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Voices of Light Youth Theater Team

On the weekend of August 13 – 15 the Youth Council of *Our Redeemer's* sponsored an original play entitled *From the Beginning*. The play was based on the Bible, using stories from Genesis to Revelation.

The cast and crew was made up of 28 youth, some from our church and some from the community (representing 10 different churches in our area). Through the months of June, July and August they met at the church to practice their songs and to write scenes for the play.

Ron Zemke, who directed last year's production of *Godspell*, helped the young people read stories out of the Bible and put together a set of skits that would communicate the Biblical message. It was an awesome task that he asked of them and they responded in an amazing fashion.

The performance was a wonderful witness to the Biblical message of God's love and grace. I also appreciated the opportunity to talk with many of these young people about various Bible stories and teachings

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August 29
Sunday School Rally Day - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
All Church Picnic - 11:45 a.m.
Bowling - 6:30 p.m.

UMM Retreat October 29-30

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend the United Methodist Men monthly breakfast meetings at Maxfield's Restaurant. The meetings are the second Saturday morning of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Also mark your calendar for a special UMM retreat October 29-30 (Friday night and Saturday). The planning is in process, but the retreat will include study and fellowship. Call **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-882-6116, for details.

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Angel of the Month Betty Oster

by Bev Wilkes

It is truly my pleasure to write about this month's vivacious, bubbly angel, **Betty Oster**. Betty, her late husband, **Tony**, and their five children were charter members of *Our Redeemer's*. She is easily recognizable by her tiny stature, bright smiles and her wonderful "Good Mornings" as she starts to read our Sunday Scriptures.

Betty has been an active member of the UMW for many years and contributes a lot of help to the various meetings and activities. She has been a wonderful prayer partner for a lot of women ever since that program started. Betty is an exuberant member of the Monday Morning Book Study and contributes many interesting points of view. She can always be found at the special Lenten programs and joined the group for the discussion of the movie, *The Passion*. Her mind is always open to learn new things and new ways to worship and love our God.

Betty has probably been a part of many things over the years but we wanted to surprise her so we will just have to ask her later what they were. Through her children, she has given us ushers and bowlers. One interesting fact about Betty is that she is allergic to wheat. Do you have any idea how many food items have wheat in them! Anyone needing a friend, a smile or a hug just has to find Betty; she is surely one of God's Angels here on earth.

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through out the summer. Who would have thought you could get youth (from ages 12 – 18) to study the Bible in the summer? They did **and** they seemed to enjoy it.

Thanks to all those from ***Our Redeemer's*** who came to see this wonderful production and support our youth. Your attendance was truly a blessing.

Thanks to our Youth Council for continually providing opportunities for youth to grow in their faith (youth drama, Appalachian Service Project, youth fellowship, local service projects, etc).

Thanks to **Peggy Miller** for helping organize the production and **Peggy Gire** for providing theatrical advice to the cast and director.

A special thanks to ***Ron Zemke***, a local teacher who has volunteered to work with our youth in this amazing production.

Finally, thanks to all the young people in the production who helped us experience the Bible again in new and inspiring ways.

For those who did not see the play they are already planning a repeat performance at some future date. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill

Looking for a Director of Christian Education

The Staff Parish committee is currently searching for someone to fill a part time position as Director of Christian Education. The job will entail working with our Sunday School & Adult Education programs.

Please contact **Pastor Bill** if you have an interest or if you know someone who does.

Communion Servers needed

For the past year **Pastor Bill** has been conducting a monthly worship service at the Devonshire retirement facility on Barrington Road. We are in need of individuals to help with the organization and delivery of communion. If you are interested please call the church office, 847-882-6116, and leave your name with the church secretary. Thank you.

New Life Bible Study

Monday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning for a small group Bible study is under way. The study will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. starting in late September. **Pastor Bill, Marshall Nystrom, Ellen Kobylewski, Ian Rogenski** and **Annette Brown** will share leadership duties. The membership will be divided into a men's group, a women's group and a general group.

See upcoming bulletins for details.



New Youth Group

We are starting a new youth group! If you are a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader, start looking for more information in October's newsletter—there will be fun events coming for you!

We are having a planning meeting for parents of 4th-6th graders on September 14 from 7-8pm. If you are interested in helping in any way with this group, please attend this meeting and bring your ideas!

Youth Calendar

Call the church office, 847-882-6116, for times and dates of youth events.

September Birthdays

9/01 Simon Enriquez
9/01 Wesley Enrizeuz
9/01 Ryan Randall
9/04 Jenna Edwards
9/04 Chris Machonis
9/04 Sean Nichols
9/05 Ian Shaw
9/07 Josh Brown
9/09 Sarah Pepper
9/09 Lauren Randall
9/19 Abby Kielhack
9/23 Garrett Brown
9/29 Taylor Swartz



Mom's Night Out
Sept 9, 7:00 p.m.
Applebee's
Restaurant

It's that time of year again. The kids are back in school and it's time for all the moms to have a night out! Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially those with school age or younger children.

Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship where someone else does all the work. We will also be setting the schedule for October through May. If you know you can make it, please call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116, to RSVP. As always feel free to join us at the last minute or just for dessert.



ASP News

by Marianne Rogenski

I know that it is early—the summer is just ending—but it is time to think about ASP 2005 already! We always need to have the application in for next year in the fall so we are holding our first meeting on October 7 from 7-8pm.

This meeting is for ANYONE who may be interested in going to ASP in 2005. We do not have dates chosen yet—if you come to this meeting you will be able to help make that decision.

ASP stands for Appalachia Service Project and it is a home repair ministry for teens in the Appalachia Mountains. Anyone who has completed 8th grade and higher may go and we are also in need of adult help. It is an amazing experience and I encourage everyone to consider going. In June 2004 37 of us went to southeastern Kentucky and our goal for 2005 is 45 participants!

Please contact **Marianne Rogenski** at marogenski@yahoo.com or through the church office, 847-882-6116, with any questions.

Rally Day & All-Church Picnic *Sunday August 29*

Rally Day, Sunday, August 29, marks the beginning of the new Sunday School year.

There will be two worship services at the regular times followed by the All-Church Picnic.

The August 29 schedule is:

Rally Day/Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
All Church Picnic at 11:45 a.m.

Note: There will be no Sunday School on September 5. Sunday School will resume again on September 12.

Tickets at the door will be limited. If you have not purchased advance tickets, call the church office, 847-882-6116, to see if tickets are available.

Open Mic Night November 14

Open Mic will be November 14 at 7pm so mark your calendar now! This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and entertainment organized by our Sr. High students. They will soon be looking for entertainers of all ages so look for a sign-up in the narthex towards the end of the month. We would also love to have all of you in the audience! Please keep your eye out for more info soon!

Choir Notes

With the arrival of September, the music groups of ORUMC begin a new season of praising God through music.

The Cherub and Joyful Noise choirs will begin their rehearsals on **Tuesday**, September 7 (**not Wednesday, but Tuesday**). Cherub Choir will meet from 5:00 to 5:20 and Joyful Noise from 5:20 to 5:45.

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8 for a potluck dinner followed by a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Chancel Chimes will hold their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Rehearsal times for our other performing groups will be announced at a later date. We look forward to welcoming both old and new members back for another year of music making! For further information, please call the church office, 847-882-6116.

United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to attend our Fall Kick-off Meeting on Saturday, September 18. This month's Breakfast Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall and will focus on FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

Part of our program will include a presentation from a member of the "Red Hat Society". We've all seen groups of women wearing red hats and have probably wondered what it's all about.

Please mark your calendars for this fun meeting. Breakfast is provided.

Cathy Scott Chancel Choir Director

We are pleased to welcome **Cathy Scott** as Director of the Chancel Choir. Cathy is a graduate of Illinois State University and also holds a master's degree from Northern Illinois University.

She has directed choirs in several Methodist churches in Illinois and is currently teaching music in Antioch. She also sings with the Elgin Choral Union and performs concerts throughout the year.

Cathy and her husband, **Jim**, live in East Dundee. We are looking forward to working with her and making her feel at home at *Our Redeemer's*.

Crisis Center Open House *September 12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

After three long years of major renovation work the Community Crisis Center is finally ready for guests and visitors. Please plan on stopping by on September 12 any time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. for an open house. *Our Redeemer's* has supported the center for many years. Take a tour of the center and see where and how our donations are put to use. Come see the new living quarters for the woman and children, the new playroom, office space, and counsel rooms.

The address of the center is 37 South Geneva Street, Elgin, Illinois. If you would like more details please contact **Robin Erickson** at 847-882-6116.



Crisis Center Needs

It is hard to believe that the stores are being filled up with back to school items already. Please - when you are getting your kids ready for school or when you are in these stores - pick up extra school supplies. The center is always in need of pens, paper, crayons, markers, folders, etc. Any items that you see in the back to school aisles will be needed. The back to school items are given to the women and children as well as families in the area who can not afford these items. Please leave these items in the back of the church in the wicker basket.

There is also a clear bin in the back for cellular phones. The center will receive money for every cellular phone that gets turned in. They need the phone only-no accessories are needed. For a complete list of items or any questions on what the center can use, please call **Robin Erickson** at 847-882-6116.

Bowling League

Anyone interested in having a great time and meeting some new friends, please come and join the *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church bowling league. We bowl every other Sunday starting August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOWLER TO JOIN! If you are interested, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-882-6116. We look forward to another exciting year!



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our family camping program.

September 10-12
Yogi Bear Campground
Ft. Atkinson, WI

October 8-11
Mississippi Palisades State Park
Savanna, IL

Reservations are in for the September campout. Call **Marianne Rogenski**, 847-882-6116, for details if you decide to come at the last minute.

The October campout is the Columbus Day weekend. The fall colors should be peaking at that time. Call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116, for more information and reservations.

AWE Service
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The 3rd-Sunday Alternative Worship Services will resume September 19. This year the AWE team will lead worship at both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Personal Notes



Hello All,

We do miss our ORUMC family even though we are building a wonderful one here at Wesley Memorial UMC. It's across the street from UVA, so there are interesting dynamics with the UVA community. Great classes, people, programs, etc. Just the right spirit for us here.

Looked longingly at the camping announcement for August. Lena was certainly one of our favorite places. Give our love to all. Come see us in central Virginia.

Margaret and Bill Alderman



**Justin
Robert
Blake**

Congratulations to **Bob and Keri Blake** on the arrival of a new son, **Justin Robert**, born April 4, 2004.

The adoption was finalized the week of August 8. **Isabella** now has a new brother! May God bless all of you!

The Blake's new address is:

478 Skyline Blvd.
Green Bay, WI. 54302



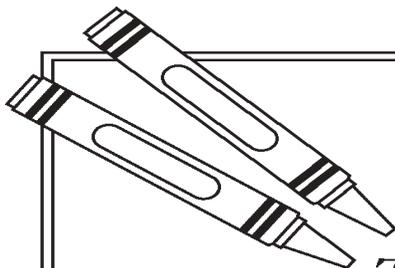
Bouquets

Special bouquets to the **Naatz** Family, **Kapp** Family and the **Hollingsworth** Family for their time and special care with our beautiful garden in the entryway. Thanks for the weeding, watering, etc. and all the TLC you have given the garden this summer. We sure do appreciate all you do for ORUMC!



**Samantha
Lynn
Slife**

Samantha Lynn Slife was baptized on August 22. Proud parents are **Mike** and **Melissa Slife!**



Just for

KIDS

The Story of Ruth

Ruth was a Moabite who married an Israelite. When her husband died, she was free to return to her people. But Ruth was devoted to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and to the God of Israel. She refused to leave Naomi. Because Ruth was faithful, God blessed her.

Look up these passages in Ruth (NIV), and fill in the blanks with the missing words. Then use the circled letters to find the name of Ruth's famous great-grandchild.

1. **Ruth 1:5** ... both Mahlon and also died and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.
2. **Ruth 1:20** "Don't call me _____ ,- 3. **Ruth 1:18** When Naomi realized that Ruth was _____ to go with her, she stopped urging her.
- 4. **Ruth 2:1** Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, from the clan of Elimelech, a man of _____ , whose name was Boaz.
- 5. **Ruth 3:1** One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well _____ for?"
- 6. **Ruth 3:9** "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said, "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a _____ - redeemer."
- 7. **Ruth 2:14** At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine _____ .- 8. **Ruth 4:9** Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are _____ that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon."
- 9. **Ruth 4:13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord _____ her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Answer: Kilion, Naomi, determined, standing, provided, kinsman, vinegar, witnesses, enabled, King David

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