



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

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### **Worship**

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley attended a worship service or group meeting in Aldersgate Street in London. He wrote that “his heart was strangely warmed” and he experienced an assurance of his own salvation. This was a turning point for John Wesley and the Methodist movement in Britain and America. Later on the phrase “the world is my parish” became synonymous with the invitation to preach the Good News to all.

I had the privilege to visit the Wesley Chapel in London and walked in the parsonage beside the chapel. Worship life was central to John Wesley and in his room there was an adjoining room that he used as a private chapel.

His brother Charles, also shaped the development of the Methodist movement by using hymns to connect us with God. Charles Wesley’s organ was also in display where he composed many beautiful hymns we still sing today for worship.

What is worship? Why is it central to our faith? Worship is our approach to God and offering what is pleasing in God’s sight. Through the years worship emerged as it speaks to the new generation of believers.

This sort of thing happens when God meets us in a particular place. It can be anywhere, the beauty of nature as spring flower emerges, in the busy intersection  
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when we are stuck in traffic, in quiet places where we seek refuge or even in places where life and death intersects. When God meets us, God leaves an imprint in our lives.

In Genesis, Jacob called the name of the place, “Bethel” where he encountered the holy God. We call it “*Our Redeemer’s*” because God calls us here to worship.

We are thus given a responsibility to share this blessing. The format for worship varies from time to time because our worship is beyond time. Worship is central to our faith because it is enduring.

*In worship: we adore God, we admit our shortcomings, we aspire to be closer to God and we offer our thanksgiving.*

In worship all the “elements” of creation are in play. We meet Jesus in the bread and wine. There is joy in believing in the power of Christ and that’s the gift of worship. The details are in the way we live out our calling as beloved children of God. Make a connection.

Join us for worship as it prepares us for the next season of faith.

Grace and Peace,

*Rev. Romir R. Esguerra*

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## Have You Made Your Contribution to "Imagine No Malaria"?

The greater United Methodist Church has participated in a three year campaign to help combat malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa. Our own church has had it's own three year effort, which will come to an end this coming Mother's Day, May 14. If you have not yet contributed to this endeavor, or would like to contribute again, this is the time!

Our Imagine No Malaria Task Force, consisting of **Pastor Romir, Jon Montgomery, Edie Machonis, Annie Wehyee, Sarah Miller, Gail and Bruce Bedingfield**, has headed up this campaign over the past three years.

So far our church has raised \$6,847. Checks have been contributed, children in our Vacation Bible School have learned about the project—making their own contributions, and coins have been placed under the mattress of the wonderful "Imagine No Malaria" bed, created by **Dann and Peggy Gire**.

We know that for every \$100 contributed to Imagine No Malaria, the death of one African child from malaria can be prevented. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our church could save 100 lives with our 3 year campaign?

Please consider doing what you can by writing a check to our church, designating Imagine No Malaria in the memo. Even if you don't feel you can contribute much, you can still "bring change" — helping to fight malaria.



## Community Crisis Center

*by Sally Donaldson*

Dear Friends,

The Community Crisis Center 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 cup, juice boxes, instant tea/soft drink mixes

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

**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.



*by Marianne Rogenski*

## Education News

Thank you to all who donated candy for our Easter Egg Hunt—what fun it was!

May 21 is our last day of Sunday School for the school year. In the summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day) the church has one worship service at 10am with no Sunday School.

May 21 is Education Sunday! At the 10:30 Worship service we will recognize all who volunteer with youth and children at ORUMC.

We will also recognize high school and college graduates. If you or someone in your family is graduating please let the church office know.

We are looking for people to give Children's Time messages this summer! If you would like to do this (only needs to be 2-3 minutes) please contact Marianne with your preferred date or dates. Marianne also has resources available if you would like to give a Children's message but are unsure of what to talk about.

Vacation Bible School will be July 17-20 this year—mark your calendars! We will be looking soon for people to help out! Talk to Marianne if you have questions or are interested.

## Youth News:

May 7 is the last Youth group of the school year—we have had a wonderful year!

Be on the lookout for an email about summer events.



## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

Our team of 12 youth and adults will head to Boyd County, KY, June 10-17. Please keep the team in your prayers as they prepare for this journey and as they go as the hands and feet of Jesus. If you would like to sponsor the team please see the bulletin insert or talk to Marianne.

ASP Sunday will be June 25—come to hear all about the team's week!

Thank you so much for all of the support for our youth mission trip each summer.



- 6 Ruby Montgomery**
- 17 Allison Walters**
- 24 Sabrina Coary**
- 27 Brynn Watson**
- 30 Ryland Watson**

## United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to be part of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Women. We have lined up a variety of exciting activities for 2017. We guarantee that you'll experience good fellowship, friendship and fun. Our future events are featured below, including our upcoming Retreat on May 5 & 6. Contact Pam Miller for possible "last minute" sign-up for the Retreat.

· **RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS (Williams Bay, WI)- Friday & Saturday/ May 5 & 6**

Women of the Bible will be our Bible Study Program.

Last year's retreat was awesome and we hope that you will be part of this year's weekend. We may be able to take "last minute" reservations with payment if you Contact Pam Miller with questions or reservations-Email pmiller619@sbcglobal.net Phone 312-339-0783

### 2017 United Methodist Women Future Event Schedule

· **TUESDAY, June 6, 6:30 p.m. - Annual Salad Supper & Business Meeting / Program: Video & Discussion**

· **TUESDAY, Sept 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**



## Thank You for Donating to Heifer!

Due to your generous donations this past holiday season, \$1,882.16 was raised for Heifer International. This past winter, children in Sunday School raised money via Heifer banks.

After worship services, adults and families purchased animals which will translate into life-changing gifts for families and entire communities.

It is a blessing to see this church be a blessing to others in the USA and around the world. Therefore, Micah Ministries would like to extend a big "Thank you!" for your support of this wonderful mission!

# Day of Faith at the Capitol

## May 9, 2017

*by Jill Wood-Naatz  
for the Faith In Action Team*

You are invited to join members of ORUMC for a lobby day in Springfield, which is organized annually by Community Renewal Society (CRS). The mission of CRS is to advocate for racial and economic justice for all people. All our work is done remembering that we are called by Jesus to advocate for those suffering injustice.

Each year we meet with legislators in Springfield to explain our collective concerns and to ask them to support specific bills. This year we will join a few hundred other church members as we ask legislators to support three bills. With about 42% of all Illinois adults having a criminal record, it is critical that we address barriers to jobs, housing, and education.

1. HB 2373 will expand the eligibility for the sealing of felony convictions for those who have completed their sentence, have waited 3 years, and are seriously seeking employment and/or housing.

Without a job or a place to live, the likelihood of recidivism is much greater. According to this bill, these individuals must file a petition to have their records sealed.

2. HB 3142 will “ban the box”, which asks if you have a criminal record, on applications to public colleges and universities so that those with a criminal record have a

chance to continue their education. Higher education also reduces recidivism and helps individuals build financially stable futures.

3. HB 3202 and SB 1661 will improve investigations of police misconduct in our state. State law now requires anyone filing a complaint against a police officer to sign a sworn affidavit. This policy discourages individuals from coming forward with legitimate claims and keeps hidden serious misconduct that should be investigated. The bill ensures that a sworn affidavit need not be signed when filing a complaint. It is recommended by the US Dept. of Justice Civil Rights Division’s Investigation of the Chicago Police Department and the city of Chicago’s Police Accountability’s Taskforce.

There is much more information on these bills available to you in the narthex. If you decide to take action and join us on May 9, you will receive training by team captains on the way to Springfield. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We will meet at our church at approximately 6:00 am to drive to Arlington Heights First United Methodist Church to get on the bus. We will return around 7:30 pm. Please sign up in the narthex to experience a very interesting and rewarding day.



## UMM Breakfast Meeting May 13, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join us at church for breakfast and fellowship Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 a.m.



## 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

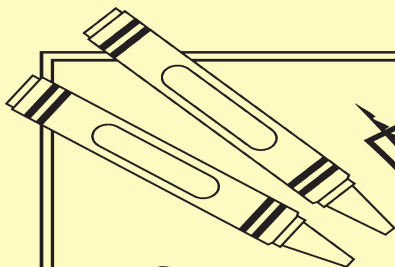
## Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to **Shelley Lukowicz** and her family on the death of her father-in-law, **Arthur Lukowicz**.



Congratulations to **Jerry and Shirley McDaniel** who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on April 21st!



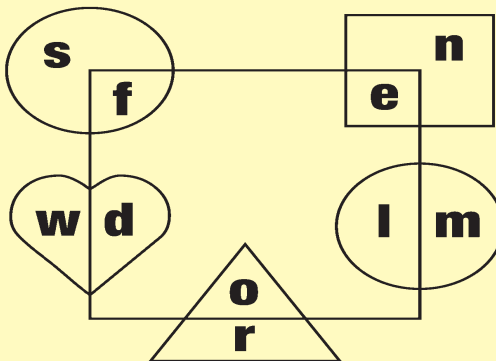
# PUZZLE

## GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.  
 What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

**Directions:**

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild



grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even



in all his splendor was



like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



**ORUMC Summer Missions 2017**  
**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 10, we are sending 15 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 22, approximately 35 adult volunteers will help with disaster relief efforts in the St. Louis area from the terrible floods they experienced in 2015.

We need your help for both of these trips. It will cost about \$8,000 for the ASP Team and we estimate about \$8,000 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 leave it in the offering plate or mail to church along with cash or a check written to ORUMC. Thank you for your support.

**SPONSORSHIP**

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

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

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