



The Redeemer

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Lenten Journey

The season of Lent is a journey in which we have been given the opportunity to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ while reflecting the life of Jesus in us. During this reflecting time, I've got to think about Methodism. I have been wondering about how to re-ignite the spirit of Methodism within me and the community of faith I am at now. In my reflection I went back to the root of Methodism in 1786.

On August 4, 1786, John Wesley, the founding father of Methodism, wrote, "I do not fear that the Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out."

By the 1780s, Methodism had become a thriving church in America. In England, the Methodists were structured into class meetings, societies and conferences. The warm heart and the missional zeal had been institutionalized, and the survival of the institution seemed certain, and yet, Wesley feared that the spirit and power of Methodism were already being threatened. He observed that Methodists had become prosperous as a result of their discipline, frugality and diligence. But, according to Wesley, as they increased their wealth, the Methodists decreased in dependence upon grace. Self-reliance replaced dependency upon God and one another. Complacency and personal comfort replaced compassion and identification with the poor. Self-discipline and accountability gave way to self-indulgence and excessive individualism.

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Accompanying Wesley's warning of the demise of authentic Methodism was his construct for avoiding such a fate. **First**, the Methodists hold fast to the doctrine of the faith. Knowing God with the heart and the head is one means of our avoiding having the form of religion and lacking the power. Doctrine matters as it results in knowing God and experiencing God's grace in our lives. We are what we believe!

Second, Wesley admonished the people called Methodist to practice the means of

grace...those holy habits which connect us to God and open us to the movement of the Spirit as the character of Christ is developed within us. We are to be a praying, worshipping, studying, communing, conferencing, baptizing, serving, caring, justice-working, faith-sharing people of the strangely warmed heart. So...how is it with your soul?

Third, Wesley spoke of the way we are to use our material resources. He admonished the Methodists to avoid decreasing in grace as they increased in wealth by "earning all you can, saving all you can, and giving all you can." In other words, how we earn and use our resources as individuals and institutions determines our future vitality as God's people. If someone were to look at the stewardship of your life, would they be able to see evidence of the Lordship of Christ? Do you set the believers an example in faith and practice by tithing? How about our community of faith?

God is not finished with the Wesleyan-Methodist people, whom Wesley said God had raised up "to reform the nations, beginning with the church, and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the lands." *The world we live in needs the Wesleyan-Methodists to exist not as a dead sect...but as a living, vital movement...a community shaped by and empowered by God's grace.* Let us be a true Methodist Christian FROG to leap our faith and love for Christ who is risen indeed!

Happy EASTER

~Ribbit!

~*Pastor Sunny*

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Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Anniversary Celebration officially begins **Palm Sunday, April 13** with the founding pastor, Rev. Wayne and Carol McArthur. Rev. McArthur will speak at both services. There will be time for fellowship between and after services. We also plan a luncheon at a local restaurant after second service. If you would like to join the McArthurs and their family for lunch, please sign up in the Narthex by April 6. The cost of lunch will be at your own expense plus a donation for the McArthur family.

Please feel free to invite anyone who knows the family to attend church and go to lunch. Just make sure that everyone makes a lunch reservation.

We will honor a former pastor each month during the celebration.

May 11 - we will have a video message from **Fred Rickleff**.

June 15 - **Peter Lovell** will speak on behalf of **Doug DeGraaf** (deceased).

July 13 - **Jay Walkington** will speak (note date change – Jay had been July 20).

August 17 - **Orrell Ruth** will speak.

September 14 - The Shaw family will honor **Pastor Bill**. Pastor Bill's sons will lead the service—**Tim** speaking and **Dan** singing.

Each month, we will highlight God's ministry under each pastor's serving time. We will plan for fellowship and lunch at a local restaurant with reservations required as above.

The celebration ends on **Sunday, October 12** (the Sunday nearest the Charter Day). On this day, we will have ONE worship at 10:00 a.m. with the Northern Illinois Annual Conference **Bishop Sally Dyck** preaching and the Elgin District Superintendent Rev. **Oscar Carrasco** greeting. A celebration potluck (it's traditional) luncheon will follow the service.

We need your help to contact especially our out-of-town *Our Redeemer's* friends. We would like everyone to be aware of the celebration and to participate however they might. We know of several who plan to attend and we are looking forward to those reunions. We would also welcome letters and pictures from our friends celebrating their part of *Our Redeemer's* history.

The anniversary committee could use your help. If you would like more information, would like to help with the October 12 potluck, have pictures or other history of *Our Redeemer's*, please contact **Bruce Bedingfield**, 847-934-6410.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

30 Hour Famine News

Thank you once again to all who helped with the famine—it was a wonderful weekend with incredible and inspiring teens and adults.

The 19 youth who participated raised \$5902.31!!!! This is enough to help and take care of 168 children for one month. Amazing job everyone!

Youth Group Schedule

April

- 6 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 13 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 20 NO YOUTH GROUP—Happy Easter!
- 27 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

May

- 4 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm
- 11 NO YOUTH GROUP--
Spend time with your mom!
- 18 Graduate Recognition and lunch
10:30am-1:00pm
NO YOUTH GROUP

If you know someone who will graduate from high school or college this year please call the church office and let us know!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

We still have room on our team if you are interested—see Marianne for details!

Our next meeting is for Adult Leaders only and is on April 22, 7:00pm.

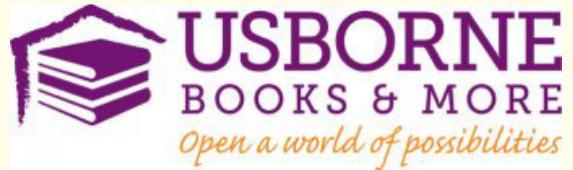
Our day retreat is May 17. Please make every effort to be there.

ASP Fundraisers

Thank you to all who ate at Panda Express on March 16!

We will have a fantastic book sale on April 6 after each worship service!

Kim Lilley, the mom of an ASP partici-



pant, is a Senior Team Leader with Usborne Books & More. Usborne Books & More offers the most exciting, engaging, and educational books on the market today for babies, toddlers, and teens.

Shop on April 6 for Easter basket ideas, birthday gifts, baby shower gifts, and “just because” gifts! You will find engaging books to read, amazing activity books, interactive internet-linked books, touchy-feely textured books, homework helpers, rainy day life-savers, and more!

If you would like to preview the books

online, or if you are unable to make it to the book fair on April 6, feel free to shop through this link for the ORUMC-ASP Fundraiser:

<https://v1838.myubam.com/44262>

The ORUMC-ASP mission trip will receive up to 50% of the total sales from this book fair in books that will be taken on the trip and donated to the families being served. Kim Lilley will also donate her commission to the ASP fund.



Education News

by Marianne Rogenski

SAVE THE DATE! **VBS will be July 14-17!**

If you are interested in directing or co-directing this year please see Marianne.

If you are interested in helping in other ways see Marianne.

We can't wait for an exciting week this summer!

April 20 - Easter Sunday

There will be NO Sunday School on April 20—Easter Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt **April 20, 10-10:30am**

Come out and look for those eggs! We will hide eggs outside if the weather permits—if not, the hunt will be in Wesley Hall.

We need donations of individually wrapped candy. Please have this in the church office by April 15.



David Rocha	4/7
Aidan Babb	4/11
Hannah Greenwalt	4/15
Devin Klocko	4/19
Jeremy Miller	4/21
Matthew Dean	4/27
Aubrey Balk	4/29

Faith In Action Team April 8 Springfield Trip

by Annette Brown

Members of the ORUMC Faith In Action Team (FIAT) will be joining with members from 60 other CRS (Community Renewal Society) churches and taking an all day trip to Springfield on Tuesday April 8. We would like **YOU** to join us. There is no cost for the trip and it will include your transportation, two meals and training on how to speak to your legislators.

Jesus said to the repentant thief on the cross “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Dismas, as tradition refers to him, acknowledges that he is guilty and justly deserves his punishment, but, regardless, he asks for mercy. Jesus responds by offering him a different kind of justice—a justice not of punishment but of forgiveness and redemption. On the cross and near death himself, Jesus ushers in a justice of compassion and restoration for all creation.

In contrast, our modern day criminal justice system is not as compassionate or redemptive. It is a system designed to administer punishment and marginalize individuals rather than to restore the lives damaged by wrongdoing. This approach leads to harmful public policies and cycles of crime and incarceration that damage lives, destroy communities, and fail to offer restoration.

CRS believes we are called to work towards creating a world that reflects the justice Jesus modeled on the cross. In Springfield we will be advocating for several important bills

currently before the Illinois General Assembly.

Preliminary Hearing. Innocent people can be held in jails across Illinois for up to 30 days without being charged with a crime. We are working to reduce the length of time people wait in jail between being arrested and being formally charged at a preliminary hearing from 30 days to 10 days. Making this change will result in releasing innocent people quicker and preventing the loss of jobs and housing, and damaging family relationships. This will also save resources that can be better used to fund community programs to address violence.

Mandatory Minimums. We continue our opposition to mandatory minimum sentencing, a policy that perpetuates the false idea that harsh punishment reduces crime. Mandatory minimum sentences do not consider circumstances, such as the age of the individual and severity of the crime, and disregard judges’ discretion in sentencing.

Absolute Bans. Illinois state law makes it illegal for employers in schools, park districts, metropolitan transit, and healthcare to hire otherwise qualified candidates if they have a criminal record. We are working to remove life-time bans to employment in these industries for people with records. Removing these barriers will open doors to opportunities for thousands of individuals who have paid their debt to society and need employment to provide for their families.

During this Lenten season, we urge you to join us in this quest for justice. We need your voice in Springfield. Each time you engage a

legislator you make a witness to the justice of forgiveness and restoration that Jesus demonstrated on the cross. One conversation at a time, we can change minds, turn hearts, and transform our world.

If you can not make it on April 8th, but still want to put your faith into action you can join us at 7pm April 17th at the Roselle Village Hall for Michelle Mussman's Townhall Meeting. If you have any questions or want to sign-up please contact a FIAT member.

Evangelism Committee - US

At a recent Ad Council meeting the work of Evangelism Committee was discussed. **Bruce Bedingfield** presented a survey that suggested that WE (all of us) do the most important work of the Evangelism Committee – inviting new people into the church.

The Survey

A survey conducted by the Institute of Church Growth found the following range of percentages of ways men and women responded when asked, "How did you come to Christ *and the church?*"

“Walk-ins” (just showed up)	4-6%
Influenced by a particular minister	4-7%
Liked the church program	2-4%
Responded to visitation efforts	1-2%
Reached by the Sunday school	4-6%
An evangelistic TV program	0.1%
Influence of friends and relatives	75-85%

If you would like copies of a letter inviting your neighbors or local friends to *Our Redeemer's* this Lenten season, please contact **Donna** in the office.

UMW Annual Rummage Sale

April 26 - Set up Wesley Room

April 27 to May 1 - Accept Items

May 2 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Sell

May 3 – 9 a.m. to Noon - Sell

May 3 Noon - Pack & Clean Up

Beginning on Sunday, April 27 after the second church service we will be accepting treasures for our ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE in the Wesley Room. We will be ready to take your treasures each day in the afternoon and evening until Thursday afternoon.

Remember we will NOT be able to take: COMPUTERS, TVS, TIRES, PLUMBING PARTS, BABY CRIBS, MATTRESSES OR CHILD CAR SEATS.

We will need people to help us all week long and of course, on the days of the sales. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in the narthex in April. We also need hangers, paper and plastic grocery bags, and newspapers. Look for drop-off spots near the nursery in April..

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.

If you have any questions or need help getting your treasures to us, please call the church, 847-882-6116, or **Melissa Bland**, 224-653-8236.

Community Crisis Center

The Community Crisis Center could use the following items in the month of April: Powder laundry detergent, HE formula; Fabric softener sheets; Dishwashing liquid (like Joy); Dishwasher powder/liquid (like Cascade); Bleach/cleanser/SOS pads; Dish cloths, towels and sponges; Aluminum foil/plastic wrap/plastic storage bags; Plastic drinking cups/cereal bowls; flatware/kitchen utensils/large storage containers; Ground coffee (regular and decaf); Plastic bed pillows; Bath towels/washcloths (new or gently used).

In addition they are always in need of the following food items:

Non-perishable canned and boxed goods; Canned items with pop top lids; Canned fruit Soups; Ravioli/Spaghetti's/Sloppy Joe Mix; Applesauce; Cereal; Pasta and sauces; Saltine and graham crackers; Fresh fruit (in season); Microwave popcorn/granola bars/fruit and pudding cups; Juice boxes; Instant tea/soft drink mixes (like Kool-aid).

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the closet, left of the desk in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for your generous donations. It is deeply appreciated!



Potato Drop

Saturday, March 29

The UMM in cooperation with the Society of St Andrew are sponsoring a Potato Drop March 29. A semi load of potatoes will be available for pickup at and distribution to local food pantries. Steve Miller will pick up a van load of potatoes and will need help here to unload and deliver potatoes to our local pantries.

If you are available to help Steve, email him at stevemiller@gmail.com. Steve will contact you and arrange the time to meet at church.

UMM District Lenten Breakfast at Woodstock

Saturday, April 12, 7:00 a.m.

All men are invited to attend the annual UMM district breakfast meeting and Lenten service at Woodstock UMC. We will meet at church at 7:00 a.m. and caravan to Woodstock.

This gathering will be in place of our normal April meeting at *Our Redeemer's*.

Please contact Rich Hill, 847-891-1783, if you plan to attend the Woodstock meeting.

Heifer Donations December 2013-January 2014: Thank you!

Due to your generous donations this past holiday season, \$2,869.71 was raised for Heifer International. Your giving translates into life-changing gifts for families and entire communities in the USA and around the world.

From the children who collected money in banks to the adults and families who purchased animals, Micah Ministries would like to extend a big "Thank you!" for supporting this wonderful mission!

Lenten Journey 2014

April 13 (Palm Sunday)- Begin the 50th anniversary celebration of *Our Redeemer's* UMC with the founding pastor, **Rev. Wayne McArthur**, and his family.

April 17 (Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm)- The service will be designed around the drama "The I AMs of Jesus" directed by Sue Zimberoff. It is a joint service with Our Saviour's UMC. Communion will be served.

April 18 (Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm)- "Lessons and Carols from the Life of Jesus" led by Chancel Choir.

April 20 (Easter Sunday): Egg hunt & Easter Services.



Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, March 29, 7:00 a.m.

Meet at the church March 29 at 7:00 a.m. to caravan to the Lake County Habitat for Humanity for site. We usually return by 5:00 p.m.

Call Rob Mottar, 630-682-5890, or Mert Rutledge, 630-289-4334, if you can attend.

MS Fundraiser

Thursday, April 24 @ Riccardo's

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in a fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at Riccardo's Restaurant, 1170 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg.

You can come Thursday, April 24 between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (dine in or carry out). Bring the MS flyer available in the Narthex and 25% of your food bill (exclusive of alcohol, tax and gratuity) will be donated to the MS Society.

Reservations are suggested. Call 847-891-7777.

Can You Imagine No Malaria?

Our Redeemer's Imagine No Malaria task force can. Look for more details on our church's involvement on this important United Methodist Church project starting April 25, World Malaria Day.

Through Imagine No Malaria the United Methodist Church has developed a comprehensive response to help eliminate death and suffering caused by malaria on the continent of Africa by 2015. At 2013 Annual Conference Northern Illinois committed to raise at least \$1,000,000 and save 10,000 lives, through Church Wide Goals, pledges and donations by April 25, 2014 (World Malaria Day).

Bishop Sally Dyck has challenged churches in Northern Illinois to raise \$100 for each person who regularly attends worship. Every \$100 saves a life, and can help end death and suffering caused by malaria.

The conference is sponsoring a benefit concert April 27 at Barrington UMC for Imagine No Malaria. Information follows.

***Benefit Concert for
Imagine No Malaria
April 27, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.***

***Music to fight Malaria- World Malaria
Day Concert***

On World Malaria day, April 25, is the day to turn in pledges. The goal of the Northern Illinois Conference is to reach \$1 million

dollars. As a celebration please join us for a concert on April 27 from 3-4:30 pm at Barrington UMC to sing, dance and listen to music to mark our success and praise God for working through us. A variety of musical styles will be present to help us rejoice the amazing fundraising efforts around the conference.

Tickets to the show are \$10 (in advance or at the door) and we will announce the total money raised by the conference to date at the event.

Find more information at www.umcnic.org/imaginenomalaria as the date approaches.

Tornado Recovery Mission Washington, IL May 15-17

Our Redeemer's is offering a short-term weekend mission opportunity for those who are not able to be away from home and work for a week. It's a 2 ½ -3 hour drive to get to the mission work site from Schaumburg.

Please speak to **Nancy Schmidt** at nes1248@yahoo.com or 847-490-0124 if you are interested.



Personal Notes



Dear Pastor Ahn:

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Melody Beattie

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Community Crisis Center at George Van De Voorde Place thank you for your donation of food and office items on 3/11/2014. Your support provides essential services to individuals and families in crisis.

The Crisis Center responds to the need of individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness. Services include a 24-hour hotline, a shelter for 40 women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems. ***Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Center has grown to serve more than 6,000 people each year.***

The Crisis Center is committed to providing essential services to those in need. We are grateful for the support we receive; it does “bring peace for today” and allows us to “create a vision for tomorrow”.

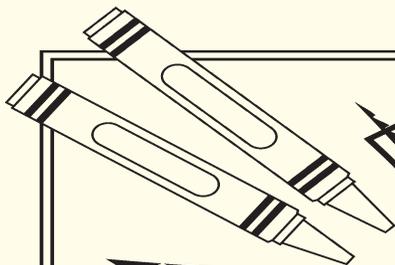
We are indeed fortunate to have individuals, organizations and businesses as partners in working to make a difference in the lives of others. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Peace,
Gretchen Vapnar
Executive Director

We would like to again express our sincere gratitude to all of you, our wonderful church family, for your continued love, support, and prayers as we have lived one year without our Justin. This journey would have been impossible without all of you.

Justin wanted to be an organ donor but his disease only allowed their use for desperately needed research studies. His corneas, however, were able to be donated. We were notified that a woman and a young child were given the gift of sight through Justin’s gift. We share this story because we truly believe that this world would be a better place if we all took the time each day to look at it through Justin’s eyes.

With thankful hearts,
The family of
Justin Paul Miller



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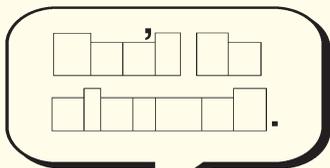
HE HAS RISEN!

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were surprised to meet an angel at Jesus' empty tomb.

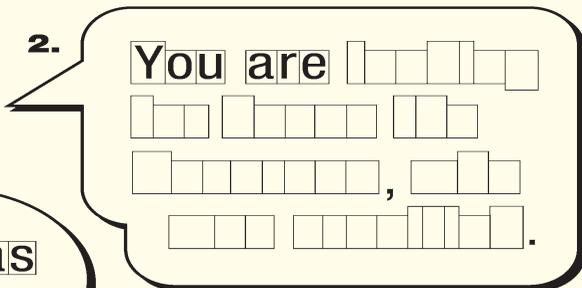
Directions: Use the word shapes to complete the angel's message, in Mark 16:6 (NIV).

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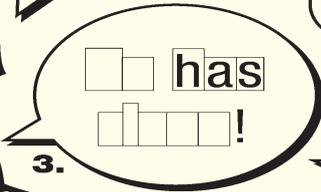
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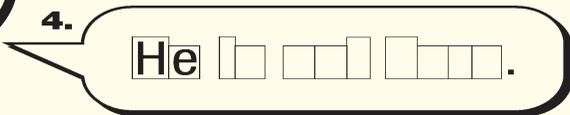
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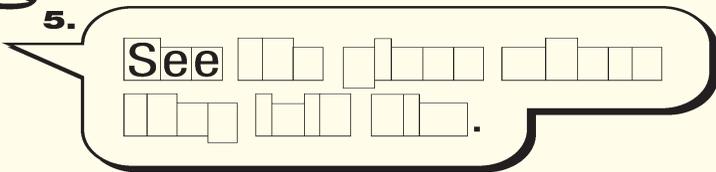
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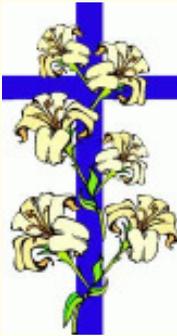
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Answer: 1. Don't be alarmed. 2. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. 3. He has risen! 4. He is not here. 5. See the place where they laid him.



EASTER FLOWERS

by JoAnne Gregorash

The winter has been one for the record books and I am sure I am not alone in eagerly awaiting spring. I also eagerly await Easter, the day when we can celebrate once again, the Risen Lord. Together we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to us that as Jesus overcame death, so then shall we. What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by filling the church with flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Lord.

We invite all who love to celebrate Easter with the beauty of flowers to join with us in this most holy of celebrations. Here at Our Redeemer's we purchase flowers and then "lend" our flowers to the church until after Easter when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We order them and arrange them for all to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Then you take them home and enjoy them there.

To participate, you may order a lily or tulip or hyacinth. Please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex or in the offering plate. We are using a new florist this year and the prices of this year's flowers are \$12.25 for lilies, tulips or hyacinths. ***Palm Sunday (April 13th) is the deadline for placing your order.*** I have promised our new florist that I will phone in the order on Monday, the 14th without fail. ***We ask that you please order early to help with this goal.***

Name _____ Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$) _____ Tulip (\$) _____ Hyacinth (\$) _____

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