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## A Fellowship of "Different"

As we return from our summer schedule, it is worth noting that we are indeed a "fellowship of different." A church that is uniquely different is able to convey the incredible Good News of Jesus Christ. Look at your neighbors, your friends, your loved ones and you will see the uniqueness in the character of each person, young or old, as they respond to the grace of God everyday. I am happy to claim that *Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church* is different.

The rhetoric of August was disturbing with the rise of "white supremacy" movement. We name racism for what it is, dividing us and offering a false sense of hope, and for the way it diminishes our capacity to be truly loved as children of God. I do not know where this hatred is coming from but it is deep.

The Baptismal liturgy asks: (1) Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? (2) Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? (3) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

But there are times when silence is more deafening and that is when we lose the moral compass, no way to determine right from wrong. Our hope is in Christ, with faith seeking understanding.

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I turn to the poetry of the Psalm 46: “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*” This is a confession of trust in God alone.

I also turn to the poetry of Henry Van Dyke about our uniqueness: “*Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.*”

A fellowship of different is how the Church works. John Wesley called the people called Methodists to stay in love with God thru “connexion.”

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In 1791, we know exactly how many Methodists were around: 294 preachers, 71,668 British members, 19 missionaries, 43,265 American members and 198 lay preachers.

Today, the UMC is 12 million strong worldwide. The local church that my grandfather served in the Philippines has planted 22 local churches in its history and currently supports five mission churches.

***Our Redeemer's*** engage in mission and has a passion for mission from Appalachia Service Project to Mission Project in Missouri ( 2016) to local mission and ministries. As we reach outward, let us also strive to grow inward. It is not an option to support one but neglect the other. We can all do our fair share with our diverse gifts.

As we return to our regular rhythm of church life, it is my prayer that we will find time and space where we can grow in faith. I read the lament of one recently retired Pastor when he said that in his 40 some years in ministry, he was good in attracting and cultivating members for the church. When asked, what is wrong with that? He replied, all the time I should have been making disciples.

A fellowship of different is all about making disciples. I know the term “disciple” is a well used word that means a lot of things. One thing is certain, if we want to be vibrant, unique, creative and different, making disciples is a starting point.

Join us for community life at ORUMC.

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

## What is Stewardship??

*by Dan Murray*

Stewardship is a lifestyle. It's all about having a personal relationship with God whereby we live our lives in His service acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. Stewardship involves the giving of our time, talents, and treasures (prayer, presence, witness, service and gifts) to the Lord

Stewards strive for one thing and one thing only – to follow Christ. They make giving of their time, talents, and treasures their first thought – not an afterthought. Following Christ is not easy. It involves a leap of faith, but if we're willing to take that leap, the blessings we will receive are immeasurable, both for us as individuals and for our church.

People who practice Stewardship learn first-hand that God will not be outdone in generosity. Good stewards do not give to get, they are giving their time, talents and treasures out of gratitude for the blessing bestowed upon them by God. Stewardship provides each of us the opportunity to care for one another's needs just as Jesus has asked us to do (Matthew 25: 31-46).

Living a lifestyle of Stewardship will draw each of us into a deeper relationship with God.

## New Members

For those who are interested in joining *Our Redeemer's*, **Pastor Romir** will be holding new member classes on Sundays, September 10 & 17, immediately following church. New members will be welcomed on September 24.

Please see **Pam Miller** at church and let her know you are interested, or e-mail her at [pmiller619@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmiller619@sbcglobal.net).

### 1 or 2 Services

**The final vote was**

**57 in favor of 1 service  
and  
79 in favor of 2 services.**

**We will return to 2 services on  
Rally Day, September 10  
at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Thank you for your prayerful  
response and commitment to  
worship at ORUMC.**



## Education News:

\*First, thank you, thank you, thank you—to all who helped in any way with VBS in July! It was a huge success! We raised \$248.85 for the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center and had over 50 kids at church throughout the week. Our volunteers are amazing and this event was awesome!

\*Rally Day is September 10! We can't wait to see you back at Sunday School! We will have everyone start in the sanctuary and then teachers will be introduced and lead kids back to Wesley Hall for Sunday School.

\*Mark Your Calendars—Trunk or Treat will be October 27 in the ORUMC parking lot!

## Youth News:

\*Youth group starts soon and we are changing the time! We will have youth group most Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30pm. Snacks (but not dinner) will be served each week along with lots of fun, Bible study, discussion, and games!

\*Our Youth Kickoff will be September 10!

**Doug Meneely**, one of the youth group leaders, is having a 70th birthday party that night and has invited the youth to come—

what fun! We will be going to Pinstripes in South Barrington from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be food there and we can play bocce ball and hang out. Please drop off and pick up at Pinstripes. Cards for Doug are welcome as are donations for the ORUMC food pantry.

Please let Marianne know by 9/1 if you plan to attend.

\*September schedule:

9/10 Kickoff at Doug's b-day party—  
Pinstripes 5:30-7:30pm

9/17 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm

9/24 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm



**September**

**17 Sarah Miller**

## United Methodist Women

The glow of Summer will soon turn into the bright colors of autumn and lots of fun things are planned for our United Methodist Women.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming UMW Quarterly Potluck & Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Our program will be "Crafts for a Cause" & "Gifts of the World" (Free Trade products).

We look forward to seeing you at UMW, where you will experience an evening of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun! Listed below are the upcoming UMW events:

### 2017 United Methodist Women- Future Event Schedule

- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th- 6:30 p.m.- **Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting**/ Program: Crafts for a Cause & Gifts of the World (Free Trade Products)
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd- **Craft Night**
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.- **Feed My Starving Children**- Service project at their Schaumburg facility. All are welcome, watch for sign-up information in September.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th- **Heavenly Treats** / Before & After

Church Services / ORUMC -Wesley Room / Set-up on Saturday, November 18th- Bring your baked goods

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

## Children's Choirs



We would love for you to join one of our Children's Choirs at **Our Redeemer's**! We sing once a month and rehearsals begin on September 13.

We have two choirs and rehearse every Wednesday in the Choir Room at church.

### **Cherub Choir** (4 years old to 2nd grade)

Wednesdays 6:40 - 7:00 p.m.

### **Joyful Noise** (3rd - 8th grade)

Wednesdays 7:00 - 7:25 p.m.

Please come join us!

We look forward to seeing you on the 13th. For more info call the church office 847-882-6116.

Mrs. Zimberoff (Mrs. Z)

Mrs. Wood-Naatz (Miss Jill)

## Community Crisis Center



*by Sally Donaldson*

**Food Pantry:** The Community Crisis Center is always in need of canned fruit, canned meat meals, beef stew, chili, ravioli, cereal/oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, mac & cheese, pork & beans, powdered milk, saltine crackers, soup/ramen noodles, spaghetti/marinara sauce, spaghetti type canned items, tuna, and hand can openers.

**Back to School Supplies:** Folders (2 pocket/solid color), spiral notebooks (one subject, wide rule/solid colors only), pencils (10 count, standard #2 yellow wood), black pens, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, crayons (24 pack/Crayola preferred), and waterproof backpacks.

All supplies should be in the original packages - no loose-leaf paper, for example.

All school supplies should be gender-neutral.

**Autumn is in the Air!** Hats, gloves and mittens are needed. Also, Halloween costumes for children (non-violent).

All clothing should be new or gently used.

**Medicine Chest Items:** (All items must be new, sealed and with current dates). Non-alcohol cough syrup, non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, bandaids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive

tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, and facial tissues

**Baby Needs:** Formula, bottles, cups with lids, diapers and wipes

**Toiletries:** nail clippers, emery boards

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins located in the Narthex cabinet, left of the information desk.

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



## Breakfast September 9, 8:00a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to the monthly breakfast meeting and fellowship at church Saturday morning, September 9 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.

The cost will be \$50. Contact **Marshall Nystrom, Steve Miller** or **Rich Hill** if you are interested.



Vacation Bible School July 2017



All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join our church bowling league.

The league meets alternate Sunday evenings (with a few exceptions) at Poplar Creek Bowl. Cost is \$15 per week.

The official season starts September 10 at 6:30 p.m. but you can feel free to join at any time. Call **Dan Wilkes** or **Jeff Greenwalt** if you are interested.



## Hurricane Relief

You have an opportunity to support the Hurricane Relief effort in Texas by giving through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Please make your check out to ORUMC and designate UMCOR in the memo of your check.

## Personal Notes



Congratulations to **Jennifer and Garrett Phillips** on the birth of their daughter, **Tess Harper Phillips** born on August 16th. Her proud grandparents are **Cathy and Rob Mottar!**

Congratulations to:

**Bob & Kathie Kapp** in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**Peggy & Dann Gire** in celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

**Glen & Carol Hollingsworth** in celebration of their 39th Wedding Anniversary.

**Marshall & Alison Nystrom** in celebration of their 38th Wedding Anniversary.

**Jeff & Debbie Oster** in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.

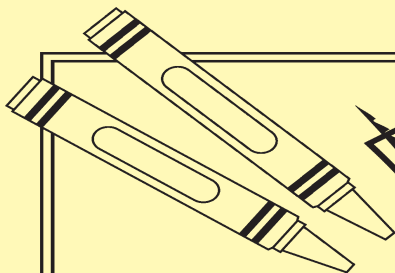
Our deepest sympathy:

to the family of **Leota Sahr** who passed away on August 4th at Friendship Village. She was our oldest member, 108 years young.

to **Gail Bedingfield** and family on the death of her mother, **Diane Lynch**.

Please keep these families in your thoughts & prayers.



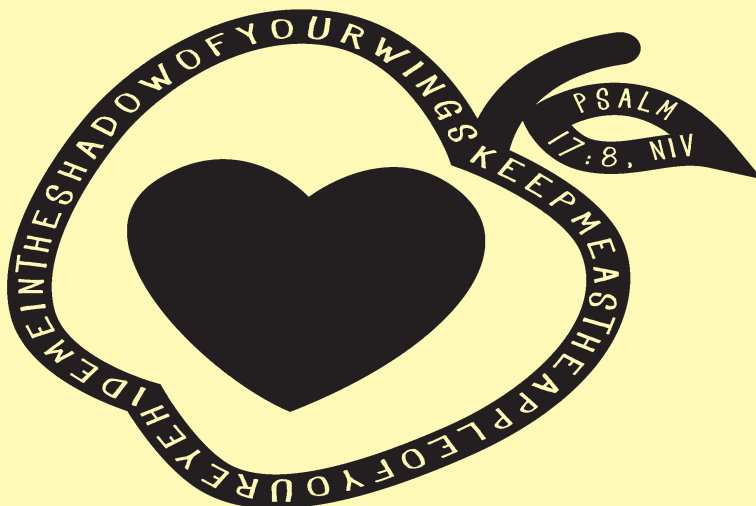


# PUZZLE

## APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

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