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Pentecost Moment

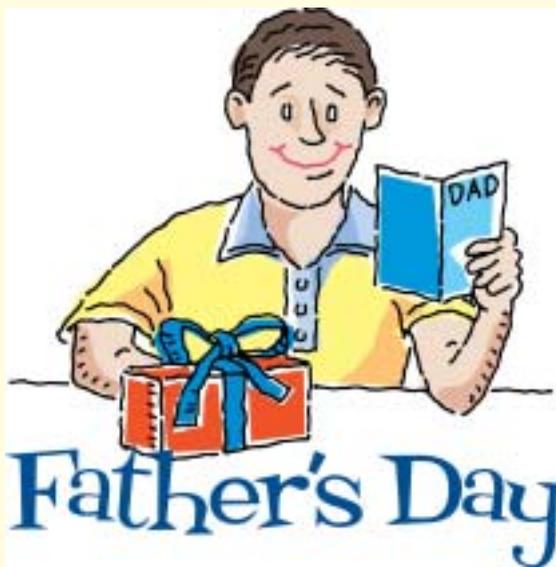
The Church celebrated Memorial Sunday, Aldersgate Sunday, Heritage Sunday and Pentecost, all combined in one worship service. It is hard to pick and choose in addition to Confirmation Sunday and Baptism. Aldersgate Sunday and Heritage Sunday are part of the United Methodist narrative about John Wesley's conversion experience in which he professed that "my heart was strangely warmed." I stood on that street where there is a historical marker and I wonder about a particular moment in time when a memory becomes a powerful and sacred place in our hearts.

It is a Pentecost moment. It is a movement of the spirit. I learn to be more appreciative of the gifts of the spirit. It is hard to capture in one sweep and assign it to one of the many "theological boxes" in our ministry.

What I do claim is that the spirit of God will lead us into transformed lives and we have a way to express this in our *worship, prayer, service, gifts and connection to the community*.

Pentecost is, in a sense, the birthday of the church. In the book of Acts 2, it described the gathering of the disciples in one room, and suddenly the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. The "spirit" descended on the crowd and they started to speak in different languages.

The Good News here is that they were able to comprehend each other. The Gospel writer Luke is saying that this is now the new community restored by the Spirit of the living God. Whatever we are doing is "God inspired and God breathed."



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What is your Pentecost moment? Where have you experienced the gift of the Holy Spirit? I made a feeble attempt at planting some flowers in the backyard in the parsonage. There is this big planter and I pulled out the weeds and planted several flowers, the variety of which are unknown to me. I watered the plants and the soil just kept receiving and soaking the plants after I poured about 4 gallons of water. I am expecting that the water will overflow and that is a sign to stop. It never overflowed. I was told years ago that flowers can speak to one another and some flowers orient themselves to the radiant sun. I play only a small part in the stewardship of these plants.

I invite all of you at Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church and our network of friends to be caught up in this Pentecost moment. There are so many opportunities to make a life changing difference. Enjoy this summer time of refreshment. Pray without ceasing, give thanks generously and offer our gifts with a grateful heart in all seasons.

See you in the refreshment place,
Pastor Romir R. Esguerra

Members of ORUMC Putting Faith into Action

On Tuesday, May 12, 4 members of ORUMC joined over 500 people from approximately 60 churches in the Chicago area at the capitol in Springfield. We were on the bus at First UMC in Arlington Heights at 6:00 am and returned around 8:00 pm. The purpose of our trip was to put pressure on legislators regarding 3 issues.

1) Police accountability reform which includes 3 requests: to establish clear policy guidelines for police body-worn camera programs, to end stop and frisk discriminatory tactics, and to prevent the destructions of police misconduct records.

2) To agree to only vote for a fiscal year 2016 budget which includes additional state revenue for adequate funding for public education, human services, public safety, and health care.

3) To vote for HB 494 which has passed out of the House. It will eliminate absolute bars to employment in education for people who have served prison time for non-violent drug related offenses. The Illinois State Board of Education has endorsed this bill.

We met with Rep. Mussman, Rep. Crespo, and Sen. Kotowski to discuss these issues. All in attendance were there to meet with designated legislators.

A service of prayer, testimony, and singing was held inside the capitol and led by our Community Renewal Society administrative director, Rev. Curtiss DeYoung and other

pastors of member churches. Organizers and policy team members of CRS continued for several days to follow up on our work.

In our hearts we believe that advocating for those who are treated unjustly is what Jesus would do. We invite you to join us at future actions. We are constantly working to promote economic and racial justice in Illinois. We are finding that changing policy is a very slow process and appreciate your prayers of support and words of encouragement.

Those who attended are **Roberta Conrad, Joanne Gregorash, Ellen Kobylewski, and Jill Wood-Naatz**. Members of our Faith in Action Team include **Annette Brown, Jack Denny, Ellen Kobylewski, and Jill Wood-Naatz**. Please contact any of us with questions or for more information.

Your Church Needs You!

Please join the Trustees for a 'Spring Spruce Up' on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00-4:00. Come for the day...Or come for an hour!

Here are the projects that need to get done: landscaping/gardening; drywall repair; painting; front sidewalk repair; and sanctuary chair cleaning.

If you are coming for the day, please bring a sack lunch! Please sign-up on the green poster hanging in the Narthex OR contact **Rob Mottar** at mottarcr@yahoo.com or **Mary Balk** at mbalk1127@comcast.net ASAP.



Youth News:

by Marianne Rogenski

Thank you to all of the youth group leaders and the youth and families for making youth group such a huge success this year!

We went through the entire book of Romans and really had meaningful discussions about what this meant for our lives today—we have amazing teens in our church family!

We will have a couple of youth events this July and August—keep an eye out for more info.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP): Our ASP team leaves on June 13 to travel to Bland County, Virginia, and returns on June 20. Thank you for all of your support!

We made \$1500 at our car wash/bake sale on May 9—WOW!



Education News:

by Marianne Rogenski

Thank you to all teachers, assistants, and families for making Sunday School such a huge success this year—it was so fun!

There will be no Sunday School in the summer, but there will be a children's message each week at our one worship service—10am on Sundays.

Rally Day is September 13—that is when Sunday School will start again.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 20-23, 6:30-8:30pm. There will also be dinner at 5:30 for all volunteers and their families.

If you would like to help please see **Jamie Addams** or **Sarah Calderwood**.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

Come and have a great time with G-Force!



ASP Bake Sale and Car Wash



Teacher/Helper, Mentor, Graduate - Recognition & Luncheon



Music Sunday

Who is Our Neighbor

by Bruce Bedingfield

(with help from the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:29-37)

As an Ad Council we've been asking some pertinent questions lately. We've been asking, of course, how we can be church to the community. And as we do, we can ask just what is the community we're in? We began the discussion earlier this year by asking how we can invite our neighbors to be a part of ***Our Redeemer's*** IF they do not have a church home.

Yet like the "expert on the law", we can begin by asking just "who is our neighbor?" I have always thought of this as being a neighborhood church. Many of you live in this neighborhood. And from the beginning I've felt sensitive to the fact that I don't. We live in the land north of Willow Creek. But since we are a part of ***Our Redeemer's***, everyone living close to this church is my neighbor, is our neighbor, and everyone living in Schaumburg and the adjacent towns lives in our community.

Let me suggest, however, that as we reach out to the neighborhood and to the community we will not see a single - not one - man attacked by robbers, beat up, and left half-dead. I certainly hope we don't, and all the more hope we don't see any women in that condition.

But I feel quite confident - I can even guarantee - there are people out there who have profound needs. We know there are those who are hungry - we've fed them in the past, and we can continue to feed them. We know there are the homeless. Our church has served them in the past; perhaps we can serve them again. And we already know there are children who need tutoring.

Yet I believe there is an even deeper and much more prevalent need. In this neighborhood and community there are children who have never had a Sunday school teacher - perhaps no one at all who have talked to them about Jesus, or even God. In this neighborhood and community there are teens and other young people who are trying to figure out what life is all about, and what their future should be. There are middle aged parents perplexed on how to be a better influence for their children, their family. And there are older people who are just lonely - people who would love an opportunity for fellowship, for human communication and company - if only on a Sunday morning.

So these are not people left unclothed and beaten by robbers. But they too are people who need our attention, our love, and just maybe, need our church.



Music Banner

A new music banner was presented on Music Sunday, May 17. The banner was requested by the Music Committee, designed by **Caitlin Zemke** and made by **Mary Illg** and **Carolyn Meneely**.



Dear ORUMC Members

by Sally Donaldson

Summer is quickly arriving and The Community Crisis Center has some special needs at this time of year.

Summer Needs: new socks/slippers/underwear, summer pajamas for women and children, swim suits (new or gently used), sun block lotion, mosquito repellent, box & oscillating fans, umbrellas

Shelter Needs: aluminum foil/plastic wrap/plastic storage bags, ground coffee (regular and decaf), paper towels/ toilet paper/ napkins/ facial tissues, styrofoam cups/ plastic ware/ paper plates

Food & Snacks: non-perishable canned and boxed goods, juice boxes, instant tea/ kool aid, canned fruit, pinto beans (dry)

Please place your donations for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins in the cabinet to the left of the information desk located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generous donations. Your gifts mean so much to those in crisis.



Habitat - May 2

United Methodist Women

June 2, 6:30 p.m.

All women of the church and friends are invited to join us for our annual UMW Salad Supper on June 2 in Wesley Hall @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite salad to share and be prepared to have a great evening with your church friends.

We will be assembling Toiletry bags for the Elgin Crisis Center at this meeting.

If anyone has hotel toiletries to donate to this project, please give them to anyone in UMW or leave them in the church office.

Giving Statements

The 2015 giving statements now available include your pledge and giving amount from January to April. Please review the pledge amount and give any corrections to Donna.

If you have pledged an amount each quarter, the pledge amount will be for two quarters, since April is into the second quarter. If you pledged an annual amount, the amount was converted into 50 weekly amounts for entry into the program.

United Methodist Men

June 13, 8:00 a.m.

All men of ORUMC are invited to attend the UMM breakfast meeting on June 13 at 8:00 a.m.



Mother's Day Music



Personal Notes



Baptisms

Sunday, May 24 - Ashlynn Rose Herbig
Daughter of **Bryan** and **Tiffany Herbig**
Granddaughter of **Jill Wood-Naatz & Jim Naatz**

Sunday, May 31 – Sophia Marie Stehlin
Daughter of **Jeannette Rollins** and **Brian Stehlin**
Granddaughter of **Mary & Don Stehlin**



Thank You

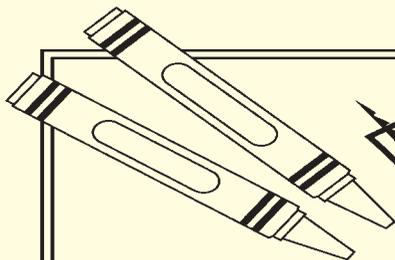
A huge thank you to all who took the time to eat at Riccardo's during the M.S. fundraiser. It was a huge success. Thanks to you and the generosity of Riccardo's owners \$1,000.00 was raised for research and awareness. It was a wonderful time of fellowship.

Thanks again for your on-going support.
John, Edie, Jim, Laura, and Chris Machonis



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| Mark Nordli | 6/4 | Billy Esposito | 6/21 |
| Morgan Higgins | 6/6 | Joel Schwartze | 6/21 |
| Robert Nordli | 6/13 | Chris Johnson | 6/22 |
| Meghan Taylor | 6/13 | Kevin Machonis III | 6/22 |
| Kanitta Kulprathipanja | 6/18 | | |

Our birthday records have not been updated for quite a while. If we have missed your child's birthday (or yours), please give Donna in the office a call with your dates.



PUZZLE

Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

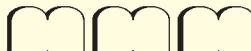
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| WORD BANK | ask | do | eternal | If | good | good | Why |
| | good | Jesus | life | man | One | Teacher | |

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.
 “There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments.”

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