



The Redeemer

Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Lent: "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

Mondays in March - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

On Monday evenings in March we will hold our Lenten Bible Study. 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.

March 1

Loving Action as a Means of Grace

Leader: **Gail Bedingfield**

Scripture: Matthew 19: 13, 14

March 8

Business as a Means of Grace

Leader: **Dave Frederick**

Scripture: Leviticus 25: 8-17

March 15

Community as a Means of Grace

Leader: **Annette Brown**

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 14 - 26

March 22

Seeing as a Means of Grace

Leader: **Tracy Torgerson**

Scripture: Luke 14: 19-31

March 29

Our Redeemer's as a Means of Grace

Leader: **Pastor Bill**

Scripture: Luke 10: 1-12

The Leaders:

Gail Bedingfield: Nurse practitioner, *Our Redeemer's* Child Advocate, worked with 2 medical clinics, mother of 2

Tracy Torgerson: Community group volunteer (5 years), Volunteer with Women Infant Children, has done mission work in Hong Kong, Haiti, mother of 2

Annette Brown: Worked for Children's Foundation, Div. of Dept. of Children & Family Services (DCFS) as a Child & Family Advocate, Pre-School Teacher, mother of 1

Dave Frederick: Businessman, worked in Africa, Estonia, Peace Corp Volunteer in Peru, father of 3.



Angel of the Month Shirley Odegaard

by Bev Wilkes

Our hats are off this month for a beautiful little lady who looks like a little breeze will blow her over. Be very aware that this is one strong lady who can definitely stand up for herself! Shirley has been a member of *Our Redeemer's* for 7 years along with her husband, **Hank**. In the recent years, Shirley had to care for Hank who had a serious illness and passed away last year. Together, they visited more doctors and were in the hospital more times than they could count. All of this was faced with a smile on her face and faith in her heart.

With all this on her plate, Shirley still found time to take over the UMW Treasurer job and has been Treasurer for several years now. She has also taken the time to join the Monday Morning Book Study and contributes extensively. Shirley took it upon herself to organize field trips for the ladies. As a result of her initiative, the group will be going to visit sites from Roselle Road to the Lakefront and many in between.

Shirley has an active and inquiring mind that has led her to take part in many ERA marches including the big one in Chicago in 1978. Women's rights are very important to her. She is very knowledgeable about them and is very willing to share her thoughts and beliefs.

Our Redeemer's is fortunate to have Shirley share her faith with us and to encourage others to stay strong.

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by JoAnne Gregorash

As we are now in the season of Lent, I have a few suggestions of what NOT to give up for Lent.

I remember one of our Pastors saying once, that giving up something for Lent and not replacing it with something for God did not serve the purpose that it was intended to. We need to replace what we have given up with something for God.

If you give up chocolate or lunches out for Lent, do you then put aside the money that you would have spent on chocolate or fast food for the Society of St. Andrew to help feed the poor? If you give up going to movies during Lent, do you then spend that time volunteering at PADS or the soup kitchen or Habitat for Humanity or any of the other various service projects our church is involved with?

It really doesn't even have to be a church project. What about visiting someone who is home bound, someone who is in a nursing home or rehab facility, making a meal for someone who has been under the weather? Just because.

You don't really have to give up anything to show God's love. The Igniting Ministry program of the United Methodist Church also offers some ways to be disciples all year long.

For Lent though, how about helping pass out an Easter letter or door hanger with our church's information? How about stepping out of our comfort zone and asking that new person at work or that new neighbor, if he or she would like to visit our church some Sunday? Offer to drive them.

How about that friend you have who doesn't have a church home? Talk to him or her about ORUMC. I think stepping out of our "Comfort Zone" to do something like this is much more of a sacrifice than anything we normally would give up.

Some people think of Lent as a very somber time. It is also a time of new beginnings. A time to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. A sacrifice that lets us have life eternal. Remember the joy that brings.

Remember how you felt when you first fully comprehended that Christ sacrificed himself for YOU? Doesn't that memory make you want to let others have that same experience?

Invite them to *Our Redeemer's*. Invite them to a place where they can experience God's love and grace first hand. Instead of giving up something, give to someone.

**“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors”**



Education News

by Sue Bruneau

Spring is right around the corner, and then before we know it summer is here and your children can then be involved in summer Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and summer camp.

This year I am happy to announce that **Amy Meyer** will be directing summer Sunday School which begins in June for ages 2 thru 5 (going into Kindergarten). Amy will be recruiting soon so look for notices either in the bulletin or future newsletters.

Let's give **Peggy Miller** a great big "Thanks!" for her excellent leadership with this program in the past.

We also have an announcement about Vacation Bible School. This year it will be directed by **Michelle Hill** with the support of **Marianne Rogenski**. We will be moving the time from evening to morning. VBS will be August 2-8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We look forward to this change with Open Minds, Open Doors, and Open Hearts praying it will be a great event for the children that attend our Church and for the children in our neighboring community. There will be more news to follow in future newsletters.

I want to thank **Annette Brown** for all of her hard work in years past and for all the support she has given. Annette has really put her heart and soul into this program, and has done an excellent job. It has been a pleasure having her direct for the last 4 years.

Summer camp brochures are available in the office or in the narthex. Summer camp is held at Reynoldswoods in Dixon, IL and Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, WI. There are weekend or full week camps available. Church camp can be a life-changing experience, one that your child will never forget. Counselors and staff are caring Christian role models, and through prayer, music, worship, campfires, games, and much more, campers will experience God in all they do. Campers start with 2nd Grade, however family camps include ages 3 and up.

Camps start in June, so don't delay! Scholarships are also available on the application form, thru UMM, UMW & Youth Council.

Pamela Herold is currently co-teaching our 4th & 5th grade students, but will be moving the end of February. Pamela's last day will be the 29th. Thank you Pam for loving and guiding our children.



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| March 3 | Emily Kuhn |
| March 10 | Cody Conquest |
| March 11 | Brian Higgins |
| March 16 | Hannah Easterbrook |
| March 20 | Brendan Thompson |
| March 22 | Susan Rapp |
| March 24 | Ashley Mottar |
| March 26 | Kyle Gundlach |
| March 26 | Adam Lukowicz |
| March 31 | Elly Rogenski |



The Souper Bowl of Caring was a huge success again—thank you to all who participated! On February 1, 2004, we collected \$140.00 and over 140 cans for the pantry at ORUMC. The money was used to purchase Jewel giftcards that will be given to those in need. What a great event!

At the very end of February we are participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. There will be 25 students and many adults at church that weekend. Thank you to all who have supported this mission through donations of supplies and also through your sponsorships of the participants. Last year and hopefully this year, too, this was a life-changing event.

March Schedule

KFC

- Mar 7, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/
MYF—Spring Fling
- Mar 14, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/
MYF—Bring your own music!

The Rock

- Mar 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MYF
- Mar 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MYF
- Mar 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MYF
- Mar 28, 1:30-8:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

The next meeting for ASP participants is March 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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.

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 and receive your devotional book and bank.



Mom's Night Out

March 3, 7:00 p.m.
Smokey Bones

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** to let her know. Call the church office, 847-882-6116.



Camping Planning Potluck

March 14, 5:30 p.m.

Spring is on the way! All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to come to the camping potluck March 14 at 5:30 p.m. We will provide Sloppy Joes and buns. You bring your table service, drinks and a dish to pass.

After supper we will plan our ORUMC Family Camping program for the summer. We go out once a month from June to October. We do all the normal camping stuff and share a potluck on Saturday. On Sunday we attend a worship service at a local church or at the campground. All campers, new and old are welcome.

If you would like more information call the church office, 847-882-6116.



March 12 & 13

7:30 p.m.

The Book of Acts will present "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 each evening. "Steel Magnolias" is the story of six indomitable women who face life's joys and sorrows together through laughter, tears, and the incredible spirit that makes each of them a true "steel magnolia".

The cast is comprised of some of our very talented church members: **Jamie Addams** as Shelby; **Morgan Gire** as Annelle; **Peggy Gire** as M'Lynn; **Margaret Higgins** as Truvy; **Nona Schlinker** as Clairee; and **Sue Zimberoff** as Ouiser. **Lynne Gaska** is director and **Jill Wood-Naatz** is assistant director.

Tickets are \$10.00 each for adults and \$6.00 each for children under 12. Purchase tickets at church or call the church office, 847-882-6116. Proceeds from this production will be used to defray the cost of sanctuary lighting improvements.

Goodies Wanted

The Book of Acts is asking for volunteers to provide snack goodies for the "Steel Magnolias" performances March 12 and 13.

If you would like to bring 'finger food' donations such as cookies, bars, breads or coffee cakes, please sign up in the Narthex. Bring your goodies to church by March 12.

United Methodist Women

All Women of the church are invited to attend our Saturday, March 20 Breakfast Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

This month's program will focus on the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). **Shirley Odegaard** will present the interesting "History of UMCOR," which is an international humanitarian aid organization.

After this presentation we will all assemble Health Kits for UMCOR, which will be distributed worldwide. Please mark your calendars for this valuable meeting and service project. Breakfast is provided.



March Crisis Center Items

The Crisis Center items for March are diaper wipes, formula and disposable diapers. Please drop these items off in the wicker basket in the Narthex.

The Cherubs New Look

The Cherub Choir has brand new robes and they look wonderful. A very special "Thank You" to those who donated funds to make this new look possible. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Personal Notes



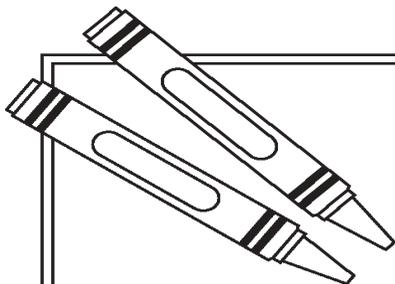
Our deepest sympathy to **Diana Barchet** and her family in the death of her mother, **Dorothy Everhart**, who was called home at the age of 94. Mrs Everhart was **Pastor Bill's** second grade teacher.

The congregation also extends sympathy to **Gerry Brown** and family in the death of her husband, **Bill Brown**.

Bill and Gerry are former members of ORUMC who retired to California.



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Just for **KIDS**

Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

In Luke 11 Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for
we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us
not into temptation.”

In the puzzle below, find and circle the words from the prayer above. (Note: If a word is in the prayer more than one time, it is used only once in the puzzle.) → ↓

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Spring Has Sprung!



The Birds are singing, the snow has gone (hopefully) and the season of new beginnings is upon us. As the sun breaks through the clouds, it is time for us to celebrate the Son of God and his defeat of the forces of death and darkness.

At Easter it is the tradition at *Our Redeemer's* to celebrate the glory of the resurrection by decorating the chancel area of the sanctuary with beautiful flowers. Flowers are a symbol of our love for Jesus and to demonstrate that we believe in the resurrected Christ. Will you help us by purchasing an Easter lily, a tulip or a hyacinth by filling in the form below and then lending it to the church for the Easter services?

We do all the work for you. We buy the flowers, we decorate the sanctuary and acknowledge your contribution to the Easter celebration in a special insert to the bulletin. The price of the flowers this year is the same as last year. The lilies are \$11 and the tulips and hyacinths are \$10 each.

Please fill the bottom portion of this page and drop in the special basket in the narthex. Attach your check or cash with the order. After the Easter services are over, you are free to take home your flowers and enjoy them there, too.

We need to order on Monday April 5, so please have your order in by Palm Sunday, April 4. What joy the smell and sight of these flowers will bring to all who worship with us at Easter!!

Quantity: Lilies _____ Tulips _____ Hyacinths _____

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