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# *The Redeemer Review*

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## **Pastor's Corner**

***God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?  
Micah 6:8***



Dear Friends in Christ,

With the fall stewardship season in full swing, I give thanks for your faithfulness and love for Jesus, and for your part in the ministry entrusted to us in Our Redeemer's. Your witness as a faith community, and the many ways in which you strive to be just, kind, and humble are an inspiration and a blessing. I am also thankful for your sustained financial commitment to our common life and to this community of faith that cares for one another. I am truly thankful for your support to Our Redeemer's as it fulfills the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel to every creature and reaching every home in our community.

I am someone who genuinely believes in the church. For me, church has been a place where I have felt the most loved and the most advocated for. I have known church to be a place where the gospel message of God's love in Jesus Christ is embodied and lived out in a community of people that actively love and care for one another. I believe Our Redeemer's is that place!

I believe Our Redeemer's is that place, because it understands itself and lives into its identity as the living body of Christ--a body that cares for each part, or each member, as it would its own life. With your support, this year we have been able to continue a ministry of love and care as well as ministries that support spiritual growth, congregational vitality and leadership skills. It has

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also been a challenging year for many, and we have worked hard to be a source of counsel, support and encouragement when you need us—in times of transition and celebration; in moments of grief and joy; to assist in matters both small and large.

As we look ahead to 2024, we in Our Redeemer's are well aware that this is an economically uncertain time. Every budget feels the strain of rising costs and unpredictable market forces. As you consider your financial commitment to our common life here at ORUMC, I pray that you see it as a fruitful investment and a joyful opportunity to support ministries that matter to you and our Church.

Our Redeemer's is blessed with financial resources that we strive to steward fruitfully and in service to our ministry as we share the Gospel of Christ. If an increase is not possible, please consider maintaining your pledged amount from last year. Together, with your faithful pledge, we will continue to build upon this good work and focus on revitalizing our church to grow the Jesus movement, inspire every person to grow in faith, equip our lay leaders to lead well, and partner in ministries of equity and justice for greater impact in our community.

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In the Acts of the Apostles, the church is always on the move, always working, always pushing out, always outward, always being drawn, pulled and pushed by the Holy Spirit into "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1).

By God's grace and your support we are that church. By God's grace, and the pulling and prodding of the Holy Spirit, we can be that church!



Feed My Starving Children Our Redeemer's next trip to the Feed My Starving Children packing center right here in Schaumburg will be **Friday, November 10 from 2 PM until 3:45.** Everyone is welcome to join us! If interested, please inform Melissa Bland. Feel free to contact Melissa or Bruce Bedingfield for more information.



The Nov/Dec issue is here and in the narthex. Take your copy today!



**The Rogers Park Soup Kitchen** needs additional volunteers from ORUMC. Please see JoAnne or Mert if you are available. Dates of service: Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 21 and May 19. We would leave from 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. Car pooling is encouraged, but optional.



United Women in Faith

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28*



UWF had several exciting events in the last month. An interactive drama, “Jake’s Dead’ was performed at the September quarterly meeting and had everyone guessing which Bible story the contemporary characters were representing.



UWF Heavenly Treats is Back! Calling all shoppers! The 10th annual Heavenly Treats cookie sale returns this year. Plan to shop after the 10:00 service on Sunday, November 21 for home baked cookies, only \$9 per pound. Calling all bakers! Please bring your home-made treats, (optional to pre-package in baggies), to Wesley Hall Saturday November 19 between 5 and 7 pm. Be sure to mark the name of the

cookies and whether they have nuts. We appreciate everyone’s support of this UWF event!

### Upcoming UWF Events:

Tuesday, Dec 5 at 6:30 pm **Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Exchange**

### **“Manicure for the Soul” at Wesley Woods**



September 30 we were treated to a day of “Manicure for the Soul” at Wesley Woods. Spiritual mindfulness meditations and holy yoga along with a walk along the lake, games, music, and a picnic lunch under the trees made for a time of blessed fellowship with each other. Much gratitude to Pastor Shirley, Dr. Maricruz, Fabiola, and all the women that worked together to make this a memorable day.



# UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men meet over breakfast at Mr. A's in Roselle at 8:00 am every second Saturday. The next meeting is **November 11th**.

## Upcoming UMM Events:

### **Holiday Earthly Treats**

Saturday 12/9 Make treats.

Sunday 12/10 Deliver treats.



The men and Pastor Shirley who attended the ORUMC UMM Annual Retreat listened to a message from the late Pastor Bill Shaw, given in September, 2009, "**Asking the Big Questions**".

We enjoyed each others fellowship, snacks, and food.

Pastor Shirley served Communion.

The overnight retreat was spiritually fulfilling at Wesley Woods on beautiful Lake Geneva.



## UMCOR International Latest Responses

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UMCOR has been working diligently to provide emergency assistance to those impacted by the conflict in Israel and Gaza. An emergency grant has been awarded to a local partner who used UMCOR funds to procure and distribute 300 hygiene kits for internally displaced people in Gaza. UMCOR is working with partners in Israel to provide humanitarian relief there as well.

We will provide more updates as they become available. We invite you to continue praying for a peaceful resolution to this conflict.

To learn more about UMCOR's response to the war in Israel/Gaza, or to donate, visit our International Disaster Response webpage: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-international-latest-responses/>



International Prayer Sessions for the Mideast on ZOOM The Northern Illinois Conference has joined other United Methodists from around the world to pray by ZOOM for the the current conflict in the Mideast. Those sessions are being held each Wednesday at 12 Noon Central time. We would like to have at least one participant from ORUMC on each prayer session. If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Pastor Shirley.

**“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” Romans 12:21**



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

Hello amazing donors!

Thank you all so much for your continued support of the food pantry – it means a lot that you give to the community in this way. We have seen a huge increase in households served at the food pantry – in fact, in September we saw an increase of 78% over the number we were seeing pre-covid. Your donations help us continue to provide food for those in need. Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

#### **Items Needed November 2023:**

Stuffing Potatoes (packaged or fresh)  
Yams (canned or fresh) Gravy  
Cranberry sauce, Applesauce  
Peaches, Pears, Mixed Fruit,  
Mandarin Oranges, Mangos,  
Pineapple, Apricots, Plums Corn,  
Peas, Green Beans, Beets, Mixed  
Vegetables, Carrots, Spinach,  
Asparagus, Lima Beans Frozen  
Vegetables Sausage Jell-O Corn  
Muffin Mix Lasagna Noodles, Pasta  
Sauce Salad, Salad Dressings,  
Mayonnaise Cake Mix, Frosting,  
Brownie Mix Unsalted Nuts, Dried  
Fruit Quick Bread Mix, Biscuit Dough  
Pie Crust Mix, Fruit Filling Canned  
Pumpkin Canned Milk, Butter

## **Gifts from the Heart**

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART** Our children's ministry to provide Christmas gifts for children in need continues with signup through Sunday, November 5. Please fill out the sponsor sheet in the narthex or contact Carol Hollingsworth by text 847-508-1111 or email [clh1325@comcast.net](mailto:clh1325@comcast.net) if you wish to participate. You are asked to spend no more than \$50 per child and a wish list for each child will be provided to you mid-November. Collection day for gifts will be on Sunday, Dec 3 between 9:00am - 11:00am. Please consider sponsoring a child and giving them some Christmas joy with a new toy and a clothing item.



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