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Mission and Ministry

Every year, the people called United Methodists gather across the country and in the world to celebrate its mission and ministry.

From June 4-6, 2017 our Northern Illinois Conference will be in session at the Pleasant Run Inn in St. Charles, IL. My journey in Pastoral ministry began in 1983 and ordination the following year. I am thankful to God for his blessings and the partnership of faithful church members through the years.

As I prepare to attend the sessions I am reminded that John Wesley offered these words to lay missionaries on their voyage to America— "*Offer them Christ.*"

Here is how John Wesley described people in his movement. "A Methodist is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his

heart by the Holy Ghost" and "one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength."

The theme for this Conference year is "Light Shine Through". We have three people from ORUMC who are committed to attend. Let us pray for all delegates so that it will be a refreshing time for worship and mission.

I always come back with great ideas for our common mission—to connect with Christ and offer hospitality to all.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (which is part of UMCOR or United Methodist Committee on Relief) is receiving donations for 'Dignity Kits.'

In the Elgin District, we are collecting the following items:

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Toothbrush (individually wrapped).
Toothpaste 2.5 oz or larger. We will have a collection box in the office and will drop off at the conference site.

The Bishop's Appeal Fund will support the ongoing ministry of the Conference HIV/AIDS Taskforce. The World Health Organization, reports that 36.8 million are infected with HIV and nearly half of those infected are women.

In partnership with the Global Aids Fund the UMC continues to assist 287 projects in 44 countries. Your second mile offering will enable the Church to offer vital resources, locally and globally.

Let the light shine through and "do not light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it gives light to everyone in the house." (Matthew 5:15)

Let the light shine through in all our ministry at ORUMC and in all our conversation. Together, we can make a little difference.

Years ago, we went to Acadia National Park to catch the first ray of sunlight in the USA. It was awesome. Think about that as we experience fruitfulness in summer.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

Help Wanted

The 2017 Adult Mission team will be traveling to the St. Louis, MO area on July 22-29 to help with recovery from the floods that swept through that area in 2015.

We are looking for 3-4 individuals that are willing to travel with us to organize meals, grocery shop, and cook/serve the meals for our team of approximately 35 volunteers.

Please consider this new opportunity to serve and contact Mary Balk if you are interested or have questions at:

mbalk1127@comcast.net.



Trustee Work Day Saturday June 3, 8:00 a.m.

Come June 3 at 8:00 a.m. and plan to spend the day cleaning, fixing, painting, digging, planting, etc. (or whatever the Trustees need to have done).

All are welcome - come and spend as much time as you can.

Thanks



Crisis Center Needs

by Sally Donaldson

Dear ORUMC Members,

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 and 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.



by Marianne Rogenski

Education News:

A HUGE thank you to all the teachers and assistants that helped with Sunday School this year—what an awesome time was had!

Rally Day is September 10—see you then!

Vacation Bible School VBS will be July 17-20, 6:30-8:30pm.

Please mark your calendars and start inviting your friends and neighbors!

Adults and teens—if you would like to help with this please talk to Marianne, Melissa, or Sarah. There will be dinners each night at 5:30pm for those helping with VBS and their families.

Acolytes

If you are a trained acolyte please note that we will not have a formal schedule for the summer. However, if you will be at worship (10am) feel free to get there a little early, get robes on, and let the ushers know that you will do it!

Youth News:

A HUGE thank you to all of the adults who helped with youth group this year—we had a wonderful year!

Please be on the lookout through bulletins and email for 2 summer events!

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is June 4, 10am.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

Our team is still in need of funds for the trip—please see a bulletin on Sunday or contact Marianne if you are interested in donating.

We will be heading to Kentucky June 10-17—prayers and always appreciated!

ASP Sunday will be June 25



June

13 **Kylar Herbig**

July

11 **Leila Cristobal**

17 **Jameson Thomas**

Education Sunday
Graduates, teachers, helpers, and mentors were honored May 21 in church and at a luncheon after church.





Mother's Day featured special music from kids, moms and grandmas





Music Sunday - May 21

Music Sunday featured featured music by the children's choirs, the Redeemer Ringers, the Praise Team and the Chancel Choir.

A guest musician, **Kelly Langenberg**, performed the offeratory and accompanied the Chancel Choir on an anthem.

Music Sunday is the end of the regular choir season. We welcome special music during the summer season. If you have a vocal or instrumental talent you would like to share on a Sunday, contact **Ron Zemke** or **Cathy Scott** to arrange a date.

Fire Department Anniversary

Several ORUMC members enjoyed the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Schaumburg Fire Department on May 6.

The keynote speaker was retired Captain **Jim Naatz** who gave the history of the department. The celebration included a tour of the station and close up check out of fire equipment.

A slide show with pictures from the department's history is available on the internet at: <https://www.facebook.com/SchaumburgIL/videos/10154710875117104/> If you look sharp you can see Jim several times.



Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) for 2017

By Jon Montgomery

SPRC has the primary responsibility to work with staff as they work with the congregation towards the realization of the mission of the church. In addition to consulting with the district superintendent about congregational needs, the SPRC works directly with the senior pastor and the lay staff: communicating with them and supporting them with their needs throughout the year, reviewing their ministry annually, and supporting their ongoing development.

To support staff directly, there is an SPRC member liaison for each staff member. For 2017, the liaisons are:

Staff Member (& Role) Liaison 2017

Pastor Romir Esguerra (Senior Pastor)	Jon Montgomery
Marianne Rogenski (Director of Youth Ministries and Director of Children's Education)	Don Balk
Donna Echtner (Administrative Assistant)	Debbie Hernandez
Cathy Scott (Choir Director)	Pam Miller
Ron Zemke (Contemporary Music Director)	Raquel Enriquez
Colin Drozdoff (Keyboardist/Accompanist)	Susan Jackson
Sue Zimberoff (Children's Choir Director)	Laura Fowle
Karen Moore (Redeemer Ringers Director)	Jack Denny
Kim Echtner (Nursery Careperson and Assistant Nursery Care Staff)	Jon Montgomery

The SPRC also works with members of the congregation if they have any questions, concerns about, or positive feedback for staff, beyond what church members have shared directly with staff. Be sure to reach out to SPRC if we can be of assistance to you and the staff.

United Methodist Men

June 10, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* (who are not going on the ASP trip) are invited to attend breakfast and fellowship at church June 10 at 8:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women

Twenty-five of our United Methodist Women had a wonderful Retreat experience on May 5 & 6 at Wesley Woods on Lake Geneva.

A big thank you goes out to all of the organizers of this event. **Pam Miller** organized the whole event through Wesley Woods, collected the names and money from those wishing to attend, and even took care of the carpooling and bed assignments.

Cathy Mottar selected and coordinated the meaningful Bible Study on Women of the Bible.

Also, **Debbie Weigel** led us in a couple of guided meditations that helped us to center our thoughts and experiences. We have a great group of women and this time together was really uplifting.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming UMW event on **Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 p.m.** This will be our Annual Salad Supper and business meeting. Our program will

include a video and discussion afterwards. Please bring a dish to share and get ready for an evening of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun! Also, look at the list below for our program schedule for the remainder of the year.

2017 United Methodist Women - Future Event Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 6:30 p.m.
Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting / Crafts for a Cause

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Heavenly Treats/ Before & after Church Services/ ORUMC- Wesley Room / Set up on Saturday, November 18- 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





Faith in Action in Springfield

On May 9, eight members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* joined about 250 other people of faith for a day of advocacy at the capitol in Springfield.

We spoke with legislators about specific bills proposed to bring justice to those who have been incarcerated and those who have filed police complaints. These bills were explained in last month's newsletter.

The day was both fulfilling and frustrating as we sought to do what Jesus did by advocating for those least able to advocate for themselves. Working for social justice is never easy, nor do we see immediate results.

However, we are grateful to be able to be guided by Community Renewal Society, an organization with about 90 member churches in the Chicago area which advocates for racial and economic justice in our state.

If you would like further information, you may contact **Joanne Gregorash, Ellen Kobylewski, Jack Denny, Annette Brown, Andrea Meyer, Jill Wood-Naatz, or Pastor Romir.**



Personal Notes



To Our Redeemer's

Thank you for your generous gift to Heifer International. Your desire to help others will build hope for future generations.

Families in countries where we work like Bangladesh, Guatemala and Malawi, who once struggled with hunger and poverty, now have the livestock and training they need to improve their farms. With your commitment and their hard word work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process.

Thank you for choosing Heifer International and helping us make a better world, one family at a time.

Sincerely,

Pierre U. Ferrari

President and CEO



Our deepest sympathy:

to **Gail Bedingfield** and her family on the death of her brother, **Jim Lynch**.

to **John** and **Edie Machonis** on the death of their son, **John Machonis III** from North Carolina

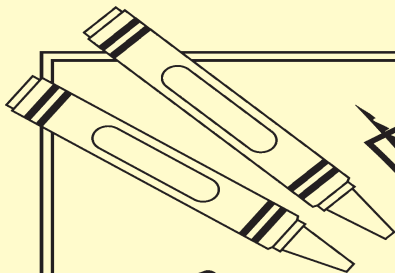
Anniversaries to Celebrate



Congratulations to: **Jon Montgomery** and **Jamie Addams Montgomery** on celebrating their 22nd Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to: **Dave** and **Pam Miller** on celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to: **Steve** and **Penny Miller** on celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary

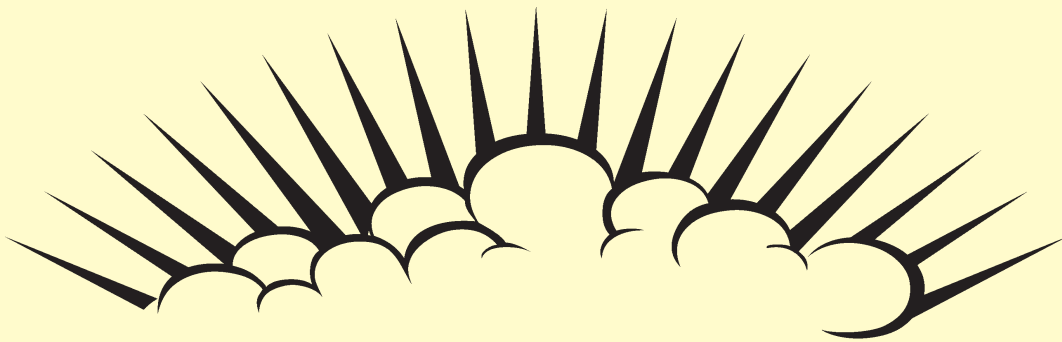


PUZZLE

Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_,"

'Y_ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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June

The word "June" is written in a large, purple, cursive font. The letter "J" has a blue swirl at the top left. The letter "u" has a yellow swirl at the top right. The letter "e" has a green swirl at the bottom right. A long green swirl extends from the bottom of the "e" across the bottom of the word.

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