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# *The Redeemer Review*

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Dear Church Family,

What a joyous time of the year this is! Easter season brings to us resurrection! Together we proclaim in one voice, Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Furthermore, Easter brings to us a new opportunity to be born anew. I delight watching nature, this time of year. Spring pops out all over the place calling us to change our shoes and go out to enjoy His creation. Have you ever noticed your mood when it's a beautiful day outside? You have more energy, you're smiling and laughing, and you feel like giving random people high fives in the isles of Jewel. It's almost as if you are a new person coming out of hibernation to enjoy the spring weather.

On Easter morning we had a joyous celebration singing our Alleluias to the risen Christ. I thank God that in the midst of an incredibly challenging and conflicting world filled with wars and destruction, Easter comes to tell us that our world is not defined by pain, loss or death. Can you imagine life without Easter. No rebirth, no renewal, no new life. Imagine what it would be like for daffodils to die in winter, and never bloom again in the spring. Imagine what it would be like for grass to turn brown, and never again return to a lush green. It's hard to imagine a world where death wins, because we're used to the renewal of color

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found in nature. We expect it every year, we know it's coming, and we look forward to it. We see it each spring and we smile knowing that our world is not defined by death. This same promise is the one that tells us we are people surrounded by Easter and not by death.

What a joy it is to give witness to the fact that there is another way of being in the world — a way of being that is shaped by resurrection, that embodies anything and everything that is life-giving, so demonstrative of mercy, so exemplary of the truth of Easter. I hope that you, together with your whole family, will be able to enjoy this beautiful Easter time and proclaim that we don't live in a world where death wins. We live in a world full of promise.

My dear fiends, let us together show the world that at the end Easter wins and colors our lives with the grace of God.

In Christ's love and service,

**Pastor Shirley**

The following are the year-to-date financial information 2/31/2024

Revenue	\$66,879
Expenses	(70,201)
Net Income	(3,322)

**United Women in Faith** aka UMW would like to thank everyone that participated in our 2024 Trivia Night Fundraiser! Wesley Hall was hopping Saturday Night with a fantastic taco bar dinner, homemade desserts, challenging trivia, and fellowship. It was a special treat to welcome so many guests to our church for the evening! It took many hands to make the evening happen - too many to name here. Thanks to: those who baked, those who set up and cleaned up; those who purchased seats for family and friends, those who shopped, planned, organized, decorated, donated supplies - the list goes on! But special thanks to Pastor Shirley for making our church so welcoming, to Pam Miller for arranging the best Mexican chef in Schaumburg, and to Melinda Taylor, Marshall Nystrom, Ty Calderwood and Austin Calderwood who made the Trivia happen! We appreciate the funds, almost \$700, raised to contribute to our list of Missions and Ministries!

See you next year for more Trivia!



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **UWF Meetings 2024:**

Join us for potluck dinner and fellowship in the Wesley Hall at 6:30pm

June 4 – Father's Day gift assembly, guest speaker Joanie from Downsizing by Design

Sept 3 – History of Our Redeemer's as we celebrate our 60th anniversary

Dec 3 – Annual Holiday White Elephant exchange

Fall Retreat: tentative date Sept 27-28. Details for the program, location and cost to follow.



The United Methodist Men meet over breakfast at Mr. A's in Roselle at 8:00 am every second Saturday. The next meeting is **April 13th**.



...and now,  
a word  
from

**Jerry McDaniel**  
Reporter at Large

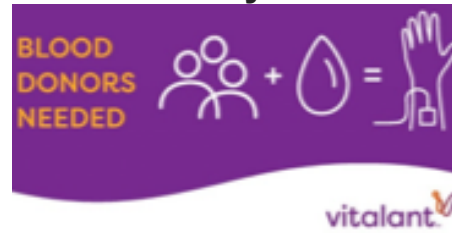
From Mary... Many people wished for Jerry to find a new church family. We are working on that. Once a month, we go to Hippy Bluegrass Church, which is in an old church building. It's really just a bluegrass concert/singalong on a Sunday morning with poetry, talking, and a good sense of community. On other Sundays, we try to attend my church, First United Methodist of



Boulder. We went to the Palm Sunday service, which started outside with several combined churches singing, bell playing, and parading a "donkey" down the street!  
Love, Jerry



**Blood Drive Sunday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.- 3:30 pm  
Wesley Hall**



As announced in the March issue of the Redeemer Review, we will be holding an in-person blood drive in Wesley Hall after the worship service on May 5. If you are medically able, please consider participating in this important Caring Ministry by making a blood donation. Blood supplies continue to be at a critical low. We are fortunate that our sister church, Our Savior's UMC, will be joining us in making blood donations. Feel free to encourage friends and family members to donate as well.

**GIVE A PINT  
GET A PINT**



Presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of frozen custard from Culver's.



**To schedule a donation,**  
call 877.258.4825 or  
visit us at: [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
and use group code  
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Code

Appointments  
recommended.

## Caring Ministries Corner



Caring Ministries has fortified our Schaumburg Township Food Pantry food delivery team. Current deliverers are JoAnne Gregorash, Melissa Bland, Don and Mary Balk, John Jepson, Shelly Lukowicz and Bruce Bedingfield. Each week someone from the team will pick up food donations from the designated area in the narthex and deliver them to the food pantry.

Please keep them busy! If you are financially able, please pick up at least a few extra items when you do your own grocery shopping, then bring them to the narthex to help feed our hungry neighbors. We are told by the pantry items most needed for the month of April are white beans, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, pancake mix and syrup



**Feed My Starving Children** is a Christian organization that empowers volunteers to pack meals for the malnourished in nearly 70 countries. Our church will again be packing food at the local packing site, right here in Schaumburg (740 Wiley Farm Court.) Our next session is 2:30-4 pm on Friday, April 12. **(PLEASE NOTICE THIS SLIGHT CHANGE IN TIME FROM OUR PREVIOUS VISITS.)**

Also, this coming session volunteers from our sister church, Our Saviour's UMC, will join us in our efforts. For we know the more of us that pack, the more children we can feed!

If you are able and willing to join us too, feel free to notify Melissa at the church, or register at [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org) using join code **BPY443**. If you are interested in serving, but unable to come for our time slot, please see their website for alternate times.



Hi all! As always, we are looking for volunteers to join us helping those who count on the Community Feast, also known as the soup kitchen, at the United Church of Rogers Park in Chicago for a reliable, healthy and well prepared meal on Sunday night. The 3rd Sunday of the month is reserved for the team from Our Redeemer's. If you would like to go April 21st or May 19th, simply let Mert or I know. We love that there are some of you who come most every month and others who fit it into their schedule when they are able to make it. This ministry is a particular passion of mine and of Mert's and we are always very thankful for those of you willing to help out. Blessings from JoAnne and Mert.

**“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”** Mother Teresa

John Wesley's Rule

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley / @inspiringThink

**The March/April issue is here and in the narthex.**



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

**Share a favorite Bible verse.**


Send your verse to:  
[verse.orumc@gmail.com](mailto:verse.orumc@gmail.com)

**“And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.”**

**Romans 11:6**

*From Marshall Nystrom*

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**Maundy Thursday at ORUMC**

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Our Saviour's UMC*

