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“The Sabbath walk...is a walk without any purpose, no need for insight or revelation. Simply let your soul catch up with you.”

-Wayne Muller

A story is told of a South American tribe that went on a long march, day after day, when all of a sudden, they would stop walking, sit down to rest for a while, and make up camp for a couple of days before going any farther. They explained that they needed the time to rest so their souls could catch up with them.

We, too, are on a long march. Day by day we are on the move, tending to the things that fill our days and capture our attention. The list is long; the demands plentiful. We schedule our time in order to maximize the hours and minimize lost minutes. We justify the activity by focusing on what we have accomplished and in the process, neglect to allow time to renew ourselves.



In Mark 6:30-31, we read *“The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away...and rest a while...’”* appropriate words for the season of Lent. In this time of preparation we need time to reflect, time to renew, time to simply be. We need time for our souls to catch up with us.

My friends, as we move through this season of Lent, bless yourself and those around you by creating space to nourish your spirit and refresh your soul. Be mindful of the shift as you honor yourself with the gift of space. Fast from the distractions of life in order to feast on the richness of God’s goodness. And may you take time to lie down in green pastures and walk beside still waters. May your cup overflow with the grace of God by being a happy...happier...FROG (Fully Relying On God).

Ribbit!

~Pastor Sunny



Lenten Journey 2013

The season of Lent is a journey in which we have been given the opportunity to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ. There are plenty of opportunities here at Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church (ORUMC) to experience this season of preparation. So, save your day to participate in the Lenten Journey 2013 as follows:

*Feb 13, 7:30 p.m.
(Ash Wednesday)*

Ash Wednesday service at ORUMC is a Taize Service led by Sounds of Grace. It is a service of meditation and prayer that includes the traditional imposition of ashes.

The ashes received by Christians on Ash Wednesday are traditional signs of penitence and mourning (Genesis 18:27; Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 6:26; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21).

Feb 22-23 Youth 30 Hour Famine

See page 4 for more info.

*February 13 to March 29
Meals For Millions Lenten Program*

See page 8 for details.

March 24 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day we remember the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection (Easter, Matthew 21:1-11). Children will bring the palms to the 9:00 a.m. worship service to create the triumphal entry scene.

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March 28, 7:30 p.m.
(Maundy Thursday Service)

The Maundy Thursday Service is a Foot/Hand Washing Service with Communion. This year we will dramatize the service with the theme “The Last Supper” directed by Peggy Gire and Sue Zimmeroff. The service will be held jointly with Our Saviour’s United Methodist Church.

It is the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and thereby instituted Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Also, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service (John 13:3-17).

Please come to the service with clean feet in clean footgear. Please do not wear stockings or panty hose!

March 29, 7:30 p.m.
(Good Friday Service)

Good Friday Service at ORUMC is a Tenebrae Service led by the Ember Days and Young Adults Praise Teams. The word ‘tenebrae’ is Latin for shadows, so this is a service of shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story: the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished because the story is not over until Easter Day. In this service, we use increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week. The most significant feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the sanctuary. The service ends in darkness and silence.

March 31 (Easter Sunday)

Egg Hunt for children will be held between the worship services from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter “Cantata” Service led by the Chancel Choir.

**50th Anniversary Celebration
Task Force Team**

Our Redeemer’s will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2014. We are in the process of finalizing the formation of the task force team to organize the celebration.

Please let Pastor Sunny know if you are interested in joining this planning team.

Job Search Seminar

A Job Search Seminar will be offered to those who need help in finding jobs or enhancing interview skills or preparing a resume. It will be led by **Doug Meneely** who was Vice President of Human Resources at Alberto Culver Co., a Fortune 500 company, for 18 years before he retired in 2007.

The date and time can be arranged with Doug individually. He can meet during early evenings or on Saturday after February 6. Please contact Doug at 847-428-5622 (home), 312-968-6470 (cell) or email meneelydoug@gmail.com.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

February

- 3 Souper Bowl of Caring at both worship services
Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. NO Youth Group
- 10 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 17 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 22-23 30 Hour Famine at ORUMC
- 24 Famine Sunday Both services
NO YOUTH GROUP

Please note that there is NO youth group on February 3 due to the Super Bowl and on February 24 due to 30 Hour Famine weekend.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3 is a nationwide event that ORUMC has participated in for several years. On that Sunday all are asked to bring cans of soup with a \$1 bill wrapped around each can.

The food will benefit the ORUMC food pantry and the money will benefit the ORUMC pastor's discretionary fund. Thank you for helping to support these causes which ultimately benefit our local community.

UMM Spaghetti Dinner

Youth Council would also like to encourage all youth and their families to attend the UMM spaghetti dinner which is from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on February 3. Join the rest of the ORUMC church family in fellowship at this meal!

30 Hour Famine

30 Hour Famine is a great event for our Jr. and Sr. High students and any friends that they would like to invite. We do the 30 Hour Famine through World Vision and all funds raised go directly to World Vision to help fight hunger and poverty in the world.

Students ask friends and family to sponsor them as they go on a juice fast for 30 hours. During this time we participate in service projects, learn about hunger and poverty, have Bible studies, and play tons of fun games! The fast is started on your own at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and we break the fast with family, friends, and church members at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

If you are interested in doing the famine please see Marianne for a consent form. If you are an adult and would like to help during famine weekend or you would like to donate juice or water please sign up on the poster in the narthex.

March

- 3 NO youth group
- 10 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30pm

- 16 Youth 16 years and older to Habitat for Humanity 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 17 Youth Group at ORUMC 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 24 Jr. High to soup kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
Sr. High youth group 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 31 NO youth group—Happy Easter!

Habitat for Humanity

On March 16 any youth 16 years old and over is invited to join the ORUMC Habitat for Humanity team. They meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and return to the church at 5:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch.

Soup Kitchen

On March 24 the Jr. High will go to the soup kitchen to help prepare and serve the meal. Please meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. Bring money for lunch at McDonalds on the way home. We will return to church about 8:30 p.m.

Please let Marianne know by March 17 if you will attend—and parents, please let Marianne know if you can drive.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News:

There is still some space on the team if you are interested in going on this trip to Kentucky June 15-22; please contact Marianne if you are interested. The next meeting is March 20 at 7:00 p.m.



February Birthdays

Karen Greenwalt	2/03
Ellen Swartz	2/11
Michael Hernandez	2/20
Caitlin Wilkes	2/21
Justin Edwards	2/26
Kelsey Lukowicz	2/29

Children's Choirs Time Change

The Cherub and Joyful Noise choirs are meeting later starting immediately. The Cherubs will meet Tuesdays from 5:30 to 5:50 p.m. The Joyful Noise will meet from 5:50 to 6:15 p.m.

Both groups will meet in the choir room.

United Methodist Women Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for the next United Methodist Women's meeting at the parsonage Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner with main dish provided by Sung and friends. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, drinks or dessert to share.

We will find out about how butterflies impact our lives. Contact **Melinda Tayler**, 847-781-8416, or **Cathy Mottar**, 630-802-5976, if you have any questions.

Read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 2013

All are encouraged to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 2013. At the end of the year, there will be surprise recognition and gifts for those who finish the main text-book in God's ministry—Bible!

A group reading is held on Wednesday at 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the home of **Inez Morgan** (510 Edgemont Lane Hoffman Estates; 847-885-3280). Please join the group reading whenever you are able. Please speak to **Jean Homeyer** (224-520-8195) for more information.

Reading for February

Feb 1: <u>Lev 1-4</u>	Feb 2: <u>Lev 5-7</u>
Feb 3: <u>Lev 8-10</u>	Feb 4: <u>Lev 11-13</u>
Feb 5: <u>Lev 14-15</u>	Feb 6: <u>Lev 16-18</u>
Feb 7: <u>Lev 19-21</u>	Feb 8: <u>Lev 22-23</u>
Feb 9: <u>Lev 24-25</u>	Feb 10: <u>Lev 26-27</u>
Feb 11: <u>Num 1-2</u>	Feb 12: <u>Num 3-4</u>
Feb 13: <u>Num 5-6</u>	Feb 14: <u>Num 7</u>
Feb 15: <u>Num 8-10</u>	Feb 16: <u>Num 11-13</u>
Feb 17: <u>Num 14-15</u>	Feb 18: <u>Num 16-17</u>
Feb 19: <u>Num 18-20</u>	Feb 20: <u>Num 21-22</u>
Feb 21: <u>Num 23-25</u>	Feb 22: <u>Num 26-27</u>
Feb 23: <u>Num 28-30</u>	Feb 24: <u>Num 31-32</u>
Feb 25: <u>Num 33-34</u>	Feb 26: <u>Num 35-36</u>
Feb 27: <u>Deut 1-2</u>	Feb 28: <u>Deut 3-4</u>

Twentieth Annual Meals for Millions Lenten Program

Meals for Millions is a mission project for the United Methodist Men, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. UMM have provided literally millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry through fund raising activities.

The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that are perfectly good to eat but which are not suitable for use by processing plants due to size or shape.

All members and friends of Our Redeemer's are invited to join the Society of St. Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent. During last year's Lenten season Our Redeemer's raised \$500. Since 1994 Our Redeemer's has raised over \$26,000.

This year's Lenten devotional entitled "How Beautiful" can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from "giving up something" during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program will begin Ash Wednesday, February 13 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on March 29.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 3.

Gratitude

by Julie Gorvett

The following is the devotion I offered at the January Administrative Council on Tuesday, January 17. After offering the devotion, I was encouraged to share the devotion with others by placing it in the newsletter. So, I am here to share the condensed version.

Have you ever had something that just keeps coming back in to your life? Something that maybe you just didn't hear clearly the first time so it needs to be stated again and again until you finally hear it? God has a mysterious way of doing that for me quite often. My most recent moment came last September while attending the Women of Faith Conference in Milwaukee. The theme was **Celebrate What Matters**. We were encouraged to remember that God is waiting for us to begin celebrating the joy in our lives today. If we aren't careful, we can miss out simply because we spend too much time and energy waiting to be happy. Elissa Morgan's message that weekend was to **Live Loved**. Don't hold onto regrets, look forward and let these 5 words of Jesus ~ She Did What She Could ~ drive your life. Message received or so I thought.

A month later, the Interpreter Magazine arrived. An article that caught my eye was all about Practicing Gratitude...once again reminding me to focus on all of the blessings in my life. The article spoke of a church that was literally transformed by shifting their focus from their weaknesses to their strengths. It made me wonder, what shift might happen if

we were more intentional about saying thanks, counting our blessings and practicing gratitude? What are we grateful for and proud of at ORUMC? What do we spend more time on in our lives and/or at church, our strengths, our weaknesses, or our struggles?

Throughout the past few weeks, I kept coming back to these ideas and wondered, what was God really trying to say? Then one day it hit me, all I needed was a change in perspective-knowing where to look for God's blessings in my life and celebrating them with a thankful heart. We ALL have struggles that we are dealing with day to day, but by celebrating and being grateful for all that we do have, it makes the things we are struggling with a bit less daunting!

Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. He longs to hear your requests, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful for what has come ~Philippians 4:6.

Learning to live in a spirit of gratitude means being able to give thanks in all things and to approach the future with hope, trust, confidence, and assurance that God will provide at home, at church, at work or wherever we need it most in our life. When we are grateful, we grow in faith. This has become my New Year's Resolution. Will it be easy? My guess is no! I'll be keeping a Gratitude Journal to support my quest. I encourage you to join me to see what changes we can make together!

Julie Gorvett
Co-Lay Leader



Meatball Saturday

February 2, 8:00 am

Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner

February 3, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

All men of the church are invited to join us Saturday, February 2 at 8:00 a.m. to manufacture and cook meatballs for the Sunday dinner. We will not meet on our normal second Saturday, February 9.

Come Sunday, February 3 to help cook, serve and clean up at the Spaghetti Dinner. All members and friends are invited to come and enjoy our world-famous meatballs and spaghetti.

Valentine's Day Love Poem

(submitted by Pastor Sunny)

by Caroline Gavin

Sweet Valentine, Sweet Love of mine
I give my all and my heart to Thee
So precious are You to me, LORD
Your Love is all I know and see

Never have I known a man
To love me more sweetly and true
Than You, my beloved Savior
In all You ever say and do

Truly you are the Love of my life
You are the One for Whom I sing
Great is the joy, the peace, the comfort
That every day to me You bring



Personal Notes



The congregation extends sympathy to **Gail Bedingfield** and her family on the death of Gail's sister, **Mary Clare Lynch**.



Congratulations to **Tiffany** and **Bryan Herbig** on the birth of their daughter, **Rylan Marie**, born on December 24.

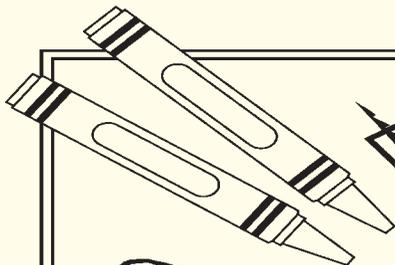
Her proud grandparents are **Jim Naatz** and **Jill Wood-Naatz**.

Congratulations to **Tara Lenhoff** on the birth of her daughter, **Olivia Lynn**, born on January 13.

Her proud grand-parents are **Sue** and **Jerry Zimmeroff**.

Congratulations to **Mandy** and **Patrick Rogers** on the birth of their daughter, **Maura Clare**, born January 18.

Her proud grandparents are **Bruce** and **Gail Bedingfield**.

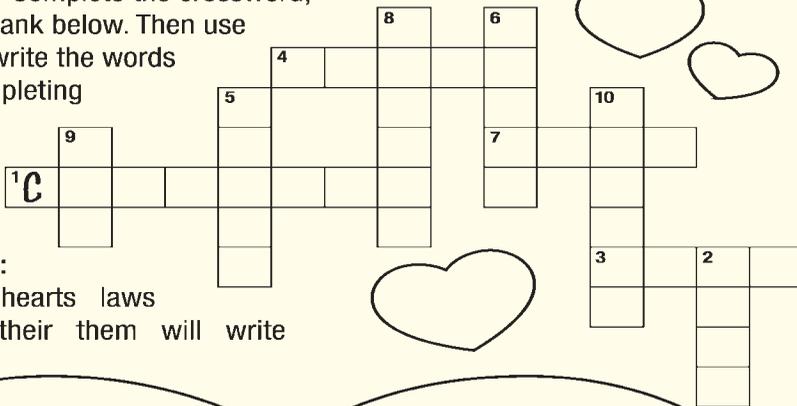


PUZZLE

ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.



WORD BANK:

covenant God hearts laws
minds people their them will write

"This is the **1)** _____ ... | **2)** _____
 put my **3)** _____ in **4)** _____ **5)** _____ and
6) _____ **7)** _____ on **4)** _____ **8)** _____
 | **2)** _____ be **4)** _____ **9)** _____,
 and they **2)** _____ be my
10) _____."

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."
 Hebrews 8:10, NIV

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