



# *The Redeemer Review*

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**Dear Friends in Christ,**

February has arrived and in few more weeks we will begin our 2023 Lenten Journey. But, let's face it, in our family lives Lent is not the most popular of seasons. Let me explain. Most of us have favorite holiday seasons. For some it's Thanksgiving or Christmas, with the family get-togethers and presents. For others it's the Fourth of July and summer. But very few of us would pick Lent as season to host family gatherings or a season we wait with great expectations. Lent? I mean, who really needs it?

But you know what? Each year, whatever my feelings approaching Lent may be, the same answer comes back: I do. Just maybe, I need Lent. Just maybe I need a time to focus, to get my mind off of my routine, my social life, my next project -- and a hundred other things to which I look for meaning -- and center myself in Meaning itself.

Just maybe I need a time (is 40 days really enough?) to help clear my head of the distractions and re-orient myself towards the Maker of all.

Maybe I need the opportunity (and perhaps deep down I crave the chance!) to clear my eyes of the glaze which comes from situation after situation, routine after routine.

And maybe, just maybe -- and this takes the greatest amount of imagination-- just maybe Lent really isn't mine to do with whatever I please.

Maybe Lent is God's. Maybe Lent is God's gift to a people starved for meaning, for courage, for comfort, for life.

If it is, if we can imagine that Lent is not ours at all but is wholly God's, then maybe

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we'll also begin to recall, that we, too, are not ours at all, but are wholly God's -- God's own possession and treasure.

Seen this way, Lent reminds us of who we are and whose we are. The "sacrifices" are not intended as good works offered by us to God; rather, they are God's gifts to us to remind us who we are, God's adopted daughters and sons, God's treasure.

Yes. We all need Lent. We need an ab-

sence of gifts so that we might acknowledge the Gift. We need a time to be quiet and still and so we can hear again what was promised to us at Baptism: "You are mine! I love you! I am with you!"

We need Lent, finally, to remind us of who we are-- God's heir and Christ's co-heir -- so that, come Easter, we all together can rejoice and celebrate with all the joy of being true heirs to the throne.

And so yes, I personally need Lent. And to tell you the truth, I suspect that you do, too. You see, if Lent is not in our personal calendars is because we are so busy trying to save our lives that we fail to notice that God has already saved us and has already freed us.

And so we have Lent, a gift of the church, the season during which God prepares us to see His great sacrifice for us, with the hope and prayer that, come Good Friday and Easter, we may feel more fully God's great love for us and in this way find the peace and hope and freedom that we so often lack.

In His service and yours,

*Pastor Shirley*

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## **Book of Acts**

Hello, Everyone! As many of you know, Book of Acts is the drama group here at Our Redeemer's. Our ministry is to enhance our worship, and we put on monthly skits and have lots of fun doing it.

We will also again be doing "Guess Who's Coming to Passover" written by Peggy Gire and Steve Arters. It is a Maundy Thursday production where the congregation comes up and has communion served by Jesus and the disciples at the table in the Upper Room. It's very meaningful.

Our Savior's UMC will be involved, too!

If you are interested in acting or helping out in any way - costumes, props, set, tech - it's a lot of fun - please contact Sue Zimberoff (331-223-2298) Peggy Gire. (847-884-1514) or the church office. Thank you.

Sue Zimberoff

## **UMM Spaghetti Dinner Feb 12, 11:00 a.m.**

After a 2 year absence, the UMM will again be hosting their annual Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner on Feb 12.

They will serve spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and salad starting right after the church service.

All are welcome. There were no advance sales. It is a freewill offering with the following recommendations:

\$10 per individual

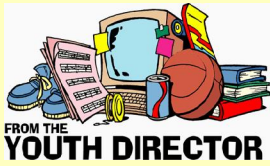
\$30 per family

They plan to serve until the food runs out.

All Methodist Men are invited to come Saturday Feb 11 at 8:00 a.m. to prepare the meatballs for Sunday and Sunday at 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. to make garlic bread and prepare to serve.

## **Financial Report Y-T-D Jan 31, 2023**

Revenues	\$27,362
Expenses	(21,033)
Net Income	6,329



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

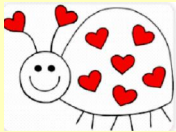


We meet every Sunday from 9:00 ó 10:00 a.m. in Asbury Hall



*February: the month of love. Loving yourself, loving your neighbor and loving the small blessings that show up in the most unique places.*

Happy February! UWF is gearing up for a busy late winter and spring with many opportunities to meet and support our communities, our church, and the world around us. All are invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship and fun.



**Upcoming UWF Events** (add these dates to your calendars):

- Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.- “Drop-in” for Open Ping Pong games in the Wesley Room
- February- 2/12, 2/19, 2/26- “Love Purse” Toiletry Collection
- Saturday, March 4- ORUMC Trivia Night- fundraiser: Sharpen your minds and pencils, get your teams ready!!
- **Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 p.m.** – UWF Meeting and Potluck. Program: Love Purse
- Spring Retreat- Date(tentative) 5/5 & 5/6- Program: World religions study

Love Purse Project

For the UWF March meeting service project we have selected the Love Purse project. This charity collects new purses filled with toiletries to supply to women and families that have left domestic situations, often with just the clothes on their backs. Love Purse already works with the Elgin Crisis Center, so it was an easy connection for UWF. We are asking the congregation to donate the items for the purses.

Here is the list below of items we will collect during the month of February, starting with the week of 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26.

Please look for a tote marked "UWF Love Purse" in the Narthex.

All items full size toiletries: feminine products, deodorant, soap, body lotion, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash (no alcohol) lip balm, shower slippers, socks, face masks, comb, brush, shampoo, conditioner, face cloth, compact mirror, chocolate, mints, floss, note pad, pen.

### ORUMC Trivia Night



Do not miss the fun! Trivia Night is back at 6 p.m. on Saturday night, March 4. Your reservation includes a catered taco bar dinner, homemade dessert, and beverage - then a fun trivia challenge as tables compete for bragging rights (and prizes). Reserved seats will be \$25 per person, sold either individually or as a table of 8, beginning February 12. Advance sales only!

Bring your friends and family for a night out while helping raise funds for UWF missions and ministries within our church and community.

## UWF Retreat



All women of ORUMC are welcome to our retreat. We hope to hold it on Friday, 5/5/23 and Saturday, 5/6/23. Although we are not going to Wesley Woods for an overnight, we are trying to secure buildings other than our church for Friday night and another for Saturday morning. More details to follow as details are confirmed.

The book we will be using is called “Christianity and World Religions Revised Edition: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths” by Adam Hamilton.

Look for more details in the March newsletter or get them at our March UWF potluck meeting on March 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Saturday morning. More details to follow as details are confirmed.



**Twenty three people from ORUMC fed 84 kids for a year at Feed My Starving Children January 27.**





**Feed My Starving Children**

**“For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”**



*Prairie Central District*  
**Lay Academy**  
**Spring 2023**  
**4 Sunday afternoons**  
**3/5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**2 to 5 p.m.**  
**Grace UMC**  
**Naperville, IL**  
**300 E. Gartner St**

**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 Cuthers**

**United Methodist Polity**  
*Delve into the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. A must for anyone desiring a greater understanding of how United Methodists relate to one another both at home and around the world.*  
**Instructor: Rev. David Dine**

**Planning Worship**  
*Building on the course Learning Worship, this course explores the basic pattern of United Methodist worship within the broader context of Christian worship and how its formative nature can revitalize Christian lives.*  
**Instructor: Rev. Dennis Anderson**

**Unrevealed Until Its Season**  
*Join our District Superintendent in a unique and fascinating in-depth theological unpacking of the Lenten Season through hymns, prayers, and scriptures in the Wesleyan tradition.*  
**Instructor: Rev. Jeffrey Bross, District Superintendent**

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**\$40.00 Registration Fee by March 1**

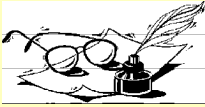
Register online through the Northern Illinois Conference website or mail a check payable to "Prairie Central Lay Academy" to  
 717N. Washington St., Wheaton, IL 60187  
 Phone: 630-708-3853, [mary.mecker@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mecker@gmail.com)

**SPRING, 2023  
PRAIRIE CENTRAL DISTRICT  
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

Once again this month we are sending out the Spring, 2023 Prairie Central District Lay Servant Academy, registration form. The Academy will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville. Sessions will be held from 2 to 5 PM on four consecutive Sunday afternoons in Lent, March 5 through March 26. (Each session must be attended to receive credit toward becoming a certified Lay Servant.) Attendees choose just one of the four courses listed.

Please also be aware, the Fall, 2023 District Lay Servant Academy will be held just down the street at Our Savior's United Methodist Church on November 4 and 11. Other courses will be offered at that time.

If you wish to attend, submit the registration form on the previous page by March 1.



## Personal Notes



Received this this afternoon from Pam Miller. Let us all pray for God to give strength, comfort and peace to this lady's family. Blessings, JoAnne

JoAnne, I would like to ask for prayers for the family of one of our instructors at work. Her younger sister called the office when she found Chris' schedule for next week to let us know Chris wouldn't be teaching. She was hit by a car yesterday while chasing her dogs in an intersection and died. She is a Christian and her sister said they have a good church family, but all of us are in shock and I think the more prayers for her family, the better. Chris was a wonderful woman.

Thanks.

Pam

Judy Wilson has Covid again and is quarantined for 10 days. There are 4 on her floor that have it as well.

No visitors allowed during the quarantine period.

Julie

The Gilbert Family would like to thank our church family for their support during our time dealing with the death of Dorene's father Don. We have felt the closeness and the love from our friends through your thoughtful actions, words, emails, texts and personal visits. This meant the world to us.

Jeff, Dorene, and Virgene

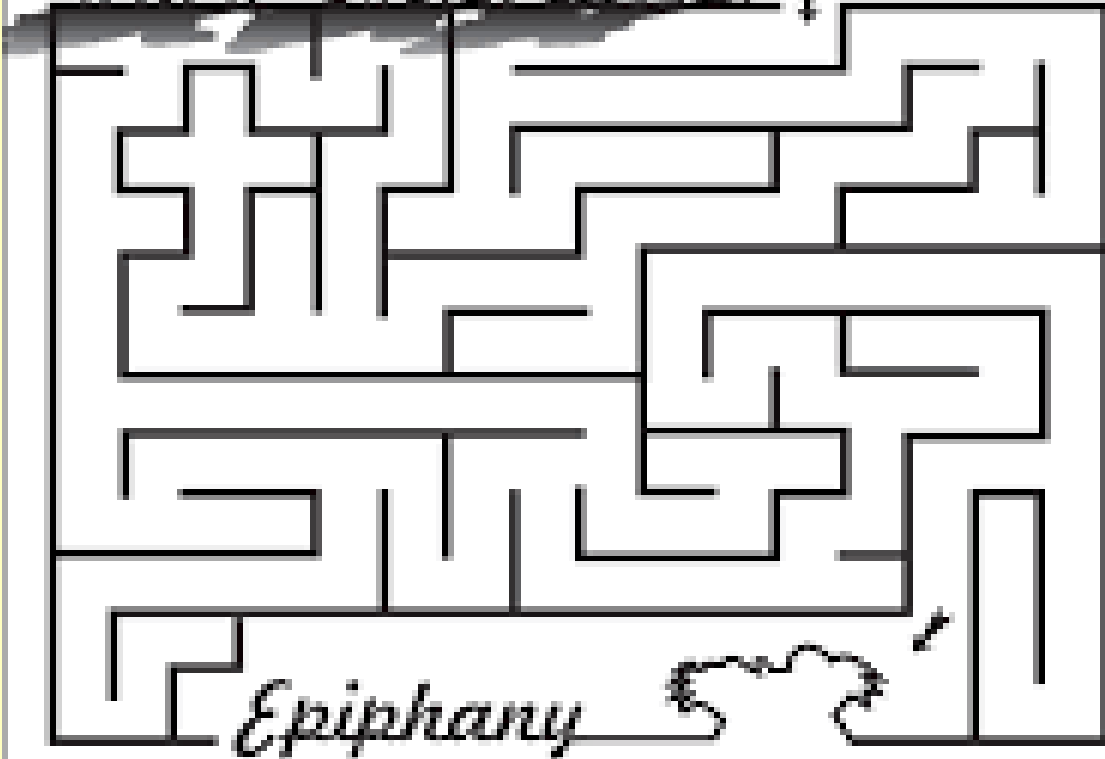
We have a prayer request for our sister-in-law Clara Machonis. She has been admitted to the hospital with heart issues. They will be doing a cardiac cath today to see if there are any blockages, she also has a partial dissection of an artery that they are watching.

Prayers for a successful procedure and resolution for this situation. Thank you so much for your continued prayers.

John/Edie

**Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12**

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?



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