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**Pastor's
Corner**



During the recently concluded Annual Conference, I had a chance to reunite with a colleague who is with the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. The ministry is about offering Christ to all.

There are many fresh expressions of faith. For example, our Church sent 11 people to the Appalachian Service Project in Boyd County, Kentucky. It was my first time to join ASP and I was deeply moved by the passionate spirituality of the leaders and it radiates to the young people who came to serve for five days.

ASP as many of you know is dedicated to rebuilding homes and touching lives in the rural communities of Appalachia. The theme was from I John 3:18, "let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Another team will serve in the St. Louis area in July to serve in areas affected by recent storms. Many have been to the ASP in previous years and so this is an extension of this ministry. Thank you for supporting the mission of Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church.

Leslie Newbigin who authored "The Light Has Come" said that the "gracious indwelling of God with his people is not an invitation to settle down and forget the rest of the world, it is a summons to mission."

This brings me back to my visit with my colleague. I asked him, "What is new from your side?" He laughed because we are always on the same side of faith. He showed me the table with new materials about telling the story of the church.

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What caught my attention was the catch phrase, “ See all the people.” I remember reciting that church rhyme. “Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the door and see all the people.”

Church is about seeing the people. “What would happen if we stopped fixing our churches and started seeing the people Christ called us to reach? It is a chance to start a new conversation about intentional discipleship.”

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

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Meals on Wheels

Do you know our church supports this wonderful ministry through our partnership with the Kenneth Young Center? It is an important service to the local community, and only requires about an hour of your (and your car's) time approximately one Tuesday noon per month to deliver hot meals in the Schaumburg/Hoffman area.

If you are interested in volunteering, or just want to learn more, contact **Donna** in the church office or **Betty Miller** at bettyjean8@hotmail.com.

July/August Community Crisis Center Summer Needs and Back to School Supply Drive

by Sally Donaldson

Please help us with any of the following items:

Baby Needs: Disposable diapers and baby wipes

Back to School Supplies: Waterproof backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, erasers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, 3 ring binders and 2 pocket folders

Food & Snacks: There is no summer vacation from hunger. The CCC is always in need of non-perishable canned and boxed goods (soups, cereal, pasta and sauces, chili, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, saltine and graham crackers and microwave popcorn).

Odds & Ends: Towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, hand operated can openers, twin size bedding (new or used) trial size sewing kits, paper towels, toilet paper, face napkins, facial tissue, styrofoam cups, plastic ware and paper plates

Summer Needs: New flip flops, slippers and summer pajamas for women and children, swimsuits (new or gently used), sunblock lotion, mosquito repellent, box and oscillating fans

Toiletries: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, nail clippers, emery boards, disposable shavers, deodorant for men and women, hand and body lotion

Women's Needs: Blank journals, wrist watches, wallets on a string, 4 place setting dish sets, pots, pans and laundry baskets

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. Your donations are very much appreciated.

One Service or Two?

The Worship Team has had extensive discussions on the pros and cons of changing to one Sunday service. As a result of those discussions, the Worship Team has proposed to the Administrative Council that we change to one service.

The Administrative Council has decided to invite the congregation to make the final decision. The proposal by the Worship Team will be mailed to all members by July 16.

Two congregation meetings will be held after Sunday services on **July 30 and August 13** for you to ask questions and share your opinions. The same information will be presented at both meetings, so you need to attend only one.

Every member will then be asked to vote either with email or paper ballot for one or two services by August 28. **The decision to make any changes will be determined by your vote.**

The goal will be to implement any changes by September 10.

ASP 2017

by Glen Hollingsworth as presented ASP Sunday

I was blessed to go on ASP this year, my first time since 2013, and the first time as the Group Leader since 2001! When the 2017 ASP meetings started, I told Marianne that I would plan to go if they needed me. By the time we nailed down the participation, not only was I the group leader, I'd recruited my niece Bridget from Iowa to be our female leader. Another friend of *Our Redeemer's*, Jim Balsamo, joined with me and Pastor Romir to complete the adult leadership.

When Marianne asked if Bridget could be on the team with Jim, instead of with me, I said sure, knowing both Jim and Bridget and how well they would get along. Oh, but wait! That put Pastor Romir on my team! It worked out great though, as it turns out Pastor Romir is pretty good at "de-construction", just what we needed for the week.

The theme I thought I would share is "Say Yes". This is kind of like the Nike slogan "Just Do It". I've learned over the years that it can be difficult to "plan" a trip like this. It is usually better to put your faith in God, show up, and let it happen. The experience is best when those participating just say "Yes". Jim and Bridget aren't invested in ORUMC. They are invested in serving God and Jesus. They said Yes.

After we arrived on Sunday night, we do home visits. I met both home owners for our crews, Mary and Susie. Mary was our owner, and had been living in her house a couple of years. Her kitchen was un-useable

because of a weak sagging floor. Home owners must take a leap of faith to allow mostly unskilled volunteers to come into their home and undertake pretty major renovation projects. Most probably do so with great reservation. But in the end they say "Yes".

Mary had some major health issues and did not stray far from her bedroom, joining us just a few times on the porch for lunch. We were blessed by visits from Grandkids, and Karen quickly became our social specialist, breaking down shyness and gaining trust.

Mary's boy friend, Phil, was able bodied and helped remove appliances and cabinets. Phil was torn between wanting to help and not wanting to get in the way. In the end he was a great help to us when he wasn't working at his normal job. Phil said Yes to helping when and where he could.

At our lunch break on Friday, we presented gifts to Mary, including the Prayer Shawl. The ladies involved with this ministry of *Our Redeemer's* said Yes to sharing their time, talents and expense to providing for this most meaningful out reach. Mary could barely express her gratitude for both the gifts and our service.

Susie's home was double crewed with Jim and Bridget's team and a Catholic girls school team from Maryland. Our team reinforced a porch and built new steps.

We stayed in the South Ashton United Methodist Church. This was the first time for ASP in Boyd County and the first time we have stayed in an active church. We slept in their Sunday School Rooms.

Imagine sweaty, smelly work crews living in our church for 7 weeks this summer. Imagine parking both a shower trailer and tool trailer in the parking lot. Imagine providing the kitchen for daily cooking and the fellowship hall for the entire summer. I can only imagine the discussions that occurred before this church took the leap and said “Yes”.

Some ASP traditions continued: Chores, morning Devotions, Evening Gatherings, Culture night, and the Thursday Night picnic. Each church was expected to do one morning devotion. On Monday night I noticed that no one had signed up for Tuesday morning, so I promptly signed us... for Thursday morning! While most churches had Devotions lead by the adults, we challenged our youth to do it. Guess what they said? Yes! It turned out to be the best ASP devo I’ve witnessed, and brought many positive comments from the other churches. You should be very proud of the youth you sponsored this year. Many of you said Yes to providing financial gifts to make it possible for them to go and grow in

their faith.

I did have a new experience this year with “Helping Hands”. These are experienced individuals who volunteer to come and do whatever is needed for the week. Enter Army Bob. Army Bob was a retired Lt Col, who said YES to show up for a week without knowing anyone else there. Army Bob did like to share his experiences. Share, share, and share some more! Our team got to work with Bob most of the week. The guys on our team did enjoy the stories, and I found the frequent consultations on our difficult project helpful through the week. In the process I learned about a whole new way to flexibly volunteer with the ASP organization.

Our week was the first week for the summer, in a first time ASP county, in a Center that had never done anything like this. There were all kinds of things that could go wrong, and maybe some did, but it was a marvelous week, made possible by all these individuals, and more, who simply said YES.



ASP Sunday June 25



Education News:

by Marianne Rogenski

*There is NO Sunday School through September 3.

*Rally Day is September 10—we can't wait to see you all back in Sunday School!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is July 17-20, 6:30-8:30pm at ORUMC!

*If you would like to help we are still in need of teens and adults. Please see **Marianne, Sarah Calderwood, or Melissa Bland**. You can also sign up on the poster in the narthex.

*If you have children—please register online! Go to orumc.org and find the VBS link

*Please invite your friends and neighbors! It should be a great time!

Youth News:

*If you are interested in helping with VBS—please see Marianne.

* Youth group will start again on September 10—can't wait to see you!

*We will be going to play paintball at Paintball Explosion in Dundee. This will be early August. Please see emails and bulletins for details.



July

- 11 Leila Cristobal
- 17 Jameson Thomas

August

- 4 Justin Stebbins
- 7 Ryan Greenwalt
- 23 Ryan Adamitis
- 23 Jimy Stebbins

VBS NEEDS YOUR RECYCLEABLES

Empty boxes:

shoe cookie cereal cracker
large small Any!!

Clean and empty cans:

soup tuna sauce
vegetable fruit Any!

Please drop off any amount before July 10. Collection bins will be located in the Narthex. Questions-call **Melissa Bland**, 847-476-0596

Quotations on Faith From Abraham Lincoln

On May 28, the day before Memorial Day, I delivered my sermon, “The Gospel According to Abraham Lincoln.” I thought I might share some of Lincoln’s quotations on faith that were weaved through that sermon, both for those who heard it and those who didn’t.

Bruce Bedingfield

~ “You are wrong, Speed; take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier and better man.” (In confronting an old friend who cynically questioned the validity of the Bible)

~ “In regard to the Good Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man’s welfare, here and hereafter, are to be portrayed in it.”

~ “Without the assistance of that Divine Being...I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail.”

~ “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient for the day.”

~ “I should be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool if I for one day thought that I should discharge the duties which have come upon me since I came to this place without the aid and enlightenment of

One who is stronger and wiser than all others.”

~ “My concern is not whether God is on my side. My greatest concern is to be on God’s side.”

~ “Being a humble instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father as I am, and as we all are, to work out His great purposes, I have desired that all my works and acts may be according to His will; and that it may be so, I have sought His aid.”

~ “With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and lasting peace, among ourselves and with all nations.”



12th National Gathering July 7-9, Indianapolis, IN

See Marshall Nystrom, Steve Miller or John Machonis if interested in attending.

Breakfast Meeting July 8, 8:00 a.m.

All men (not going to Indianapolis) are invited to join ORUMC UMM for breakfast and fellowship at the Egg Basket Restaurant on Barrington Road.

ASP 2017

We had 11 people on two teams: **Glen Hollingsworth, Pastor Romir, Justin Stebbins, Gabe Olson, and Karen Greenwalt** were at Mary's home. **Jim Balsamo, Bridget Hollingsworth, Ryan Greenwalt, Ellie Rogenski, Ana Benesch, and Jimi Stebbins** were at Susie's Home.





United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women had a fun Salad Supper on June 6. Everyone shared their favorite salad recipes and we had a discussion of possible fund raising projects. Summer is here and we do have a Game Night scheduled at Melinda Taylor's home on Thursday, July 27. Contact Melinda if you are interested in attending. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming UMW events for the rest of the year. We look forward to seeing you at UMW, where you will experience an evening of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun!

2017 United Methodist Women- Future Event Schedule

*THURSDAY, JULY 27 – 6:30 p.m.- **Game Night** at Melinda Taylor's home

*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 6:30 p.m.- **Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting**/ Program: Crafts for a Cause & Gifts of the World (Free Trade products)

*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13- 6:00 -7:30 p.m.- **Feed My Starving Children**- Service project at their Schaumburg facility

*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19- **Heavenly Treats** / Before & after Church Services / ORUMC- Wesley Room / Set-up on Saturday, November 18th – Bring your baked goods

*TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5- 6:30 p.m.- **Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting**/ Program: Holiday Fun / 2017 Allocations & 2018 Budget / White Elephant gift exchange.

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship committee would like to wish all church members and their families a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.

This summer represents the halfway point for *Our Redeemer's* Capital Campaign – “Touching Tomorrow – Today!”, and we pleased to report that your giving as of today is right on track for our church to meet its goal of raising \$135,000 by the end of 2018! The amount received is just over \$63,000 and we need to keep this momentum going as we move through the second half of this year and throughout 2018. To help each of us remember the amount we pledged “*way back in 2015*”, a section has been added to the quarterly giving reports that identifies the total pledged amount for the 3 year period. The 2nd quarter 2017 giving reports will be available in mid-July. Please take the time to review these when they become available. Our church makes on-line giving available on our web page (orumc.org). It is easy to set up a recurring giving amount. If you need any assistance setting up on-line giving, please feel free to contact Dan Murray anytime.

Also, your Stewardship committee is currently working on a “not to be missed” Fall Campaign. More on that in the September newsletter!

We wish to thank each of you for all of the support you provide Our Redeemer's each and every day through the giving of your time, talents and gifts. God bless each of you this summer!



Personal Notes



Imagine No Malaria

Thank you to all who contributed at any time to *Our Redeemer's* three-year campaign toward supporting Imagine No Malaria. This June our church wrote its fourth check to the conference—this one for \$2386—making a total contribution of \$8,366!

A special word of thanks to our Imagine No Malaria task force—**Pastor Romir** (originally preceded by **Pastor Sunny**), **Jon Montgomery**, **Edie Machonis**, **Annie Wehyee**, **Gail Bedingfield**, and **Sarah Miller**. I was honored to serve as that task force's chair as of our church's 2013 Charge Conference.

Although our three-year commitment is over, the conference would be delighted to receive any further contributions we might make. So Our "IMAGINE NO MALARIA BED" WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS, at least through the summer.

Feel free to place your excess change (or bills, or checks) under the mattress of that bed, located in the narthex. For we know, for every \$100 we collect, we can (still) save the life of one African child from malaria!

Bruce Bedingfield

Child Serv Thank You A Note of Thanks:

To all who donated to the Easter offering for Child Serv. We as a congregation collected approximately \$580.00 worth of cash, clothes and baby supplies.

The organization was very grateful and sent us a thank you on their Facebook site. I am personally grateful to be a member of such a generous congregation.

Gail Bedingfield



Congratulations to:

Rob & Cathy Mottar in celebration of their 33rd Wedding Anniversary

Dick & Diane Golubski in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Doug & Carolyn Meneely in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary

John & Edie Machonis in celebration of their 54th Wedding Anniversary

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