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Pastor's Corner

Feeding the Hungry

A number of years ago I attend a United Methodist Men's national conference and heard the director of the Society of St. Andrew speak. He spoke about the difficulty of living faithful lives, how it was sometimes hard to know what to do, and he made mistakes. However, he said, one of the things Jesus told us to do was "*feed the hungry*" (Matt. 25: 35), and as he pounded on the pulpit he said, "**but I'm going to get that one right!**"

At *Our Redeemer's* we know the importance of feeding those who are hungry. For over 20 years the church has been active in helping those who are hungry. On Sunday April 11, at our evening service, we sponsored a hunger symposium, to not only learn how to better minister to those who are hungry, but also to provide information in our community to those interested. Micah ministries, in partnership with our 633 worship team, sponsored the event. The present-

ers included representatives from our local food pantry, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Bread for the World, as well as a local nutritionist and 2 representatives to our Illinois congress. In the discussion we had a chance to learn about some of the programs and challenges that face us as we seek to make sure all have enough to eat.

As we continue to grow in our mission and ministry to those who are hungry, please keep our work in your prayers. Pray for those who are hungry, that they might continue to receive their "daily bread." Pray for the hunger workers in our world and community, who are on the front lines, feeding those who are in need. Pray for our political leaders, that policies they work on might contribute to the solution of making sure all have enough to eat. Finally, pray for *Our Redeemer's*, that we might continue to be the light of Christ to a world in need.

Peace,
Pastor Bill



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

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May 7, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

May 8, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Collecting and Setup

Sun, May 2 Afternoon Only

Mon to Thur, May 3-6,

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cleanup May 8, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) are looking for a few (or a lot) of GOOD Women and Men to help with the Annual Rummage Sale. We will need help accepting, sorting, pricing, and stacking treasures from Sunday afternoon to Thursday evening; help with the sale on Friday and Saturday; and help with cleanup on Saturday afternoon.

- ◆ Please be sure your rummage sale items are Clean and Usable!
- ◆ If you have small appliances, please tell us if they need repair.
- ◆ If your items have been in a garage sale, please remove your tags.
- ◆ Remember no computers, no plumbing parts and no tires!

Any questions call **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-895-0176, or **Shirley McDaniel**, 847-895-7385. Arrangements can be made to have your rummage picked up. All profits are donated to charity!



by Rev. Elizabeth

C.E. Service

The Christian Education team is happy to announce that the 3rd-6th grade classes have completed their service projects for this year. The K-2nd grade classes are still collecting food for the pantry.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

The last day of this year's 9:00 a.m. Sunday school for Children and Youth is May 16. The Education Committee will be hosting a brunch for teachers and their families after the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Wesley Hall. Remember to thank our teachers for all they do for all of us!

No Sunday School

- ◆ May 23 is Music Sunday! We encourage all children and their families to join us in worship for this enjoyable service.
- ◆ May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend).

Summer Sunday School

Children's Summer Sunday school begins the first Sunday in June and runs through August. This is a one-room Sunday school program for Pre-K through 2nd graders.

This program is adult/parent led ~ meaning teams of adults/parents sign-up to teach one or two Sundays during the summer on the Sunday of their choice. This way we give our regular Sunday school teachers the summer off.

Sign-up will begin in May. Please check your calendars so you can sign-up in May!



Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS GALACTIC BLAST is off to a roaring start! We are sure to have a COSMIC time PRAISING GOD this summer July 19 through 22. Thank you to all who enthusiastically signed up to volunteer to help!

Make sure you see **Rev. Elizabeth** to get the workbook and/or materials for your area. Watch for a VBS donation list in June's newsletter to see if there are some supplies that you can purchase or loan for the week of VBS.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News

Confirmation (7th and 8th grades)

May 2 Class 7:30-8:30pm

Confirmation—you made it! May 2 is our last meeting for this school year. Thanks to all the students and parents for making this a good year. See you in September. Our kick-off will be September 12.

8th graders: as soon as we have a date set for Confirmation Sunday you will receive an email and a letter in the mail. It will be in September or October.

Sr. High (9th-12th grades)

May 2 At Chipotle! 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sr. High—please note that May 2 is our last youth group of the school year. See you again on September 12!

Jr. and Sr. High

There will be one youth event in the summer for everyone. Please watch future newsletters for the date and time.

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) News

Hello 2010 ASPers. Our next gathering is for our retreat at church on May 14-15. We will begin with pizza on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Friday night we will go through more ASP training and then on Saturday we will do our construction training. We should be done by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please plan on being there.

If you have not yet paid your \$120 deposit, please get it to Marianne as soon as you can.

If you still need to pay for your t-shirt please get \$15 per shirt to Fred Felski as soon as possible.

Please see the request for ASP and Katrina support on page 15.



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| Rebecca Gilbert | 5/06 |
| Alec Hill | 5/07 |
| Brian Nordli | 5/15 |
| Katherine Sullivan | 5/21 |
| Kelley Oster | 5/24 |
| Riecee Brock | 5/25 |
| Cassandra Pierson | 5/25 |
| Daniel Breda | 5/26 |
| Marcus Hill | 5/28 |

Easter Event

It was wonderful to have the children join us for our Easter Event on Palm Sunday.

Thank you to all the adults and jr. high students who lent a helping hand at the event!



Offering of Letters

May 16

The Micah Ministry team will present the worship on May 16. **Jon Montgomery** will present the message on the various root causes of hunger. The focus will be on the Earned Income Credit on our federal income tax.

That credit is scheduled to be deleted unless congress takes action to continue it. We will be given time during worship to write our representatives and urge their action to continue the credit.

Habitat for Humanity

May 22, 7:00 a.m.

All are invited to spend May 22 working at the Lake County Habitat project. We will meet at church at 7:00 a.m. and carpool to the job site. All degrees of skill are welcome. Training will be provided. Lunch will be provided by the United Methodist Women. We will return to church by 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge**, 630-289-4334, or **Rob Mottar**, 630-682-5890, for more information.

TLC Help Needed

TLC is a ministry that provides meals to our families who are experiencing some added stress due to sickness, hospitalization or other interruptions in life.

There is a need for more volunteers to help in this very important ministry. Please contact **Peggy Sanford** at 630-529-6166.

Music Sunday

May 23

Worship on May 23 will be led by our music teams. The Chancel Choir, Sounds of Grace Band, Ember Days Band, Redeemer Ringers (bell choir), Random Ringers (youth bell choir), Cherub Choir (4 yrs-2nd grade) and the Joyful Noise, youth choir (3rd-8th grade) will perform.

This is also the end of the regular choir season. During the summer, we recruit volunteers to provide special music each Sunday. If you have a musical talent that you would like to share on one or more Sundays, please contact Donna in the office, one of our directors or any member of the music committee.



Help is needed in the Church Office this summer. Donna is looking for help with the telephones and covering in the office when she is on vacation. This would involve one or two days at a time.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact **Donna Echtner** at 847-882-6116.



Luke Pepper Awarded Summer Fellowship

Our Redeemer's member, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary student, **Luke Pepper** has been awarded a Summer Fellowship by The Beatitudes Society. Luke will be serving at Protestants for the Common Good in Chicago, IL.

Luke is part of the 2010 class of 26 Summer Fellows who will serve as interns at social change organizations in Washington DC, the San Francisco Bay Area, Atlanta, GA, and Chicago, IL. Summer Fellows will serve at selected agencies from June 7 to July 30, 2010. They will also participate in weekly theological reflection sessions facilitated by a local mentor following a curriculum exploring the links between social change advocacy and progressive Christianity. The students will be awarded a cash stipend by The Beatitudes Society to help cover summer living expenses.

The Beatitudes Society develops and sustains emerging Christian leaders at seminaries and divinity schools who will: Advocate for justice, compassion and peace; Reclaim a Christianity that welcomes all people, especially those at the margins; and Articulate a Christianity that dares to speak and act for our fragile planet and our most vulnerable citizens.

This five-year-old organization is building a network of school chapters at divinity schools and seminaries across the nation. Chapters offer students and faculty a forum for shared reflection and action, and provide students with mentoring relationships as they develop their potential for progressive Christian leadership.

In addition to Chapters and the Summer Fellowships, The Beatitudes Society provides students with resources that complement their graduate theological studies. Prophetic Preachers Workshops provide emerging leaders with a unique interactive process to develop their skills as articulate advocates for social change, and the Professional Network provides lasting support through online resources and local and national social networking. For more information about The Beatitudes Society as well as a complete listing of campus chapters and Summer Fellowship sites, please visit www.BeatitudesSociety.org.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will **not** be meeting on the 3rd Saturday in May as this is our **Rummage Sale** month.

Help is needed before, during and after the sale. See page 2 for details.



Crisis Center Needs

Summer will be here soon! The Crisis Center will need new/gently used swim suits, towels and other items needed for pool time. They can always use NEW sleepers, p.j.'s, socks and underwear for kids.

Infant needs are: baby bottles, food, bibs, Pedialyte, baby formula (current dates) and diapers (especially large and extra large).

Also box fans or oscillating fans, Polaroid film, new file cabinets, Journals, Day Planners as well as gently used luggage.

The Crisis Center always needs volunteers. The following are needed: hospital advocates, children's services, clerical assistance, resale shop workers, gardening help, and interpreters for Spanish, Polish and other languages.



Graduate Recognition

High school and college graduates will be recognized at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 2. This is a wonderful time for them as their church family will congratulate them on this accomplishment.

There will be a lunch for the graduates and their families immediately following the service in Wesley Hall. Please call Donna in the office with your graduate's information and lunch reservation.



April 11 Hunger Symposium Panelists

Mom's Night Out

Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

All moms are invited to a night out without cleaning, cooking and kids. Come to Macaroni Grill, Higgins and Barrington Roads in Hoffman Estates. Nothing is planned for June.

If you are interested in a June meeting or wish to make a reservation for the May meeting, contact **Annette Brown** at 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at Anneteb421@sbcglobal.net.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

May 8, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study is May 8, 8:00 a.m. at church. The study will continue the program "*Framing Your World View*" by Rick Warren & Chuck Colson.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, for details.

Church Ladies Nite Out

May 19, 6:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going to the Golden Corral on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. We invite all the ladies to join us. Call Bev Wilkes at 847-885-2311 for directions, questions or if you need a ride.

Some of us have never been there so we are excited about this nite! Please join us and bring a friend for good fun, good food and good fellowship.



Family Camping 2010

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to share in the weekend family camping program. Reservations are not available for the June and July campouts, but in the past we have been able to find sites together for our group. Reservations will be required for the rest of the campouts.

In all cases, please contact the hosts as soon as possible if you know that you plan to attend a given weekend. (Note that the September date is back to the original date set at our March planning meeting.)

June 4-6 Rock Cut State Park, Rockford, IL Host: **Don Wiebel**, 630-837-8277.

July 23-25 LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL Host: **Joe Rocha**, 630-289-3084.

August 13-15 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Ft Atkinson, WI Host: **Jon Montgomery**, 630-830-6831.

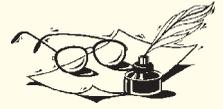
Sept 10-12 Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI Host: **Rob Mottar**, 630-682-5890.

October 8-10 Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL Host: **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

If you would like more information about our camping program, please call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.



Personal Notes



MS Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fundraiser at Riccardo's on March 31. We had a great turnout. With your help and Riccardo's generosity we raised \$550 to help fight MS and find a cure!

If you were not able to make it to the fundraiser night, but still want to support the MS Walk 2010 then find one of our walkers and sponsor them in their efforts this year. This year's participants who could certainly use all your financial support and prayers are:

Annette Brown, Laura, Jim & Chris Machonis, John & Eddie Machonis, and Randy & Nancy Schmidt.

Thanks again for all your support,
Annette Brown

Baptisms

Evan David Zydek

Evan David Zydek, son of David and Jaclyn Zydek, was baptized April 18. Proud grandparents are John & Robyn Gatti!

Kristen Cailee M. Santiago

Kristen Cailee M. Santiago, daughter of Jose and Iris Santiago, was baptized April 25.



John Crabbe

Our deepest sympathy to **Mary Illg** and family on the death of her father, **John Crabbe**.



ORUMC Summer Missions 2010 Appalachia Service Project And Mississippi United Methodist Storm Recovery

The week of June 19, the youth and adults of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church have the privilege of serving Christ through two important mission opportunities.

We are sending 42 youth and adults to West Virginia as part of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). This is a home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountains. It is the 11th year that Our Redeemer's has sent teams to help in this area.

We are also sending 18 volunteers to Vancleave, Mississippi for the 5th year to help with Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts.

We need your prayers and financial support for both of these trips. It will cost about \$17,000 for the ASP Team and about \$4,000 for the Mississippi Team. We are asking that you sponsor these youth and adults who have committed a week of their summer to serve Christ through serving others.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for one or both of these missions, please fill out the form below and leave it in the offering plate along with cash or a check written to ORUMC. Thank you for your support!

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