



The Redeemer Review

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Dear Friends in Christ,

A new year has arrived. A new opportunity to begin afresh is in front of us. This is a time of self-examination and a time to recommit ourselves to God. From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table every first Sunday of the month

On the first Sunday of January, however, here at ORUMC we will meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God, as together we will celebrate Wesley's Renewal Covenant Service.

The historian Jonathan Powers tells us that, in 1775, John Wesley introduced a 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.

Repentance through confession and commitment was a key focus of the service, demanding humility from those willing to submit themselves to the dynamic words stated within the liturgy. According to Wesley's

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journal, though the covenant renewal service was held on various occasions throughout the year, by the end of his life, the service was observed typically on or the Sunday nearest January 1st.

The covenant renewal service is a practice that continues in churches and Christian communities today, often near the beginning of the new year. It has undergone many revisions and adaptations, but its purpose as an evocative ceremony of commitment to ongoing discipleship and Christ-like character has always remained intact.

On Sunday, January 2nd we will worship God and renew our covenant with Him through a modern liturgical adaptation of the covenant service written by Wesley. The vocabulary and syntax used by John Wesley in the 1700s have been updated to what would be more familiar for us today. It is our prayer that Wesley's Renewal Covenant will be a means of grace for our church, bringing renewal in the hearts and lives of our members, freely giving everything to God.

In His service,

Pastor Shirley

Hopkins remains NIC Interim Bishop in 2022

At the close of their fall meeting, the United Methodist Council of Bishops approved the extension of retired Bishop John L. Hopkins as Northern Illinois Conference Interim Bishop past the initial end date of December 31, 2021.

The North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops called to extend Bishop Hopkins' assignment in the Northern Illinois Conference until either new episcopal elections are held within the jurisdiction, or another plan for episcopal coverage is brought to the Council of Bishops.

In 2020, the NCJ College of Bishops made a plan to cover for retiring bishops and Bishop Hopkins agreed to serve in the interim through 2021. With the North Central Jurisdiction Conference postponement until 2022, the College of Bishops said they needed to extend the interim assignments, including Michigan Conference Bishop David Bard who is also covering the Minnesota Conference and Iowa Conference Bishop Laurie Haller who is also covering the Dakotas Conference.

While not necessarily in his plans, Hopkins said he joyfully accepts another year of interim assignment with the Northern Illinois Conference.

“I thought my interim ministry would be concluding soon. I thought the pandemic would be over by the end of summer. Last October, I thought we could have an in-person annual conference,” Bishop Hopkins said.

“Although my expectations have not turned out, I have been surprised by the blessing of serving in Northern Illinois. I continue to meet people with a love of Jesus and his Church. I am surrounded by people who want the Kingdom of God to be on earth as in heaven. I am inspired by your faith, hope, and love.”

Bishop Hopkins thanks all the churches, clergy, and laity in the Northern Illinois Conference for welcoming him and his wife Elaine this past year.

“Northern Illinois already feels like home to Elaine and me,” said Bishop Hopkins. “Staying in a place you love with people you love is a blessing. God is good.”



The United Methodist Women wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2022! Our December holiday meeting was a fun event with games, Christmas carols and important decisions for the year 2022. With all of the funds earned at our Rummage Sale and Heavenly Treats events in 2021, we voted to disburse \$3,850.00 from our savings for local and global missions.

Checks will be written for our Prairie Central District UMW Pledge, Heifer Project, Feed My Starving Children, Shelter, Inc., Elgin Community Crisis Center, WINGS, ASP, Journeys (PADS), Schaumburg Food Pantry, United Church of Rogers Park Soup Kitchen, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. Also, the members voted unanimously that our local UMW Board Members should remain in their existing positions for 2022 as follows:

- Co-chairs- Julie Kuhn & Melinda Taylor**
- Recording Secretary- Debbie Weigel**
- Events Secretary- Mary Zalay**
- Treasurer- Sarah Calderwood**
- Special Events Board Member
Pam Miller**

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 then reschedule these two events later this year.

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

o **January- Date & Time: TBD- One-Night Book study:** oThe Boy, The Mole, The Fox, & The Horse o by Charlie Makesy. Study leader- Ronda Wilkes. Purchase your own book on-line if interested:

o **Tuesday, March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Quarterly Meeting and Brown Bag dinner.** Program: TBD

o **Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:30 p.m. ó UMW Quarterly Meeting and Salad Supper (or outdoor picnic).** Program:TBD

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

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



UMM Monthly Meeting *Januzry 8, 8:00 am*

The UMM will have its regular monthly meeting January 8 at 8:00 a.m.

The location is still to be determined. It will be either at Mr A&ø Restaurant in Roselle or at church (bring your own breakfast).

Keep an eye on your email in order to get the final decision and respond with a reservation.

Lay Academy Coming to ORUMC

The Prairie Central District Lay Academy will be held January 8 and 15, 2022, at ORUMC

The two Saturday event from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. will offer four classes: Leading Public Prayer; Heritage of United Methodism; Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts; and Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition.

Everyone interested in learning more about their faith, seeking support as they consider leadership positions, and enjoying fellowship with other believers are welcome. Lay Academy's goals are to enrich the individual as well as support the clergy of the local church.

Please, contact Pastor Shirley, JoAnne Gregorash or Bruce Bedingfield for more information. The registration form is shown on pg 6. The \$40 fee is due by January 3. Breakfast and lunch are included with the registration.

Lay Academy – Winter 2022

2nd & 3rd Saturdays in January (1/8 & 1/15)

Our Redeemer's UMC, Schaumburg

1600 W. Schaumburg Road



Devotional Life in the John Wesley Tradition

Focused on Wesley's "means of grace," this study includes topics such as prayer, Scripture, and the Lord's Supper. Learn how to apply Wesley's ministry to your own life. Instructors: John Wietupach & Pat Michalik

United Methodist Heritage

Explore the theology, wisdom, and organization that Methodists bring to the church universal and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. Instructor: Rev. Terry Clark

Leading Public Prayer

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course helps Lay Servants grow in confidence while enriching their personal prayer life. Instructor: Rev. Norval Brown

Discovering & Using Spiritual Gifts

Understand your spiritual gifts and learn as a spiritual leader how to use them in fulfilling the church's mission and ministry.

Instructors: Tom & Pat Price

(Indicate class of choice by checking box)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

\$40.00 Registration Fee by January 3

Register online through the Northern Illinois
Conference website or mail a check payable to
"Prairie Central Lay Academy" to
717 N. Washington St., Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone: 630-709-3953, mary.mecker@gmail.com

Kids Above all

*Thank you
ORUMC!*

FOR PROVIDING GIFTS FOR 70 KIDS!





Thank you Cathy, Karen, Elizabeth, Colin and all who participated in "The Service of Lessons and Carols". The Chancel Choir, Redeemer Ringers and Praise Team captivated the essence of the Christmas Story in a magnificent worship service. I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as we sang the carols and listened to your voices reading the Scriptures. Thank you for your commitment to ORUMC and your faithfulness to the Lord! ~ Pastor Shirley



UMW Holiday Meeting



Thank you!!!



What a blessing!!

**TREMENDOUS
EFFORT!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HELPED IN INSTALLING
THE NEW SCREENS!**



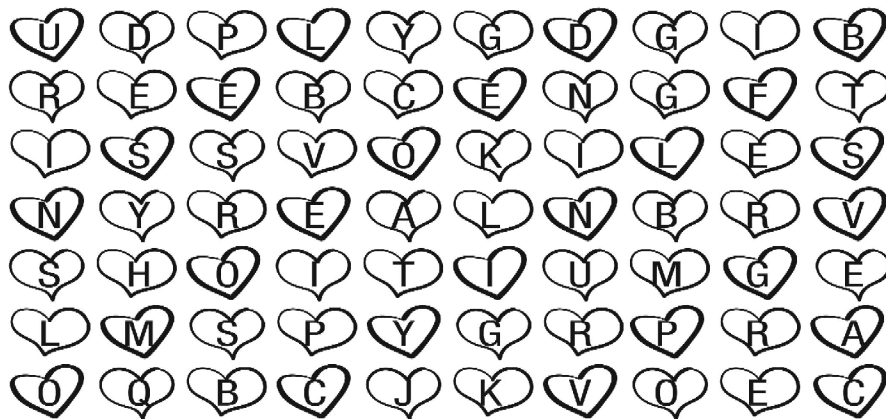
*Thank you for all the
hard work!*



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D , because love
 over a multitude of . Offer
 to one another without
 . Each of you should use whatever
 you have received to others, as faithful
 stewards of God's in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Dec 26</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom</p>	<p><i>Dec 27</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Dec 28</i></p>	<p><i>Dec 29</i></p>	<p><i>Dec 30</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Dec 31</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 1</i></p> <p>New Year's Day</p>
<p><i>Jan 2</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> <p>9:30 AM Drive Thru Communion</p> </div> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p>	<p><i>Jan 3</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Jan 4</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 5</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 6</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Jan 7</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 8</i></p> <p>8:00 AM UMM Breakfast Location TBD</p>
<p><i>Jan 9</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Jan 10</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Jan 11</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 12</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Jan 13</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><i>Jan 14</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 15</i></p>
<p><i>Jan 16</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Jan 17</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Jan 18</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 19</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Jan 20</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p> <p>7:00 PM Ad Council</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> </div>	<p><i>Jan 21</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 22</i></p>
<p><i>Jan 23</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Woman's Book Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p> <p>11:30 AM Coffee with Pastors Zoom</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Jan 24</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Jan 25</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 26</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Jan 27</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Jan 28</i></p>	<p><i>Jan 29</i></p>
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