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Dear Friends in Christ,

I always wonder what it might have looked like on a given day around 30 A.D. had there been at that time some equivalent of a present day news website. Along the top banner of the page would be the “Breaking News” of the moment.

Perhaps on one particular day it would read “Zealots Attack Roman Forces: Troops Obliterate Zealots.” Below that would be a picture of King Herod receiving a delegation from Rome in his imperial throne room. Off to the right side would be a list of the day’s “Hot Topics,” that might have included news bulletins from Rome, from Asia Minor, and other important areas of that time. Then would come the “Top Stories” for the day that might have included some political plots involving Pontius Pilate; a story involving the powerful leaders coming up with new policy initiatives, levying their taxes, trying to keep Rome from going over one fiscal cliff or another; and a report on the doings of some of the more famous and beautiful people of the Roman Empire, maybe a report of the royal engagement between one of King Herod’s son and a Siro-Phoenician Princess.

The homepage for the ‘most trusted’ news network would contain lists of individual stories, others grouped under headings like “Jerusalem,” “World,” “Politics,” “Money,” and “Opinion.” And maybe, way down near the bottom, down farther on the page than most people ever scrolled, there might be a category for “In case you missed it” that might have a stray story about a baby

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in a manger. The heading would read: Good News of great joy." Few would read it. This would not rise to the level of "interesting," at least not compared with all the other news of the day. Nobody would consider it the "most interesting" news of the website that day.

The Bible tells us that, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16-17. **That's the most important news during this season!** For Christmas without Christ is like an engine without fuel. A pastor said one time that if our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; But our greatest need is forgiveness, so God sent us Jesus.

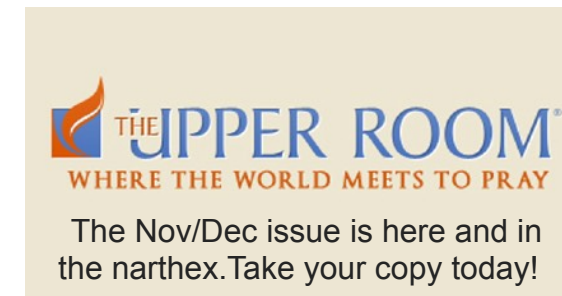
Friends, it is easy to forget that the Good News of great joy is not that Cyber Monday was the largest online shopping day in U.S. history, that Amazon.com sold more than 200,000 toys in the first five hours of Black Friday and that Best Buy ran out of Samsung - The Frame QLED 4K

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UHD Smart TV. No. The most important news, Good News of great joy is that God communicated to us by taking every ounce of love he had, every word of hope and courage, and he sent it to us in the most fragile and vulnerable of packages: in the flesh of a newborn baby.

At a time when everyone else is reading the headlines of the movers and shakers elsewhere, we should scroll down the webpage to find the most important story of all. Because in God's kingdom, the least and last news story will be the greatest and first story after all.

Blessings in this Advent Season,  
*Pastor Shirley*



The United Methodist Men meet over breakfast at Mr. A's in Roselle at 8:00

**Holiday Earthly Treats**  
**Sales will be December 3rd and 10th. (After worship)**

Saturday 12/16 Make treats.  
Sunday 12/17 Deliver treats.



We will serve at the **Schaumburg Feed My Starving Children** center on Friday, Dec 8th from 2:00- 3:45 PM. If you would like to join in, please inform Melissa in the office or register at [FMSC.org](http://FMSC.org) using join code **GL68L4**. Can't make that date, but want to see an opportunity extended for an evening or weekend? See Melissa and she will gladly coordinate it.



United Women in Faith



Many thanks to everyone that baked, worked, cleaned up, and bought our Heavenly Treats! The income from this



sale will allow UWF to continue our support of ministries and missions again for the 10th year.

The extras left were packaged and frozen, and will be sold after church in the Narthex thru 12/ for \$5 per container. We accept cash, checks, and IOU's so grab a carton or 2 for your freezer



United Women in Faith

Please make plans to attend our UWF Holiday Meeting and Potluck on Tuesday, December 5th @ 6:30 p.m. Please bring a Potluck dish to share, as well as a **WRAPPED White Elephant Gift\***. During our Business Meeting we will approve the 2024 Disbursement of Funds, share Retreat feedback, preview events and plans for 2024, and also elect 2024 UWF officers. Our December meeting is always a fun event and your presence will make it extra festive!

\*A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where amusing and impractical gifts that are new or old, gently used or unused are exchanged during festivities. The goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain party-goers as the game progresses.

\*\***Co-Editor's extra tid-bit of info-** The term white elephant refers to an extravagant, impractical gift that cannot be easily disposed of. The phrase is said to come from a perspective about the historic practice of the King of Siam (now Thailand) giving rare albino elephants to courtiers who had displeased him, so that they might be ruined by the animals' upkeep costs.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The weather is starting to turn cold and it reminds us that Advent is right around the corner. We need to prepare to worship the baby Jesus. At Our Redeemer's one of the ways we do this is by decorating the church with beautiful Christmas Poinsettias. And what a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of the most precious and important baby ever born than with a marvelous display of color. These flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary to honor the Christ child, who was born to save us all. Here at Our Redeemer's, church members purchase poinsettias and then "lend" them to the church until after Christmas when they may be taken home. Participation is easy! You can fill out an order form which is available in the narthex or contact Melissa in the office via email/phone. You may order white, pink or red poinsettias. The prices of this year's flowers are \$10.00. *Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, is the absolute deadline for placing your order so we may display the flowers for*



**A message from  
Schaumburg  
Township Food  
Pantry:**

Please know that we are very grateful for each one of you – the pantry is seeing record numbers of people served right now and every donation makes a difference. **THANK YOU FOR DONATING!**

**Items Needed December 2023:**

**HOLIDAY MEAL ITEMS –**  
Stuffing, Potatoes (packaged or fresh) Yams (canned or fresh) Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Applesauce Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Jell-O, Corn Muffin Mix, Lasagna Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, Cake Mix, Frosting, Brownie Mix, Unsalted Nuts, Dried Fruit, Quick Bread Mix, Biscuit Dough mix, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Fruit Filling, Canned Pumpkin and Canned Milk.



**FOOD DELIVERER NEEDED!**

Our church is in need of someone willing to deliver food to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry one time each month. We have an opening for a volunteer to pick up food from the church narthex on the **SECOND** Sunday of the month. That person would then deliver it to the food pantry, just down the street, in the course of that week (1 Illinois Boulevard.) If you would be interested in performing this important caring ministry, or simply want to discuss it further, please inform Bruce Bedingfield.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”



**The Rogers Park  
Soup Kitchen  
needs  
additional volunteers  
from ORUMC!**

Please see JoAnne or Mert if you are available.

Dates of service: Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 21 and May 19.

We leave church at 12:30 pm. We are doing mainly to go boxes and serve earlier than we used to and are done before 5:00pm. If you like, we could stop for dinner or come straight home. Carpooling is encouraged, but optional.





As I look out and see snow falling and piling up, it looks like our outdoor pickle ball games will definitely be over for this year. However, we did still play outside in



November in 40degree weather! Coats, hats and gloves were optional. You will find most players now playing indoors at the Schaumburg Park District Sports Center in the mornings.



A note from Carol Hollingsworth: I am sending a HUGE thank you to the 45 family units that have provided Christmas gifts for 70 children for our children's mission, Gifts from the Heart. This congregation is a true blessing to those served by Kids Above All. Remember to bring your gifts on Sunday morning, December 3, to church as the sleigh (ok, an SUV) will be taking the gifts after church to the distribution center. And, finally, thank you to Tom and Julie Kuhn (elves extraordinaire) for helping with this mission.

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The following are the year-to-date financial information 10/31/2023:

Total Revenues	\$227,566
Total Expenses	209,260
Net Total	18,306



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