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Pastor's Corner

Preparing for Easter

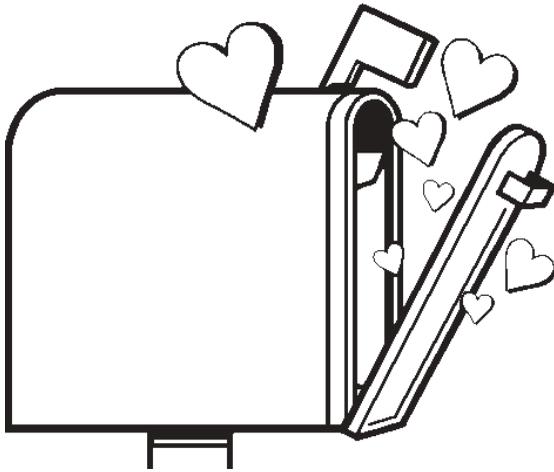
The 6 weeks before Easter is always a time for us to prepare for the resurrection of Christ. This year we are working hard to make 2004 an important time for us to celebrate the risen Lord in each of our lives. Our *Worship Planning Team* has decided the theme for Lent this year will be “*Colors of Grace.*”

The Drama Team and our Chancel Choir will help lead our worship as we seek to be more open to the God’s grace and love. Below are listed the times of worship and themes for each Sunday.

February 29:	Lenten Preparation:	<i>Worship led by our Youth Group celebrating the 30-hour famine</i>
March 7:	Service	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> Basin and Towel
March 14:	Obedience	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> Communion Cup
March 21:	Humility	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> Crown of Thorns
March 28:	Forgiveness	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> The Cross
April 4:	Palm Sunday	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> Palm Leaves
April 11:	Easter Sunday	<i>Worship Symbol:</i> The Keys of the Kingdom

We would especially like to thank the members of our Worship Planning Team under the leadership of **Karen Moore** (Music Committee) and **Jill Wood-Naatz** (Worship Committee). Make a commitment to be in worship this year as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Angel of the Month Peggy Sanford

by Bev Wilkes

Peg Sanford is the lovely lady who sits 4th row from the front, 3rd seat off the aisle and quietly issues the sign of peace along with her friendship. She provides one of the most comforting and unrecognized services that our church has. Peg is in charge of our TLC (Tender Loving Care). She makes sure that any member who is under the weather, very ill or needs a little help with daily menus gets at least one good meal delivered to their door. Her longest period of faithful care was for a member with cancer. For over 2 years she made sure this person and the family had a warm dinner every night. All anyone has to do is let Peg know that someone needs help and she will arrange everything.

Peg serves often as a greeter and is a director on the UMW board. She attends the Women's Monday Morning Book Study and is a chatty member of the monthly Church Ladies Night Out.

If you have time, just ask Peg about her twin grandchildren, **Bryan** and **Leah**; her buttons are busting with pride! Peg quietly goes about her business helping those of us who may be in need never asking for anything in return. There are many of these unknown caretakers in *Our Redeemer's* who cheerfully serve up kindness, grace and friendship and Peg is one of the best. Three cheers and many hugs to a great member and good friend.

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Ecumenical Prayer Service

On Tuesday, January 20 nine members of the Schaumburg / Hoffman Estates Clergy Council met at the Church of the Holy Spirit for a time of prayer. The service was led by **Father Bill** and **Sister Marianne** from the Church of the Holy Spirit. **Pastor Bill** and the other clergy each participated through reading scripture and corporate prayer.

The message was delivered by the Rev. **Larry Bullock** pastor of our local AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church. His message on “Peace in Christ” was a powerful testimony to the work of the clergy council.

“Open Hearts” Leaders Meeting

On Sunday February 29 all members are invited to come to our “Open Hearts Leaders Meeting.” We will meet at the church from 2:00 – 4:00. There will be a time of worship, training, visioning and planning.

Pastor Bill will share a short devotional on “*The Power of an Open Heart.*” It is **especially important** that all committees and ministry teams have **2 – 3 representatives** at the meeting. We would like to thank **Melissa Slife, Linda Nordli** and the Nominations Committee for planning this event.



Lenten Bible Study *Starting March 1*

Beginning on March 1 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. we will start our Lenten Bible Study. Under the leadership of **Gail Bedingfield, Annette Brown** and **Tracy Torgerson** we will examine the United Methodist Study on *Community with Children and the Poor.*

Through Bible Study, discussion of our Methodist history and questions about ministry with children and the poor we will examine how we each might grow in our faith in Christ, seeing acts of ministry with children and those in need as a *means of God’s grace.*



ASP Meeting February 18, 7:00 p.m.

The ASP group has met several times now and we are getting closer and closer to our June 12 departure date! Our next meeting is February 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. See you there!



Souper Bowl of Caring

This is an exciting month for the youth program at ORUMC! We start the month off by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring at church on Sunday, February 1, 2004. This is a nationwide event that raises awareness of the needy in our own communities. On this day we ask that everyone come to church with a can of soup and a dollar bill to donate to the pantry at *Our Redeemer's*—it is that simple!

30-Hour Famine

At the end of the month the Jr. and Sr. High students will once again participate in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. This is an amazing weekend for all involved and we hope that you will want to be one of those involved! Our students will be asking for sponsors—friends, family, etc—with a goal of raising \$360.00 per student.

They then fast from 3pm on Friday, the 27th to 9pm on Saturday the 28th. They are allowed juice and water only. The students will be at church from 6pm on Friday until

they have broken the fast on Saturday. We will be asking parents and other members of ORUMC to come to the breaking of the fast and see all that the students have done.

Then on Sunday, the 29th, we will be having "Famine Sunday" at both services and the youth will be able to share their experiences with the congregation! If you are interested in helping out in any way during this incredible event, please contact **Marianne Rogenski** at 847-882-6116 or marogenski@yahoo.com.

February Schedule

The Rock (Sr. High)

- Feb 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. PADS at Church of the Holy Spirit
- Feb 8, 6:30-8 p.m. MYF - What would you do?
- Feb 15, 6:30-8 p.m. MYF—pizza night
- Feb 22, 6:30-8 p.m. MYF
- Feb 27-28, Fri 6 p.m. - Sat 10 a.m. 30-Hour Famine
- Feb 29 Famine Sunday both services

KFC (Jr. High)

- Feb 8, 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/MYF Pizza Party
- Feb 22, 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/MYF Winter Olympic games
- Feb 27-28, Fri 6 p.m. - Sat 10 a.m. 30-Hour Famine
- Feb 29 Famine Sunday both services



Education News

by Sue Bruneau

Caring for God's Creation

What are we doing for the environment? We will be sending home instructions for each child to make a bird feeder. This can be an individual or family project. It's a great way to teach our children how to "Care for God's Creation".

Heifer Project

Thank you to everyone that supported the Heifer Project this holiday season. I'm happy to announce we raised \$1850. That's a lot of bees, trees and seedlings, among the other animals that were purchased. What a great event!

February Birthdays

Feb 6 Tabitha Kielhack
Feb 7 Lance Foss
Feb 7 Tiffany Foss
Feb 11 Ellen Swartz
Feb 17 Zoe Fettel
Feb 20 Mike Hernandez
Feb 21 Caitlin Wilkes
Feb 24 Justin Edwards
Feb 29 Kelsey Lukowicz

Seminar

Reaching Out in Love

March 6, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grace UMC - Naperville

Anyone who would like to be better equipped as a disciple is invited to attend this seminar. Several courses are available: the Laity, the Word, Spiritual Formation, and Christian Education.

Some of the topics are; Using Our Senses in Worship; Involving Children in Worship - Beyond Candle Lighting; Claiming the Social Principles, Our Partnership with God; What's New for Adult in Media; Small Group Ministry with Youth; Children Can be Disciples; Children & Prayer; Basics of Teaching (great for someone new interested in teaching!); Forming Interfaith Groups in Your Community; and Initiating Hospitality - Bringing the Good News; Being Good News.

The fee is \$15 and scholarship funds are available. Please call the church office, 847-882-6116, or **Sue Bruneau** if you are interested.

Teachers Meeting

February 22, 8:30 a.m.

There will be a short teacher meeting Sunday morning February 22 at 8:30 a.m. Please call **Peggy Miller** or **Sue Bruneau** if you need child care.

Habitat for Humanity February 28

The Lake County Habitat project will build 12 new homes this year. The first project date is February 28. All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate.

Watch the bulletin for details. **Mert Rutledge** is our Habitat coordinator. Call the church office, 847-882-6116, if you would like to help.



February Crisis Center Items

For February the items of the month are shampoo, hair brushes and combs. Please leave these in the basket in the Narthex. May God bless you as you give back to others throughout the year.

Help Wanted Choir Director

With **Jan Paskiewicz** taking over Church Organist/ Accompanist duties, we are launching a search for a Chancel Choir Director - Again!

If you know someone who is interested (ask around ... please!), call the church office. We will be running ads soon.

Thank you,
Your Staff-Parish Committee



Chancel Choir Notes!

If you would like to sing in the choir but are unable to make a long-term commitment, you are invited to join the Chancel Choir as it prepares for the Tennebrae service on April 9th. The service will be based upon the cantata, *The Shadow of the Cross* by **Lloyd Larson**.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, February 4 from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. There will also be Sunday morning rehearsals beginning February 1 from 8:40 to 9:05 a.m. Please join us in sharing this special music.



Mom's Night Out February 12, 7:00 p.m. Chinese Garden

Calling all moms of school age children and younger. Join us for a fun night of dinner and fellowship, where someone else will be doing the cooking, serving and clean up!

Reservations are not needed, but if you know you are coming, please call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116, to let her know. If you can't make for dinner, please join us for dessert.



by JoAnne Gregorash

Our Christmas letter and door hanger program was a big success. We have had many visitors over the last several weeks and I am sure that some of them are due to the fact that they either received one of Bruce Bedingfield's letters or one of the Igniting Ministry door hangers on their front door.

One of the strengths of this church has always been its friendliness. It is one of the reasons that I became a member of this church, because someone took a moment to be friendly to me. As I stand and watch people in the Narthex or back in Wesley Hall these days I am so excited to see more and more people reaching out to those who are new, those who have unfamiliar faces and those who are visitors.

Way to go ***Our Redeemer's!*** Every time we extend the hand of greeting or the voice of greeting to a stranger (which is simply a friend we haven't met yet), we are obeying the commandment to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us all resolve to keep on greeting those unfamiliar faces and to try and talk to at least one unfamiliar face every week.

Sometimes, I see people on Sunday, hurrying down the hall or just standing and waiting for someone. They seem to be so focused on their mission or are in such a hurry to leave that they literally do not see the

people around them. You know how that goes; I have done it myself. Church should be a place of relaxation and fellowship and not a place where we tend to tune out our surroundings, both with our ears and our eyes.

I just read the story of a man who was down on his luck, but started going to church every Sunday. He did not have a car, so he walked. And it seemed that no matter how hard he tried to look his best, at the end of the long walk, he always entered church looking disheveled. One Sunday he sat next to a man who seemed annoyed at his presence, but he joined soles (as in shoe soles) with the other man during the service in hopes of making a connection. The other man noted how fervently the gentleman prayed and sang and even had a tear in his eye during the sermon. After the service, he greeted the man and welcomed him to the church. The unkempt man who had walked to church had another tear in his eye when he said, "I have been coming here for several weeks and you are the first person to greet me. It means so much to me". As they spoke, the church member realized that not only had their shoe soles touched, but now their souls had touched.

In this, the coldest part of winter (at least I hope it doesn't get any colder!) let us all try to warm the heart of another with a smile, a sincere greeting, a handshake and a general attitude of welcome for all. Isn't that the way we want to be treated when we go somewhere where we don't know anyone else? I know that Jesus smiles even broader with every smile and act of genuine caring that we do in his name.



Meals for Millions Lenten Program

Meals for Millions is a mission project for the United Methodist Men, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. UMM has provided literally millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry through fund raising activities.

The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good to eat but which is not suitable for use by processing plants due to size or shape.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the Society of St Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent. During last year's Lenten season, *Our Redeemer's* raised over \$2000. Since 1994 *Our Redeemer's* has raised almost \$16,000.

This year's Lenten devotion entitled "Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters" can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from "giving up something" during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program will begin Ash Wednesday, February 25 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April 9.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 15.



Steel Magnolias March 12-13 Save the Date!

On March 12th and 13th, Book of Acts will present *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. Tickets will go on sale near the end of February.

Alternately hilarious and touching, *Steel Magnolias* focuses on the camaraderie of six Southern women who talk, gab, gossip, chit-chat, needle and harangue each other through the best of times - and cry, caress, comfort and repair one another through the worst.

The cast is comprised of some of our very talented church members and includes: **Jamie Addams, Morgan Gire, Peggy Gire, Margaret Higgins, Nona Schlinker, and Sue Zimberoff**. The play is directed by **Lynne Gaska**, assistant director is **Jill Wood-Naatz** and many members are giving generously of their time and talents to bring this wonderful production to life.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please call **Jill Wood-Naatz** at 847-882-6116.



**UMM Super Bowl
Spaghetti Dinner
Feb 1, 11:00
a.m. 1:00 p.m.**

Don't cook dinner February 1. Come to the United Methodist Men's annual Super Bowl Sunday Spaghetti Dinner featuring their world famous meatballs.

We will be serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Have a leisurely afternoon of food and fellowship then go home and snooze in front of the television set (the Bears have the day off).

The prices are: Adult \$7; Child \$5; Family \$20. Proceeds will go toward various UMM projects.



**Camping
Planning
Potluck
March 14,
5:30 p.m.**

Attention Campers! All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in our ORUMC Family Camping program. We go out once a month from June to October. All campers, new and old are welcome.

If you are suffering from Cabin Fever, mark your calendar for March 14 and come help plan our summer camping schedule. See the March newsletter for details.



**United Methodist
Women
February 21,
8:30 a.m.**

All women of the church are invited to the Saturday, February 21 meeting. It is a breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

Our program is entitled "Remembering Your Stories" and will include a presentation by Creative Memories Scrapbooking Store.

We are really excited about our line-up of 2004 programs. Please join us for fun and fellowship.



**Do You Have A
Church Key?**

With the church being used for so many activities, we want to make sure that our church key list is up to date.

If you have a key to the church, and still use it on a regular basis, please take a moment and let us know what number is imprinted on the key. Call **Donna Echtner**, 847-882-6116, and give her the number.

We are also asking for the return of any keys that are no longer needed on a regular basis. If you have a key and only need it a couple of times each year, please return it to Donna with your name.

Thank you.
Board of Trustees

Personal Notes



Baptisms

David Charles Hensel was baptized January 25. Parents are **Sarah Witte** and **David Hensel**. Proud Grandma is **Shirlie Witte**.

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



**Dominic
Quentin
Gomes**

Congratulations to **Ivan** and **Shelomi Gomes** in the birth of their son, **Dominic Quentin Gomes**. Big brother is **Jareth**!

With Sympathy

The congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

Lauren Penev and family in the death of her uncle, **Tony Freitag**

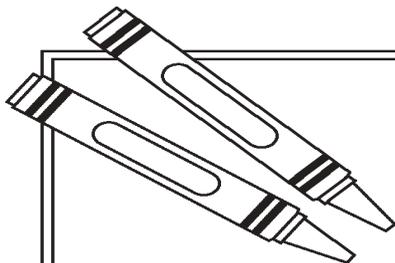
Ann Maggio and family in the death of her father-in-law **Joe Maggio**

Barb Miller and family in the death of her mother, **Sadie Armitage**

Loretta Topol and family on the death of her mother, **Dorothy Topol**

Jerry McDaniel and family on the death of his cousin, **Gordon Hankla**

Holly Easterbrook and family on the death of her grandmother, **Lillian Casteel**, who was called home on January 20th at the age of 102.



Just for KIDS

Biblical Couples

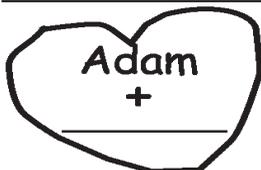
Here are some couples found in the Bible. The husbands' names are given. Find the wives in the list. Use the verses to help.

Hannah
Zipporah
Drusilla

Rachel
Bathsheba
Priscilla

Mary
Sarah
Sapphira

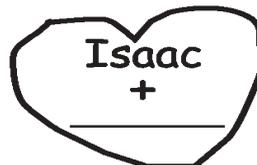
Rebekah
Elizabeth
Eve



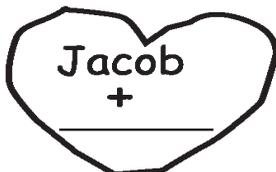
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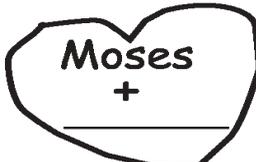
Genesis 17:15



Genesis 24:67



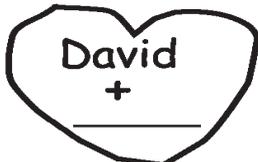
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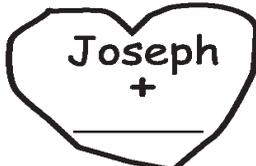
Exodus 2:21



1 Samuel 1:8



2 Samuel 12:24



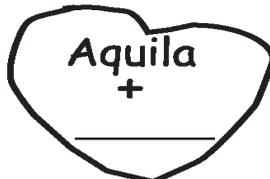
Matthew 1:18



Luke 1:5



Acts 5:1



Acts 18:2



Acts 24:24

Answer: Adam & Eve; Abraham & Sarah; Isaac & Rebekah; Jacob & Rachel; Moses & Zipporah; Elkanah & Hannah; David & Bathsheba; Joseph & Mary; Zechariah & Elizabeth; Ananais & Sapphira; Aquila & Priscilla; Felix & Drusilla

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