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**Pastor's
Corner**



Vision Sunday
October 19



On Sunday October 19 we will be celebrating our common ministry and mission as *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church.

Over 40 years ago a small group of people gathered in the "Jennings House" near Bock Park in Schaumburg to begin a new church. They soon moved to the "Barn" that is now a community center. The choir sat in the jury box and initially sang to a portable pump organ. Sunday school and meetings were held at the Jennings House and in the parsonage.

Since then, thousands of people have come to experience the grace of Jesus Christ through the work of the people of this church.

Yet I do not share this short "history" lesson to make us nostalgic, but to remind each of us that we are part of a tradition of being Christ's church and to say "*What's next?*" What is God calling *Our Redeemer's* to do, and to be in the next 40 years?

On October 19, as we come together for a celebration dinner, we will talk about ministries, but also commitments. We will come together to commit ourselves to grow spiritually as we celebrate our history, rejoice in our common ministry and make financial commitments to our future ministry together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

PS: Have you noticed the bricks in the sanctuary recently?

THEY ARE DIFFERENT !!



Birthday Surprise

Leota Sahr was surprised by **Pastor Bill** and the congregation in church on September 21. Pastor Bill presented a cake and the congregation sang Happy Birthday.

Leota celebrated her 100th birthday September 26.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors is always more meaningful during the fall as we eagerly look forward to the new worship year and activities. We think of Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons as usual visitor times. But many come to visit at this time of year as well.

There are many reasons someone is likely to visit us now. Maybe they've just moved here — or they are seeking a new place for worship — or there are children to go to Sunday school. Maybe there's a more emotional reason. They could be feeling lonely — or anxious — or stressed. Perhaps it is as simple as looking for friendly faces.

As we gear up for the busy weeks ahead, it's easy to be distracted and not notice a new person or family in the Narthex before worship or in the sanctuary during worship. Each week when we greet each other during passing the peace, look across the sanctuary - especially in the back rows - to see if there are new faces.

We're well into fall now - we have lots of events to talk about with visitors, so you don't need to be worried about not knowing what to say. The choirs (for all ages) are singing in worship again after the summer break. Rally Day was several weeks ago and the Sunday school classes are back to work. 633 Worship is a service that's "outside the box". Several small groups have started to meet for those interested in couples activities, Beginning Bible study or sharing cultural heritages of *Our Redeemer's* members and families. And coming up we have a Hoedown and Open Mike Night!

Invite them to join you for some cookies and coffee or juice in the back after the service. Ask if they would like a tour of the church building - do they know where the refreshments are, the classrooms or nursery, the restrooms?

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors is not just an empty slogan at Our Redeemer's. This fall, help me welcome everyone to our church family.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth Club

Thanks to all of the 4th-6th graders who came out one rainy Sunday afternoon for the Youth Club Fall Celebration. It was great to see you and we had a fun time! Be on the lookout in the November newsletter for the next activity, which will be laser tag during your winter break.

Confirmation

A reminder to all Jr. High students that Confirmation has started. We meet each Sunday night from 7:30-8:30p.m. If you need a schedule or more information please contact Marianne through the church office.

Attention all freshmen and families, you will be confirmed on October 5, 10:30am. You will be contacted about a rehearsal time in the near future if you have not been already.

Sr. High Youth

Sr. high students—we are now meeting for youth group every Sunday night from 7:30-8:30pm. Come and join us for fellowship, discussion, and fun!

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 14! This is a great night for the whole ORUMC family. Come out and sing, recite a poem, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, or just watch and be entertained! There will be food, fun, and great acts for sure! Mark your calendars now!

30-Hour Famine

Be thinking about the 30-Hour Famine 2009—February 27-28 with Famine Sunday being March 1.

ASP

Summer 2009 seems like a long way down the road, but we are already building a list for the Appalachia Service Project 2009. This is a home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountains and it is an amazing experience for high school students and adult leaders. Anyone who has graduated from 8th grade can go and I would encourage all high school students to consider the trip. We will go in June (an exact date is yet to be determined) but we will begin meeting as a group in October or November. If this is something that you think that you might be interested in please contact Marianne right away.

6:33 Worship

Join us for 633 Worship each Sunday night at 6:33 p.m.

The next series: Jesus For Prez!

Could Jesus be president? What would that mean for our nation? Our world? What would it mean for us as individuals? Through this series we want to explore how Jesus led when He walked the earth. We want to find the difference between the leader of our country and the leader of our lives. We want to challenge you to reflect on your beliefs, your values, and know that regardless of who takes office in January you can still walk in the Kingdom.

Oct 5: Could Jesus Be President? Part 1

Oct 12: Could Jesus Be President? Part 2

Oct 19: It's A Kingdom Issue

Oct 26: How To Be A Christian In A Political World

Nov 2: Go To The Polls!

The series for November 9, 16, 23:
Videogame Fever.



Family Time Out Fall Country Hoe- down

*Saturday, October
4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

Everyone is invited to put on your dancing shoes and join us for a Country Hoe-down! On Saturday, October 4, our sanctuary will be converted into a dance floor in the barn, and you're invited to join in the fun. We'll have a caller to lead us through a variety of line dances, square dances, and the Virginia Reel. We'll be making popcorn, but feel free to bring pop or juice to share. If you have any questions, contact **Jeff and Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116 or jgreenwalt1@comcast.net.

Bring a friend! See ya'll there!!

Upcoming Events

Family Time Out will not be sponsoring an event for November, but we encourage you to join the Youth Council as they host their annual Open Mic Night on November 14. This is a very family-friendly event, so come enjoy the show. Or better yet, be a part of the fun by preparing a skit, song, or "talent" of your choosing!

Watch for future information on these other family-friendly events:

The Advent Festival in late November
Christmas Caroling in December



Caring Ministries Corner

Needed! Someone to Help Maintain Our Church's Food Pantry

Our Redeemer's is in need of someone to help maintain our own food pantry. Although we, of course, contribute to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, hungry neighbors also come to our church seeking food. For this reason we have long maintained food supplies to help feed those in need. Too often, the responsibility of organizing and dispensing these food contributions has fallen on **Donna Echtner**, our church secretary. Although Donna is always glad to help out, this is certainly not in her "job description".

We need someone, then, to take on those responsibilities. This would include keeping an inventory, tracking our needs, publicizing those needs, and working with Donna to maintain this important Caring Ministry

Please speak to Donna or call **Bruce Bedingfield**, 847-882-6116, if you feel this call to serve.

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained strangers without knowing it."

Upcoming Dates

Crop Walk: October 19

Blood Drive: December 4

Crop for a Cause: March 7

Rogers Park Soup Kitchen: October 26, November 23, December 28, January 25, February 22, March 22 and April 19

Habitat for Humanity: October 18, December 20, February 21 and March 28

New Member Invitational Meeting

*Oct 12, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
After Both Worship Services*

If you are considering making *Our Redeemer's* your spiritual home, there will be informational meetings on Sunday, October 12 after both services, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. You will be able to learn about the United Methodist Church and *Our Redeemer's*, our work together in our church community and throughout the world.

We invite you to become a part of our church family on your faith journey, joining us in worship and fellowship. Please call **Carolyn Meneely** at 847 – 882 – 6116, ext 107 or e-mail carolyn@orumc.org to sign up.

Needed: A few Friendly Guides

by JoAnne Gregorash

How would you like to be known as an “ORUMC Friendly Guide”? It is easy and will not cost you a penny.

ORUMC is looking for some people to be designated “Friendly Guides”. The Friendly Guides would be in the narthex before services and look for visitors coming in the door. Your job would be to greet and welcome them and help them with anything they need.

For instance, if they have children, you could provide them with a map of where the various age groups meet, take them to the appropriate classrooms and introduce them to the teachers. You could introduce them to other ORUMC members if any are available.

If you like, you could sit with them in church. When we pass the peace you could make sure that others sitting around you know that they are visitors. You could also explain things going on in the service if we are doing something different that day.

Does this sound like something that is right up your alley? If so, please contact **Pastor Bill** and he will elaborate and maybe even have you talk to one of the Ad Council members so you are on the same page with what the Ad Council is trying to accomplish.

Why not give this a try? You are going to be at church anyway. Being a Friendly Guide will simply make your worship service more meaningful knowing you are being a representative of our church and of our God.

Scrapbook Club

Oct 17, 6:30-11:00 p.m.

If you are a scrapbooker, paper crafter, or just plain curious to see what it is all about, come join us on Friday, October 17 and see what all the fuss is about!. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall; bring all of your own supplies and snacks.

If you need a list of basic supplies or want more information, call **Laura Machonis**, 847-882-6116.



**ORUMC
Family
Camping**

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in the Family Camping Group for the final campout of the season.

October 10-12 Rock Cut State Park,
Rockton, IL

Contact the hosts, **Joe & Diane Rocha**, 847-882-6116 if you can attend.

United Methodist Men

Monthly Meeting

October 11, 8:00 a.m.

Come to church for our regular monthly meeting and the final chapter of the Tony Dungy Bible Study. Continental breakfast will be served.

UMM Retreat

October 24-25

Join our local United Methodist Men's group in our annual retreat at Wesley Woods. We will leave Friday afternoon and start home Saturday afternoon. There will be plenty of food and fellowship along with a Bible study. The cost will be \$50 per man. All men of Our Redeemer's are welcome.

Call UMM president **Steve Miller**, 847-882-6116, for information and to make a reservation.

UMM Pizza Sale

In October the UMM will be taking orders for pizzas. Pizzas will be available for pickup at church on November 23.



United
Methodist
Women
October 18,
9:00 a.m.

The UMW will continue their interfaith study series with a presentation by a member of the Hindu faith. Join us at our regular monthly meeting on Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served and all are welcome!

Finance Report

The following is our status through the end of August. The reduction in the Sprint rent and increase of \$275,000 in Other Income reflects the sale of the Sprint Lease. The increase in expenses of \$273,643 reflects the final pay-off of our mortgage. More details to follow in the September newsletter.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through August 2008

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	206,974	214,814	(7,840)	-4%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	11,457	24,070	(12,613)	-52%
Other Income	290,598	17,586	273,012	n/m
Total Income	509,028	256,470	252,558	98%
Total Expenses	505,548	263,343	242,204	92%
Net Income (Loss)	3,481	(6,873)	10,354	n/m

Don't Worry - Vote Early (And Vote Often - Just Kidding)

Election Day is November 4. You can vote early if you need to, or if you just want to avoid the hassle on Election Day. No excuse is necessary to vote early, but you must have a government-issued photo ID.

You can vote early between October 13 and 30. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Some sites are also open Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Local voting sites include Schaumburg Public Library, Hoffman Estates Village Hall and Streamwood Village Hall. The complete list of voting sites and times is available at the Cook County Clerk's Office or voterinfonet.com

Movie Memorabilia

Coming attractions! Coming soon to a theater (or church) near you! *Our Redeemer's* is planning a movie memorabilia get-together with silent auction of film mementos. We have t-shirts, posters and other memorabilia from more than 100 movies, including: *There's Something About Mary*, *Dr. Doolittle*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, and *The Patriot*. The items were donated by **Dann Gire**, movie critic for the *Daily Herald* newspaper. Proceeds will be used for **Richard Vales** mission in the Philippines.

Watch for further previews on the big screens on Sunday mornings.



Joe and Nancy Shallcross were joined by their children, friends, relatives and neighbors to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



October 19, 1:30 p.m.

C.R.O.P. WALK (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be held October 19, starting at Our Savior's United Methodist Church. The registration starts at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

This is also the day of our commitment Sunday dinner celebration that will be held at church this year. What a great way to work off all those calories. The route will be set up in three ways: a 6.2-mile walk, a 3-mile walk, and a 1-mile walk. If you are not able to walk on that Sunday, you can walk at any other time; some of our walkers use their treadmills.

We will start distributing envelopes on Sunday, September 28. These envelopes will be used to collect donations to sponsor the walkers. If you cannot walk, please consider sponsoring a walker.

Please join us in supporting Church World Service. This organization is there in many parts of the world, not just to bring food to those in need, but to teach those in need how to care for themselves.

Much of their work is involved with disaster relief. Twenty-five percent of the donations stay within our community helping the Kenneth Young Center and P.A.D.s programs do their good work as well.

We urge all our church family to join us as we walk together to help those in need. Thank you for your continued support. Any questions, please call CROP Walk Coordinators **Carolyn Meneely** or **Edie Machonis** at 847- 882-6116.



Crisis Center Needs

For October the Community Crisis Center needs hats/gloves/mittens and medicine chest items. All medicine chest items must be sealed with current dates. They include non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), RID shampoo, diarrhea medication and Orajel.

A resale shop, Reruns Too, that supports the Crisis Center has opened at 1341 Manor Court at Wing St. and McLean Blvd. in the back of the Wing Park Shopping Center.

Stop in and buy a treasure!

Church Ladies Nite Out October 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. to The Greek Village on the corner of Plum Grove and Golf. Please join us and bring a friend!

If you need a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!

If you can't make it this month, join us next month at Ruby Tuesday across from Stratford. Drop ins are always welcome!

Being Church in a Small Way

For the last year and a half we have been organizing our small group ministry. Through the work of many people we have put together a group of leaders to help each of us be connected to church in a more connected way.

Through our small group initiative we have made available small groups that can learn about themselves and their faith, care for each other in concrete ways and commit themselves to grow in their life of discipleship.

If you would like to know more about being church in a *small way* please contact **Pastor Bill** at 847-882-6116 or by email at pastorbill@orumc.org.



Pancake Breakfast at United Church of Rogers Park Oct. 18, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

For more than 20 years, the United Church of Rogers Park *Community Feast* has served a free meal every Sunday for Rogers Park residents in need. Dozens of churches and agencies and hundreds of volunteers (including *Our Redeemer's* volunteers) have helped serve meals to thousands of guests.

The Pancake Breakfast is a fundraiser to help support the program. Come for breakfast, stock up on baked goods and enjoy the works of local artists at the ARTS FEST.

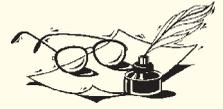
Call **JoAnne Gregorash**, 847-882-6116, if you would like to support the program or become a soup kitchen volunteer.

Nominations Team: *A Harvest of Grace*

Our lay leadership team is seeking to help members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* find a place to serve and grow in Christ. If you are looking to be part of our ministry (at any level) and make a difference for Christ please contact **Pastor Bill** at 847-882-6116 or by email at pastorbill@orumc.org.



Personal Notes



Eagle Scout

Congratulations to **Matthew Young** who received his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor Ceremony on August 31!

Will's Address

Ralph and Barb Will are temporarily in a care facility while Ralph recovers from a stroke. You can send cards to their home address, 3327 Cardigan Ct, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or send e-mail to ralph.will@comcast.net.

Birth

Tyler Douglas Kapp was born September 9 to **Brian and Catherine Kapp**. Vital statistics – 7 lbs. and 19 inches.

Proud grandparents are **Bob and Kathie Kapp**.

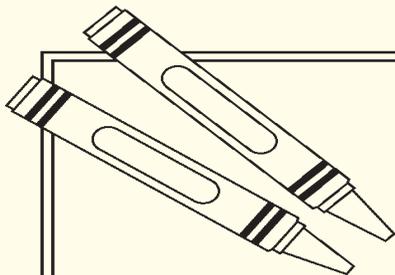


Our Deepest Sympathy to **Mike Wojtal** and family on the death of his cousin, **Ken Anderson**.



October Birthdays

Alex Pope	10/1
David Kessler	10/16
Stephen Kessler	10/16
Jareth Gomes	10/18
Doug Rathje	10/21
Kelsey Gorvett	10/22
Kyle Huber	10/22



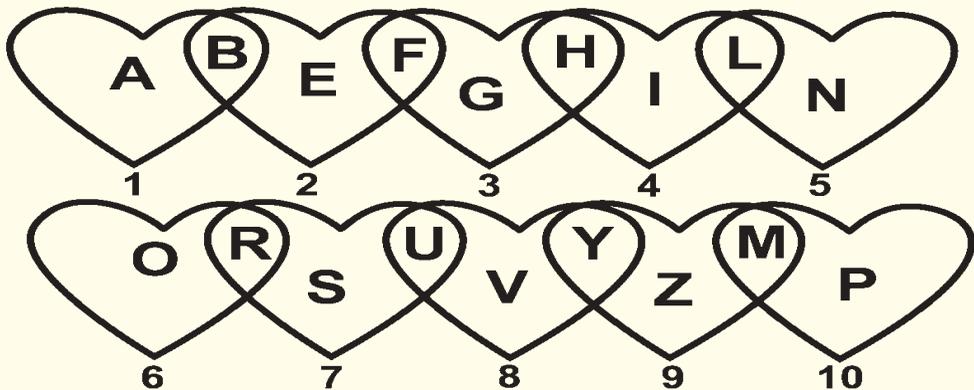
Just for **KIDS**

THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37, NIV).

Do you remember what the second great commandment is?

Use the code below to discover it.



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Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

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