



The Redeemer

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Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Only few more days and Lent will be here. As you all know, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This year it falls on March 2nd. Our sister Elizabeth Jepson has helped put together a wonderful service for that day, accompanied with music to help us reflect on what this time means for us. I hope and pray that all of you will be able to attend and begin this season open to transformation and renewal.

Lent is an opportune time to reflect on what it means to be a part of the Community of Faith at ORUMC and on our role in the church.

Let me quote Henri Nouwen who once wrote "To learn to be part of a church is to learn to forgive and be forgiven." We like the forgiven part.

A few years ago, before pandemic, I

found myself stuck on a plane going nowhere. It was a connecting flight for most of us, the last stretch of a long journey to Patagonia.

But due to technical problems, we sat on the runway for what felt like forever 5 hours. As you can imagine, a plane full of tired and hungry passengers sitting next to each other for a long period of time can be a bit challenging.

Sitting next to me was a woman who had cultivated the art of complaining. There was plenty to complain about, but listening to her, was more than I could bear so I closed my eyes and pretended to sleep.

On the other side of the aisle, was an elderly man who was what you would say a gracious and amiable man. He engaged in pleasant conversation with everyone around

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him. This elderly man wanted to arrive home as much as anyone, but he never complained, while the lady sitting next to me, actively and without stopping, looked for things that were wrong, big and small.

Looking back, I think of these two persons in two marked ways of living. Each had reactions to what we were experiencing, one intentionally seeing the good in things, the other always looking for, and generally finding, the worst.

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The Parable of The Sower describes this as cultivating seeds within us.

Our heart is like a garden that contains all kinds of soil where the seeds of love, understanding and forgiveness, and also seeds of anger, fear, and resentment will germinate. When the seeds of anger and resentment are watered in us several times a day, they grow stronger. In the same manner when we water the seeds of love, forgiveness, and understanding, those seeds become stronger.

All these seeds start as tiny seeds in all of us. Once planted, the seeds begin to grow.

When Jesus says love one another as I have loved you begins with forgiveness.

öForgive one another as I have forgiven you.ö This is one of the hardest things Jesus asks of us, and perhaps the most important. But how do we forgive, exactly?

I am no expert at forgiveness. I struggle with it as much as anyone, not only how to go about it, but also understanding what it means. David and I have at least a dozen books on our shelves on forgiveness, each one having something to say on the topic. What I usually find is description of what forgiveness is not, Forgiveness is not the same as forgetting,

As you were to act as if nothing ever happened, with no accountability or lasting consequence. I like to think of ForGIVEness as a gift.

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The word itself implies this is more like a gift we receive, than something we do. What forgiveness requires is not effort, but openness.

It feels like letting go, relinquishing control, and allowing the grace of God in.

Forgiveness releases the burden of pain and resentment that we carry. It accepts the past for what it is and people for who they are.

For all our Lord's teachings on forgiveness, that's the only thing he says about how to go about it. It starts with you. If forgiveness of any kind, in any way, is a struggle for you, Remember that every single person, every single being, struggles.

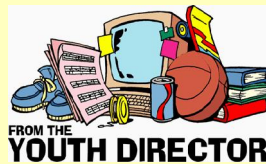
But I think we can be examples. Just because forgiveness is the core value of our faith doesn't mean that it's easy for us. It isn't.

But with God's help we can do it. We can begin with ourself and believe the forgiveness of Jesus.

And then we can join him, forgiving others as you have been forgiven.

In His love,

Pastor Shirley



10 youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine on 2/25 & 26. Together, we learned about Marie Ngalula 14, who lives in the small village of Tubuluku in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the struggles she faces daily to feed herself and 5 younger siblings.

It was an experience that will forever be in our hearts and we thank our ORUMC family, families and friends for your generous support and prayers!

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

Sunday School kids collected 98 food items and \$127 in donations on February 13, Souper-Bowl Sunday! Collected items were brought to the food pantry and donations were used by the youth to purchase food items during 30 hour famine. They were on display during the 2/27 service and were donated to the pantry that week!

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!

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

OUR REDEEMER'S VIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVE

(Running through St. Patrick's Day—Thursday, March 17)

Our virtual blood drive continues through St. Patrick's Day. If your health allows it, please sign up to donate blood. Blood donations can be made at any Chicago Land Vitalant center. The closest center is located at 211 W. Golf Road, just west of Roselle Road, here in Schaumburg.

Our nation is currently experiencing a profound blood shortage. Any blood donation you can make will be considered precious!

Remember as well, we are featuring a light spirited competition with Our Savior's UMC to see which congregation makes the most blood donations.

Please notify Melissa Bland in the church office so that she can keep score of our donations.

Appointments are recommended. In order to schedule your appointment (before March 17) click on the link at the bottom of the page.

If you do not have internet access you can call 877-258-4825. This is a phone con

nection to a national account for Vitalant that can assist you to make an appointment for a donation at a local Vitalant center.

Even without an appointment, you can also walk into a Vitalant center to donate and use donation code: ORD031I.

Blood Shortage Alert

Vitalant has a critical shortage of all blood types, especially O, and urges all eligible donors to donate.

There is no waiting period to give blood after receiving an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Please join Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church Virtual Blood Drive and donate blood between February 1st and March 17.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION BY:

EATING WELL

STAYING HYDRATED

* YOU MUST BRING AN ID

* EVEN IF YOU ARE VACCINATED

* YOU MUST WEAR A MASK.



Get ready to *March* into Spring! Happily, the days are getting longer, we're seeing more of the sun and the promise of warmer weather is right around the corner. The Bible encourages us to look forward to Spring: Zechariah 10:1 "Ask the LORD for rain in the spring-time; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone."

Please plan on joining us for our **UMW Quarterly Meeting and Brown Bag Dinner** on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.** (ORUMC Wesley Room). **Pastor Shirley** and **Melinda Taylor** will lead us through the program: "**Call to Prayer and Self Denial**".

This will be a very meaningful program and we know that you will enjoy the evening. We will eat our Brown Bag Dinners together at 6:30 p.m. We'll provide plates and napkins. You need to bring your own food and utensils (no sharing of food yet, according to COVID guidelines for our church). Following dinner, we will have our UMW business meeting and then the program will be presented.

Due to the lingering effects of COVID, we have decided to postpone our UMW Re-

treat and our Annual Trivia Night. We are also delaying the scheduling of our Rummage Sale for 2022. We will continue to reevaluate the COVID situation and hope to reschedule these three 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 online)

- 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

Appeal for Peace in Russia-Ukraine Conflict

The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations.

We join many Christian leaders and organizations worldwide in deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, and we ardently pray for a redirection of military action toward diplomatic measures to resolve grievances. United Methodists are people of peace.

The United Methodist Church has mission-founded congregations in both Ukraine and Russia, some from the pre-Soviet period and others dating from post-Soviet years.

Both countries are geographically within the Eurasia Episcopal Area and relate to the United Methodist central conferences of Europe. Bishop Eduard Khegay, the resident episcopal leader in Eurasia, is based in Moscow.

We join with Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area and chair of our denomination's Connectional Table in the prayer that conflict involving political matters will not break the unity between United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia.

Ties broken by Communism between Methodist communities in the Soviet bloc and the United Methodist denomination were re

established in the 1990s through a number of mission initiatives related to Global Ministries.

That work led to the inclusion of the whole of Eurasia into the organic structure of the church through the creation of the Eurasia Episcopal Area.

While Global Ministries has no administrative role in the affairs of annual conferences, districts or congregations in Russia or Ukraine, we are partners in mission with church units and projects in those countries.

We have placed numerous missionaries and young adult Global Mission Fellows in the region over the years and accept applications for missionary and mission volunteer service from both countries. We currently have no mission personnel in Ukraine.

We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

Roland Fernandes is the general secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine.

Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to Advance #982450.



2022



Ukraine in ministry.



Answer the
call to the
priesthood
of all
believers.



Prairie Central District
Lay Academy
Spring 2022
5 Sunday afternoons
3/6, 13, 20, 27 & 4/3
2 to 5 p.m.

First UMC
Lombard, IL
155 S. Main Street

Intro to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course

Foundational for Lay Servant ministry, the BASIC course encourages participants to discover their gifts and calling as followers of Christ as well as considering the importance of accountable servant leadership rooted in consistent spiritual practices.

Instructor: Roger Outless

United Methodist Heritage

Explore the theology, witness, 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

Planning Worship

*Building on the course *Leading Worship*, this course explains the basic pattern of United Methodist worship within the broader context of Christian worship and how its formative nature can revitalize persons' lives.*

Instructor: Ron DeBaun

Opening Ourselves to Grace

Join our District Superintendent in exploring how lay servant leaders can embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as means of grace.

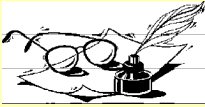
Instructor: Rev. Jeffrey Cross, District Superintendent

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Church: _____

\$40.00 Registration Fee by February 28

*Register online through the United Methodist
Conference's Districts and Clergy Support Office
"Prairie Central Lay Academy" to
2600 N. Washington St., Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone: (630) 402-3323, umgpa@umc.org*





Personal Notes



Food Pantry Needs

The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry needs for the month of March include: large soups, tomato products, Rice-a-Roni, peanut butter and jelly, rice, vegetable oil, and canned meats.

Deaconess Catherine Inserra

Manager of Faith and Community Relations with Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ) will be presenting a message to the Lenten Service Sunday, March 6.

Anniversaries

Two wedding anniversaries were celebrated on February 19. Congratulations to:

Jim and Sherrie Cottrell - 50 years

Herb and Mary Knoppel - 56 years



UMM Breakfast Meeting
March 12, 8:00 a.m.

Mr A's Restaurant
609 Irving Park Rd
Roselle, IL

Prairie Central District "Lay Servant" Program by Bruce Bedingfield

The notice on pg 9 publicizes the upcoming Prairie Central District Lenten Lay Academy. These educational offerings are intended to eventually provide certification to persons wishing to become lay servants.

They are also wonderful opportunities for any United Methodist lay person to simply learn more about their church and their faith.

This program was initially designed to provide training to those of us wishing to become certified lay speakers. It eventually became apparent, however, that not many church members desired to preach, but very many did want deeper spiritual education.

From that came the wonderful concept of training to become lay servants. Granted, the deadline on registration for this academy is around the time you will first be seeing this Redeemer Review.

If you are especially interested, please feel free to inquire into openings.

Also know that this program exists and other academies will be provided in the future that you may wish to consider.

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

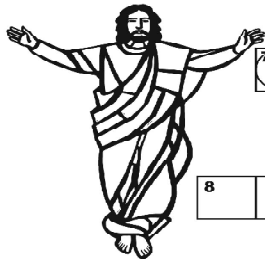
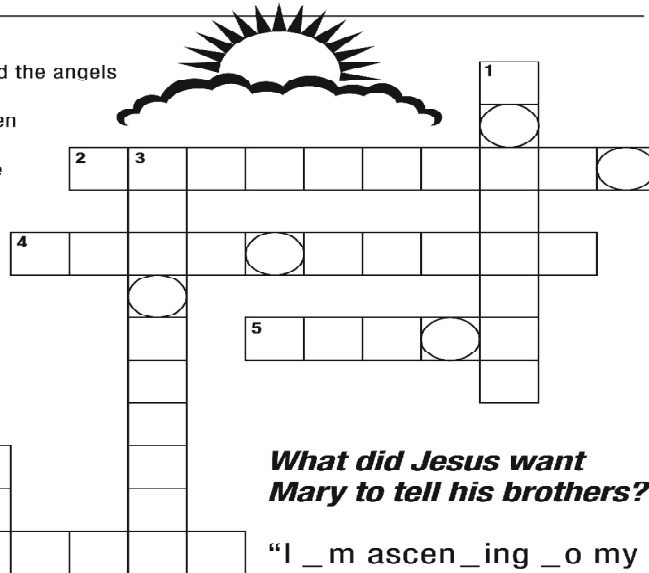
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
 Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
 to _ y _ od and your God."
 Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;
 DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and
 your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Feb 27</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>Feb 28</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Mar 1</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 2</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><i>Mar 3</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Mar 4</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 5</i></p>
<p><i>Mar 6</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM Drive Thru Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Wordship in sanctuary (winter)</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Mar 7</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Mar 8</i></p> <p>8:00 AM UMM Breakfast Location TBD</p>	<p><i>Mar 9</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Mar 10</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><i>Mar 11</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 12</i></p>
<p><i>Mar 13</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>Mar 14</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Mar 15</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 16</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Mar 17</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p> <p>7:00 PM Ad Council</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p><i>Mar 18</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 19</i></p>
<p><i>Mar 20</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>4:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Mar 21</i></p> <p>7:00 PM New Life Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><i>Mar 22</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 23</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers</p>	<p><i>Mar 24</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S in Room 4</p>	<p><i>Mar 25</i></p>	<p><i>Mar 26</i></p>
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