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Our Redeemer's Small Groups

Beginning in September our Natural Church Development team will begin our small group initiative. Twelve members of the team have been working this last year to organize a number of new groups where we as the *Our Redeemer* family, might come to know each other in fellowship, friendship and service. Below is the description for our new initiative.

Our Redeemer's small groups are like small churches, where members enjoy fellowship within a circle of caring persons committed to encouraging each other on their faith journeys. Members lift each other up, help each other, learn from each other, and worship together – are engaged with God and one another.

Groups are open to all; they are encouraged to grow and expand into new groups as they mature. Each group will have a different focus. The fall 2008 groups are New Life Bible study, men's, women's, couples, beginning Bible study, multi-cultural faith sharing, and high school, confirmation, & pot-luck groups. All groups have the common goals of caring for each other and growing stronger as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In addition to the groups being initiated this fall we also have a number of groups that have been an ongoing part of our church for a number of years. If you would like more information about these new small groups or our ongoing small groups, please contact me at the church office (847) 882-6116 or email me at pastorbill@orumc.org.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

SEPTEMBER



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**Clean Up Day
September 6
Rally Day
September 7**

On September 7 we will begin our Sunday School program for 2008. I can't wait to see the excited faces, the children's choirs and the bustle of activity in Wesley Hall. We have completed a wonderful summer of ministry with our children and youth (Vacation Bible School, *Voices of Light* Christian theater group, Appalachian Service Project youth mission team) and are looking forward to the excitement of youth and children engaged with teachers and helpers in September.

The Education team has chosen a new curriculum for our program this year and we are excited about directions it will take our program and our students. As they, (the education team) have been working hard to prepare the program, we could use your help in preparing the building.

Therefore, you are cordially invited to our **fall clean up day** on *Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.* You can come for the whole day, or even just for *one hour*. Lunch will be provided at mid day. *Hope to see you then.*

Peace,
Pastor Bill

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All Church Picnic



Bouncing



Snow Cones



Bubble Blowing



Volley Ball



Ice Cream Eating contest



Relaxing



Personal Notes



Eric Roque Cristobal

Eric Roque Cristobal was baptized August 17. Eric's proud parents are **Roderick** and **Leilani Cristobal**.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, and thanks to everyone for your cards and prayers for the loss of Jeff's stepmother and uncle. It means so much to be part of a loving and caring church family.

The Greenwalt Family

Dear Our Redeemer's Family,

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported us this summer after the very early birth of **Hunter** and **Connor** and through our loss of Connor.

Your presence at the funeral, prayers, cards, funeral flowers, and words of support have meant so much to us and have sustained us through a very difficult time. We ask that you continue to pray for Hunter as he continues to grow and progress.

In God's love,

Glen, Carol, Eric, Meghann and Kristen Hollingsworth



Our Deepest Sympathy

to: **Jeff Greenwalt** and family on the death of his stepmother, **Tiny Greenwalt** and his uncle, **Lendell Greenwalt**.

to: **Cheryl Duvall** and family on the death of her husband, **Frank Duvall**.

to: **Meghann, Eric, Carol, Glen and Kristin Hollingsworth** on the death of **Connor Allen**, son of Meghann and Eric, and grandson of Carol and Glen.

Anniversaries

Congratulations

to: **Gail and Bruce Bedingfield** who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary

to: **Carol and Glen Hollingsworth** who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary

to: **Nancy and Joe Shallcross** who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Birthday

Congratulations to **Leota Sahr** one of our members from Friendship Village who will be celebrating a very special 100th birthday this month!



Mom's Night Out
September 11,
7:00 p.m.
Bahama Breeze

(On Golf Road. in Hoffman Estates)

Mom's night out is for all mothers but especially those who have children that are school age or younger. You do not need to be a member of ORUMC to attend! All are welcome.

It's a chance for moms to go out and enjoy good food and fellowship. A time for someone else to do the cooking and cleaning!

To make reservations or for more information contact **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116 or annetteb421@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Schedule

This is the night we determine our schedule for the upcoming year. If you want your favorite restaurant included make sure you join us at Bahama Breeze!

Hope to see you there!

Calendar Updates

As we get into a new church calendar season, please review your meeting and event schedules and make sure the calendar is up to date. Call **Donna** in the office if you have questions or updates.



UMM Spiritual Congress
September 12-14
Williams Bay, WI

Rev. David C. Adams, General Secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men will be the featured presenter for the weekend. The weekend includes worship, study, music, fellowship, leisure and food. Call **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-882-6116, for information.

UMM Breakfast Meeting
Note Date Change
September 20, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men will have a continental breakfast followed by the last session of the Tony Dungy Bible study on September 20 at 8:00 a.m. Feel free to come even if you have not been able to make it to the previous sessions.

We will start a new study (to be determined) in October.

United Methodist Women
September 20, 9:00 a.m.

The UMW will be having a presentation of the Jewish faith at our monthly meeting on Saturday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served and all are welcome!



by Marianne Rogenski

ORUMC Youth Picnic Sept 7, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All Jr. and Sr. High students and their entire families are invited to the ORUMC Youth Picnic. ORUMC will provide hot dogs and brats; we are asking that each family also bring a dish to pass.

Following the picnic, please join us for 633!

Youth Club (4th-6th Grades)

Come to ORUMC on September 14, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. for a fall get-together! There will be food, games, and tons of fun!

Confirmation & Sr. High Youth Group

Jr. High confirmation and Sr. High youth group both begin the regular schedule, Sundays 7:30-8:30 p.m. on September 14.

**Rally Day
Sunday School Starts
September 7**

6:33 News "If Only..." Series beginning in September!

A series to explore what truly makes us happy instead of what we think makes us happy. A personal reflection on what really matters.

- Sept 7: If Only...I Had More Stuff**
- Sept 14: If Only...I Had a Date**
- Sept 21: If Only...I Were Understood**
- Sept 28: If Only...God Accepted Me**

Starting in October....."Jesus for Prez" series!

6:33 currently is selling t-shirts featuring our new logo. Shirts are \$11 and come in youth, women's and men's styles/sizes. Contact **Marianne Rogenski** or **Lauri Marmorstone** if you are interested in purchasing one.



Simon Enriquez	9/1
Wesley Enriquez	9/1
Jenna Edwards	9/4
Christopher Machonis	9/4
Sean Nichols	9/4
Sarah Pepper	9/9
Garret Brown	9/23
Joshua Brown	9/29
Taylor Swartz	9/29



Family Time Out Fall Country Hoe-down Saturday, Oct 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

It's time to show the country folk that city dwellers can dance too!

Everyone is invited to put on your dancing shoes and join us for a Country Hoe-down! On Saturday, October 4, our sanctuary will be converted into a dance floor in the barn, and you're invited to join in the fun.

We'll have a caller to lead us through a variety of line dances, square dances, and the Virginia Reel.

See ya there!!

Save Those Receipts

Fall is here and it is time to save your Ultra Food receipts. Please bring in your receipts and deposit them in the Ultra Foods box or the Coupon box located by the church food pantry. Any questions please contact **Diane Rocha** or **Sue Brown**. Thank you for helping us raise money for ASP.

Picnic Thanks

Thanks to all who helped setup and clean up for the All Church Picnic on August 24. Thanks to all who came and especially to **Gwyn Greenwalt** for organizing the whole thing.

United Church of Rogers Park Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale/ Holiday Boutique Saturday, October 18 9:00 a.m. to Noon

The Rogers Park church free Sunday dinner program for their neighbors in need is nearing its 24th Anniversary. The church is raising funds to complete an additional handicapped accessible restroom next to the dining room and their guests are anxiously awaiting this new additional space.

To support this fund raising, plan to join us for breakfast (\$5.00 donation) AND/OR donate one of your specialty-baked goods or crafts. Maybe you know of some talented family or friends who would be willing to make something for us to sell.

If you want to donate baked goods or crafts or come and help with any Sunday dinner, call **JoAnne Gregorash**, 847-882-6116.



Nursery Help Needed

The Staff Parish Committee is looking for a regular nursery attendant for the 6:33 service Sundays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, call the church office, 847-882-6116.

Acolyte Training

Attention confirmation students, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Acolyte training starts soon. Contact **Denise Pepper**, 847-882-6116, for details.

Bowling

The ORUMC Bowling season is under way. Call **Dan Meyer**, 847-882-6116, for information. The schedule for the league is:

August 24
Sept. 7 & 21
Oct. 5 & 19
Nov. 2, 16 & 30
Dec. 7 & 21
Jan. 4 & 18
Feb. 1 & 15
March 1 & 15
Apr. 5 & 19
May 3

All dates start at 6:30 p.m.

Church Ladies Nite Out *September 17, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. to Macaroni Grill located at Higgins and Barrington Roads. Please join us and bring a friend.

If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

Crisis Center Needs

In September the Community Crisis Center needs ALL school supplies, juice boxes, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups. They also need toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, hand and body lotion, deodorant, nail clippers and emery boards.

Leave your contributions in the Crisis Center box in the Narthex.

Election Coming

If you moved, even across the street, changed your name, or recently had your 18th birthday, you must register to vote in the nation election Tuesday, November 4. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 7. You may register at church on Sunday, September 14 from 10 a.m. till noon.

Early voting will be available again this year from Tuesday, October 14 to Thursday, October 30. Locations to be decided soon. In the past Schaumburg District Library has provided this service.

This year Illinois voters will be voting on whether to have a Constitutional Convention that would write a new constitution for the state. The name of this plan is Con-Con. The news media will be addressing this issue soon, so become informed on this very important issue.

For more information call **Shirley Odegaard**, 847-882-6116.

VBS Thanks!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School program in July. We had 60 children from our church and the community join us for Beach Party VBS, and it was a wonderful week for everybody involved.

Thank you to the kids, who came and invited their friends, and brought an enthusiastic spirit.

Thank you to the fabulous support of our volunteers. We had over 50 volunteers who in some way contributed to the success of VBS.



From our kitchen staff who cooked dinner for us each night, to the people who helped with registration, music and activity leaders, tech team staff, actors, and lifeguards. And even before VBS started, we had the help of set designers, people who sent out postcards and door hangers, and those who donated items that we needed for VBS.

Thank you again to everyone for your help!

**Gwyn Greenwalt
and
Doug Meneely**



Beach Party VBS

Joseph ... Amazing

This year the *Voices of Light* consisted of thirty youth from several churches, schools and faiths. They spent a good part of their summer with **Ron Zemke** and **Cathy Scott** preparing for the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

August 7-9 they gave three smash performances to almost sell-out crowds.



The Band Rehearsing for Joseph

Special thanks to Ron for attracting a special group of youth for the sixth year in a row and to Ron and Cathy for working with them most of the summer.

Also thanks to many folks who worked behind the scenes to make the production a success.

They were AMAZING.



Finance Report - The Hay is in the Barn

The following is our status through the end of July. The reduction in the Sprint rent and increase of \$275,000 in Other Income reflects the sale of the Sprint Lease (the Hay). The increase in expenses of \$273,643 reflects the final pay-off of our mortgage. Learn more about what this means to *Our Redeemer's* vision in October.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through July 2008

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	179,110	188,223	(9,113)	-5%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	10,839	21,016	(10,177)	-48%
Other Income	289,220	16,324	272,896	n/m
Total Income	479,168	225,563	253,606	112%
Total Expenses	483,106	233,804	249,302	107%
Net Income (Loss)	(3,938)	(8,241)	4,303	n/m



Music Groups September Start

The Music Committee would like to thank all of you who provided music for our summer services. We appreciate your time and talent in making music for worship.

There will be some changes in the choir schedule this year. In an effort to make our services more of a "blended" worship experience, Sounds of Grace will be sharing music as a part of the service two Sundays per month and the Chancel Choir will sing four Sundays per month. In order to allow these two groups to "fit" into the Sanctuary, and not change the setup every week, we will be changing the location of where the choir sits. We have discussed several options, so bear with us as we try to find out what works best.

We have decided to return to the idea of an Advent "Vespers" program on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. The exact format has not been decided, but we anticipate most of the musical groups of ORUMC to be participating.

Now that September is here, it is time to resume our regular rehearsals. All are invited to come and help us make a joyful noise. New members are always welcome!

The rehearsal schedule is:
 Tuesday - Starting September 2
 5:00 - Cherub Choir
 5:20 - Joyful Noise
 6:00 - Ember Days
 7:30 - Sounds of Grace

Wednesday - September 3
 6:30 - Chancel Choir and Chimes Potluck
 7:30 - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday - Starting September 10
 6:30 - Chancel Chimes
 7:30 - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Random Ringers - to be announced



ORUMC
Family
Camping

All members and friends are invited to join in the *Our Redeemer's* Family Camping program. Please contact the hosts at 847-882-6116 to let them know you would like to attend these final campouts of the season.

September 5-7 Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI Hosts: **Jamie Addams & Jon Montgomery**.

October 10-12 Location TBA (Starved Rock was full). Hosts: **Joe & Diane Rocha**.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat