



The Redeemer

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Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:1-2

Dear Friends in Christ,

As is our tradition here at ORUMC, early in the New Year, usually the first Sunday of the year, we meet to renew our covenant with our Creator. This is a Methodist practice which can be traced back to the first covenant service held by John Wesley in 1755, this was a moment of solemn reflection and rededication to be in a relationship with God and one another. These were times of great

spiritual blessing and fellowship in love as Wesley writes in his Journal. On Sunday 1st January 1775 Wesley wrote:

ōWe had a larger congregation at the renewal of the Covenant than we have had for many years; and I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of his grace, healing all their backslidings.ö

It is interesting to me that the reason people remain part of a Christian congregation is because of the quality of love that they experience in human relationships. People often join a church because of a fine choir, fine Bible studies, fine programs; but people never remain in a congregation for these reasons.

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Rather, people remain in a church because they have found loving friendships and loving relationships. People have found not just ideas of love and ideals of love, but genuine love in human form. This love is the result of the covenant we make with God. To be a body of Christ in a relationship with God and His children. Here at ORUMC we covenant each year to be in a relationship with God and one another. So, the covenant we are making at the beginning of this new year is

primarily about a relationship; the relationship between God and people, and as a result of this relationship between people and the Creator, it becomes the covenant of people to love and care for their neighbors.

If you were not able to attend the Covenant Service, I Invite you to get a copy of the service (Church Narthex) and commit to begin a new relationship ó a relationship that is written on our hearts ó initiated by our God; in fact, a gift of God. This is the covenant which we renew every year.

We thank God that He not only offers this covenant-relationship with him, but gives us the ability to keep it! If it were not so, the commitment we make at our church at the beginning of a new year, in the words of the covenant prayer would last as long as many of the resolutions made with the New Year and already broken. But there is grace here, and the power of God to change us, and it is this that makes us bold to renew the covenant once again.

May God bless us and keep us in all we do today and in this coming year,

Pastor Shirley

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Happy New Year 2023

The turning of the calendar from one year to the next is always a time of reflection and hope. Take some time summing up past experiences, bidding farewell to those we have lost, renewing old friendships, making plans and resolutions, and expressing your hopes for the future.

We had a fun time at our **UWF Holiday Meeting and Potluck on December 6**. There were 17 women in attendance. We shared a delicious meal together as well as had lots of laughs with our White Elephant gift exchange and games. During the meeting we thanked Mary Zalay for her years of dedication to UMW in many leadership roles. She is stepping back from her role as UWF Event Secretary and we are now looking for a volunteer to join the board in this position (contact any of the board members if you are interested). We want to thank those that will continue to serve our organization as

2023 UWF Board Members:

Co-Chairs: Julie Kuhn & Melinda Taylor

Recording Secretary: Debbie Weigel

Treasurer: Sarah Calderwood

Special Events: Pam Miller

Join in with UWF members to participate in the **“Feed My Starving Children” activity on Friday, January 27 at 4:15-6:15 p.m.** This is a 2-hour meal packing activity at their facility near Golf and Meacham in Schaumburg. You can sign up directly online with this link, or contact Julie Kuhn for more information. <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=KY2404>. All are welcome to join the fun!

LOOK! We have activities planned for 2023!

2023 List of UWF Events (add these date to your calendars):

- o Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.- öDrop-inö for Open Ping Pong games in the Wesley Room
- o Friday, January 27 @ 4:15- 6:15 p.m.- öFeed My Starving Childrenö activity (near Golf and Meacham in Schaumburg).
- o Sunday, February 19- Rogers Park Soup Kitchen (contact Julie or Melinda to volunteer)
- o February- Date TBD- öLove Purseö (new charity benefiting women in need) Toiletry Collection
- o Saturday, March 4- ORUMC Trivia Night- fundraiser
- o **Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 p.m.** ö UWF Meeting and Potluck. Program: Love Purse
- o Spring Retreat- Date TBD- Program: World religions study

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- o **Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 p.m.-** UMF Meeting and Potluck
- o **Tuesday, September 5 @ 6:30 p.m.-** UWF Meeting and Potluck
- o **Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:30 p.m.-** UWF Meeting and Potluck. Program: Holiday Happenings and White Elephant gift exchange.

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 UMW.

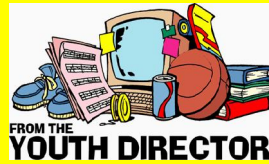
We are asking the congregation to donate the items for the purses.

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.

Feminine products, deodorant, soap, body lotion, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash (no alcohol), lip balm, nail file, shower slippers, socks, face mask, comb, brush, full size shampoo, & conditioner, face cloth, compact mirror, chocolates, mints, floss, note pad, pen.

Please donatet FULL size of these items.



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

RESOLVE TO DONATE BLOOD IN 2023!

As mentioned in the December Redeemer Review, we do not plan to hold any blood drives, virtual or otherwise in 2023. If you qualify medically, however, please resolve to donate blood as often as you can during this new year.

Blood donations can be made as often as every eight weeks. Vitalant, the closest blood donation site, is located at 211 W. Golf Road in Schaumburg 877-258-4825, www.Vitalant.org>illinois.

Blood donations continue to be very much needed. Melissa Bland in our church office would be happy to hear from you after any donation, and tally our numbers for the year.

If your health allows it, please consider this another opportunity for Christian service.

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet at church on Jan 14 at 8:00 a.m. We have food and coffee.

The agenda includes:

Closing out holiday snack fund raiser

Planning for Spaghetti Super Bowl

Putting away Christmas Decorations

GREETERS MINISTRY (Short Term Volunteer Needed)

Pastor Shirley and the Administrative Council are resurrecting our church's greeters program. This ensures not just a smiling face upon entering the narthex, but also someone to recognize new visitors and those we haven't seen for awhile. (Without a greeter it's not unusual to walk in to a narthex full of backs). Since we currently have just the one service, we need (at least) one person to greet 15 to 20 minutes until the service begins each Sunday.

We are pleased and appreciative that **Lori Randall** has agreed to lead this ministry, beginning in April! We are in need, however, of someone to lead it until then recruiting greeters for those Sunday morning services. If you feel called to fulfill this short-term position, please inform **Melissa** in the church office. In any case, please seriously consider serving as a greeter such an important ORUMC service!

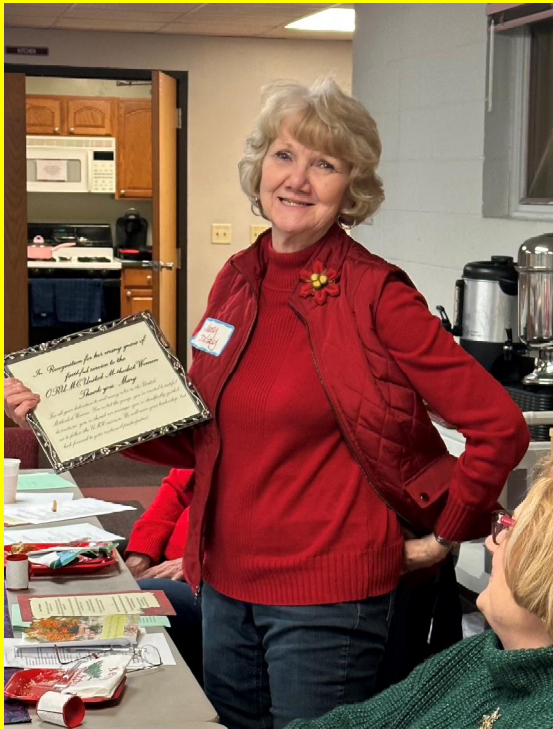
Financial Information

December 31, 2022 Year-To-Date

Total Revenues 274,306

Total Expenses 251,802

Net Income 22,504



Honoring Mary Zalay



“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 non-negotiable 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. Donald Dine

Planning Worship

Building on the course Leading Worship, this course explores the basic patterns of United Methodist worship within the broader context of Christian worship and how its formative culture can revitalize Christian lives.

Instructor: Rev. Darin 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 Bros, District Superintendent

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
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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: 630-769-3953, mary.mecker@gmail.com

SPRING LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

Grace United Methodist Church,
Naperville Illinois

4 Consecutive Sunday Afternoons
March 5 through March 26

Courses Include

• Basic Lay Servant Course

• Unrevealed Until it's Season

• Planning Worship

• United Methodist Polity

(Attendees choose just one course)

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

The Fall Lay Servant Academy to be held November 4 and 11, 2023 at Our Savior's UMC.

Meditations for the Epiphany Season - Part 1

During the Epiphany season we celebrate God manifested as the Baby Jesus. We commemorate the Wisemen finding Jesus and realizing the wonderful gift that God has given. We also celebrate Jesus' baptism when the Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested upon Him.

With that God's voice spoke, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As a congregation we wish to unite in prayer and reflection during this Epiphany season. We have provided meditations from Father Richard Rohr and his Center for Action and Contemplation. Father Rohr is a Franciscan priest—a fellow Christian with a gift for making the Gospel come alive for many in our congregation.

These meditations have been selected by Pastor Shirley Pulgar Hughes and Dr. Bruce Bedingfield. We pray that you find them helpful in your own prayer and reflection.

Printed copies of Part 1 will be available in the narthex.

Printed copies of part 2 will be available in the narthex about Ash Wednesday.



Personal Notes



May I please asked for extra prayers this week for my friend Laura. She is having numerous side effects from both her chemo and the pancreatic cancer itself. She will have more scans and meetings with her doctors this week to find the best path forward.

Thank you,

Gail Bedingfield

Would you please add my sister Shirley Herman to the prayer chain? She was hospitalized with blood clots.

Thank you,

Mary Knoppel

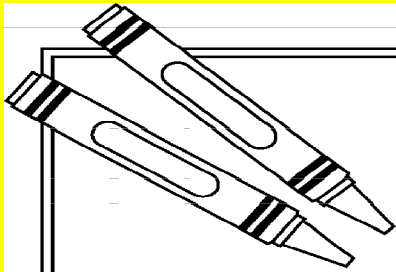
Penny Miller's mom, Betty Happle. was injured in a gas explosion at her home in Iowa.

Steve and Penny headed to Iowa right away. By the time we got there, she was released from the emergency room with 1st and 2nd degree burns to her face and hands. The fire Chief said that she was lucky to be alive as most cases that they see like hers are unsurvivable. They also had the house boarded-up and secured by the time we got there.

The house remained standing because it is a brick structure but there was severe damage in the kitchen, dining room and at least one upstairs bedroom.

The Major Claims Adjuster has come out to do the initial assessment so they will soon know more about the extent of the damage. But but for now the house is uninhabitable.

Please keep **Betty Happel** in your prayers.



Just for KIDS

"Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.

First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 ($2+9+0=11$) or 47 ($4+7=11$).

Names:	Abraham	Joseph	Adam	Moses	Isaac	Noah	Jesus	Sarah
Ages:	33	110	120	127	175	180	930	950

1. I was God's first man. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 5:5*) **(12)**
2. I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 9:29*) **(14)**
3. God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens.
I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 25:7*)
(13)
4. I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 23:1*)
(10)
5. My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 35:28*) **(9)**
6. My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (*Genesis 50:26*) **(2)**
7. When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (*Deuteronomy 34:7*) **(3)**
8. I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (*Luke 2:7*). **(6)**

Answers: 1. 930, Adam; 2. 950, Noah; 3. 175, Abraham; 4. 127, Sarah; 5. 180, Isaac; 6. 110, Joseph; 7. 120, Moses; 8. 33, Jesus

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