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"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

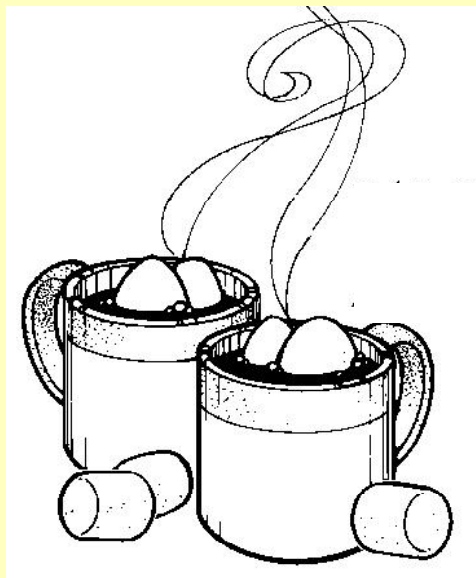
This hymn written by Brian Wren was offered to the Holy Family Church, Blackbird Leys, Oxford. The Church is Anglican, Moravian, Baptist, Methodist and Reformed Church in its shared story. The prolific writer of hymns contributed more songs in our present hymnal than any other living hymn writer. Chances are, any church in the United States may have sung this song any time of the year; whether the United Methodist congregation is rural, suburban or city.

The first line begins: *"This is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that is gone."* I also read that the tune's parallel and altered harmonies are in the style of the 1930's warm Broadway ballad. It comes as

no surprise because many of the hymns were drawn from ordinary life experiences. We have a singing faith and through the songs, we encounter the incredible gift of grace.

In the Old Testament, the Song of Hannah, was a prayer delivered by Hannah to give thanks for the birth of Samuel. "My heart rejoices in the Lord, my strength is exalted in the Lord...I rejoice in your salvation. No one is holy like the Lord, for there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God." The story of Samuel was a point in time for the transition from the period of judges to the establishment of the United Kingdom of Israel. God will now speak in a new way. The song was reminiscent of the Song of Mary, when the angel announced the

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coming of the Lord and how God will be revealed.

This is the day of new beginnings. New Year comes around and we resolve to make things new. We learn from the past and move on with confidence towards the future. I also find it interesting that the editors of the hymnal asked the writer to change the original first line "*from an interrogative form— "Is this a day of new beginnings?" to the declarative statement that now begins the hymn.*" We resolve to believe that God will carry us through.

We begin the New Year with a fresh start and prayerfully finding new expressions of faith. The first Sunday is Epiphany Sundayô Manifestation or the revealing of God for the people of God.

õIn faith we'll gather round the table , to taste and share what love can do, This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."

Happy New Year and Blessings to all.

*Pastor Romir R.
Esquerria*

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United Methodist Women

Happy New Year! The United Methodist Women is off and running with lots of opportunities for all women of the church. We had a lovely Christmas meeting on December 3rd and approved the disbursement of our funds for the variety of mission agencies that we support. We also elected our slate of officers for 2020: Co-chairs: **Julie Kuhn** and **Melinda Taylor**; Recording Secretary: **Debbie Weigel**; Events Secretary: **Mary Zalay**; Treasurer: **Sarah Calderwood** and Board Member at Large: **Pam Miller**.

Our big event for this month is the **2nd Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, January 18 @ 6:00 p.m.** Your ticket includes Dinner, Dessert, then a fun Trivia challenge as tables compete for bragging rights (and prizes). Tickets are \$25 per person, sold either individually or as a table of 6-8. Advance sales only, Sundays in the Narthex through January 12! Trivia night 2020 is sponsored jointly by UMW and UMM as a fundraiser for each group's missions. For more information contact Melinda Taylor, Julie Kuhn, or the church office.

Please save this list of UMW events planned for 2020, so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Thursday, January 9 thru April 16 @ 7:00 p.m.- UMW Bible Study on the book of Revelation. This is a 15 week study held in Room #1 @ church. Contact **Mary Zalay** if interested.

Saturday, January 18 @ 6:00 p.m.- **2nd Annual Trivia Night!** Your ticket includes dinner, dessert, then a fun trivia challenge as tables compete for bragging rights (and prizes). Tickets are \$25 per person, sold either individually or as a table of 6-8. Advance sales only, available Sundays in the Narthex until Jan 12! Trivia night 2020 is sponsored jointly by UMW and UMM as a fundraiser for each group's missions.

Friday, February 7 @ 6:30 p.m.- Game night at Melinda Taylor's home. RSVP to Melinda, so that she knows you're attending.

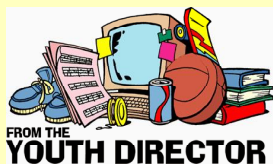
Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Spring Meeting and Potluck. Program: "Know your Why" (Ted Talk) presented by Melinda Taylor

Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2- UMW Retreat. The retreat will be held in our church this year and the discussion topic will be world religions. More details will be available soon.

Tuesday, June 2 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Salad Supper and Meeting. Program: "Spiritual Growth For the Love of God: John's Letter" presented by Mary Zalay

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Fall Meeting and Potluck. Program: "Phil's Friends- assembling packages or cards" presented by Sarah Calderwood.

Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:30 p.m.- UMW Holiday Meeting and Potluck. Program: "Holiday Happenings". White Elephant Gift Exchange.



The SPRC committee is currently seeking a new youth director, with hopes of having a new leader in place by December. In the interim, our youth group leaders (**Sarah Calderwood, Kim Maher, Doug Meneely, and Jon Montgomery**) will lead our youth in their weekly activities.

We are looking for additional adults to help out each week with general supervision; no preparation or lesson planning required, we're just looking for an extra adult to be at each event.

Scheduling is flexible; one Sunday a month would be great. Contact any of the youth group leaders if you would like to volunteer.

Teens have an opportunity to help with Sunday School on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please see any one of the youth group leaders.

Youth News:

January

- 5 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 12 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 19 Youth @ soup kitchen 1:30-7:30 pm
- 26 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm

February

- 2 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 9 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 16 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm
- 23 Youth group @ ORUMC 5:30-7:30 pm

No youth group on March 1

SAVE THE DATE 30 HOUR FAMINE!

From Friday February 28 at 6 pm till Saturday February 29 at 9 pm we will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

We will be kicking off Famine this year with a trip to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. There we will be packaging vitamin-fortified rice for distribution in impoverished areas across the globe. We are inviting the congregation to join us and help prepare shipments from 8-9:30pm.

All youth in 7th through 12th grades are welcome to participate in the famine. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with bible study, team building and other activities. We are also in need for 1 male and 1 female volunteer (over the age of 18) to spend the night at church with the youth.

The weekend will conclude on March 1 Famine Sunday. Here some of the youth will reflect on their experiences over the weekend and assist in our worship experience.

Finally, we need magazines for our Famine visual. If you have any unneeded magazines and wish to donate them, please feel free to do so!

Interested?? Please see one of our youth leaders for more info- **Sarah Calderwood, Kim Maher, Doug Meneely or Jon Montgomery.**

Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 3, please bring one or more canned goods with \$1 wrapped around each to church—either worship service.

The canned goods will stock the food pantry at ORUMC and the money will go into the Pastor's Discretionary fund to help those in need. Thank you for your support!

Appalachia Service Project *It's Time to Register*

And, believe it or not it is that time of year again! Time to register for ASP 2020! This will be our 21st summer of serving with ASP!

So, if you are interested in going on the trip please contact **Kim Maher**.

Job Postings Available

The Staff Parish Relational Committee (SPRC) is currently seeking candidates for the positions of **Youth Director** and **Christian Education Director**.

Job descriptions are available outside the office, on the ORUMC Facebook page, via all-church email, and on our website (www.orumc.org).

Please share this information with anyone who you feel may be interested in either one of these positions.

Resumes may be submitted to the office or emailed to donna@orumc.org.

If you have any questions, contact **Pastor Romir** or any SPRC committee member.



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Now that winter is officially here, **Medicine Chest items** are greatly needed at the CCC.

All items must be new, sealed and with current dates: non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, anti-diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, bandaids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, and facial tissues.

Toiletries: toothpaste, tooth brushes, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner
Winter Needs: coats (gently used or new) for women, men and children, hats, gloves, mittens.

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

Food/Snacks: non-perishable canned and boxed goods, cereal, jelly, peanut butter.

Shelter Needs: aluminum foil, plastic wrap, storage bags, ground coffee, (regular and decaf), paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, kleenex, styrofoam cups, plastic ware, paper plates.

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins located in the closet left of the Information Desk, located in the Narthex. Thank you for your thoughtful and caring donations!

December 1 Single Service



The Advent Wreath Skit



Communion and Decorating the Tree



Potluck



Delivering Gifts From The Heart



UMM Breakfast Meeting Saturday Jan 11, 8:00 a.m.

All men of ORUMC are invited to enjoy breakfast and fellowship at the UMM meeting Jan 11 at 8:00 a.m.

UMM Meatball Preparation Saturday Feb 1, 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited to help prepare the world famous meatballs at 8:00 a.m. on Feb 1.

UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner - Feb 2, 11:30 a.m.

All members and friends are invited to attend the UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti dinner after second service on Feb 2.

All UMM members are invited to help cook, serve and clean up at the spaghetti dinner.

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of Nov 30, 2019.

Year to Date Actual

Income	\$276,972
Expenses	\$283,796
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$6,824)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	\$165,000
Balance 11/30/2019	\$17,910

Personal Notes



Staff Gifts

We would like to thank you so very much for the staff gifts we received on Sunday, December 15. We appreciate your generous gifts and are grateful and happy to be a part of this church family!

Our Redeemer's Staff

Pastor Romir, Ron Zemke, Cathy Scott, Sue Zimmeroff, Karen Moore, Colin Drozdoff, Kim Echtner, Allison Walters, Karen Greenwalt, Sarah Miller and Donna Echtner

Snacks

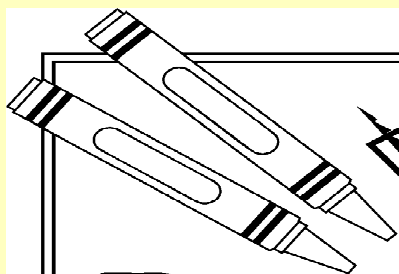
Thanks to all who purchased the United Methodist Men holiday snacks.

Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes are available for 2020. If you would like to use envelopes for your giving, see Donna in the office to get an envelope number and a box of envelopes.

Communion Servers

Please consider checking out the sign-up sheet for serving communion in the Narthex. This is done the first Sunday of every month and for special services. Thank you!



PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
_____ the _____
_____ the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

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December 29, 2019 - February 08, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 29</i> <div>One Worship Service</div> 10:00 AM Worship/Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>Dec 30</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Dec 31</i>	<i>Jan 1</i> New Year's Day 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Jan 2</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>
<i>Jan 5</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>Jan 6</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jan 7</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Jan 8</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Jan 9</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM UMW Bible Study Room 1 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>Jan 10</i>	<i>Jan 11</i> 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting
<i>Jan 12</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>Jan 13</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jan 14</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 3:00 PM DKG Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Staff Parish	<i>Jan 15</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Jan 16</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:00 PM Pack 195 Parent Meeting-Rm 2 7:00 PM UMW Bible Study Room 1 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg <div>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	<i>Jan 17</i> 6:45 PM Scout Pack 195 Meeting-Rm 1-Rm 4	<i>Jan 18</i> 6:30 PM UMW Trivia Night
<i>Jan 19</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 1:30 PM Soup Kitchen 1:30 PM Youth Group to Soup Kitchen	<i>Jan 20</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jan 21</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Jan 22</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Jan 23</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 11:00 AM Brookdale-Communion 7:00 PM UMW Bible Study Room 1 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Jan 25</i>
<i>Jan 26</i> 9 am SS/Worship 10:30 Worship Nursery 5:30 PM Youth Group at ORUMC	<i>Jan 27</i> 7:00 PM New Life Bible Study @ Panera 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group	<i>Jan 28</i> 10:00 AM Woman's Book Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Jan 29</i> 5:15 PM Sonshiners 6:30 PM Redeemer Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>Jan 30</i> 8:30 AM TOPS 7:00 PM UMW Bible Study Room 1 7:30 PM Bound for RecoveryAA Mtg	<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Feb 1</i> 8:00 AM UMM Spaghetti Dinner Preparation in Wesley Hall
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