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Wesley Covenant Service

It has been the practice of the people called “Methodist” to start the new year with the “Wesley Covenant Service.” This liturgical practice has been adopted by the Church to provide an opportunity for renewal and reflection.

Some may shy away from using the term “liturgy” because it seems archaic or too rigid in its form. Others enjoy the beauty of words and with the singing of hymns, invites us to walk with God.

Liturgy is translated as “work of the people” and in ancient times denoted “public service.” Work and service are both external demands which benefit the community that we belong to. But there is also a different dimension. It is the presence of the Spirit of the living God.

St. Paul writing to Timothy said to “come before winter”. He was writing in the midst of difficult circumstances but believed that the ministry for Christ was not in vain.

While the seasonal calendar says it’s winter and the days are shorter and the nights are darker and longer, we can understand those words “come before winter.” Come, so that we can be together and it is a request familiar for many.

January 4 begins our Epiphany season which is all about the manifestation of our Lord and the presence of the Magi or Three Kings to the manger site to honor Jesus, the new born King.

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As we begin the New Year we invite you to join the story of faith already in progress. Where are you in the story?

Each one of us plays a vital role and it is not by mere chance encounter. We will observe the “Wesley Covenant Service” to lead us forward.

Many beautiful things are ahead of us. Calendars are filling up and we may be in the habit of being busy again. Here is the final prayer for the service:

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you;

Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

See you in the covenant place,
**Rev. Romir R.
Esguerra**

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Sound System Installed

The new sound system was installed between December 3 and 10. The old equipment has been removed and the new equipment has been installed, checked out and used in services starting December 12.

Training will occur soon to learn all the features of the new system and train the whole tech team.

Many thanks are in order to all of those who have donated to the sound system project over the years.



Installation Complete



Final Adjustments



Operational



Youth News:

by Marianne Rogenski

Happy New Year to all!

We have some exciting things coming up in the next couple of months so please take a look at the schedule!

December 31 SR HIGH ONLY

New Year's Eve Party 7:30pm-1am

*If you would like to bring a small snack to share that would be great!

*Please invite friends—and let Marianne know if you will be there by 12/27

January 4 NO YOUTH GROUP

January 11, 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

January 18, 8:00 am-6:00 pm Youth Ski Trip

January 25, 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

Ski Trip on January 18

We will meet at church at 8:00 am and return around 6:00 pm. Please send money for lunch at Wilmot Mountain. Cost is \$55 if you are skiing and \$65 if you are snowboarding. This includes lift ticket, equipment rental, and a 30 minute lesson if wanted. If you would like to rent a helmet (highly rec-

ommended) it is an additional \$10. \$10 will be given back once rentals are returned.

*Feel free to invite friends!

*Marianne needs to know you are going by January 4 and needs money (cash—exact amount) by 1/11.

*We need parents who are willing to drive—you can ski/snowboard, but you don't have to!

February 1, 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

February 8, 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

February 15, 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

February 22, 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group @ ORUMC

February 27-28 30 Hour Famine Friday 6:00 pm-Saturday 10:00pm

March 1 Famine Sunday Both services NO YOUTH GROUP

30 Hour Famine

*30 Hour Famine is coming soon—2/27-28! Consent forms and participant packets will be available right after Christmas.

*This is an amazing experience for all youth in 7th-12th grades. We go on a juice fast for 30 hours (drinking only water and 100% fruit juice) and spend time together doing Bible study, discussing hunger, playing games, serving others, and much more! Participants raise money for World Vision. Please see Marianne after Christmas if you are interested..

March 1 is Famine Sunday

Participants will be presenting the message at both worship services.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

ASP is a home repair ministry in the Appalachia Mountains. The motto is to make homes warmer, safer, and drier, but ASP is also a relational ministry. It is a very rewarding experience for youth who have completed 8th grade through graduated 12th grade.

We are going to serve in Appalachia June 13-20, 2015. If you are interested in going please contact Marianne if you have not already. We are hoping to find a few more people for the team so if you know someone who is interested please invite them.

Our first team meeting will be **January 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm** at church. Please plan on attending!



Ian Klocko	1/5
Morgan Schmidt	1/20
Megan Gaska	1/26
Hayley Dombek	1/28
Conner Dierbach	1/28
Daniel Launhardt	1/30

Education News:

There will be NO Sunday School on December 28—please feel free to enjoy the worship service with the whole family!

One Room Sunday School resumes on January 5, 2015. We are having a great year so far—if your child would like to invite a friend they are always welcome.

On January 10 the education committee will be hosting a movie and pizza night.

All Sunday School students should come in their PJs (or other comfy clothing), bring a pillow and blanket, and come ready to watch **Frozen!**

We will be meeting from 5:00-8:00 pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Marianne. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex beginning December 28.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Can you believe it is already time to think about VBS?!

VBS will come to ORUMC July 20-23, 2015. It will be an evening program once again and we will be using the Cokesbury curriculum, G-Force. Mark your calendars now!

Acolyte Training:

Pastor Romir and **Marianne** will be training acolytes on January 7, 5:00-5:30 pm. If you have a child who is in 2nd grade or older and is interested, please let Marianne know. Please RSVP to Marianne for training by January 2.

Faith in Action Assembly

January 19, 2015

9:30 am-12:00 pm

by Jill Wood-Naatz

You are invited to join your ORUMC Faith in Action Team at the King Day assembly to be held at Liberty Baptist Church in Chicago on January 19.

The assembly will include worship and historical witness to Dr. King's legacy, a public meeting with decision makers, and action items on current campaigns.

Cook County Board President, **Tony Preckwinkle**, will be present to celebrate with us the \$500,000 made available in the 2015 budget for restorative justice. Our ultimate hope is to prevent violence and end unjust incarceration. Please join us at the assembly and let your voice be heard.

You may sign up for the assembly in the narthex on January 4 and 11. Look for people in bright orange tee shirts if you have questions. We will meet at the church and car pool to Liberty Baptist Church together.

Your Faith in Action team members are **Annette Brown, Jack Denny, Ellen Kobylewski, and Jill Wood-Naatz.**

Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Now that winter is officially here, medicine chest items are greatly needed at the CCC. All items must be new, sealed and with current dates:

- Non-alcohol cough syrup and non-asprin pain reliever (for adults and children)
- Antacids
- RID shampoo
- Anti-Diarrhea medication
- Orajel
- Pedialyte
- Band-aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Gauze, adhesive tape
- Disposable thermometers
- Peroxide, rubbing alcohol
- Facial tissues

Baby Needs

- Disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups)
- Diaper wipes
- Formula
- Baby bottles, cups with lids

Food and snacks

- Non-perishable canned and boxed goods
- Canned items with pop top lids
- Canned fruit
- Soups
- Applesauce
- Cereal

Please leave all items for the Community Crisis Center in the bins labeled CCC, in the cabinet in the Narthex, left of the desk.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donations.



**United Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, January 10, 8:00 a.m.**

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, January 10, at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast, we will have a Bible study and discussion.



**Habitat
January 17,
7:00 a.m.**

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church January 17 at 7:00 a.m. We will carpool to the Lake County Habitat site and spend the day helping work on a Habitat house. We return to church by 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge**, 630-289-4334, if you have questions.

*You can see the
Grouches performance
on Facebook/ORUMC*

**Don't Let the Grouches Steal
Your Christmas**

Presented by the Book of Acts Dec 7



Most of the Grouches & Management



Grouch of Gift Wrapping



Grouch of Christmas Cards



Personal Notes



Sound System Thanks

Special thanks to **Steve Miller** for leading the team that helped develop requirements, plan the system, obtain estimates, communicate the financial needs to the congregation and finally execute the purchase order.

Special thanks also to **Glen Hollingsworth** for organizing the booth construction. The following participated in various parts of the project.

Develop specifications

Peggy Gire	Mark Harris
Steve Miller	Marshall Nystrom
Ron Zemke	Sue Zimmeroff

Booth Construction

Mark Harris	Rich Hill
Alec Hill	Glen Hollingsworth
Jerry McDaniel	Marshall Nystrom
Jeff Oster	

Installation

Glen Hollingsworth	Jeff Oster
Steve Miller	Marshall Nystrom

Many people have helped make the sound system a reality by running various fund raisers, making memorial contributions and contributing to the sound system fund.

Thank you all!

New Grandchild

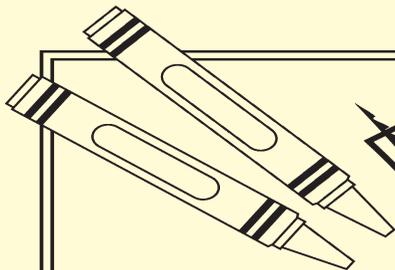


We have a new baby! **Logan William Rogers** born on Wednesday, December 3. Parents are **Mandy** and **Patrick Rogers**.

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

OOPS - Missed the December birthdays

Blake Breda	12/7
Joseph Dombek	12/8
Dominic Gomes	12/27
Matthew Young	12/5
Meghan Lowry	12/6
Chalisa Kulprathipanja	12/14
Abigail Hill	12/21
Jill Murphy	12/22
Brendan Gorvett	12/27
Nick Pope	12/29



PUZZLE

One Baptism

The “one” theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John’s message about baptism in Mark 1:4.

hope

Spirit

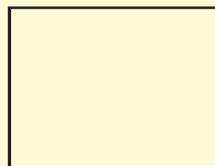
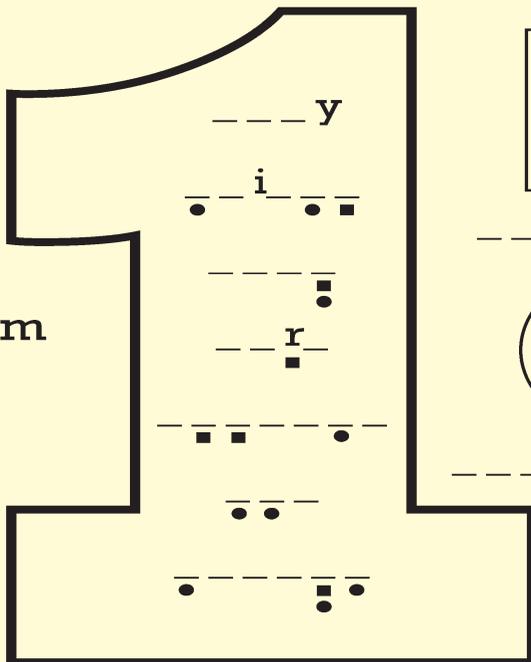
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baptism

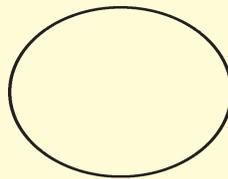
Lord

Father

God



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Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

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