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Pastor's Corner

"633" Worship

On Sunday September 9 we will begin our new worship service. This third service will begin at 6:33 on Sunday evenings. The time was chosen based on a scripture passage from the gospel of Matthew.

Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Matthew 6:33

We chose this passage because of its powerful call on each of us to focus our lives on the love of God that we can know in Jesus Christ. As well as providing a time for worship other than Sunday morning, the service will provide different ways to worship, to learn and to encounter Jesus Christ for our lives. As a worship team we are planning to use drama, visuals, videos and different formats for the weekly message.

The primary purpose of the service is to "provide interactive experiences to bring Christ into our everyday lives, further define and strengthen our walk with God, and provide opportunities and vision to carry out

His kingdom work on earth". In addition our new worship band, *Ember Days* will lead us in music for each service.



As we have planned this service we have not pulled back from worship on Sunday morning at our 9:00 am and 10:30 am services. Our music and worship teams have already begun planning these services through the spring of 2008.

The addition of an evening service will do two important things for us as a worshipping community. First it will provide a different way of encountering the gospel message. By doing this we hope to more fully engage younger people and families with Christ's message of love and grace. Although the service will be directed at youth and young families, people of all ages are encouraged to attend. Secondly, it will offer another worship time for those that are unable to attend on Sunday morning. Please continue to pray for the church and our worship planners as we begin a new phase in our worship life at *Our Redeemer's*.

Grace & Peace
Pastor Bill



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Directory Update

The Ad Council would like to see if there is enough interest to update the church picture directory. This would not be a completely new directory, but just new pages to add to the existing directory.

The project would involve recruiting people who are not currently in the directory, taking their pictures, printing the new pages, and making them available to those who wish to update their directory.

This would be an "in house" project. We would not bring in a photo studio to take pictures and try to sell you a picture album.

We have people who can perform the technical portion of the project, but need help in organizing and recruiting people. If you would be interested in working on this project, call Donna in the church office.

Completely separate from the picture update, Donna can also supply updated phone lists that you can add to your church picture directory binder.



June 16 Fishing Expedition



Personal Notes



Thank You! Thank You!

I just want to thank Pastor Bill and our church family for all the visits, prayers and well wishes after my back surgery. The Prayer Shawl that I received was so gorgeous and worn often. What a wonderful ministry!

God bless you all!

Bea Roden



The congregation extends sympathy to **Ivan Gomes** and his family on the death of his mother, **Judith Gomes**.



Samantha Miller	7/01
Scott Huber	7/06
Christopher Rocha	7/09
Isaac Rogenski	7/12
Emily Trenn	7/12
Alexis Estrada	7/19
Joseph Stehlin	7/20
Michael Stehlin	7/20
Sarah Meyer	7/24
Antonio Wiebel	7/26
Don Rathje	7/30

Congratulations to **Don Wiebel** on his 75th birthday celebration on June 14.



Natural Church Development

by Carolyn Meneely

You've probably heard about the Natural Church Development program. Or maybe you have heard it referred to as NCD. (You know how we love acronyms.) It is an important initiative for our church. It is a way to identify the strength or weakness of various factors that impact church growth. At first, you may think of growth in church membership, but these factors influence spiritual growth as well.

NCD uses an analogy of a church as an old-fashioned barrel – made out of wooden staves. Every barrel has the same staves, but they are slightly different in length. Think of a sturdy well-aged barrel that has a productive life, a little worn but still a long way from being thrown out. Each barrel can hold only as much water as its shortest staff will allow.

The staves represent the eight quality characteristics or factors, measured through the NCD program. (Listed below) The shortest staff represents the minimum factor; the longest staff represents the maximum factor. Remember, *Our Redeemer's* minimum factor was Need-Oriented Evangelism. And Empowering Leadership and Loving Relationships were our maximums. The congregation is the water – to add water, the shortest staff needs to be lengthened. But it is also important to keep the other staves strong.

Our strongest staff is Empowering Leadership. It is more than committees and work teams. It is members who support each other in the church to achieve the spiritual potential that God has for them. In growing churches, the emphasis is on strong relationships and partnerships among the members and less on specific goals or project orientations.

Loving Relationships focus on the "love quotient" within the church – measuring the time we spend with each other outside of church-sponsored events. It includes the joys and concerns we share for each other – the laughter, the tears, the moments of worry, the helping hands in time of need.

It is reassuring and gratifying to know that our strongest staves are such positive qualities. Next month I'll write more about the other characteristics.

Eight Quality Characteristics

- **Empowering leadership**
- **Gift-oriented ministry**
- **Passionate spirituality**
- **Functional structures**
- **Inspiring worship service**
- **Holistic small groups**
- **Need-oriented evangelism**
- **Loving relationships**



Youth News

Attention all youth—Jr. and Sr. High students

We have two events planned for you specifically this summer and the dates are different than they were printed in the June newsletter so please take note! Also, there are some other events listed in the youth summer calendar that you should take note of!

On July 25 we will have a game night at church from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be munchies, games, fun, and more!

On August 19, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. we will have a photo scavenger hunt for Jr. and Sr. High students. We need some parents to help with driving so please contact Marianne by July 13 if you are available to help out. There will be lots of fun and pizza after the hunt!

ASP

Welcome back to the ASP team. 41 youth and adults from ORUMC served many in Letcher County, Kentucky, last month.

New Orleans Mission Trip

The New Orleans Mission Team leaves ORUMC at 8:00 a.m. on July 14 and will

return July 22 in the afternoon. Please keep these 12 adults in your prayers as they are serving in that city.

Mission Sunday

August 12 will be Mission Sunday at both morning services—come and hear the stories that our volunteers have from this summer.

Summer Youth Calendar

July 8, 6:33 p.m.

6:33 Worship Gathering

July 10, 7:00 p.m.

Invisible Children Video and discussion

July 14-22

New Orleans Mission Trip

July 25, 7-9:00 p.m.

Youth Game Night

Jr. and Sr. High youth

August 12, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Mission Sunday

August 19, 4:00 –6:00 p.m.

Youth Scavenger Hunt

Jr. and Sr. High youth

Our regular youth program activities will begin again on September 9, 2007! We are really looking forward to this year—check out the next newsletter for more details!



Personal Notes



To All ORUMC Members *from Richard in the Philippines*

About 1 week ago I received the check you sent me and I thank you ever, ever so much from me personally and also on behalf of the people that received food but cannot thank you personally themselves. Also at that time I also received checks from a few other people. This enables me to buy food for close to 500 people and that is GREAT. Thank you one and all. My bank gives me the money right away and I do not have to wait for your check to clear your bank. That way I can get food right away and start passing it out.

We were in the fields for one week and fed many people adults and children and I got home real tired. I still cannot get use to sleeping in the open air on the ground but it was well worth it. If you could only see the faces on the people receiving the food and the children eating it so fast it is awesome. The Lord has really blessed me by giving me this job and double blessed me by having you all as my friends and supporters. And He has also blessed the people we feed as we try to help as many people as we can.

As all you know I am up in age and I am the oldest member in my church here. And I am believing I will live to be over 100 as I do the work God has given me to do. I have many things wrong with me health wise but because of the work I am doing I never worry

about the pain. The pain some time is very bad but not as bad as the pain the hungry people go thru. Well my question is as long as I am on the face of this earth doing God's work can I count on your support until God takes me from this earth. It really makes me think about all the help you are giving me and I know that the people who are hungry also need that support.

I will never forget you all in all you have done. All the money and the things you have sent (food, medicine, tooth brushes). Oh so many things. God bless you all. I also went to 12 hospitals and took a can of juice and a small package of crackers to each and every person we visited. I was with 15 people and we asked them what was wrong and we all knelt down by their bed side all holding hands with them and placing our hand all over their bodies and as I prayed for them. I had one of our people translate it so they could understand it. It was great. One lady who was visiting her husband called me aside and said "we are not Christians as we do not believe, but as you prayed my husband said he felt a calm come over him and he say he liked the calm a lot. Thank you so much". WOW Great. things are happening. Thank you all everyone and please when I am 100 or older please stay with me.

Love in Christ,
Richard



Personal Notes



Dear
ORUMC
Family,

As we look back on the past year of planning for our move to Pennsylvania, we realize that the journey begins and ends in the embrace of our church family here in Schaumburg.

In September **Pastor Bill** gave a sermon based on the biblical story of The Prodigal Son. One of the primary lessons of his message was that you can't put a price on human relationships. Because my stepfather's health has become unpredictable, the sermon led me and Mark to some heartfelt conversations about how we could make the most of our remaining time with my stepfather, and also stand by my mother if she were to face such a loss.

As we prepared our home for sale, **Rich Hill** offered both his tools and his handyman expertise, while others of you shared your insights on the real estate market and the possibility of a career change for Mark. You sympathetically listened to our worries and concerns, which were resolved with a quick house sale and by Mark getting the OK to telecommute and keep his job in Chicago.

When we had to be out of our house by May 15, **Doug** and **Carolyn Meneely** opened their home to us so that we could stay in the area until the end of the school year. God has removed every obstacle we anticipated, and all of you served as his hands and feet in caring for us.

We leave you knowing that God has paved the way for us to make this move, yet uncertain that there could ever be a church that could mean as much to us as **ORUMC** does. Yet again, we will put our trust in Him to lead us, even as we say our bittersweet good-byes.

Please keep in touch with us at our new address:

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il2pa@hotmail.com

In Christian love,
Margaret, Mark, Brian
and **Morgan Higgins**



Education

We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Amy Meyer and Annette Brown, this year's VBS coordinators. You did an awesome job!

Parent-led Sunday School is available during the 9:00 a.m. service for children ages 3-7 years old. Children begin in the sanctuary with their parents and then will be dismissed after the children's sermon. There are still a few weeks where parents are needed to teach Sunday School. Please check the schedule outside of the Rainbow Room and sign up today.

Rally Day - August 26

Bowling

Anybody looking for a good time and a chance to meet new people. Come join us in **Our Redeemer's** bowling league as we embark on our 13th year.

We bowl at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates at 6:30 p.m. every other Sunday. We start the 1st of Sept. and end the 1st of May. This is a very fun league - **You don't have to be a good bowler** to have a very enjoyable evening with this great group.

If you are interested in bowling, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-882-6116. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the bowling alley!



Crisis Center Needs

JULY — Towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, twin size bedding (new or used), travel size sewing kits. Paper towels, toilet paper, face napkins, facial tissue styrofoam cups, plastic ware, paper plates. ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES and waterproof backpacks.

AUGUST — Blank journals, wrist-watches, wallets on a string, 4-place setting dish sets, cutlery sets, pots and pans, laundry baskets.

Please leave your contributions in the basket in the office.



**Habitat for
Humanity**
August 4,
7:00 a.m.

Join the Habitat crew for a day of construction at the Waukegan work site. Meet at church at 7:00 a.m. to carpool to the job site. We will return at about 5:00 p.m.

On the job training is provided. Fellowship is guaranteed. Lunch will be provided.

Family Ministries

It was nice to see everyone who came out for the fishing expedition on June 16. We had a lot of fun catching little catfish. We'll do it again in the fall (when it's not quite so hot!).



Fourth of July Parade

9:00am – Hassell Road in Hoffman Estates

If you'd like to watch the parade with some of your ORUMC friends, bring some chairs and/or a blanket and join us along the parade route. We'll have treat bags and trinkets for the kids, and lots of fun for all. Feel free to invite neighbors and friends.

We recommend that you park in the lot behind Poplar Creek Bowl and cross to the north side of Hassell Road. Plan to meet around 8:30 a.m. along the 2300 block of Hassell Road, in front of the 7-11 and Neighborhood Inn.

Don't forget the church picnic on July 29. We need help with games and activities! You know you want to help. See Gwyn for more information.

If you have any questions, contact **Jeff** and **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116 or jgreenwalt1@comcast.net.



Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 29
11:30 a.m., following the
Second Worship Service**

We bring the food, you bring your appetite!

Mark your calendars for Our Redeemer's Annual Church Picnic. As in the past, we will sell tickets and provide the meal (*although we would never turn away a yummy dessert*). You just need to show up, enjoy the food, and have a good time. We'll have volleyball, snowcones, and activities for the young and young-at-heart, with special live music from **The Upstream Band** from Libertyville United Methodist Church! And don't forget your lawn chairs if you'd prefer to sit back in the shade, listen to the music, and watch the fun.

Tickets will be sold between services on July 8, 15, and 22. Tickets are \$5/person or \$20/family. *Please* pre-purchase your tickets so that we can be sure to order enough food for everyone.

Are you an expert at setting up the volleyball net? Do you have a real knack for face painting? Or maybe you can sell tickets or bring a cooler full of water balloons. If you can help out with the picnic, please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116.

Movie Night July 10, 7:00 p.m. Invisible Children

The 6:33 committee is hosting a movie night featuring the documentary film, *The Invisible Children*. The documentary was made by filmmakers **Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey**, and **Laren Poole** from San Diego, California. Their goal is to create awareness regarding the plight of the people of Northern Uganda, caught in the midst of a civil war between the government and a rebel group that makes extensive use of kidnapping children and making child soldiers. Statistics show that 50,000 Ugandan children are abducted each year to become child soldiers.

The filmmakers also created *Invisible Children Inc* in an attempt to give people a way to easily help with the situation in Northern Uganda, after viewing the film.

More information about the film and the organization is available on the web-site www.invisiblechildren.org.

ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our monthly Family Camping outings.

The camping dates and locations are shown below.

June 29-July 1 - Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL

August 10-12 - LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL

September 21-23 - Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL

October 5-7 - Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI

All campouts are scheduled at state parks that require advance reservations. If you would like to attend any of the campouts, please Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116 as soon as possible.

We will add you to our camping list and get you all of the reservation details.

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through May 2007. The Finance Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through May 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	125,957	134,142	(8,185)	-6%
Sprint Rent	13,470	11,232	2,238	20%
Other Income	13,597	13,560	17	0%
Total Income	153,004	158,934	(5,930)	-9%
Total Expenses	158,017	163,553	(5,537)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	(5,013)	(4,619)	(393)	

June 24, 2007 - August 04, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><i>Jun 24</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Sunday School</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 25</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Prayer Group 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 26</i></p> <p>1:00 PM NeedleWorks 7:00 PM Boy Scouts -Pack #295</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 27</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 28</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S. 11:00 AM Devonshire Service 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 29</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Jun 30</i></p>
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<p align="center"><i>Jul 1</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Sunday School Holy Communion</p> <p align="center">Family Camping @ Rock Cut State</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 2</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Youth Council 7:30 PM Nar-Anon Family Group</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 3</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Micah Ministries</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 4</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Hoffman Estates Parade Independence Day</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 5</i></p> <p>8:30 AM T.O.P.S. 7:30 PM Bound for Recovery AA Mtg</p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 6</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Jul 7</i></p>
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