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Sundays After Easter

It is that season of the year again. Post Easter. In liturgical talk, it is the Sundays after Easter and all energies were spent from the Palm Sunday processional, Holy Thursday communion, Good Friday drama of God's redeeming love and the triumph of Easter. The services were well received and there is a feeling of being renewed.

Easter Sunday is a tough act to follow. I make it a point all these years to be around after Easter Sunday just to be a visible reminder that there is more to come.

What is to come is unfolding. I have several icons in my study. In the Eastern Church, an icon is a way of telling the biblical story, just like stained glass windows in many churches depict the life of Jesus Christ.

In the Reformation era and to the present,

storytelling is through the hymns and songs. In one icon that I have- a postcard- Christ was straddling the center that divides heaven and earth. Christ was holding the wrist of Adam and Eve was hanging on at the heels of Jesus. Christ was pulling people from death to resurrection.

As I write, images of the devastating fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris dominated the news. There were also other fires that destroyed African-American Churches in the southern part of the United States. It was brought about by hate and prejudice. Rebuilding is commencing even though the churches have not gained worldwide attention.

The cathedral or any place of worship was about humanity and shared common val-

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ues that endured the test of time. All of us, desire for something greater than ourselves and we gaze upwards. I listened to conservation experts who narrated three important religious symbols that were not destroyed as the fire was raging: the cross, the stone altar and the candelabra on both sides. Even during the intense heat the candles did not melt. I had the privilege to visit this cathedral with my family sometime ago. We make it a point to visit historic churches. We believe that God is always doing a new thing. When we look back, we prepare for the future that God has

mapped out. God built a spiritual architecture that transcends time and space.

öGod is not in things of space, but in moments of time.ö Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*

Easter is the beginning, not the conclusion. God inhabits our space again. Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room. Jesus was in Galilee to meet the disciples when the disciples returned to their previous calling. Jesus met two strangers on the road to Emmaus.

Easter is God's resurrection moment. Pentecost is coming and the spirit is alive and ready to send people out. God breathed new life to the community of faith. Later, a new name evolved for followers of the öWayö Christians.

Join us for our ministry and worship events in May. Dr. Bruce Bedingfield will deliver the Sunday morning message on *May 5th*. We will celebrate Communion and Mother's Day on *May 12th*. Our last Sunday School for the season will be on *May 17th*. We will recognize our teachers, parents and students. Our music Sunday is also on *May 17th*. We look forward to beautiful music renditions from our Bell Choir, Praise Team and Chancel Choir.

The *Summer One-Service Schedule* will begin on *May 26th at 10:00 a.m.*

All are welcome here. Come and join us.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

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"Back to the Future"

2019 Northern Illinois Conference will be held on June 2-4 at a new location, The Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL. The theme is , ðBack to the Future.ö

Our delegates are : Dann Gire, John Machonis and Pastor Romir Esguerra. The Conference will open on Sunday afternoon with the Ordination Service. Celebrations include clergy retirement, memorial service for lay members and clergy members, 150th Anniversary of The United Methodist Women and the bicentennial of Global Ministries for Mission around the World.

Election of delegates for the 2020 General Church Conference will also take place during this session.

The Bishop's Appeal will support the Conference Outdoor and Retreat Ministries. ðNIC Camps are excited to be designated for 2019 because our overarching purpose is to support and strengthen local congregations in their mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.ö The message is to ðSend a youth to camp.ö

There is a mission challenge. This year the challenge is to collect items for Personal Dignity Kit for the Midwest Division Distribution Center in Springfield, IL.

The Elgin District will collect the following with the goal of receiving 2,000 of each item:
deodorant (2-3 oz)
razors (with guard)

If you have any questions or have trouble finding these items, please check the FAQ sheet for suggestions at www.umnic.org.org/mision challenge.

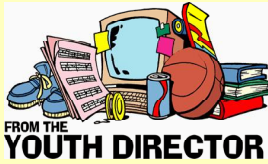
ORUMC will have a box in the Narthex for this mission challenge and will deliver the same to the conference site on June 2, 2019.

July/August Newsletter

The newsletter will have one combined issue for July and August. The deadline for the combined newsletter will be June 20.

Note that there will not be an Ad Council meeting in July, so there will be one less reminder to submit your newsletter articles.

As part of your newsletter preparation, please make the calendar changes required to get us back to our ðnormalö 2-service schedule beginning in September. The combined newsletter will include both July and August calendars which will carry over into the first week of September.



Education News:

by Marianne Rogenski

Thank you to all who helped with and donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt!

The last day of Sunday School for this school year is May 19th please take time before then to thank our amazing Sunday School teachers and leaders[—] **Melissa Bland, Doug Meneely, Kim Maher, Shelley Lukowicz, Sarah Calderwood, Jean Walters, and Judy Wayda!**

We also have several amazing youth helpers[—] thank you for your time!

Education Sunday

Education Sunday is at 10:30 on May 19th this is when we recognize graduates and all who are leaders in Sunday School, Youth ministry, and Kids Hope mentors.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is July 8-11 and VBS Sunday will be July 14. Look for a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help during that week!

Youth News:

Thank you so much to the adults who have helped with youth group this year[—] Sarah Calderwood, Kim Maher, Doug Meneely, and Jon Montgomery! It has been a great year!

The last regular youth group meeting for the year is May 5, 5:30-7:30pm. Please bring a snack to share!

If you are a youth and interested in helping with VBS[—] July 8-11[—] please contact Marianne

Look at the bulletin and email for youth summer events for July and August!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

Our day retreat is May 18, 9am-3pm. If you can help with lunch that day please let Marianne know. If you are going on the trip please plan to be there.

Please contact Marianne if you can organize the ASP t-shirt order.

Our trip is June 15-22[—] can't wait!

Sponsors Needed

The ASP project is still in need of funds. If you get this in time, a fundraiser will be April 27 and 28 at Menchie's (pick up a flyer in the Narthex).

Checks are always welcome, too. Make the check to Our Redeemer^s with ASP in the memo field.



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, Spaghettios, 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 our generous and thoughtful donations. Your gifts mean so much to those in crisis.

Service Opportunities

Soup Kitchen

May 19

1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Volunteers gather at church at 1:30 and carpool to Rogers Park to serve in the soup kitchen. Supper is served at 5:00.

Serving and cleanup are usually completed by 6:30. The volunteers then eat on the way home and usually return to church by 8:00 or 8:30 p.m.



Habitat

May 25

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church May 25 at 7:00 a.m. We will carpool to the Lake County Habitat site and spend the day helping work on a Habitat house. We return to church by 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge**, 630-289-4334, if you plan to attend or have questions for either Habitat or Soup Kitchen.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women is looking forward to the annual Retreat at Wesley Woods on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Nineteen of us will enjoy the Lake Geneva retreat and have a book study on "Resisting Happiness." Of course, there will be time for fun and games and lots of laughs. We'll be sure to share photos in next month's newsletter.

Make sure that you record the **2019 Calendar of Events** so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Sunday, June 2-(1:30 p.m. matinee)
Lyric Opera_ó West Side Story óAnnette Brown to coordinate group trip to West Side Story at Lyric Opera. Tickets are \$93. If interested, let **Annette Brown** know ASAP (847-341-8445)!

TUESDAY, JUNE 4- 6:30 p.m.- **Annual Salad Supper & Quarterly Meeting.** Program: "The Life of hymn composer Fannie Crosby" (presented by Carol Hollingsworth)



Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3- Rummage Sale Lite 2019- Pam Miller & Betty Miller will be the co-chairs for this upcoming sale. Rummage "Drop-off" dates: July 28 - 31. Start saving your treasures!

Feed My Starving Children (date TBD). **Annette Brown** will organize. Stay tuned for the upcoming info.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 ó 6:30 p.m.- **Quarterly Meeting & Potluck.** Program: "Food and Faith: Where Would Jesus Sit?" (presented by Mary Zalay)

Sunday, November 24- Heavenly Treats- More information closer to the date.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3- 6:30 p.m. **UMW Holiday Meeting & Potluck**- Program: "Holiday Happenings" and White Elephant gift exchange

Trivia Night 2020- we will schedule our 2nd Annual Trivia Night for early next year. We are hopeful that the UMM will team up with us and coordinate the meal.



Breakfast Meeting
May 11, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the United Methodist Men for breakfast and fellowship May 11 at 8:00 a.m. at Mr. A's in Roselle.

Mr. A's is located at 609 E Irving Park Rd, Roselle, IL 60172.

If you plan to attend, please contact **Rich Hill** at orumc.umm@gmail.com so he can make reservations.

Apportionment (Mission) Update

Apportionment is our church's commitment to the ministry in the Annual Conference and the General Church. In response to the Special General Conference Session held in February 2019 and the decision to vote for the Traditional Plan which retained the original language about human sexuality, the Northern Illinois Conference changed the apportionment statement for each local church.

Our 2019 apportionment is \$ **39,156.00**. For many years, we have not been able to support 100% of our commitment for a variety of reasons. Our "second mile giving" support UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and we continue to support this important ministry especially when there is an emerging need locally and worldwide. Our mission giving makes a difference. Our mission team also responded generously with time and effort. We also support World Communion Sunday and the mission monies enable the church to train a new generation of leaders to make a difference. There are many different expressions of mission like ASP, Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Heifer Project, Gifts from the Heart, Easter Baskets for the Methodist Home in Chicago, Prayer Shawl Ministry, PADS volunteers, Mentoring Program and Thirty Hours of Famine.

Our new apportionment in 2019 is **\$19,800.00** It is a significant decrease because this new calculation is intended for the ministry of the Northern Illinois Conference

only. The three areas are: Support for Ordained Leadership, Mission and Evangelism and Reconnecting the Connection. As of April we have paid **\$5,500 or 27.78%**. This is good news for the ORUMC. We believe that we can get closer to the goal of paying **100 %**. Significant ministries are happening in our Conference as we offer Christ and welcome all to our churches. We will keep ORUMC updated with our commitment to mission. We have many projects that needs to be addressed like a new furnace and new fire alarm system. It will happen soon and your contribution to the Capital Fund will enable us to make this happen. We also need to pay the remaining \$27,913 balance from our Roof Project/Wesley Hall project that started in 2014.

What does it mean then for the other General Conference Funds or mission funds? There are a total of seven funds: World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Episcopal Fund, Interdenominational Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University Fund and General Administration Fund.

To learn more visit www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds. You can also visit [www. umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org).

The conference decided that the new apportionment truly reflects what the conference needs to be effective in its mission and witness. In the past the NIC pays 100 percent of its commitment to the General Conference Funds even when churches are unable to fully pay its fair share. Reserve funds were used

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for this purpose. You can email conference administrator Dan Quinn for clarification on this matter at dquinn@umcnic.org.

Chuches can still support any of the funds described above because they are vital to the ministry of the church. Our church will forward any funds to the conference for this purpose and the conference will do the same for these designated funds. These are ðsecond mile giving.ö

Thank you for your gifts that make a difference.

Pastor Romir Esguerra

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of March 31, 2019.

Year to Date Actual:

Income	\$81,113
Expenses	\$86,088
Surplus(Deficit)	(\$4,975)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	\$165,000
Balance 3/31/19	\$27,913



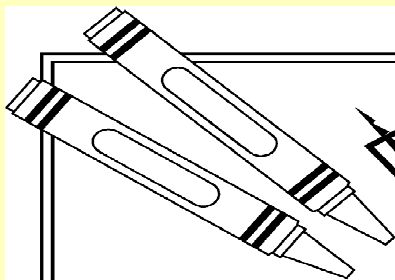
Personal Notes

Congratulations to Jerry & Shirley McDaniel in celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary on April 21!

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Bruce Bedingfield on the death of his sister, **Jan Stavoe**, who passed away on April 9 in Mauri.

Welcome back to **Glen and Carol Hollingsworth** from their winter in Arizona.





PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, family, food, children, up, call

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Apr 28</i> ASP Fundraiser at Menchies 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 10:30 AM Saucier Baptism 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30 PM Bowling @Poplar Creek	<i>Apr 29</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Apr 30</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>May 1</i> 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:20 PM Joyful Noise 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>May 2</i> 8:30AM TOPS 7:15 PM UMW Bible Study 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 3</i>	<i>May 4</i>
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<i>May 12</i> Mother's Day 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery Communion Sunday	<i>May 13</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 14</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 6:30 PM Reading the Bible Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Staff Parish	<i>May 15</i> 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:20 PM Joyful Noise 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>May 16</i> 8:30AM TOPS 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:15 PM UMW Bible Study 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<i>May 17</i> 1:30 PM Soup Kitchen	<i>May 18</i> 9:00 AM ASP Day Retreat
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<i>May 26</i> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery	<i>May 27</i> Memorial Day (Observed) 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>May 28</i> 6:30 PM Reading the Bible Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i> 8:30AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>May 31</i>	<i>Jun 1</i>
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