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Greater Chicago Food Depository Youth Service Day

Imagine the largest grocery store you can. Now, place it on 11 acres, give it 30-foot ceilings, and create enough storage to store 10 million pounds of food reserved for those in need. We don't have to imagine a facility like this. It exists.

It is called the Greater Chicago Food Depository (Food Depository) and is the country's second largest food bank. Annually, the Food Depository distributes 66 million pounds of food, including more than 12.8 million pounds of produce, to 650 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in Cook County, including the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.

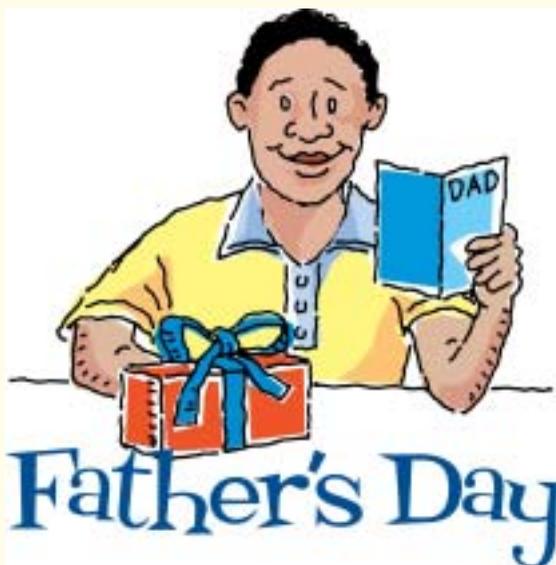
On May 7, five High School Youth and four adults from Micah Ministries joined several dozen others from Chicagoland for a service day at the Food Depository. In three hours, we helped package 1,600 lbs of food, enough for 3,200 meals. The fast-paced work also earned \$135 in credit for the Schaumburg

Township Food Pantry to purchase food from the Food Depository. As an extra bonus for helping, each volunteer earns \$5/hour for a member food pantry. We also were fortunate to get a brief tour of the main storage area and loading dock.

If this kind of service and educational opportunity is of interest to you, please ask **Jon Montgomery** or **Jill Wood-Naatz** of Micah Ministries more about it. We may set up another volunteer day for autumn 2011 or spring 2012 depending on interest.



Front Row: Samantha Nordli, Allie Gorvett, Alec Hill, Jill Murphy, Betsy Page Back Row: Sung Ahn, Jill Wood-Naatz, Jon Montgomery, Jim Naatz



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Thanks to all who helped make the Rummage Sale a success and especially to co-chairs, **Sue Brown** and **Diane Rocha**.

Many hours were donated from May 15 to 21 to collect, sort, price and sell the treasures. Saturday the sale closed at noon and the leftovers were packed and the Wesley Hall was cleaned up by 3:30 p.m.

The crowd was down from previous years, but the sale did bring in over \$3,000.

The ASP team ran a bake sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale and brought in over \$400.



Sue Brown and Diane Rocha



“Se-Ong-Ji-Ma!”

“Se-Ong-Ji-Ma” is an ancient Asian story about the irony of fate. The story goes like this:

Once upon a time a farmer captured a wild stallion. His neighbor said to him, “Sure glad to hear your good news.” The farmer replied, “Good news, bad news. Who knows?” A few days later the farmer’s son asked if he could break in the horse. The stallion threw him off, and he broke his leg. The farmer’s neighbor said, “Sorry to hear your bad news.” The farmer replied, “Good news, bad news. Who knows?” A week later, war broke out and all the young men in the city were drafted to go off to fight. The neighbor leaned across the fence and said, “Sure turned out to be good news, the way your boy broke his leg and all.” The farmer replied, “Good news, bad news. Who knows?”

We don’t see the larger picture of what God is doing in the world. Many times I’ve had the experience of things appearing to be suffering and hardship and then watching them form the ingredients of greater good and the means to prevent greater evil.

Many heroes: Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Esther, Mary, et al. in the Bible, began their journey not knowing the destination, but kept walking on the path wherever God led

them to walk. They kept the faith and never gave up in the middle of their foggy and bumpy journey. Finally they became “Biblical heroes” who finished the “holy walk.”



The year of 2011 is a “Se-Ong-Ji-Ma” year for me so far. Moving to Schaumburg, IL from Northridge, CA is both good news and bad news depending how I looked at the move and what kind of “mood” I am at the moment. For example, I felt like it is bad news whenever I found myself in rainy, thundering, snowing, cold weather. However, I feel like it is good news whenever I see the big line of smiles on the faces of people at ORUMC. Do I have good news or bad news?

My dear friends! We don’t know whether the good news for today will be the bad news for tomorrow. Also, we don’t know whether the bad news for today will be the good news for tomorrow. But I can certainly say that if we hold our faith in Christ and keep walking the walk God wants us to walk, the end of the journey will bring us the good news for sure, like Romans 8:28 says, “*In all things God works for the good of those who love God.*” Let us be faithful to God who called us to serve.

Let us Fully Rely On God in the uncertain situations that give us uneasy feelings. “Good news, bad news. Who knows?” Let us be a true FROG and leap in our faith and love for Christ.

Ribbit!

- Pastor Sunny



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Sr. High Youth Group

Thanks for a wonderful year! Please be on the lookout for our summer events. We begin weekly youth group again on Rally Day in September! A special thanks to our officers this year—Cody Conquest, Jill Murphy, and Ian Shaw.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

Thanks to all who were at the retreat and all who helped with the construction projects and came out for the car wash! It was a wonderful weekend and through the car wash we raised \$701. Not bad for such a crummy, cold day!

An update on ASP finances—we have raised the money that we need! Thanks to all who have donated thus far and all who are still donating! God has made this possible this year and we are truly thankful. If you still have donations from friends and family, please continue to turn them in! It is not a bad thing to have a bit of a cushion in the account to start us off next year and to cover any expenses over and above what we have budgeted for.

ASP Team: Don't forget that our last meeting is June 15, 7-8:15pm, at church. This is an extremely important meeting so please

try to make it and if you cannot make it please let Marianne know that ahead of time!

Our trip is June 18-25 and we will be in Knox Co, KY. We would love it if you could keep us in your prayers as we serve that week!



Graduates

Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates who were honored in worship on May 15. We wish you God's blessings on your next adventure!

High School Graduates:

- Lauren Berndt**—Schaumburg High
- Cody Conquest**—Streamwood High
- Kayti Hale**—Schaumburg High
- Emily Kuhn**—Hoffman Estates High
- David Miller**—Schaumburg High
- Steven Miller**—Schaumburg High
- Jill Murphy**—Elgin High
- Betsy Page**—Elgin High
- Ian Shaw**—Schaumburg High

Allyssa Wiebel—Bartlett High
Andrea Verhasselt—Elgin High
Emily Young—Schaumburg High

College Graduates

Aubrey Balk—Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Truman State University in Missouri

Kevin Balk—Bachelor of Science in History with teacher certification from University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

Sue Brown—Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Columbia College of Missouri

Elizabeth Gilbert—Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from University of Illinois

Shelomi Gomes—Bachelor of Professional Studies in Psychology from Roosevelt University

Erin Hale—Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in math from University of Illinois

Kristen Hollingsworth—Master of Education in Occupational Therapy from Springfield College in Massachusetts

Adam Lukowicz—University of Illinois

Debbie Oster—Roosevelt University

Luke Pepper—Master of Divinity from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Diane Rocha—Associate in Applied Science from Elgin Community College



Mark Nordli	6/04
Morgan Higgins	6/06
Robert Nordli	6/13
Meghan Taylor	6/13
Kanitta Kulprathipanja	6/18
Billy Esposito	6/21
Joel Schwartze	6/21
Chris Johnson	6/22
Kevin Machonis III	6/22



Easter Baskets

Thank You to everyone who participated in the collection for ChildServ for Easter Baskets. Through your generosity we collected \$600 for children in need.

What a wonderful church family!

Thank You,
Gail Bedingfield



Education News

by Rev Elizabeth Bowes

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday school for Pre-K thru 2nd grade will officially begin Sunday, June 12 at the 9:00 a.m. hour only. Volunteer sign-up has begun. To meet our Safe Sanctuary requirement, one person is needed to teach and one to assist. Background checks must be made on new volunteers, so please sign up as soon as you can. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign-up to teach one (or two) Sundays this summer so our regular teachers can have a break. Curriculum for each Sunday will be provided. This one-room Sunday school class will meet in the Wesley Hall.

Summer Sunday School dates are: Sunday, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 7/31, 8/14, 8/21 & 8/28. Please check your calendars and sign up.

Adult Sunday School

9:10 a.m.

We will meet Sunday, June 12 and read chapter 6 of the book *The Stories Jesus Still Tells* by **John Claypool**.



Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 11 thru Thursday
July 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration HAS BEGUN for Vacation Bible School. Pre-registration for Vacation Bible School can be done by going to the cokesburyvbs.com link on ORUMC's website. Once your child(ren) is/are registered see Rev. Elizabeth for a Student Take-Home CD-ROM so your children can begin learning some of the songs before they show up for VBS.

The café and kitchen are the setting of this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS). Each day we will explore a different Biblical festival and discover the principles for living according to God's plan.

Volunteer sign-up has begun – if interested in heading up an area – see Rev. Elizabeth. We still need help:

Snack: OPEN

Registration: OPEN

Dinner Coordinator/Cooks: OPEN

Sound System: OPEN

Photographer: OPEN

Servers (those who travel with each group): OPEN

Safe Sanctuary Policy Changes

by Doug Meneely

The Education and Staff-Parish Committees have recently reviewed and updated our safe sanctuary procedures. The purpose in establishing a child abuse prevention policy and procedures is to demonstrate *Our Redeemer's* absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of its children.

Although we have had a safe sanctuary policy in place, we have raised our standards in screening for all volunteers and staff who work with children. In the past, we focused more on full time and part-time staff and Sunday School teachers. Going forward, we will be doing a background check for all volunteers and staff who work with children. Even for only occasional events like summer Sunday School or Vacation Bible School.

Background screening is not an expensive process and we feel it is necessary to do. The costs of screening will be covered by *Our Redeemer's*. An applicant will begin by filling out a simple form that includes name, Social Security number, places of employment and a clear statement that he/she has not been convicted of sexual misconduct and is not a felon. (Volunteers who have been convicted of a felony will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Staff-Parish committee representatives.) The form includes *Our Redeemer's* full Safe Sanctuary Participation Covenant statement which is signed by the applicant.

Files for all screened persons will be maintained in a secure, locked file in the church office. It can only be accessed by the Chair of Staff-Parish, Christian Education Minister, Youth Director and the Senior Pastor. The Christian Education Minister will oversee the compliance of the Safe Sanctuary Policy and procedures.

If you have had a background check done in the last three years by your employer or school district, we will accept it.

In addition to the screening, all who work with children whether paid or not, must attend an orientation session in which they are informed of the church's policies and details of the state laws regarding child abuse.

Since the Summer Sunday school program and Vacation Bible School are both about to happen, we will begin processing volunteers right away. If you do not have a background check on file already, forms and policies will be available at *Our Redeemer's* in the narthex and in the office.

If you have any questions about our Safe Sanctuary policy and procedures, please ask **Pastor Sunny, Rev. Elizabeth, Marianne Rogenski** or any member of the Education or Staff-Parish committees.



Rummage Sale May 20 & 21



Paul, Paula & Jill Going Away - May 22



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11.

After breakfast we will continue the study of Tony Dungy's book, *Uncommon: Finding Your Way to Significance*.



United Methodist Women Salad Supper *June 7, 6:30 p.m.*

All women of the church are invited to the UMW Salad Supper and Quarterly Meeting Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a salad to share to the Wesley Room at church.

This is always a favorite event and you are sure to experience fun, fellowship and friendship.



Community Crisis Center Needs

Urgent needs are: full size shampoo, feminine products (moderate and super), adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, size 4 diapers and full size soap bars.

Other needs for summer are: gently used swim suits, beach towels, sunscreen and beach shoes.



Mom's Night Out *Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m. PF Chang's*

All moms are invited to go out and enjoy good food and fellowship. 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.

For more information or reservations, contact **Annette Brown**, 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email Annetteb421@sbcglobal.net. We do not require reservations, so feel free to join us at the last minute.

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going to Chef Ping, a Chinese restaurant on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Hope all of you who are hungry can meet us there. It is on Algonquin Road east of New Wilke Rd

If you have any questions or need a ride, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-885-2311. Please join us and bring a friend for fellowship, fun and good food.

New Bibles

by Jill Wood-Naatz

Have you noticed how often Pastor Sunny invites us to use our Bibles in worship? Have you ever forgotten to bring yours to church? Have you ever looked for a Bible in the sanctuary chairs and not found one?

Well, the times they are a changin'! We have ordered new Bibles, New International Version, for use in worship. The black ones are regular print and the blue ones are large print. These new Bibles are given to *Our Redeemer's* in loving memory of **Wayne Blackburn**, whose family agreed that Bibles are a great way to remember Wayne.

In order to use them more efficiently, they will be available on a cart as you enter the sanctuary. Please take one in order to participate fully in worship. As you leave the sanctuary, place it back on the cart to help keep our sanctuary in order.

Thank you very much to the family of Wayne Blackburn for using his memorial gifts in this way.



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of ORUMC are invited to join in the monthly family campouts through the summer.

- June 3-5 Rock Cut State Park,
Rockford, IL
- July 15-17 Hi Tide Campground,
Leland, IL
- Aug 12-14 Yogi Bear Campground,
Ft Atkinson, WI
- Sept 23-25 Sugar River Forest Preserve,
Durand, IL
- Oct 7-10 Blackhawk Valley
Campground, Rockford, IL

Joe and Diane Rocha, 630-289-3084, are hosts for the June campout. Contact them if you wish to attend.

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

Who Influenced You? (To come to *Our Redeemer's*)

by Bruce Bedingfield

Through the years I've often thought we should have a column in the *Redeemer Review*, "Who influenced (or perhaps who invited) you to come to *Our Redeemer's*?" For if we reflect on who influenced us to come, perhaps we can better influence others to come—others who are in need of a church home.

I never pushed the idea, and I never wrote a piece myself. I was very sorry that I hadn't, for it was **Hal Bascomb** who most influenced me, and Hal died on April 10. (But Hal's family ended up actually comforting me as they reminded me I once shared that fact with him.)

Our family had visited *Our Redeemer's* a little as we were shopping for a church. But I wasn't convinced that ORUMC was the place for me. Yet those were the days of our annual "EMC", Every Member Commitment, some times called "Every Member Canvass." It was our fall stewardship campaign when members would visit the homes of other members, representing the church and inviting financial commitment.

Although we weren't members, somehow we got on the list for a visit. And a couple of members made an appointment to drop by our house one evening. As it turned out, my wife, Gail, couldn't make it, so I was "stuck" with them. And that was my attitude. But one of them was Hal.

I quickly found myself hosting a charming gentleman with a sincere interest in me. It didn't hurt that Hal noticed my books on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, causing us to realize a common interest and starting a conversation that lasted over 20 years. I decided to give the church another try after that night, and it quickly became our new church home.

Thanks Hal! And that begs the question, "Who influenced you to come to *Our Redeemer's*?"

Summer Music Opportunities

Since most of our music ensembles take a break for the summer, it's a great time to include vocal and instrumental soloists and small ensembles in our worship services. If you have a song to share this summer, please contact **Ron Zemke** at 630-837-0283.

While some ensembles take a break, it will be a time of growth for others. Our teen praise band, Ember Days, will transition into two groups this summer. Ember Days will continue on, but as a praise team for high school students only. Those of college age and older will form a new praise team for young adults. Both groups will be rehearsing throughout the summer and sharing their musical offerings at the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact **Ron Zemke** if you're interested in joining Ember Days or the new young adult praise team.



Personal Notes



Births

Congratulations to **Tara** and **Jason Lenhoff** on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Marie on Friday, May 13. Her proud grandparents are **Sue** and **Jerry Zimmeroff!**

Dear Our Redeemer's Family,

One of our greatest joys has been being members of the Our Redeemer's family. Change is part of the cycle of life, filled with many mixed emotions. For our family, leaving all of you will be very difficult, and we pray we will find a new church home filled with the same love and constant support we found here. Thanks for letting us be part of your lives and may God grant you all peace, happiness, good health and love.

Our new address is:

The Pattersons
809 Lake Evalyn Dr
Celebration, FL 34747
847-651-8661

Please give us a call when you visit the Orlando area.

Love,
Paula, Paul, and Jill

Justin Miller

Update - May 23, 12:14 a.m.

First, before all else, our family would like to thank Justin's Facebook friends for the tremendous outpouring of love posted through messages and pictures. You lifted Justin's spirits as you touched his heart in the days prior to surgery when he needed your love and prayers most. Again I will repeat, this is his greatest medicine, and we are so very grateful.

I am thrilled to share that our prayers were answered better than we could have imagined. The brilliant surgeons at Children's Memorial were able to save Justin's scapula, and part of his humerus. Our second blessing came Saturday in the news that the margins around the lymph nodes and chest wall lesion that were removed were clear.

Today we can state that Justin has had all of his cancer removed. I am sure you can imagine how blessed we feel to be able to make that statement. He has been to hell and back and the road ahead will have its challenges, but today we can make that statement that we had prayed for.

Thank you for being a part of that prayer. Your love, prayers, and words of encouragement have helped Justin and our family through this difficult part of his journey more than you will ever know. We thank you for your continued prayers as he faces his next challenges.

Gratefully,
Peggy Miller

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