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Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my usual weekly trips to the grocery store, has the purpose of getting fresh fruit and vegetables. This past week, I was delighted to find one of my favorite grapes from Chile at Mariano's, the Black Corinth; a purple, almost black, very small fruit that is crunchy and very sweet. This fruit has seeds that carry with them genetic information that connects them to all the Black Corinth vines to the past.

Of course, this is information that I did not learn in seminary. I read this in one of Cornell's Chronicles. In the seed is encoded all the DNA of all the sweet and crunchy grapes of this family, that have ever existed! This is beyond incredible! It is amazing when you start thinking that the seed holds not only the potential but the capability of every future

generations of delicious grapes that will spring from that line.

So let me ask you a question, what kind of seed is in you? What kind of fruit do you want your life to produce. Deep down in your heart you know the kind of person you were designed to be, so you know you can bear amazing fruits with your life.

Now, if you want to produce exquisite grapes think like a vine not like a single grape. There is a saying that says, "what happens in our life is what you believe will happen."

Psalm 139:13-16 says: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

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My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

From the point of view of the Sacred Scriptures, human life is not just a biological existence, it is the outcome of the will and work of a loving Creator. Human life is really a miracle!

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Have you ever stopped to consider just how special you are? You are a miracle, my friend! We are wonderfully made, says the Psalmist. Indeed! Whether we look at ourselves from the point of view of the Bible or a biological point of view, we human beings are truly a sacred work of art!

It was God who formed our inward parts. God knit us together in our mothers' wombs. How frequently have you wondered whether you really have what it takes to fulfill God's purposes for your life?

Stop worrying if you're good enough, ready enough, or getting everything perfect in order to start, for you are an exceptional and unique person, with incredible potentials, abilities, gifts and graces.

You were made by God! Whatever you have done with your life so far is only a small part of what is truly possible for you. God created you in His image!

Therefore, my friend, there are virtually no limits on what you can do and be except for the limits that you impose on yourself with your own thinking.

It is time for you to start claiming your wonderful sacred being, the person God created you to be. I invite you to open your wings and experience the freedom, fulfillment and joy that you'll feel when you have claim your life as a child of an amazingly loving God.

In His love,

Pastor Shirley

A Retired Pediatrician's Advice to Former Patients

*As published in the
Dailey Herald January 17*

I retired from pediatric practice in October 2020 after a wonderful 40 years-plus career.

I am writing to my former patients, going back to opening that practice in 1981.

I am writing in the midst of the highly perplexing, often terrifying COVID-19 Pandemic.

One of the fundamental services our practice provided your family was following the CDC and AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) vaccination program.

Local school districts mandated those immunizations for attendance. More important, those shots provided protection from ancient, catastrophic illnesses, protection that our ancestors would have begged for.

Vaccines have been very much in the news during this pandemic. Medical science drew from decades-old technology to create effective and safe immunizations with remarkable speed.

I received my own as quickly as I possibly could. I rejoiced when my family, including finally my five grandchildren, were able to receive theirs.

The vaccine, of course, is not perfect. Quite frankly, none of the shots we gave you over those years could possibly be. COVID-19 vaccines certainly can't provide complete protection, yet over the past year, they have prevented a million sorrowful deaths.

I was honored to be entrusted with your care — first by your parents and eventually by you.

Indeed, I still very much care about you and your parents. If you have received the vaccine, I commend you.

If you have not, I strongly urge you to get one as soon as possible.

If you are a parent, I encourage getting your own children immunized (including those under 5 provided that vaccine is endorsed by the CDC and AAP.)

You just may be saving your own life and that of others very precious to you.

Bruce Bedingfield

Hoffman Estates

Thanks Dr Bruce



Do you or a Jr.High / HS student want to get involved? Reach out to Melissa for details and upcoming schedule.



OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE!

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every 7 seconds, a child under 5 dies and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

WHEN: Friday, February 25 & Saturday, February 26. Varied times to participate in activities and events will be announced at registration.

CONTACT: Melissa Bland 847-476-0596 or melissabland@comcast.net



**Sunday School meets every
Sunday from 9:00 - 10:00
a.m. in Asbury Hall**

LOTS of changes are continuing to be made in the room setup and décor, and we are having a great time doing it together as we learn about God! Feel free to stop by and say hello!



Help Sunday School fill the pot! A nationwide soup drive is taking place on Sunday, Feb. 13 and we would be SOUP-ER excited to have your support! Please donate as you are able, any canned food items. You can extend the blessing by wrapping each one with a message of prayer, a dollar bill or both! All donations will be given to the Schaumburg food pantry to benefit those in our community who need our help. Thank you!

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 10:00 A.M.



Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church

Monthly Mission Event

The flyer below describes a monthly virtual event that discusses mission activity around the world. It does require registration via a link that changes every month. We have missed the February event, but in the future, monthly invitations with the current registration link will be sent out via all-church email.

#STILLINMISSION

In this monthly virtual event, hear firsthand experience from missionaries about their call to mission and the communities they serve.

**Join us on February 3, 12 P.M. (ET)
for conversations with missionaries:**

	<p><u>Sandra Kaye Raasch</u> Volunteers Coordinator, Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, Belize-Honduras District, Belize Advance #15075Z</p>
	<p><u>Osías Segura-Guzmán</u> Coordinator of Curriculum and Small Group Leadership Development, Latin American region, based in Honduras Advance #3021887</p>
	<p><u>Florence Kaying</u> Maternity and Child Health Nurse, Mozambique Episcopal Area, Mozambique Advance #3022177</p>
	<p><u>Luis Velasquez</u> Missionary for Hispanic/Latino Congregational Development, Wisconsin Annual Conference, United States Advance #3022528</p>

REGISTER

 **Global Ministries**
The United Methodist Church

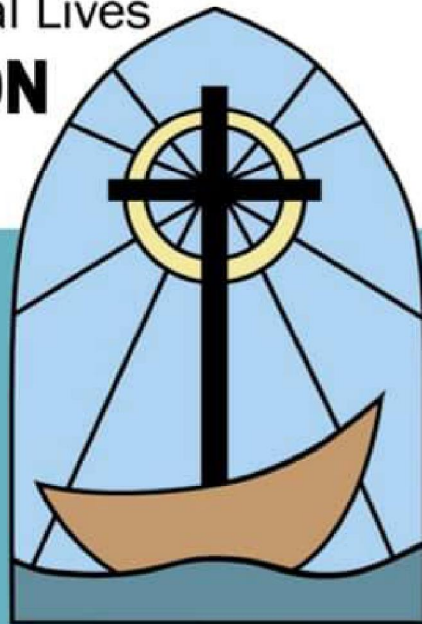


HOLD FAST TO THE MAST

Strengthening Our Spiritual Lives

LAITY CONVOCATION 2022

Saturday
February 12
9:00 am - Noon
Online via Zoom
Cost \$10



Featuring:

Kara Lassen Oliver Associate Publisher with The Upper Room

Rev. Dr. Regina Bridges Davis Spiritual Clinical Counselor & Ordained Deacon

George Groves NIC United Methodist Men President

Members of 4 local congregations of the NIC sharing new and exciting ministries

Break out session to provide discussion and discernment

Register: www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2022

Registration January 3 - February 3



Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Board of Laity

Questions? Contact Mark Manzi
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Prayer Shawl Ministry Thank You Mary Knoppel

For the last 15 years the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been lovingly lead by **Mary Knoppel**. As of January Mary has made the decision to step down from the position and **Robyn Gatti** has volunteered to step into the position.

If you have any prayer shawl requests or know someone that is in need of a prayer shawl going forward please contact Robyn at (847) 843-3910. You may also contact **Pastor Shirley** or **Melissa Bland** in the church office and they will contact Robyn for you to receive one.

The Prayer Shawl meetings will continue to be held every month on the second Thursday at 10 a.m. .



UMM is canceling their meeting on Feb 12 so those who want can attend the Laity Convocation via ZOOM starting at 9 AM. District UMM President George Groves is one of the speakers.

See the flyer on the page 7. Registration due by Feb 11 (**even though the flyer says Feb 3**).

Vitalent Blood Drive 2/14-3/17

The following message is shared with you by Bruce Bedingfield:

OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ðVIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVEö

Monday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) through Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

As recently announced, ORUMC will soon be holding a Virtual Blood Drive.

Please be aware there is currently a very severe blood shortage. There are a number of reasons for this, mostly tied to the pandemic. Plus, although half of the population qualifies to serve as blood donors, only 5% of that remaining group chooses to donateö 25 donors to meet blood needs for every 1,000 people. Yet one of every 3 hospital patients staying overnight requires blood. And while blood bank shelves typically have a 7 day supply, current blood supplies are sufficient for only one day.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, ðWe are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.ö If our health allows it, and ESPECIALLY if we have type O blood, donating blood is indeed a good work God prepared for us to do!

One other thingö we're getting Our Savior's United Methodist Church involved as well. In fact, we'll have a good natured competition to see which church has the most donors. But they're not the opposition. The enemy is the blood shortage. Let's see what we can do!

Vitalant has a critical shortage of all blood types especially O and urges all donors that are eligible to make an appointment now to replenish the blood supply. There is no waiting period to give blood after receiving an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Use the below link preferably to make your appointment or if you walk-in to a donor center use group code: ORD0311

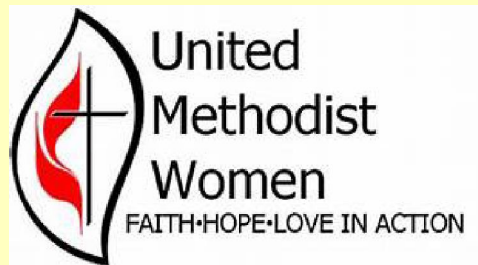
https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=ORD0311&division=NORTHEAST@ion=CHI

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION BY:

ÉEATING WELL ÉSTAYING HYDRATED É MUST BRING ID

**Must wear a mask, even if vaccinated.

***Appointments highly recommended at the donor centers.



Every year the calendar flips to February and thoughts of love and Valentine's Days, past and present, fill our minds. The Bible has many wonderful verses on love that are good to read this time of year. Here is a favorite one to read: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

Due to the lingering effects of COVID, we have decided to postpone our UMW Retreat and our Annual Trivia Night. We will continue to reevaluate the COVID situation and hope to reschedule these two events later this year.

2022 List of UMW Events (add these dates to your calendars):

o **Date & Time: TBD- One-Night Book study:** "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, & The Horse" by Charlie Mackesy. Contact Ronda Wilkes, Julie Kuhn or Melinda Taylor if interested. (Purchase your own book on-line)

o **Tuesday, March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Quarterly Meeting and Brown Bag dinner.** Program: "Call to Prayer and Self Denial."

o **Friday, April 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- Family Movie Night @ ORUMC/ Church (in Sanctuary).** Movie: "Jesus"

o **Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:30 p.m. ó UMW Quarterly Meeting and Salad Supper (or outdoor picnic/TBD).** Program: Father's Day project and Outdoor Games.

o **Tuesday, September 6 @ 6:30 p.m. ó UMW Quarterly Meeting and Potluck (or Brown Bag dinner).** Program: "Nehemiah Throws a Party."

o **Tuesday, December 6 @ 6:30 p.m. ó UMW Holiday Meeting and Potluck (or Brown Bag dinner).** Program: Holiday Happenings and White Elephant gift exchange

Elgin Crisis Center Thank You Jim and Sally Donaldson

Jim and Sally have retired after being our connection to the Crisis Center for many years. Thank you for all of your work.

Welcome Sue Zimberoff and Mary Balk

Sue and Mary have volunteered to be the new Crisis Center connection. The Crisis Center regularly provides a list of items needed.

Our job is to collect those items and bring them to church. There is a container in one of the cabinets in the narthex.

Sue and Mary will coordinate getting those items delivered to the Crisis Center in Elgin. (We can help with that, too).

From the Crisis Center:

Susan, we appreciate the support of area faith communities. Following is a list of most needed items. You can tailor the list to your needs; perhaps you only want to do food, or shelter needs. Don't feel as if you need to collect everything on the list.

The following is the list of needs from the Crisis Center for February.

Nonperishable foods (for our emergency pantry and shelter program):

Saltine crackers
Granola bars
Individual fruit and pudding cups
Breakfast bars
Shelf stable milk
Juice boxes/pouches
Bottled water (8 oz and 16.9 oz)

Personal Care items (for our emergency pantry and shelter program):

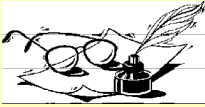
Deodorant/antiperspirant
Personal care wipes
Lip balm
Disposable KN95 masks

Winter wear:

Heavy duty gloves for men and women
Gently used or new coat for women and men in large, XL, and XXL

Shelter Needs:

Laundry detergent (powder or pods)
Dryer softener sheets
Dishwasher detergent
Flatware forks, spoons, knives (new or used)
Dish towels, dishcloths, scrubby/sponges
Pump hand soap
Facial tissue (Kleenex)
Toilet paper
Roll paper towels



Personal Notes



Christmas in Colorado

Mary and Jerry McDaniel flew to Louisville, CO December 19 to join Mike and the family to celebrate Christmas. However, before Christmas, grass fires and high winds changed those plans.

Louisville and adjacent Superior, CO lost over 1000 homes. We had to evacuate and spent two nights with family in Ft. Collins, CO as the fire progressed.

When fires were out and we were able to return to Louisville we found that the fire had gotten to within one mile of Mary and Mike's home, but had not caused any loss in their neighborhood.

We were able to see some areas where all the homes had been destroyed. Mary and Mike now have a friend who lost her home sharing their home while they are away on a pre-planned vacation.

UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief provides a way to contribute to those needing help recovering from fires in California and Colorado, tornados in Kentucky, floods in Florida and natural disasters everywhere.

If you would like to contribute to those who lost homes in Colorado, write a check to Our Redeemer's and indicate UMCOR Western Wild Fire Relief in the comment line of the check.

Jerry McDaniel

From the Prayer Chain

Received this from Pam Miller. Let us all pray for this young man and his family. They all need God's help right now. Blessings, JoAnne

JoAnne, please add my friend's son to the prayer chain. Not sure if it was on the news here or not since I never turn the TV on, but there was an accident in O'Fallon, MO on Saturday where a vehicle drove into a restaurant at lunch time and injured 3 people.

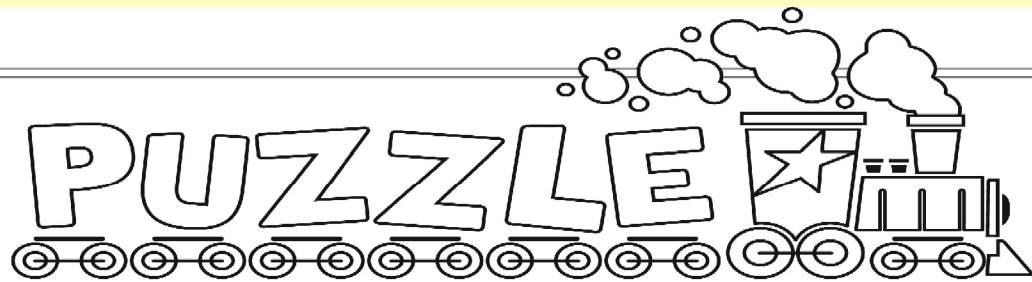
One of them was my friend's son, one was his girlfriend and don't know who 3rd one was. His girlfriend was taken to hospital and released later that day.

He was kept and had surgery on a broken leg Sunday morning. Thankful he wasn't injured more than that, especially since my friend lost her husband in January 2021. Don't think she could have handled the death of a son a year later.

She was on her way to spend the weekend with him and his daughter when she got the call. Glad she was able to be there for her granddaughter! I think the whole family could use prayers at this point.

Thankful for all you prayer warriors.

Pam



A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _ _ _ _ _	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _ _ _ _ _	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _ _ _ _ _	_____	your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _ _ _ _ _	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _ _ _ _ _	_____	in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _ _ _ _ _	_____	to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHSA _ _ _ _ _	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Jan 30</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary - Nursery available</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class - ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Jan 31</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Feb 1</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study Room 2</p>	<p><i>Feb 2</i></p>	<p><i>Feb 3</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Feb 4</i></p>	<p><i>Feb 5</i></p>
<p><i>Feb 6</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary - Nursery available</p> <p>4:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Feb 7</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Feb 8</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study Room 2</p>	<p><i>Feb 9</i></p> <p>6:15 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Feb 10</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Feb 11</i></p>	<p><i>Feb 12</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Laity Convocation Via Zoom</p>
<p><i>Feb 13</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary - Nursery available</p> <p>4:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Feb 14</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Feb 15</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study Room 2</p> <p>3:00 PM Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Mtg Mary Balk</p> <p>7:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting - ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Feb 16</i></p> <p>6:15 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Feb 17</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p><i>Feb 18</i></p>	<p><i>Feb 19</i></p>
<p><i>Feb 20</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary - Nursery available</p> <p>4:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Feb 21</i></p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study ZOOM</p>	<p><i>Feb 22</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study Room 2</p>	<p><i>Feb 23</i></p> <p>6:15 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Feb 24</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Feb 25</i></p>	<p><i>Feb 26</i></p>
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