



The Redeemer Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

Volume 1

January, 2007

Pastor's Corner

Faith Opportunities 2007

One of the lessons learned from a wise teacher was “take advantage of your opportunities.” At times I was very good at that, taking advantage of opportunities in my schooling or to play sports or to make friends. Yet there were other times I missed those opportunities.

As we begin a new year at *Our Redeemer's* you will notice a number of opportunities to grow in your faith in this month's newsletter. In January and in this coming year there are opportunities to study, worship, learn about the world and enjoy each other's fellowship. Being part of a church is not just about having your name on a membership list, or having a place to go on Sunday morning, but is about having a community of grace to grow in faith, in ministry and in mission.

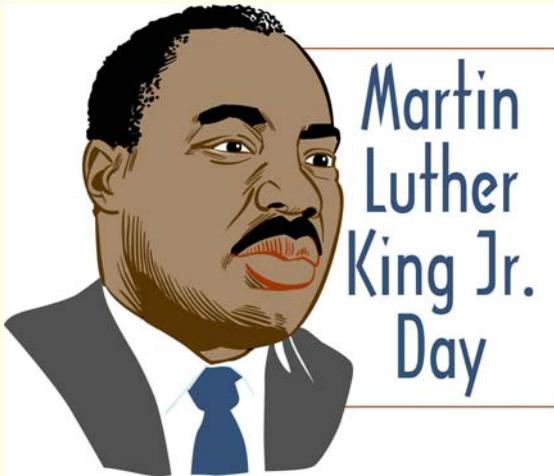
See you in church,
Pastor Bill



Service for Christian Unity January 23, 7:30 p.m.

The week of January 22 – 26 is designated as the week of Christian Unity. As part of that week we will be holding an ecumenical service at *Our Redeemer's* on Tuesday January 23 at 7:30 p.m.

This year all participating churches will contribute to the service with music. It should be a powerful service and the whole community is invited. We would especially encourage you to come and be part of this time of worship.



**Fullbright
Scholar
to Speak at
ORUMC
January 29,
7:00 p.m.**

In cooperation with Harper College we will be having a guest speaker on Monday **January 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Our “*New Life Bible Study*” will host **Dr. Mohamed Aafif** a Fullbright scholar and guest lecturer at Harper College. Dr. Aafif will speak on the history of Islam in North Africa and the Middle East. He will also speak on Christianity in Morocco (his native country).

This presentation will give us an opportunity to learn more about our world and others who come from different faith traditions. For the followers of Jesus, learning about others is extremely important. As we become better informed about others, our commitment to live as fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ can be strengthened. Also our witness to live in the ways of Christ, as people of love and grace, can be much more effective.

Please come and join us for this opportunity to learn more about God’s world.

Redeemer Review

Published Monthly by
Our Redeemer's

United Methodist Church

1600 W Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg IL 60194-3900

(847) 882-6116

email: orumc@core.com

Website: www.orumc.org

Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Pastor:

[Rev. Bill Shaw](#)

Church Secretary:

[Donna Echnert](#)

Director of Youth Ministries:

[Marianne Rogenski](#)

Director of Discipleship:

[Carolyn Meneely](#)

Co-Editors:

Jim Cottrell & Jerry Mc Daniel



ORUMC Members

Who is a member of *Our Redeemer's*? The first to come to mind are probably the people you see each Sunday morning in worship. Or you think of the Sunday school children and teachers, or the staff and volunteers who work in the office. You would be right; they are all "members" of *Our Redeemer's*. But there are many others who come to *Our Redeemer's* who are also members of our church community.

The children and their families who go to Christian Corner Children's Center see *Our Redeemer's* as their church home during the week. The Scouts, Boys, Girls, Brownies, and Cubs, meet every week in our classrooms. It is *Our Redeemer's* they think of when they're planning their activities. The same is true for the Nar-Anon Family Group working together on the many issues of addiction. For them, *Our Redeemer's* is a bright, warm and safe haven.

But *Our Redeemer's* is not just a meeting place. Many in the community rely on our food pantry for nourishment. Because of the annual Blood Drive, the number of people who are helped is probably in the hundreds and may be in communities many miles from Schaumburg. The voters who use *Our Redeemer's* as their polling place also have an impact far and wide.

So, they are all more than visitors; they are regular attendees of *Our Redeemer's* too. We include them as important "members" of our church family. When we open our doors, we are sharing our vision of God's grace with all who enter.

Our Redeemer's family is not only the congregation worshipping each Sunday morning; but also the many others who depend on *Our Redeemer's* for hospitality and sustenance. We welcome all with the same love God shares with us.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship



Help Needed
January 27, 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to serve in the soup kitchen at the Rogers Park Church in Chicago. The Our Redeemer's group generally leaves for Rogers Park on Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

We will be going to Rogers Park on January 27, March 11, and April 22.

For more information please call **Mert Rutledge** at 630-289-4334



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

30-Hour Famine

World Vision's 30-Hour Famine is almost here! Mark your calendars for February 23-24 for the fast and February 25 for Famine Sunday. We will be taking over both services! Consent forms are available now from Marianne and as soon as you turn that in you will be able to pick up your fundraising packet.

This is an event that we have done for several years now and it is truly an amazing experience for all. Any Jr. or Sr. High student can participate and of course we welcome adults to help or participate as well! We do this event through World Vision and all proceeds go to that non-profit organization.

There are 29,000 children that die every-day from hunger and hunger related causes and we are working to bring that number down. World Vision goes into a community and teaches the people to live off the land—to make it on their own. This is what the students raise money for.

The weekend goes as follows:

Friday

3:00 p.m. - Students begin fast on their own

6:00 p.m. - Students arrive at church

Saturday

9:00 p.m. - Students break fast together with prayer partners, family, and the congregation with a potluck dinner

There are many ways to help with this weekend. We need donations of water and 100% fruit juice. We need adult volunteers throughout the weekend to help out at church and drive to outings. We need one prayer partner for each student participant.

Prayer partners are asked to pray for the students and the hungry around the world for the 30 hours that the students are fasting. They are also asked to give one card or small gift Friday, one Saturday, and one at the breaking of the fast. These could just be simple notes of encouragement or they could be small tokens of joy.

You can drop off items with Marianne or in a box outside the church door. It would be preferable if the prayer partners could be present at the breaking of the fast.

Youth Club (4th-6th graders)

Your next event will be a Youth Club Service Day on February 17. Look for more details in the mail and in the next newsletter but mark your calendars now!

Youth Council

The next youth council meeting is January 21 at 10:15 a.m.

ASP News

The next meeting is January 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be there or let Marianne know if you cannot make it. The Appalachia Service Project 2007 is June 9-16. If you are a high school student who would like to go and have not yet talked to Marianne, please do so now. The \$120.00 deposit per volunteer is due at the January meeting.

New Orleans Mission Trip

We will have a meeting in February. Look in the next newsletter for details! This trip is July 14-22, 2007 and is available for adults and students age 16 or older. If you are interested or would like more information please talk to Marianne.

Youth Calendar

Sr. High

January

7 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.

12-14 Ski Trip

21 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.

28 Brunch 10:30-11:30 a.m.

February

4 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.

11 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.

18 Brunch 10:30-11:30 a.m.

23-24 30-Hour Famine

25 Famine Sunday Both services

Jr. High confirmation

January 2007

7 Confirmation 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

12-14 Ski Trip

21 Confirmation 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

February 2007

4 Confirmation 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

16 Beth Tikvah Synagogue 7:00 p.m.

18 Confirmation 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

23-24 30-Hour Famine

25 Famine Sunday Both Services



Family Movie Night

Hoodwinked

January 26, 7:00 p.m.

This animated film picks up where Little Red Riding Hood left off with the animals of the woods investigating a “domestic disturbance” at Granny’s house. Furry and feathered animal cops are checking into charges of breaking and entering, disturbing the peace and intent to eat in this fun spin on a classic tale.



United Methodist Women

January 20, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to ring in the new year at our Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. Our program will include our 2007 Pledge Service, as well as a fun “hands-on” Service Project. We will stuff little pillows that will be given to all of our Day Care children.

Mark your calendars and join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP and FRIENDSHIP. Breakfast is provided.



Gifts From the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

On behalf of ChildServ, I would like to thank the 83 families who bought Christmas gifts for 135 children served by ChildServ. It is always so heart warming to see how our congregation responds to this program and provides so generously. A special thanks to **Kathy and Jack Arcurie, Rich and Michelle Hill, and Sharon Jung** for helping out on Sunday morning by checking in gifts, loading bags of gifts and delivering gifts to ChildServ and to the many others who offered to help.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

January 6, 8:00 a.m.

Note - Date Change

The United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast meeting is a week early in January. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. on January 6 at Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road. Don't forget to ask for the group rate.

After breakfast we will go to church and remove the Christmas decorations. All men of the church are invited.

UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner

Feb 4, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

February 4 the United Methodist Men will host their annual Super Bowl Sunday Spaghetti Dinner featuring their world famous meatballs. The prices are: Adult \$7; Child \$5; Family \$20.

Church Ladies Nite Out

January 17, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. to the Chinese Garden in the shopping center at the corner of Schaumburg and Plum Grove Road.

Please join us for some great after holiday fellowship and bring a friend! If you need a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

What is Your MAIN Caring Ministry?

by Bruce Bedingfield

I long held a vision for *Our Redeemer's* Caring Ministries program. That vision was that every member of the church would have ONE caring ministry to call his or her own.

The idea never really caught on. Other's with whom I discussed the idea seemed somewhat cool to the idea. And perhaps that's all to the best. For many of our caring ministries depend on a majority of our congregation's support. We need your support for Gifts from the Heart AND Easter Baskets, AND the Elgin Crisis Center AND the Appalachian Service project (etc.)

The point, of course, is to get EVERY church member involved in caring ministries. And perhaps the best way to do that is still for everyone to have (at least) one caring ministry to call their own. One member might vow to contribute to our church's food pantry on a regular basis throughout the year. Another might vow to donate blood during our annual (early December) blood drive and to also donate at the other three churches in our local

cooperative. Still another member might support an Appalachian Service Project volunteer each year. And best of all, another member might have a caring ministry they would like to organize for the church. Great!! The Caring Ministries Council would be glad to help you get it off the ground.

So in this season of "New Years Resolutions" please resolve to support our many caring ministries. Or simply make a resolution to support ONE— one special way to help others, to serve Christ, and to glorify God. All are invited to the next Caring Ministries meeting on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Habitat for Humanity

January 27, 7:00 a.m.

The next Habitat work day is January 27. Meet at church at 7:00 a.m. to car-pool to the Waukegan Habitat site.

All ages and talents are welcome. Please sign the Habitat poster in the Narthex if you would like to help. For more information call **Mert Rutledge** at 630-289-4334.

Finance Report

The following is our status through the end of November.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through November 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	271,631	297,057	(25,426)	-9%
Sprint Rent	24,101	14,300	9,801	69%
Other Income	20,150	19,418	732	4%
Total Income	315,882	330,775	(14,893)	-5%
Total Expenses	319,539	338,531	(18,992)	-6%
Net Income (Loss)	(3,657)	(7,756)	4,099	



Rotary Club Art Auction February 23, 7:30 p.m.

The Schaumburg AM Rotary Club would like to announce their 15th Annual Art Auction and Silent Auction Fundraiser Friday, February 23. The Fundraiser will be held at the Schaumburg Golf Club (Chandler's), located at 401 N. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg. The Art preview begins at 6:15, and the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 for advance purchase. Refreshments include hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese with a cash bar, coffee and dessert.

Rotary is a humanitarian, nonprofit organization, which raises money every year just to give it back to our community. Each local club works on service projects relating to health, hunger, literacy and educational assistance. The Schaumburg AM Rotary club is seeking donations of new, high-quality merchandise or gift certificates for our forthcoming Silent Auction, which is 100% profit to the club. For ticket or donation information, please contact **Brenda Raffaelli**, 847-884-9304.

Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated at the December 1 Blood Drive. Your gift is truly a gift of life.

Micah Ministries January 16, 7:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was one of the foremost advocates for social justice of our era.

“It was Martin’s message that it is not enough to suffer with the poor; we must confront the people and systems that cause poverty.”

Rev. William Sloane Coffin

Micah Ministries’ next meeting is Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. All church members and friends are welcome.



January Crisis Center Items

The Crisis Center needs medicine chest items. All items must be new, sealed and with current dates: Non-Alcohol Cough Syrup And Non-Aspirin Pain Reliever (for adults and children), Antacids, RID shampoo, Diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, Band-Aids, Antibiotic Ointment, Gauze, Adhesive Tape, Disposable Thermometers, Peroxide, Rubbing Alcohol, Facial Tissues.

Please place items in the Crisis Center box in the office.

6:33...Coming Fall 2007

What: 6:33 is a third worship service

When: Starting in the fall of 2007

Where: *Our Redeemer's* UMC

Time: 6:33 p.m. each Sunday

Some Service Highlights:

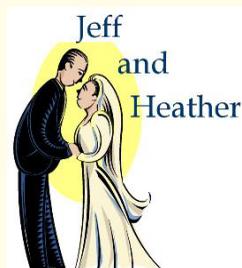
- Worship will be a multisensory experience (i.e. drama, music, visual presentations, technology, audience participation, etc.)
- Live music from the 6:33 youth band
- Worship based around social culture and diversity of the younger generation
- Messages based around elements of pop culture music, movies and TV
- Break out bible study sessions after worship for further discussion and reflection
- Helping young adults connect with a church family and with God
- Making worship relevant and relatable for the 21st century
- A different direction, but not a different vision

January Birthdays

- 01/05 Ian Klocko
- 01/07 Nathan Kessler
- 01/08 Noni Victoria
- 01/11 Nicole Victoria
- 01/20 Morgan Schmidt
- 01/26 Megan Gaska
- 01/26 Tim Shaw
- 01/27 Jonathan Dean
- 01/28 Hayley Dombek
- 01/30 Danny Launhardt
- 01/31 Nick Penev



Personal Notes



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Heather Morse** and **Jeff Helmers**, who were married December 2. All the friends and relatives from near and far managed to make it through the blizzard of December 1 (and the snow-covered parking lot) for the rehearsal and wedding.

We look forward to welcoming Heather and Jeff to the *Our Redeemer's* family.



Wedding Bells Plus 40

Congratulations to **Fred** and **Betty Miller** who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in December.

Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church

1600 W. Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194-3900

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 6
Schaumburg, IL 60194

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Visit our web site: www.orumc.org