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Friday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Collecting and Setup

Sunday, May 15, Afternoon Only
Monday to Thursday, May 16-19,
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cleanup May 21, 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 **Sue Brown**, 630-483-8771, or **Diane Rocha**, 630-289-3084. Arrangements can be made to have your rummage picked up. All profits are donated to charity!

ASP Bake Sale

May 20 & 21

The Appalachia Service Project team will hold a bake sale Friday and Saturday during the Rummage Sale with proceeds going toward the ASP youth summer mission trip.



Staff Parish Relations Committee Announcement

On behalf of SPRC, we would like to make an announcement to the congregation about saying “good-bye” to two of our staff—**Marion Kehrberg** and **Paula Patterson**. We would like to extend a special thank you to Marion and Paula first for all of their talents and dedication.

Marion Kehrberg has been our organist for the past 6 years here at *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church. She has faithfully shared her gift of music during that time. She recently turned in her resignation letter and her last Sunday with us will be May 29. We will miss her and wish her well in her new endeavors.

It is with mixed emotions that we send **Paula Patterson** off to her new home in Florida later this month. She has been such a large part of *Our Redeemer's* music, she will surely be missed! She has so graciously shared her talents with us over the past 20 years. She has been the accompanist for Sounds of Grace, co-directed both the Cherub and Joyful Noise Children's Choirs, and played piano for Vacation Bible School as well. Paula has also been singing in the choir as well as supporting other musical areas within our church for many years. Her last Sunday with us will be May 22. We have no doubt that our loss will be Florida's gain!

**Julie Gorvett &
Doug Meneely**
Co-Chairs of Staff Parish

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Martin Luther King, Jr., in *Strength to Love* in 1963, said that nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. This statement really got my attention. I know what I know and I truly don't know what I don't know. Also, I know that there are some things that I am not aware of knowing or not knowing. I believe what I believe. It is a truth I hold in my heart as of now, but it might not be the truth for tomorrow and/or it might not be the truth for others.

I am praying that I don't plead ignorance of God in God's ministry. I am praying that I don't plead conscientious stupidity in God's church. Because of my limitations, I don't know exactly what is right and wrong for everyone. However, I simply share what I know as of now and hope that it will not go against the will of God. I have no power to change anyone, but I believe that the conditions of people's hearts or the situations in people's lives here or in faraway countries can be changed because of prayer.

Therefore, I would like to encourage all of us to pray all the time for ourselves and for others. I am especially asking us to do "intercession." Intercession is a fancy word meaning to pray for someone. Intercession is going before God in prayer on behalf of another person. In *Revelation 7*, God says there will

be people from every nation, tribe, group and language standing before God's throne in heaven. I would like to encourage all of us to play a part in making this happen by praying for other people and nations.



I would like to share the Principles for Prayer & Intercession from *Tracking Your Walk*: Have your Bible handy so God can speak to you through the Word (*Psalms 119:105*). Come to God with a clean heart, confessing your sins to God (*Psalms 139:23-24*). Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray for the right things (*Romans 8:26*). Give your thoughts and worries to God so you can concentrate on what God wants you to pray for (*Proverbs 3:5, 6*). Give God praise and thank God for allowing you to be part of God's mighty works through the power of prayer (*Psalms 150:2*).

Please pay attention to the "Church in Prayer" section of the worship bulletin and remember to pray for at least one on the list weekly if you cannot pray for all of them. Please pray for ORUMC. In addition, please pray for me and for the leaders of ORUMC. I truly believe in the power of prayer. I do believe that some great and mighty works of God will happen sooner or later at ORUMC. So, let us humbly submit ourselves to the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives and God's ministry at ORUMC.

Let us Fully Rely On God (FROG)! Ribbit!
Pastor Sunny



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Graduate recognition

If you or your child will be graduating from high school or college this spring please contact the church office and let us know.

On May 15 we will recognize the graduates at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and that will be followed by a luncheon for the graduates and their families. Please contact the church office by May 8 and let us know if you can be there!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) news

The ASP team will be heading to the mountains June 18-25 this year. We are very excited to be serving. This is ORUMC's 12th year with this ministry!

Our retreat will be May 13-14. It is very important that you are there if you are part of the team, and forms are due at this time. Our final meeting is June 15, 7:00 p.m. at church. We pull out on June 18 at 11:00 a.m. and will return June 25 around dinnertime.

ASP is still in need of a substantial amount of money for the 2011 trip. In the past we have always been blessed with a fairly large amount remaining in the ASP fund after the trip. That was not the case last year. In addition, there is a larger group going on the

trip this year—possibly as many as 65 people. Right now there are 57 people on the list.

Here are the costs of the trip:

- Group registration fee (non-refundable) \$95.00 paid in September with our application
- Volunteer fee deposit (non-refundable/non-transferable) \$11,700.00 for 65 people paid in March.
- Volunteer fee balance \$2925.00 for 65 people due 2 weeks before trip.
- Work crew fee \$4140.00 for 9 crews (7 people per crew) due 2 weeks before trip.
- Transportation (gas and trailer rental) \$3900.00 for 10 vehicles and 2 trailers needed by June 15 so we have it when we go.
- Lodging on the way there \$500.00 donation to church needed by June 15.
- Water for work sites \$1350 for 9 crews needed by June 15.

Total \$24,610

If we end up with only 55 people (which is a possibility) the cost would be \$23,200. We may be able to cut \$200 if we only take one trailer.

Please note that I had to apply for a specific number of people way back in the fall. At the time of the application we had over 80 people on the list. I knew that there would not be that many actually going, so I estimated our number to be 65. When I had to turn in the volunteer deposit we still had close to 65 people telling me that they were going. So, I sent the deposit in for that number. Since March I have had several

people tell me that they could not go on the trip.

As you know we have had several restaurant fundraisers and we just started our “bucket brigade”. We are truly thankful for the support of ORUMC in those endeavors. We will be hosting a car wash from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on May 14 and a bake sale during the rummage sale at church—two fundraisers aimed more at the community.

I have been encouraging all volunteers to ask friends and family outside of ORUMC for donations. We appreciate the donations that we have already received from church members and if you would still like to donate directly any amount is welcome. I am confident that with God all things are possible and I know that if this trip is meant to be we will be funded.

Sincerely,
Marianne Rogenski
Director of Youth Ministries

Sr. High Youth Group

May

- 1 Youth dinner and 633 at church 6-7:30pm
- 8 NO YOUTH GROUP Happy Mother’s Day—love your momma!
- 15 Graduate Recognition and lunch 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group at Xtreme Trampoline with dinner after 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 22 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 29 NO YOUTH GROUP

Be on the lookout for one event in July and one event in August for Jr. and Sr. high!



Bagger Tournament April 30

Education News

by Rev Elizebeth Bowes

“Emotional Roller Coaster”

It has been an emotional roller coaster this year for ORUMC. Lots of change and new beginnings. We learn in reading the Bible that it has been that way for the people of God for a long time. Psalm 8 says that we “mortals” have been made a little lower than God and crowned with glory and honor. Yes! Psalm 14, however, sourly notes, “(Humans) have all gone astray, they are all alike, perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.” Wait, what? Which is it? Reading the Psalms can seem like an emotional roller coaster.

Luckily for us we have incredible men and women of God who lead and teach us how to navigate this emotional terrain.

Sunday, May 15 in the 10:30 worship we will honor those among us who teach and lead us in understanding the stories of God so that our own story makes sense. After worship there will be a brunch for teachers and their families along with graduates and their families.

Sunday, June 12 in both worship services ORUMC’s Confirmation class will confirm their baptism. They too have been on an emotional roller coaster as they have navigated what is means to be a follower of Christ.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be present.

Education May Calendar

PLEASE SIGN-UP to Teach Children’s Summer Sunday School

During the summer months we give our regular teacher’s and their assistants a break from teaching, but our kiddos continue to learn about God’s love.

Summer Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. the second Sunday through last Sunday of the month.

A one-room class structure curriculum is provided. This is a great opportunity for two people to partner up to teach a class or two over the summer. Sign-up is located outside the Education office.

9:00 Children’s Sunday school and 11:30 Confirmation

May 1

9:00AM - No Sunday School

11:30 Confirmation – Lunch – Enriquez family

May 7

8:00 – 4:30 Confirmation retreat to Reynoldswood

May 8

9:00AM – Class: go directly to classroom

May 15

Education Sunday

9:00AM – Last class of the season

10:30 – Honor Teacher’s in worship

11:30 – Education/Graduation Brunch

9:10AM Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the Junior High room and is reading the book “Stories Jesus Still Tells” by John Claypool. Class will be meeting over the summer months. The schedule to be determined class by class.

May 1

NO CLASS

May 8

Chapter 3-The Talents; Matthew 25:14-30

May 15

Chapter 4 - The Great Banquet; Luke 14:15-24

May 22

Chapter 5 - The Petulant Children; Luke 7:31-35

May 29

MEMORIAL WEEKEND - NO CLASS

College and Career Community

Hey ORUMC college and career-types! **Jen Mottar, Liz Gilbert, Becky Gilbert** and **Rev. Elizabeth** met over spring break to start planning some fun stuff for us to do over summer. 1st up - camping over Memorial Day weekend

Interested? We'd go Saturday night May 28 thru Monday, May 30. Let **Rev. Elizabeth** know ASAP if you can go so we can count you IN.

**Planning meeting Sunday, May 22
after 10:30 worship!**

HELP NEEDED ~Ministry Openings

Acolyte Ministry Coordinator

An Acolyte is a minister who assists in leading worship. As leaders in worship, acolytes process the Light of Christ in to our worship time together. At the end of worship they lead in carrying the Light of Christ into the world.

Denise Pepper has faithfully tended to this ministry for 9 years, but now it is time for her to move on, creating an opening in this area. If interested please see **Rev. Elizabeth** or **Jill Wood-Naatz**.

Worship Bag Coordinator(s):

Worship bags are provided for children during worship. A coordinator is needed to tidy up and re-stock the bags between Sundays. If interested please see **Rev. Elizabeth** or **Jill Wood-Naatz**.

Family Ministries Coordinator(s)

Family Ministries plans and offers various family offerings throughout the year. In the past they have been “Open Mic Night”, Advent Festival and Potluck, Movie night, Easter Egg hunt and the Church Picnic.

Gwyn Greenwalt has been heading this up for several years now, but needs to lighten her load. One person or a group of people who each take an event could do this job. If interested see **Pastor Sunny** or **Rev. Elizabeth**.



Worship Schedule

May 1

Pastor Sunny

Explore Your Faith

Hebrews 11:1

May 8

Pastor Sunny

Explore the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22

May 15

Pastor Sunny

Learn to Practice

Philippians 4:1-9

May 22

Music Sunday

All the music groups lead worship.

May 29

Pastor Sunny

Sweet Home

Mathew 18:1-7

Proverbs 4:1-6

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out to John Barleycorn, American Lane at National Parkway, south of Golf Road, on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. Hope all of you who are hungry can join us!

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

Micah Ministries

On behalf of Micah Ministries, I want to thank you for attending the March 3 event, Collaborating for Kids at Risk. We hope you enjoyed this awareness and informative event. For many of us in attendance, it reinvigorated our commitment to help those in need through our caring and social justice ministries. Many of the ministries that ORUMC currently supports benefits children and families in need.

I did want to take this opportunity also to invite you to a book study that Micah Ministries will be starting in May. We will be reading Exodus from Hunger, written by Bread for the World president, David Beckmann.

Here is a link for more information.

<http://www.exodusfromhunger.org/about/>

We will begin discussing this book, Tuesday, May 3, 7:30-9 p.m. If you are interested in joining this book study, let me know and I can get you a book (cost \$10) this week.

Jon Montgomery

Micah Ministries at

ORUMC

Cradle Roll Needs You

This is a fun and easy way to serve our church and our children. Cradle Roll celebrates births, baptisms and birthdays. What better way to be a part of the future of *Our Redeemer's*.

If interested, contact **Paula Patterson**, 847-651-8661.

Katrina Relief Mission

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone 18 years or older who would like to go on the Katrina Relief Mission Trip this summer should attend this meeting.

The dates of the trip are July 23 - July 30. For more information, e-mail **Mary Balk** at mbalk1127@comcast.net.

Community Crisis Center Needs

Hand sanitizer, 1st Aid Items: band aids, antibiotic ointment, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, antacids, throat drops, cough syrup, Benadryl. Clorox wipes, and Clorox Anywhere hard surface spray.

Laundry items: powder detergent and fabric softener sheets. Dishwashing liquid and dishwashing powder/liquid (like Cascade).

Deodorant for men and women, feminine hygiene products. Paper towel/facial tissue, toilet paper. Aluminum foil, plastic wrap and plastic storage bags. Ground coffee (regular and decaf) and ceramic coffee cups.

Children's needs at the Center: After school snacks, juice boxes, individual fruit and pudding cups, granola bars, microwave popcorn and raisins.

Dress up costumes, hats, jewelry, new backpacks, umbrellas, AA, C and (V batteries.

Help Wanted!

Bakers for ASP Bake Sale

May 20 & 21!

On Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 we will have a bake sale fundraiser for the Appalachia Service Project. It will be held along with the annual Rummage Sale here at church.

If you are able to contribute, please label your items and also indicate whether there are nuts, etc. in the baked goods.

Please bring these items to church on Thursday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or anytime on Friday or Saturday morning.



Mom's Night Out

Thursday, May 12,

7:00 p.m.

Riccardo'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.

Future Dates:

June 9 PF Chang's

Pastor Bill Memorial

At the fall ASP President's Forum, **John** and **Edie Machonis** presented \$10,000 from Pastor Bill's memorial funds to the Appalachia Service Project

In consultation with the **Shaw** family it was determined that the money would be used to buy a dump truck for use by ASP. Since all ASP vehicles are named, this truck would be called "**Billie Joe**".

On June 12 a picture of the "Billie Joe" dump truck will be presented in memory of **Pastor Bill** by **David Bryant**, philanthropy chairman of ASP.

Please join our congregation for this special time of remembrance.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday, May 7, 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, May 7 (**a week earlier than normal**).

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

Stewardship Report

At the end of March, we sent an all-church letter detailing our church's financial position. Our goal was to obtain a better estimate of our budget for 2011 and to attempt to close a gap in funding. Thank you to everyone who responded and to everyone who continues to faithfully give to Our Redeemer's. We were able to increase the number of committed givers and to estimate a budget that meets expenses for this year.

We had 61 commitment cards returned, bringing the total when combined with October to 96 commitments. We increased our expected income for 2011 by \$35,000. Thank you! We also had over 80% of the commitments express a willingness to help with prayers, presence and service to the church. Thank you!

While the increase does not repay the \$25,000 from the reserve fund, it does mean that the income should cover expenses for the remainder of the year per the budget approved at the Charge Conference.

The Stewardship committee would like to encourage everyone to be faithful to the commitments you've made and to continue to pray for our church's financial position and the finances of our members, so that we will be able to bless others with the gifts that God has given us.

In Christ,
Ian Rogenski
Dave Pepper



ORUMC Family Camping

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

A group of campers met March 20 to pick dates and campgrounds for the season.

- 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

If you would like to be part of the camping program, call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385, for more information.



Jill, Paula and Paul

Moving On

The musical family at *Our Redeemer's* is losing three cherished members. **Paula Patterson** has been a Chancel Choir member forever and has accompanied the Cherub Choir, Joyful Noise and Sounds of Grace.

Jill Murphy has grown up at *Our Redeemer's* and has been part of the Cherubs, Joyful Noise, Chancel Choir and Ember Days.

Paul Patterson is a member of the Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus, has directed the Band of Angels, and accompanies Paula and Jill's duets. Paul and Paula have also subbed in the Redeemer Ringers.

They will be moving in May to their Florida home (*which is near Disney World*).

They will be missed for their many musical talents and because they are very special people.

Personal Notes



The congregation extends our deepest sympathy to:

The family of **Mary Greiner** who passed away Monday, April 25.

Pam Kempf and family on the death of her father, **Hal Bascomb**.

Dave Pepper and family on the death of his father, **Gerald Pepper**.

Doug Meneely and family on the death of his uncle, **Bob Meneely**.

Sandy Pierson and family on the death of her mother.

Bea Roden and family on the death of her sister-in-law, **Marie Winters**.

The family of **Helene Harper** who passed away March 7.

Births

Congratulations to **Kimberly Echtner** and **Anson Babb** on the birth of their son, **Aidan James**, on Monday, April 11.

His proud grandparents are **Bob** and **Donna Echtner**.

Baptisms

Kellen Patrick Bedingfield was baptized Sunday, May 1 in Milwaukee.

His proud grandparents are **Bruce** and **Gail Bedingfield**.

Anniversary

Congratulations to **Harry** and **Nona Schlinker** on the celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary!



Rebecca Gilbert	5/06
Alec Hill	5/07
Melanie Johnson	5/14
Brian Nordli	5/15
Joshua Kane	5/18
Katherine Sullivan	5/21
Kelley Oster	5/24
Riecee Brock	5/25
Cassandra Pierson	5/25
Daniel Breda	5/26
Marcus Hill	5/28

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