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First Gifts

We begin our focus on ð First Giftsö as our expression of thanksgiving and commitment to *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church. You will find in this newsletter the different ways we can fully participate in the many ministries placed upon our hearts. It is going to be an awesome worship experience with different characters in drama representing what it means to be a part of the Church. Our celebration Sunday is October 29, 2017.

As I was reflecting upon the events of the last few weeks, I am emboldened because the Church is front and center in responding to the devastated areas in Houston, in Florida and now in Puerto Rico. The USA today newspaper article cited the work of many charitable groups and The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was the second group mentioned. We also thank you for

your generosity when the call was made to offer monetary gifts for the relief efforts.

John Wesley wrote the third rule: ðGive all you can.ö Giving for Wesley was an activity of God and in it leads to abundant and full life. Consider then what we offer for the sake of ðmaking disciples for the transformation of the world.ö

Our local giving extends to the other areas of Church life. In July, the Vacation Bible School received over \$300.00 to support a UMC agricultural center in Zambiaö Mujila Falls. If you have an opportunity, search for Mujila Falls and it will direct you to the website.

ðFirst fruitsö is a biblical model that if we return to God what belongs to God, then God

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will supply all our needs. As we approach the coming "holy-days" season, I am committing myself and encourage others to pray and think where our gifts will go.

Do you remember that the southern wall was replaced and new windows installed in the Wesley Hall? We want our facility to serve others.

What if the Church can retire the debts incurred when the church roof was replaced a couple of years ago? This will enable us to extend our commitment to give our fair share to the Apportionment or Mission of the Church. We should move away from "scarcity to abundance."

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:20, "But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first fruits of those who will be raised to life again."

We live a *cultivated* life and the "First Fruits" come from the blessings that God has already given.

See you in the First Fruits place,

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

Stewardship

by Dan Murray

On Sunday, September 17, the stewardship committee announced the theme for this year will be FIRST FRUITS. In the bible, God declares, "when you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest (Leviticus 23:10)

Each of us is born on this earth with specific time, talents and gifts the Lord has bestowed to us through his grace. In childhood these have little meaning. Time seems to be infinite, we dream of talents to be a world-renowned singer, dancer or musician; a fireman, teacher, doctor or lawyer; a father or mother; a builder of great things or an inventor. The list is as endless as are our childhood dreams. As a child we put little thought in the gifts God has given us a what makes us smile or why do we help the needy? Our clothes, the friends we play with each day, and the food we eat appear to a child as a "given" rather than a gift from God.

As we mature, we begin to understand that our time is finite, our talents are not boundless, and our gifts are in some part related to how we choose to use our time and talents. God also gave each of us grace, and at some point during our life we begin to develop an understanding of faith through our grace from God. This is the moment when we begin our journey to follow in Christ's footsteps as Christian disciples and stewards.

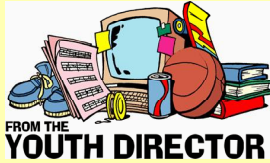
Faith is a positive response to our decision to believe and trust. In order to live a life

of stewardship we must believe and trust that the time, talents, and gifts bestowed by God are given to us for his glory and a portion of each needs to be given first in God's honor. Each day of our lives contains a finite amount of time. Is our first thought to allocate a portion of that time to the Lord? As we develop our God-given talents, do we first commit a portion of those talents for God's work in the world? Also, with the gifts God has given us, are we mindful that these gifts are a result of God's grace, and therefore should be given first in God's honor?

There are marvelous things happening each day within the Our Redeemer's family. Each of you are making it happen! We invite you to continue following in Christ's footsteps and living a life of stewardship as we prepare for greater ways to serve God in 2018.

First Fruits Calendar of Events

- September 17, a Introduction to 2018 Stewardship program titled First Fruits.
- October 1, a Stewardship skit and sermon on First Fruits
- October 15, a Stewardship skit and sermon on First Fruits
- October 22, a Stewardship moment "Faith in Giving"
- October 29, a Celebration Sunday



by Marianne Rogenski

Education News:

*Sunday School is back in full swing and we are having fun! We have Sunday School during the 9am worship service.

*Please mark your calendars for

TRUNK OR TREAT!!!

October 27, 7-8pm

There will be decorated cars for trick-or-treating and we will once again have a not-so-scary haunted house!

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and have a wonderful time in the parking lot!

If you would like to decorate your carô we are thrilled to have you! Please sign up in the narthex and plan to get there at 6:30 to park and set up.

*Also mark your calendars for our Advent Festival which takes place at the same time as the Hanging of the Greens.

This will be December 2, 3-5pm, with a potluck dinner beginning at 5pm.

More info to come!

Youth News:

*Youth group is also back in full swing and having a great time!

We meet most Sunday nights at church from 5:30-7:30pm.

October

- 1 The Gathering 6-8 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- 8 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 15 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 22 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 27 Youth come to Trunk or Treat 6:30-8pm
- 29 NO YOUTH GROUP

November

- 5 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 12 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 19 Youth group to soup kitchen 1:30-7:30pm
- 26 NO YOUTH GROUP

Appalachia Service Project (ASP):

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about ASP 2018! If you are interested in that trip please contact Marianne.

Look for more info in the bulletin and through email.

We will have our first meeting at the end of October.



October

- 18 **Jareth Gomes**
- 27 **Kayleigh Maher**



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

I am sorry to remind you, but winter is just around the corner. When you start to go through your closets please keep in mind the women, men and children at the Crisis Center.

They could use the following items:

coats (gently used or new), hats, gloves, mittens, children's Halloween costumes (non-violent), bath towels, washcloths (new or gently used), twin size blankets (new or gently used)

Medicine Chest Items (all items must be new, sealed and with current dates):

non-alcohol cough syrup and non aspirin pain reliever (adults and children), antacids, RED shampoo, anti-diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, facial tissues

Baby Needs: disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull ups), diaper wipes

Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner

Food and Snacks (non-perishable): granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, canned meat, juice boxes

Please place your donations for the Crisis Center in the 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.

Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

As I write this article for the newsletter, it is 90 degrees outside and projected to get a few degrees warmer! But my calendar tells me that it is autumn and it is only 8 short weeks away that we will be buying gifts for our Gifts from the Heart program here at ***Our Redeemer's UMC***.

So, as we soon enter the seasons of thankfulness and advent, we reach out to children who are less fortunate. This program provides Christmas gifts for foster and at-risk children supported by ChildServ, an United Methodist agency. You are given the opportunity to sign up for a child or more, are given their age and gender, and asked to buy an age appropriate gift or two, not totaling more than \$40.

You can sign up in the narthex on Sundays, October 22 and 29, and November 6 and 13. You will be given the child's information and instructions on November 19. The gifts need to be returned to church on or by the morning of December 3.

Our congregation has supported this program so generously in the past and ChildServ is so appreciative of all that we do, so please consider buying a Christmas gift for a child!

If you have any questions, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491 or clh1325@comcast.net.

United Methodist Women

Autumn has arrived and the holiday season is fast approaching. *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Women has many fun activities scheduled through the end of the year. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming UMW events. We look forward to seeing you and know that you will experience Friendship, Fellowship and Fun!

2017 United Methodist Women- Future Event Schedule

Sunday, October 1 UMW Gift Sale

UMW is sponsoring a gift sale in the Narthex on Sunday October 1 between services. Handmade crafts will be sold to raise funds for ORUMW.

Representatives from Gifts of the World Fair Trade store in Schaumburg will have a selection of Fair Trade jewelry and décor from all over the world.

Your shopping will support Fair Trade Ministries and ORUMW Missions.

Friday, October 13, 6:00-7:30 Feed My Starving Children

ORUMW has 40 slots reserved for meal packing on Friday October 13 from 6-7:30pm at 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg (near Golf and Meacham).

*This is their permanent location,
NOT the special convention center site
we went to last year*

This is open to anyone in the church, friends, family, whoever. The first 40 to register are in.

To reserve a place to join us, go online directly to FMSC.org, select "volunteer" select "join a group" then enter the Join Code 1169163.

Again this year anyone interested can meet at Jason's Deli either before, after or both. Jason's Deli is across and north of Costco at 1530 McConnor Pkwy, Schaumburg.

We need to be at the packing location about 5:45.

Frequently Asked Questions

You can volunteer at a seated job if you don't want to be on your feet.

They will ask for an optional offering

They do have a wonderful gift shop

When you register, read the restrictions (no jewelry, under age 18 must be with an adult).

Parking is tight so consider carpooling.

Any other questions just contact **Julie Kuhn**.

If you went last year, you know this is a fun and rewarding experience. If you haven't been, consider signing up!

Friday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.
Game Night

Come to **Melinda Taylor's** home. Bring a snack to share.

Saturday/Sunday November 18/19
Heavenly Treats Sale

Saturday - Set-up

Bring your baked goods

Sunday - Sale

Sale will be before & after Church Services in the Wesley Room

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting

Program:

Holiday Fun / 2017 Allocations & 2018 Budget / White Elephant gift exchange

May 4 & 5, 2018

**Mark your calendar for the UMW
Retreat at Wesley Woods**



Pizza Sale

The UMM is taking orders through October 8 for pizza to be available for pickup on Sunday, October 15. All men are invited to come and help assemble the pizzas on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m.



**Retreat
October 20-21**

All men are invited to the annual retreat Friday and Saturday, October 20 - 21 at Wesley Woods in Wisconsin. There will be plenty of fellowship, study and food (**BUT NO CRAFTS**).

The cost will be \$55. Contact **Marshall Nystrom, Steve Miller** or **Rich Hill** if you are interested.



Personal Notes



Baptisms

Sacrament of Christian Baptism of: **Xavier James Murphy** on 9-24-17. His parents are **Kira & Alan Murphy**.



Welcome to the new members joining ORUMC on 9-24-17: **Andrea & Jay Meyer** and **Kira & Alan Murphy**



Our deepest sympathy:

to **Sue and Jerry Zimberoff** and family on the death of her son, **Gunnar Campbell**.

to **Roberta Frederick** and family on the death of her husband, **David Frederick**.

to **Mary & Herb Knoppel** and family on the death of Herb's mother, **Lorraine**.

Please keep these families in your thoughts & prayers.

Thank You

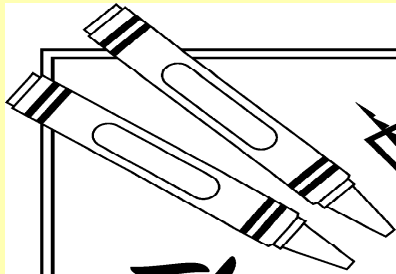
Words cannot express how very fortunate we are to belong to such a loving and caring church family. We want to thank each of you for all of your prayers and unending, overwhelming, incredible shows of love and support for all of us after the death of my son, Gunnar.

We still can't believe he's gone. We will miss him and his distinctive low voice and wonderful hugs, and though it sounds trite, he will indeed live forever in our hearts, along with Skyler.

Please continue to keep us and my extended family in your prayers; we need them. We miss him indescribably. Thank you and may God bless each of you.

With much love,

Sue & Jerry Zimberoff, John III (Christina), Tara (Jason), and our whole huge loving family.

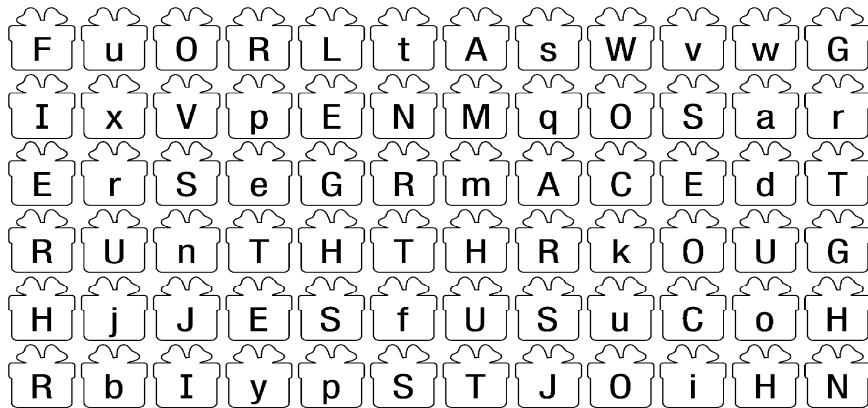


PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



“ _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ .”

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

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