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Staff Parish Update

Staff Parish Committee recently met with the District Superintendent, Reverend Oscar Carrasco, and have the following update.

We anticipate meeting a pastoral candidate in the near future. Rev. Carrasco asked for our patience as an appointment will not be effective until January.

Since Rev. Ron Graham's commitment is through the end of October, we will receive another Interim Pastor Appointment for November and December.

We thank Reverend Ron for his faithful service and guidance in this transition.

Glen Hollingsworth and Julie Gorratt
Co-Chairs Staff Parish Committee



Fall Back

Set your clocks back
November 7

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Thank You Rev. Ron Graham

Best wishes from *Our Redeemer's* as you return to retirement. We are glad that the bishop was able to "sweet talk" you into coming to help us through these hard times.

Please consider us your second church home and come and visit when you can.



The church would like to make more use of e-mail to communicate with members. If you have not received general e-mail announcements from the church, we probably don't have your e-mail address.

Please your e-mail address to Donna in the church office at donna@orumc.org.

Education News

By Rev Elizabeth Bowes

Urgent Need for Children's Christmas Drama Director

Due to circumstances, Amy and Annette have had to step away from directing the Children's Christmas Drama titled this year "The Christmas Bells." This service is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at both worship services.

Children and youth are already signing up and eager to share their gifts and talents in worship. If you always wanted to try your "directing" talents with some of the most adorable kids on the planet see Rev. Elizabeth for material and program.

All Saints Sunday November 7

We will dedicate "1,000 Paper Cranes" in worship.

9:10 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school is off and running...studying the Old Testament. We will meet on November 7, 14 and 21 and take off November 28 for Thanksgiving break. In December we will meet only on December 6.

Confirmation schedule

Nov. 7 Wesley Hall/Lunch ~ Edwards & Rogenski family

Nov.14 Wesley Hall/Lunch ~ Marty/Kathy Fettel

Nov.21 NO Class – option to go to Soup Kitchen – make your reservation with Marianne

Nov.28 NO CONFIRMATION – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday School Schedule

NO 9:00 a.m. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 28 – Happy Thanksgiving

Remember Your Offering

This November and December the Children's Sunday school offering will go towards participating in sponsoring a ChildServ child for the community wide mission "Gifts from the Heart."

Via their combined offering the children of ORUMC will sponsor a child from the "Gifts from the Heart" program and buy that child all their gifts for Christmas.

So kids do an extra chore or set aside part of your allowance and bring it with you on Sunday to Sunday school in November and December so we too can offer our gifts of compassion to a child in need.

November Birthdays

Nicholas Meyer	11/25
Jonathan Dean	11/27
Patrick Brock	11/29
Kimberly Trenn	11/30



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Sr. High Youth Group

November

- 7 Youth Group at church 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 14 Youth Group at church 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 21 Soup Kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
- 28 NO YOUTH GROUP—Thanksgiving weekend

On November 21 we go to the soup kitchen in Roger's Park. We meet at ORUMC at 1:30 p.m., carpool to the soup kitchen, and arrive back at ORUMC around 8:30 p.m. Please bring money for dinner at McDonalds on the way home.

Parents—we still need drivers; please contact Marianne if you are able to do this. Also, please contact Marianne if you plan on going.

December

- 4 ORUMC Advent Festival 4:00 p.m.
- 5 Help at food pantry 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit
- 12 Youth Group at church 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 18 ORUMC Caroling 3:00 p.m.
- 19 No YOUTH GROUP—Enjoy winter break!
- 26 NO YOUTH GROUP—Merry Christmas!

On December 5, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., we

will be serving at the food pantry at Church of the Holy Spirit. This church is located on Bode Road, just east of the intersection with Springinguth Road. Please drop off and pick up at the food pantry.

For Christmas Caroling on December 18, please meet at ORUMC at 3:00 p.m. We will carol for a couple of hours and end with a potluck meal at ORUMC. Please bring a dish to pass (even just a bag of chips!)

Parents and Sr. High students please note: We have made a slight change to the nights when we take the youth group to a restaurant. On those nights we will only meet for one hour, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This does not affect November or December.

Ski Trip 2011

January 14-16, 2011

This is a trip for all Jr. and Sr. High students. We leave Friday evening, arrive at Wesley Woods for programming and a snack, ski all day on Saturday, go back to Wesley Woods for programming and possible a concert, participate in a worship service Sunday morning and then head home.

The cost for this trip will be \$120 for skiers or \$85 for non-skiers. The money will be due by December 5. Please let Marianne know by November 21 if you plan on going on this trip and also if you can drive and/or chaperone.

ASP News:

If you are interested in this trip (for those students who will have completed 8th grade

and above by June 2011) please contact Marianne ASAP if you have not already done so. We have already had one meeting so it is important to get on the team now!

The remaining dates for ASP 2011 are:

January 27, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

March 7, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

May 13-14, Retreat

June 15, 2011, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

June 18-25, Trip

30-Hour Famine

The dates for the 30-Hour Famine 2011 have changed! The 30-Hour Famine will be February 18-19, 2011, and Famine Sunday will be February 20.

Please make the change on your calendars and look for more information in December and January.

Micro-financing update:

As many of you know the youth of ORUMC participated in micro-financing through Kiva.org and initiated 2 loans at the 2010 30 Hour Famine. We are happy to announce that one of those loans has now been paid back in full (the other is still being paid back and is on time). With the money that was paid back the sr. high youth group chose to re-lend to 2 more women.

*They have loaned money to Lynnet Khamete Luvembe of Kenya. She is 34, married, and has 2 children. She will use the money to purchase more stock (carpets, comforters, sheets) for her home sales. In the future she would like to buy land to develop rental homes.

*They have also loaned to Von Son of Cambodia. She is married and has one child. She is planning on using the money to purchase a motorcycle so that she and her husband have transportation to and from work. Currently they pay a taxi each day because they have no other choice.

This is very exciting for the youth—to be a part of micro-financing. Thank you to ORUMC for supporting this!

Heifer is coming

What a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season by giving a gift to others. Sometimes we think that we don't have enough but often forget that all around the world there are people that go hungry and don't have the means or ways to make change in their lives.

Heifer International by donations provides livestock and teaches individuals to care for their livestock. The recipient then passes the offspring from their livestock along to others so that they may have enough and so on and so on.

Last year we were able to raise enough donations to purchase an Ark and we would love to do that again this year. We are asking you to be a part of this wonderful gift from *Our Redeemer's*.

Please prayerfully consider honoring a loved one with a gift of a sheep, a pig or even a flock of chicks.

Our table will be in the narthex between services starting in November.



Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

Since the time of the Magi and the birth of the Christ child, gifts have been given to children at Christmastime. Once again, the congregation of *Our Redeemer's* has the chance to brighten the holidays for a child by providing gifts to children through the program, Gifts from the Heart.

This is the 24th year that the program Gifts from the Heart has been implemented here. Members of the congregation are given the opportunity to sign up for the number of children they wish to sponsor. This year you may sign up in the narthex on October 31, November 7 and November 14.

ChildServ requests that no more than \$60 be spent on each child. The names and ages of the children you sponsor will be given to you on November 21 or November 28. Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned on Sunday, December 5, where they will be delivered to ChildServ by the Gifts from the Heart elves.

ChildServ, the United Methodist agency that serves foster and at-risk children, has been very appreciative of our congregation's efforts each year in providing gifts for children. This year our church was given an award from ChildServ, in part due to our participation in this program.

This year, more than any other in the recent past, it is important that we reach out to those who are so affected by the economy and are in need. Gifts from the Heart has been very well supported by the *Our Redeemer's* congregation. I hope that, once again, you will find that it is a very worthy outreach to children, and you will find it in your heart to add another or several additional children to your Christmas list.

If you have any questions about Gifts from the Heart, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491 or clh1325@comcast.net.

Community Thanksgiving Service Our Saviour's UMC *Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.*

Each year for Thanksgiving it is a blessing to worship together with neighbors from other United Methodist churches in our community. This year's service will be held at Our Saviour's UMC at 701 Schaumburg Road.

Our chancel choir will join with the other choirs to present a message in song. You are invited and encouraged to worship with members of Roselle UMC, Our Saviour's UMC and Salem Korean UMC on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.



Blood Drive

*Thursday, December 2,
3:00 to 8:30 p.m.*

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 2 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.



ORUMC Advent Festival And Potluck

Saturday December 4, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for the hanging of the greens, as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. There will be crafts and activities for the children. The church will provide chicken, drinks, and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Mark your calendars!
Church Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 18 3:00 p.m.

Church Ladies Nite Out

November 17, 6:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going to the Wild Bull for dinner on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. This is a bar on the corner of Golf and Walnut. When you go in, the bar is on the left and family eating is on the right.

The food is excellent and very inexpensive; chicken soup to die for! If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Bev Wilkes at 847-885-2311. Please join us and bring a friend!



Crop for a Cause

Making MS a Memory NEWS!

Due to the fact that this event has outgrown the space we have at Our Redeemer's (what a good "problem"), we are changing the location and date for the scrapbook event benefiting Multiple Sclerosis.

It will be held off site at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle on March 12, 2011. Please mark your calendars!

Tickets will go on sale in November. Go to www.cropforacause.com for details and tickets.



Thanks for Helping

The trustees would like to extend a heart and muscle felt thank you to all who pitched in to give our church a face lift. It took a lot of time and effort from many people to get all the painting projects completed, not to mention some 20 plus gallons of paint.

We would also like to thank those who provided food for all the workdays. It is wonderful to see so many people take pride in the place that they worship. Thanks again for your help.

The Trustees



Thanks to all who walked or sponsored walkers for the annual Crop Walk on October 17.

Please turn in you contributions to **Randy Schmidt, Edie Machonis, or Carolyn Meneely.**



Crisis Center Toy Giveaway December 16 @ Hemmens

Thursday, December 16 is the annual toy giveaway at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. Several members of ORUMC have volunteered in recent years. We always find it a very worthwhile event, helping mothers pick out toys for their children. Children who would have very little for Christmas if the CCC was not giving toys away to those who qualify. In 2009, they served 2700 children from 1,000 families. In light of the continued difficult economic times, they expect more families this year.

If you are available on Wednesday, December 15, they will be setting up at the Hemmens.. Please give a couple of hours for this wonderful event. Call **Carlene Thompson**, 630-837-4490, for further details.

November Needs

Infant needs at the Center are baby bottles & supplies, baby food and formula (current dates), baby wipes, bibs, diapers (esp. larger sizes), infant toiletries and Pedialyte.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

by *Mary Knoppel*

Last year the Prayer Shawl Ministry along with other volunteers, made Pocket Prayer Shawls. These were then sent to Support our Troops of Illinois. We donated over 2000 total.

We asked that they be sent to chaplains to then be distributed to the soldiers. We had no way of knowing whether they had been received or not until last month when we received thank you letters from 2 soldiers. We wanted to share them with everyone.

The first one is from a **John Hansen** stationed in Afghanistan:

Thank you very much for the prayer shawl. I have definitely been using it as there have been tough times for friends of mine. Thankfully I have been pretty blessed and pray all the time for a continuation of those blessings.

Thank you so much for all the work that you do in supporting the troops and others in need. We definitely appreciate it over here.

I am Major John Hansen. I have been in the Air Force for 12 years now. I am originally from Wadsworth, IL near Gurnee and Waukegan.

Now I am working with and advising the Inspector General of the Afghan National Police. I am stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan

as part of a year long deployment

May God bless you all and thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of this prayer shawl.

The other letter is from **Vivian Shuffield** based in Kuwait:

You inspire me to volunteer some of my own time to help my fellow service members out by volunteering at the USO. Thank you for the care packages and the pocket prayer shawls.

It's an awesome blessing to have received your gifts. My fellow service members and I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you all.

Please keep John and Vivian and the rest of the soldiers in your prayers.

United Methodist Women November 20, 10:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to the November meeting of the United Methodist Women. We will meet at the church on Saturday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Our program is entitled Gifts of the Spirit. Also, we will be collecting the World Thank Offering boxes that go to the District meeting.

Please join us for Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. Refreshments will be served.

Operation Airlift

by Betty and Fred Miller

Thank you dear church members for the many supplies you have donated to Operation Support our Soldiers Illinois. I started to make a list and numbers of things you have given, but it is too long to take up space here.

The donations have been delivered to Operation Support our Soldiers Illinois and the stocking team is scheduling groups and OSOTIL members to come in to fill the stockings. They will soon begin going out the door. It takes many hands to fill the OSOTIL boxes, thank you for doing your part to help.

As one dear soldier reminds us the importance of a little bit from home:

“As I look toward the final couple weeks of my second deployment to Afghanistan, I acknowledge that love and support from the home front has been one of the most influential factors in pushing through our time here.

Whether it is just a kind word, hand drawn pictures from school children, those necessities (twizzlers, candy, food, etc.) or the real necessities (toiletries, socks, etc.), every little bit of love sent over here is unquestionably appreciated.”

Sky Soldiers! Airborne! CPT Ashley

Many, many thanks for your help, donations, and loving support.



Dear Our Redeemer's

A very special thank-you to all of you at **Our Redeemer's** United Methodist Church for allowing ConKerr Cancer Chicago to hold the First Annual Miles of Pillowcase Smiles event at your church on September 18.

Our event was a huge success with those attending sewing 647 pillowcases for children at area hospitals who are dealing with life-changing illnesses. Being that September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the goal for our chapter was to sew 2,112 pillowcases, equivalent to one “mile” of pillowcases. We greatly surpassed that goal, sewing 2923 pillowcases for the month.

Thank you so much for helping us attain our goal by graciously offering us space to sew, sharing your kitchen and continuing to support the ConKerr Cancer Chicago chapter. It means so much to our mission which is “making sick kids smile, one pillowcase at a time”.

Sincerely,
Susan M. Abraham
Regional Coordinator
ConKerr Cancer

Feeding the Hungry

by Bruce Bedingfield

Our Redeemer's supports two food pantries—our own local pantry and the Hanover Township Food Pantry—two of our important caring ministries.

Our local pantry feeds hungry neighbors who visit our church (“*.for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.*”). **Betty and Fred Miller** head up this ministry with a good amount of help from **Sue Brown, Diane Rocha, and Donna Echtner**.

We have a loyal team of food deliverers: **Carlene Thompson, Mike and JoAnne Rapp, Ellen Kobylewski, Don and Mary Balk, Jerry and Shirley McDaniel**, our ministry team members.

In the past we also delivered food to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. Since teaming with the Chicago Food Depository, Schaumburg Township is no longer in as much need of our food donations. We have since started delivering to the Hanover Township Food Pantry.

ALL contributions will go to support both pantries with priority going to keeping our local pantry filled. Betty and Fred's team fills our local pantry and Donna notifies our delivery team when there is food to be delivered to Hanover. Special food needs include instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Hamburger Helper, and cereal.

Each week when you do your grocery shopping, please buy a little extra to help feed these hungry children of God. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”*

UMM Breakfast Meeting

November 13, 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited to the United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study Saturday, November 13, 8:00 a.m. at church.

The study will use **Tony Dungy's** book, *Uncommon: Finding Your Way to Significance*.

Contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, for details.



Help is needed on Sunday mornings to run the computer and sound system in the booth. This would typically be a commitment of one service, one Sunday per month.

General computer and Power Point knowledge would be required. Training would be provided along with an experienced hand to ride shotgun for the first Sunday or two.

If you would be interested, contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205.



Personal Notes



To Our Redeemer's Church

My heart was broken when I heard about **Pastor Bill**, but I want to thank you. As my home church for my childhood and adolescence, you had such an important influence on me.

Your love, prayers and support have guided me and as I was ordained by my bishop, I knew you were all there with me.

Thank you for the Book of Worship. I will cherish it for years to come.

Peace,

Rev. Robb McCoy



Thank You

Thank you once again for the generous out pouring of cards and concern to me and my family after the loss of my husband's grandfather. You all are such a blessing.

Rev. Elizabeth Bowes



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Emil Brunner** who passed away the last week of September. He was 91 years young and a friend of *Our Redeemer's* who lived at Friendship Village.

Our deepest sympathy to **Elizabeth** and **Kip Bowes** and family on the death of Kip's grandfather, **Ken Bowes**.

Births

Congratulations to **Sarah** and **Dave Hensel** on the birth of triplets: 3 little angels - **Mary Grace**, **Vivian Marie** and **Hannah Jean** born on October 12.

Proud grandma is our **Shirley Witte!**



Christmas Flowers



What a beautiful autumn we have had but before you know it winter will be here with Christmas not far behind. So we need to think about our yearly display of Christmas Poinsettias. What a wonderful way to celebrate new life than with the addition of flowers to the church. These flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, born to save us all.

We invite all who love to celebrate Christmas with the beauty of flowers to help us adorn the church with beauty in celebration our savior's birthday. Here at ***Our Redeemer's*** we purchase flowers and then "lend" our flowers to the church until after Christmas when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We order them, arrange them and then make them available for you to take home.

To participate, you may order a white, pink or red poinsettia, please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex or in the offering plate. The prices of this year's flowers are \$10 .65

Sunday, December 13 is the deadline for placing your order. Please order early so that our florist may save us his very best selection and also ensure we are guaranteed to receive just what we order.

Name _____ Phone _____

Choose White _____ Pink _____ Red _____

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