a flicker of Holy Fire that can be diminished, but never extinguished.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* (Franciscan Media: 2020), 15–16.

Barbara A. Holmes, *Crisis Contemplation: Healing the Wounded Village* (CAC Publishing: 2021), 19–20, 21, 124.

RETURN TEAM

As of July 22nd 2021, the ReTurn Team is handing over all responsibilities for managing the church's safety & pandemic protocols for phase 5 to the committees that managed each area of the church prior to the pandemic.

The ReTurn Team will remain only as an advisory committee to support the normal church committees regarding any questions about the Covid guidelines, especially should the state and or CDC return to any earlier phase.

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Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to **Mary Balk** and her family on the death of Mary's dad, **Jim Puchner**, on July 21.

Memorial Services

There will be a **Memorial Service for Barbara Pacione**, a former member, on Saturday, August 28. Visitation begins at 3:30pm to 5:30pm. The Memorial Service will be immediately following at 5:30pm

There will also be a Memorial Service for **Shirley McDaniel** on Friday, September 24. Visitation will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the Memorial Service at 7:00 pm.

Contact Information for Pastor Shirley

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

shirleymph@gmail.com or 815-474-5540 cell. **Mondays are Pastor Shirley's day off!**

Seeking Church Secretary

Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church is actively searching for an administrative assistant candidate to fill the position of Church Secretary.

The responsibilities of this position include office administration, weekly worship bulletins and church communication, and membership coordination to name a few. This candidate needs to have certification and/or demonstrated computer skills: Email, Word, Excel, Power Point, Adobe Acrobat, Google Drive, Realm, Zoom scheduling and Drop Box at a level commensurate with job functions.

Time management, excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as a Christian character and beliefs are required. Please send email to SPRCORUMC@gmail.com if interested.

Volunteer to Water Plants:

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to water the plants at church. Maybe about an hour a day since we haven't received much rain. Call Donna in the office (847) 882-6116 if this is something that interests you and you can help with. Thanks sooo much!



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

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| 2 | 7 | x 4 | = | | 7 | 9 | x 3 | = | |
| 3 | 4 | x 6 | = | | 8 | 3 | x 8 | = | |
| 4 | 2 | x 10 | = | | 9 | 10 | x 4 | = | |
| 5 | 9 | x 5 | = | | 10 | 11 | x 8 | = | |

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F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____ .

Come and share your master's happiness!”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

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<p><i>Aug 29</i> 11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom</p>	<p><i>Aug 30</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Aug 31</i> 10:30 AM Reformation Sunday</p>	<p><i>Sep 1</i></p>	<p><i>Sep 2</i></p>	<p><i>Sep 3</i></p>	<p><i>Sep 4</i></p>
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