



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

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### **2019 Special General Conference Update**



*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

Last month, I offered a brief summary of the proposal coming from the Way Forward Commission of the United Methodist Church. The One Church Plan is a proposal to re-imagine what it means to be in ministry, inclusive of all, recognizing the diversity in the Church. It will also reorganize churches and conferences with respect to different theological and cultural perspectives around the issue of human sexuality. The United Methodist Church is global which means we have churches in Africa, Europe and in Asia.

#### ***What is the Traditional Plan?***

Another proposal is called the Traditional Plan and as the name suggests, it will retain the traditional language in the Book of Discipline (the Foundational source material for the work of the Church) and provide a path for

churches or conferences to *ōexitō* in order to fulfill their own sense of call or vocation. The Traditional plan proposes a process and aims to be gracious toward those who cannot abide with the outcome of the decision regarding human sexuality. *ōMaintaining structural unity is not the only way the church can be a good witness to the world.ō*

#### ***What are the implications for the local church?***

The plan states the current stance of the church, *ōthat all persons are of sacred worth and made in the image of God.ō* Marriage is between a man and a woman. Clergy are prohibited from performing same gender marriage; and local churches are not permitted to conduct the same.

It retains the standard for ordination vested on the authority of the General Con-

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ference and not to each individual conference or jurisdiction. The plan enhances accountability and removes the loopholes. Every Bishop will be required to uphold the provision of the Discipline.

The plan allows for conferences, churches and clergy to ðexit to join another conference or Methodist related church. The property of a local church will remain with the local church with some clear provisions. For example, the pension liability of a local church must be paid to the Annual Conference.

Churches that depart from The United Methodist Church could continue to participate in Wespeth (Clergy Pension Program). Departing Clergy will retain their pension plan and benefits.

***Why is the Traditional plan important?***

I read that many in the pews are tired of the infighting and the tone of divisiveness in the general church. Some offered that trying to be together at all cost is detrimental to our witness for Jesus Christ. Perhaps, the sentiment goes, it is better to part ways, like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15:36-41. They could not reach an agreement, so they went on separate ways. The conflict however was not a stumbling block in their respective efforts of spreading the Gospel. As a result even more work was accomplished and the spirit of the Lord worked with Paul and Barnabas. We trust that prayerful hearts and minds will come together to seek the welfare of the entire church. We continue to offer Christ without regard to gender, personal identity or race.

## *What about local and Global Mission?*

As I write our churches are responding to the appeal from UMCOR to respond to the relief efforts in the United States and partner churches in the Asia-Pacific. World Communion Sunday is October 7 and the offerings received will support for training and equipping leaders for ministry.

“Churches could also continue to participate in joint mission through the General Board of Global Ministries, as well as partnerships for mission and other joint projects, with the agreement of the UM entity involved. But such institutions could form cooperative relationships with other bodies and could, under the provisions of their own bylaws, change their relationship from one body to another. Any self-governing Methodist church would create its own Book of Discipline and be self-supporting financially, including funding its own bishops.ö

### **Summary:**

The Traditional Plan will retain the present language of the Book of Discipline but will seek to provide greater accountability from all. It also provides a pathway for churches and clergy to seek the blessing of another like minded group while at the same time blessing one another in love. The mission remains the same but the way of doing things will be different.

*Rev. Romir R. Esguerra*

## **Gifts from the Heart**

*by Carol Hollingsworth*

As I write this, I am putting away summer things and getting ready for the fall. It is hard to imagine that I need to be planning for Christmas already. But, yes, it is time to prepare for our annual Gifts from the Heart program, where we provide Christmas gifts for children that are serviced by ChildServ. This is the 33rd year that *Our Redeemer's* family has supported children in need through Gifts from the Heart and over 3000 children have benefitted. I am happy to be part of such a generous congregation.

If you wish to participate this year, the sign-up sheet will be in the narthex from October 21- November 11. The name(s) and information for each child will be given out on Sundays, November 18 and 25. The collection of the gifts will be on Sunday, December 2. You are asked to spend no more than \$40 per child and a wish list for each child will be provided. If you have questions about the program, please contact Carol Hollingsworth at 847-310-0491 or [clh1325@comcast.net](mailto:clh1325@comcast.net).

Again, I thank all of you that have supported this program for so many years and have helped make a child's Christmas brighter.



*by Marianne Rogenski*

## Education News:

### **Trunk or Treat is coming!**

Save the date! October 26!! We will be trunk or treating from 7-8pm. If you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy, please plan to arrive and park at 6:30pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

### **Acolytes needed!**

If you have a child who is 2nd grade or older please ask them if they would like to be an acolyte! If they are interested, we can do a short training after church one Sunday and then get them on the schedule!

## Youth News:

### October

- 7 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 14 The Gathering at OSUMC 6:00-8:00pm
- 21 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 28 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm

### November

- 4 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 11 Youth group at ORUMC 5:30-7:30pm
- 18 Youth group to soup kitchen 1:30-7:30pm
- 25 NO YOUTH GROUP

For the soup kitchen on November 18<sup>o</sup> we leave the church at 1:30pm and arrive back around 8:30pm. Everyone who comes needs money for dinner at Wendy's on the way home.

If you can drive, please contact Marianne!

Also, if you are planning to go to the soup kitchen let Marianne know by November 4.

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

First, thank you to all for your support in our campaign to get the ASP fund out of the negative!

And, believe it or not it is that time of year again! Time to register for ASP 2019!

So, if you are interested in going on the trip please contact Marianne.

This is our 20th summer of serving with ASP! how exciting!



### October:

- 18 Jareth Gomes
- 27 Kayleigh Maher



# STEWARDSHIP 2019

As Christians we know that all we have comes from God. As a United Methodist church our mission is to practice our faith and live a life in Christ. Through our Stewardship – the giving of our Prayers, Presence, Witness, Service and Gifts - we are able to fulfill the mission of our church by offering back to Him a portion of what He has given us.

Each year we are asked to reaffirm our financial commitment to the church. We do this because we know that everything we have comes from God. We also know that our church, God's house, has expenses just as we all have household expenses. And much like paying our household bills allows us to take care of our family, meeting the financial commitment of our church allows us to take care of our church family.

Our church, the buildings, grounds, and personnel, make God's ministries possible: providing worship services and sacraments, receiving guidance from our pastor, educating our community, ministering to the faithful and outside community. Our ministries are all dependent on this church to carry out their work.

We thank you and pray that you may find the level of giving that is right for you. Your financial commitment is a critical part of the way we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world. Thank you for being a part of our family in God!

*"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully."* II Corinthians 9:7

Stewardship Committee

***To make your pledge, obtain the 2019 Stewardship Pledge Card at church or print the 2019 Stewardship Pledge Card.pdf on both sides of a single legal sheet and enter your information on both sides of that single sheet.***

## UMCOR

UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, a worldwide denomination. Compelled by Christ, UMCOR responds to natural or human made disasters—those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

With that in mind, as we have watched a series of events unfolding this summer, we see that there are needs in several places that have been hit by natural disasters.

In California wildfires used to happen typically in the late summer/fall months. Now, it appears that they have become a year-round occurrence. Two fires in the Mendocino Complex fire—geographically the largest wildfire in California history—forced the evacuation of 40,000 of the 65,000 living in Lake County. Back in July and August, the Carr Fire killed eight and destroyed more than 1,000 residences—and it was just one of 18 fires in the worst wildfire season in California history. Meanwhile, UMCOR is still working in places like Weed, California, where a fire struck four years ago.

UMCOR has awarded \$10,000 emergency grants to both the South Carolina United Methodist Conference and North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church for immediate use in response to Hurricane Florence. As Florence leaves the East Coast and makes its way through the Northeast, Conference Disaster Response Coordinators and Early Response Teams are preparing to enter affected areas to begin assessing damage later this week.

Since 2017, UMCOR has trained and funded Disaster Management teams in order

to empower communities to proactively alleviate suffering caused by the effects of disasters. Their work allows for communities to advance awareness and preparedness, aligning with the efforts of other conference teams and ecumenical councils from across the region. The full extent of the damage from Typhoon Mangkut (which struck the northern part of the Philippines) is yet to be determined, but 54 people had been declared dead and another 49 were still missing Sept. 17 after the typhoon triggered a massive mudslide that destroyed hundreds of homes, according to CNN.

This week marked the one year anniversary of Hurricane Maria hitting Puerto Rico. One year later, UMCOR is still there. "Early in and last out" are guiding words for UMCOR and its partners.

We can support these efforts directly with contributions directed to UMCOR. You can write checks to *Our Redeemer's* with UMCOR listed in the memo field.

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## Bowling

The bowling season started on Sunday, August 26, but IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN. We bowl every other Sunday (except for a few weeks where it is back-to-back) at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$16 per week.

Feel free to invite your friends and family! Contact **Dan Wilkes** or **Jeff Greenwalt** if you would like to join.

The original 2018-2019 Season Schedule was 8/26 to \*12/16 (\*Christmas party - dinner provided by the bowling alley) then 1/13 to \*4/28 (\*Party, awards and fun bowling - pizza and soda provided).

## United Methodist Women

A BIG thank you to everyone in UMW as well as the whole church that contributed to the success of our Rummage Sale on September 14 & 15. We appreciate the hard work of the Rummage Sale committee: Betty Miller, JoAnne Gregorash, Julie Kuhn, Mary Stehlin and Pam Miller. Also we thank everyone who helped to set-up the sale floor, those that worked at the sale and the awesome crew that did the clean-up on Saturday. We are most thankful for everyone who donated all of their rummage for the sale, as well as contributed baked goods for the ASP Bake Sale.

Our next big event is the UMW Heavenly Treats Sale on Sunday, November 18. Start to think of the cookie and treat recipes you will use for this next fundraiser.

Make sure that you record the **2018 Calendar of Events** so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

- ◆ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9- @ 6:30 p.m.  
Game night/ at Melinda Taylor's home
- ◆ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18- UMW Heavenly Treats Sale/ drop off your goodies on Saturday, November 17.
- ◆ TUESDAY, DEC. 4- UMW Holiday Potluck and Business Meeting (White Elephant gift exchange)

### Looking Ahead to 2019 - Save the date:

- ◆ Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2019 UMW Retreat @ Wesley Woods/ Williams Bay. Details to follow at a later date.

## UMM Retreat October 26-27

All men are invited to the annual United Methodist Men's retreat Friday and Saturday, October 26 - 27 at Wesley Woods in Wisconsin. There will be plenty of fellowship, study and food (**BUT NO CRAFTS**). Groups will be leaving from church at 3pm and 5 pm Friday and returning by supper time Saturday afternoon.

The cost will be \$60. Contact **Marshall Nystrom, Steve Miller** or **Rich Hill** if you are interested.

## Pizza Sale

The UMM will be taking orders for pizza from October 28 to November 11. Pizza will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 18. All men are invited to come and help assemble the pizzas on Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m.

### Finance News

The following is the financial status as of August 31, 2018.

Year to Date	
Actual Income	\$196,026
Expenses	\$201,961
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,935)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	\$165,000
Balance 8/31/2018	\$35,301



## 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.



## Personal Notes

### Our Deepest Sympathy:

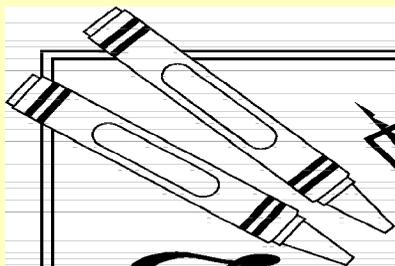
To Fred and Sharon Felski and family on the death of Fred's nephew and Godson, Mark Felski who passed away in Montello, WI at the age of 50.

To Andy Breda and family on the death of his brother, Craig Breda. He was also the brother to Jane Kehoe and Julie Berg, former members of ORUMC.

To Shirly Witte and family on the death of her daughter, Sarah Hensel, who was 41 years of age, leaving six children and her husband.

Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

**Communion Servers** - please consider checking out the sign-up sheet for serving communion in the Narthex for the first Sunday of the month.



# PUZZLE

## From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>F</b>					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
a friend					

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

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