



# The Redeemer Review

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## Pastor's Corner

### The General Conference and the Methodists

Two significant events are happening within the life of our church. In May 10-26, 2016, the General Conference will convene in Portland, Oregon to celebrate, re-define mission, and affirm our call “To go therefore and make disciples of all.” (Matthew 28:19) The General Conference brings together the people called “Methodist”. Another date to bear in mind is May 24. Every year, we lift up “Aldersgate Sunday” to remind us of the experience of John Wesley. In 1738, he returned from the mission field in America, heart broken and seeking new directions for ministry to all. It was at this event in a fellowship meeting that his “heart was strangely warmed.” According to his journal, “I felt I did trust in Christ. Christ alone, for salvation..”

Who are the people called Methodists? Where did we get the “United” in Methodist?” Originally, the term “Methodist” was a label attached to a group of students who

formed a “holy club” in London during the time of Charles and John Wesley. (Charles Wesley composed many beautiful hymns that are familiar to many.) The “Methodists” followed a pattern of daily spiritual discipline and commitment to serve the poor and the outcasts. Many years later, in the United States, Pastor Boehm and Pastor Otterbein embraced saying “Wir sind Brüder!” (we are brethren!). The followers of the Brethren were influenced by the theology of Wesley. The Brethren united with another movement and finally because of shared vision, formed “The United Methodist Church.”

Here is an excerpt from Garrison Keillor —*A Prairie Home Companion*—On the Methodists:

*We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.*

*But nobody sings like them. Many*



*Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.*

*It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.*

*I do believe this: People, these Meth-*

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*odists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.*

*\* If you're dying, they will comfort you.*

*\* If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.*

*\* Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.*

*\* Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.*

*\* Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.*

*\* Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.*

*\* Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.*

*\* Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.*

*\* Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.*

*\* Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously. And finally, You know you are a Methodist when: it's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.*

There you go. "A people called Methodists" here at ***Our Redeemer's***. Together we serve in our diversity. And together we continue to flourish by the grace of God alone.

***Rev. Romir R. Esguerra***

## MS Fund Raiser at Riccardo's April 28, All Day Eat In or Carry Out

Riccardo's Ristorante, 1170 S Roselle Rd, is sponsoring a fund raiser for MS April 28 from 11 a.m to 10 p.m.

Pick up a flyer in the Narthex at church and present it to your server. 25% of your purchase (excluding alcohol, tax & gratuity) will be donated to the National MS Society.

## Mission Opportunity

The Northern Illinois 2016 Annual Conference mission challenge is to re-supply the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, our United Methodist disaster relief center, near Springfield, IL.

The Elgin District is asked to supply Crayons (24 ea. Boxes only) and Pencil Sharpeners (individual manual sharpeners) for School Kits.

Please leave Crayons and sharpeners with Donna in the church office. The deadline for collections is Saturday, June 4.



## Help Wanted Rummage Sale Chairperson / People

The ORUMC Rummage Sale has been a fixture in our community for a long time. Just look at the lines out the door on opening day, or ask the office about the phone calls checking the date - and it is obvious that there are many in the area and in our church family that rely on this service we perform. It is one event that connects people to the church- both with each other and with strangers- and allows us an easy way to meet and serve our neighbors. Yes, we can take our gently used items to Goodwill or Savers, but isn't it more fun to recycle at the Rummage Sale, getting to know some new faces?

For years there were several couples and others that faithfully took on the work to make this happen – and now it's time for some new energy to step up. Let's not make this the year we have to cancel the Rummage Sale! There is a lot of willing help and support, but a leader (or 2 or 3) is needed to take the reins. In the past it has been held in May or August, but that can be changed. Also, although UMW sponsors and supports the sale, there are men that have been so much help that they became honorary UMW members. This important role is open to any and all, not just women!

Please consider prayerfully – and if you are at all interested but have questions or hesitation holding you back, please contact **Julie Kuhn** or **Melinda Taylor**.



by Marianne Rogenski

## Youth News:

May 1 is our youth group end of the school year party. Come from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for fun, food, and more! Bring a snack or dessert to share.

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

Our day retreat is May 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. If you are planning to go on the trip, please be there. Lunch will be provided.

We will be in Knott County, KY, June 11-18. If you would like to send us off on June 11, we meet at church that day at 11 a.m.

ASP Sunday will be June 26, 10 a.m.



Ruby Montgomery	5/6
Allison Walters	5/17
Ryland Watson	5/30

## Education News:

Join us on May 15 at the 10:30 worship service as we recognize our graduates and honor our teachers, youth leaders, and Kids Hope mentors. If you see a teacher, say thanks for all they do!

If you or your child will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please let the church office know!

Sunday School will continue to be offered at the 9 a.m. worship service through May 22.

May 29 begins the summer worship schedule and there is no Sunday School.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is July 11-14! Dinner will be 5:30-6:15 p.m. and VBS is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

If you are able to help that week, please contact Marianne.



## United Methodist Men May 14, 8:00 a.m.

All men of the church are invited to attend the UMM breakfast meeting May 14 at 8:00 a.m.

## **WALK MS-MAY 1, 2016**

We are proud that our team “Crop for a Cause” will be again taking steps to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis by participating in WALK MS on May 1 at Cabela’s in Hoffman Estates.

Every week 200 people are newly diagnosed with MS. Of every dollar we raise approximately 88 cents goes towards programs, services and research to help the 20,000 families statewide and the 400,000 families nationwide touched by Multiple Sclerosis.

We hope that you will consider joining our team at Walk MS this year. To register go to [www.cropforacause.com](http://www.cropforacause.com) and follow the join our team link. If you are unable to join us for the walk you can always sponsor us by making a donation to anyone on our team. Every penny makes a difference!

For more information see us after church or call Edie (847-882-1966) Please send your tax deductible check (made out to the National MS Society) to:

Machonis Family  
18 Dartford Ln  
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Thank you in advance for all of your help, prayers and support!!

**John, Edie Machonis**

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

All friends and women of the church are invited to our next United Methodist Women event on Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Room. This date is set for our ever-popular UMW Annual Salad Supper & Quarterly Business Meeting. Everyone should bring a favorite salad to share, and get ready for a fun evening! The program topic is “Crafts for a Cause”, and we will also talk about the Retreat we had at Wesley Woods the last weekend of April.

Please mark the following dates in your calendars, so that you can take advantage of our interesting and uplifting meetings that are scheduled later in the year:

Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Room- Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting/ Program: Communicating & Connecting

Sunday, November 20- Before and after Church Services / ORUMC- Wesley Room- Heavenly Treats Sale. Set up is Saturday, November 19- Bring your cookies & baked goods.

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Room- Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting /Program: Holiday Happenings / Budget & Allocations and White Elephant gift exchange



## Community Crisis Center

*by Sally Donaldson*

Dear Friends,

The CCC is a non-profit social service agency providing services to individuals and families in Kane and NW Suburban Cook County who are dealing with economic, domestic violence or sexual assault. They are in need of the following items:

**Foods and Snacks:** soup, ravioli, Spaghetti's, chili, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, cereal, pasta and sauces, saltine and graham crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, instant tea and soft drink mixes

**Baby Needs:** formula, baby bottles, cups with lids, diapers

**Women and Children:** summer pajamas, swim suits (new or gently used), sunblock lotion, mosquito repellent, box & oscillating fans, umbrellas

**Toiletries:** disposable shavers, deodorant (men & women) hand and body lotion

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 so much for your generous and thoughtful donations. Your gifts mean so much to those in crisis.

## Adult Mission Trip July 16-23

*by Mary Balk*

The Adult Mission team will be going to Detroit, MI this summer to help flooding victims from the record rainfalls they experienced back in August 2014.

That storm was the worst the city had seen in 89 years. They still need our help to rebuild!

If you are 18 years old by July 16, you are welcome to join us. If you are even slightly interested, please contact Mary Balk by e-mail at [mbalk1127@comcast.net](mailto:mbalk1127@comcast.net) and I will add you to my contact list.

I will need your final commitment, t-shirt size, forms, and donation no later than June 1.

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## Spring Cleaning Day June 4, 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Spring Cleaning Day will be on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to roughly 3 p.m. Lunch will be served for those hard workers who will come for the day.

Below are the activities we are looking to complete on that day:

- Landscaping
- Painting (interior and exterior walls)
- Drywall patching/repair
- Ceiling repair
- Inside and outside "deep" cleaning
- Replacing burned out lights

Please consider helping. We can use volunteers of all ages.

## ORUMC Stewardship Minute

by Dan Murray

*It's a Wonderful Like here at Our Redeemer's!* On Sunday, April 17 we had two special visitors that joined us and no doubt will return in the near future. They were Jimmy Stewardship (of Hollywood fame) and his personal angel-in-waiting – Clarence. They were both impressed with all the smiles, warmth, and generosity that is present at ORUMC. So much so that they have agreed to be our leaders for the 2016 fall stewardship campaign! Jimmy's past with his role in *It's a Wonderful Life* as George Bailey exemplifies what it means to give one's time, talents, and gifts to our Heavenly Father. As a young man, George saved the life of his younger brother and the life of a young boy who had been prescribed an incorrect medicine for his illness.

In his adult life, George sacrificed his big dream of becoming a world traveler by remaining in his small home town to manage the local bank. As Bank President, he gave out small loans to citizens seeking to fulfil their dreams of becoming home owners. Had Jimmy left, Mr. Potter would have become Bank President, and he would have never given these hard-working people their loans. So, George's choice impacted many lives.

Like George Bailey, we are faced with decisions, both large and small, that will impact our future. God has given us the gift of choice, thereby allowing us to make our own decisions, and to live with the consequences of the results. It is our role as Christians to

make decisions Jesus would make if he were in our shoes. When those decisions involve the use of our time, talents, and gifts we are obliged to ask ourselves if our decision is based on inward pressures – what's best for me – versus outward pressures – what's best in the eyes of the Lord.

With God, all things are possible. When He calls us, we often think He is making a mistake. But God is not mistaken, He knows what he can do through us if we answer His call. Moses didn't think he was worthy to lead the slaves out of Egypt. George Bailey did not think managing a small bank was a very prestigious or worthy career. Both men accomplished a greater good for their community by answering God's call. How about you? Could God be calling you?



**Jimmy Stewardship and Clarence**

## Adult Mission 10th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion



*Mary Balk  
Adult Mission Coordinator  
and presenter*



*Mert Rutledge - Honored for her  
special ability to connect with  
those being served*



*Some of the 74 people who have gone on Adult Mission trips*





*Mary's Message  
"What's With The T-Shirts?"*



*Adult Mission Praise Team*

## Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **Mary Stehlin** and her family on the death of Mary's father.

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## Thank You

ChildServ would like to thank us for our generosity. On Easter Sunday we collected approximately \$300.00 worth of supplies, gift cards and cash. I am personally grateful to be part of such a giving congregation.

Sincerely,  
**Gail Bedingfield**

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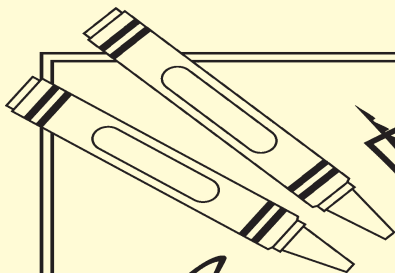
**Clark Allen Flores** was born March 28 to **Danny and Kristen Flores**. Proud grandparents are **Glen and Carol Hollingsworth**.

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## To our ORUMC family,

**Marianne and Ian Rogenski** cordially invite you to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for **Isaac Rogenski** May 21, 3:00 p.m. at ORUMC. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Please RSVP to Marianne by May 7.



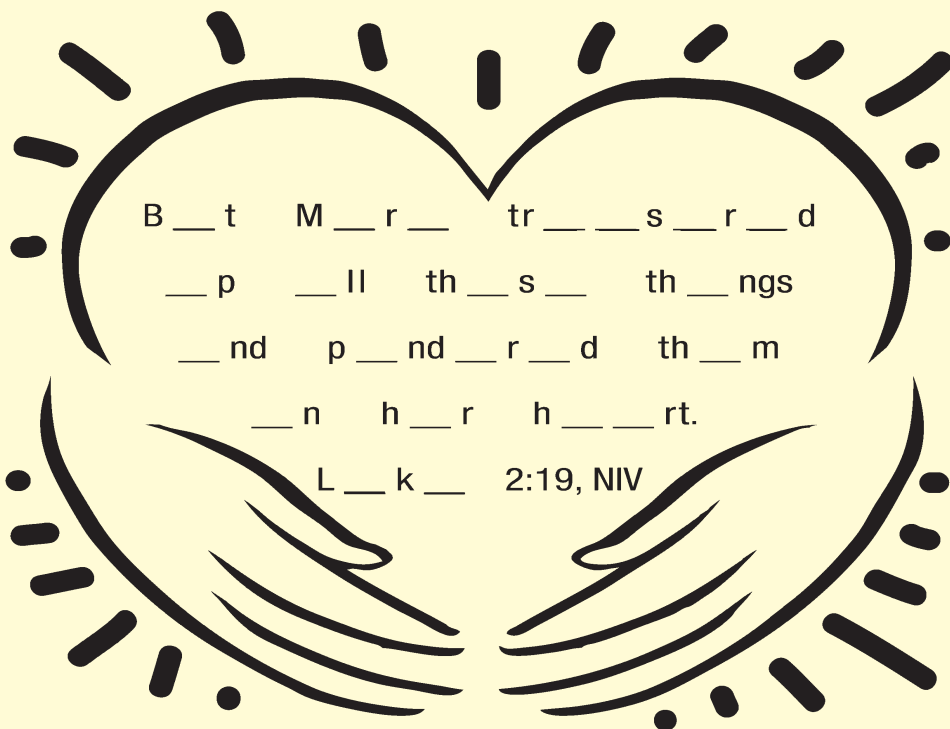
# PUZZLE

## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

**ORUMC Summer Missions 2016**  
***Appalachia Service Project And Disaster Relief Efforts***

This summer, the youth and adults of *Our Redeemer's* UMC have the privilege of serving Christ through two important mission opportunities.

First, on June 11, we are sending 20 youth and adults to the Appalachia Region as part of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). This is a home repair ministry with the goal to make homes “warmer, safer and drier” for those in need.

Then on July 16, approximately 35 adult volunteers will help with disaster relief efforts in Detroit, MI. They are still trying to recover from their record-breaking rainfalls that caused major flooding in August of 2014.

We need your help for both of these trips. It will cost about \$12,000 for the ASP Team and we estimate about \$9,000 for the Adult Mission Team. We are asking that you sponsor these youth and adults who have committed a week of their summer to serve Christ through serving others.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for one or both of these missions, please fill out the form below and return to church along with a check written to ORUMC.

Thank You for your support!

**SPONSORSHIP**

ASP \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Mission Team \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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