



# The Redeemer Review

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## New Beginnings

The melancholy strains of “Auld Lang Syne” fade away. My hubby Sung’s football madness isn’t quite over, but even the most ardent fans are weary. The holiday season closes down and life returns to normal. The one thing we can say for certain is that the New Year is now. It is a time of a new beginning.

How do we start a new year? There are so many places we can legitimately begin. The temptation to draft a list of resolutions is almost overwhelming. We take secret vows to try harder and do better at keeping our resolutions. Good intentions aren’t a bad thing; nor are well-intended vows at self-reform. Yet the struggles remain. At the point of our weakness, the Christian faith invites us to reconnect with God. We are embraced by the grace of God, God’s radically free and wholly unmerited redeeming love.

At the crossroads of grace and beginnings, the beginning of the year 2014 beckons the people of *Our Redeemer’s* to the spirit of “Jubilee” since it is the year *Our Redeemer’s* celebrates its 50th anniversary. To the Hebrews, the year of jubilee was “a year of emancipation and restoration provided by Hebrew law to be kept by the emancipation of Hebrew slaves, restoration of alienated lands to their former owners, and omission of all cultivation in the land.” In our time, however, “jubilee” often suggests a big party or celebration. For *Our Redeemer’s* it is the year of celebration.

Throughout the year 2014 we will be in the spirit of jubilee celebration. However, officially the “jubilee” celebration at *Our Redeemer’s* will begin on Palm Sunday (4/13) which was the day *Our Redeemer’s* had its first worship service as a community of faith.

On that day, we will have the founding  
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pastor of *Our Redeemer's*, **Rev. Wayne McArthur** leading the opening celebration worship services. Of course, his ministry partner and wife **Mrs. Carol Ann McArthur** and the family will be with *Our Redeemer's* to enrich the celebration. From that day on, we will have a former senior pastor of *Our Redeemer's* each month in a chronological order that leads up to the celebration with **Bishop Sally Dyck** of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church on the 2nd Sunday in October (10/12) which is the day *Our Redeemer's* was officially chartered as a church to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by being a home—welcoming, nurturing, and celebrating God and everyone.*

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Taskforce Team [*Bruce Bedingfield, June Guthrie, Judy Wilson, Joan McCoy, Mary Zalay, John & Edie Machonis, Jerry McDaniel, Pastor Sunny Ahn*] has been working diligently throughout the year 2013 to prepare the Year of Jubilee 2014 for *Our Redeemer's*!

There will be many different ways of celebrating this awesome jubilee year. Please contact the taskforce team member(s) if you are available and willing to help in this celebration plan. Your help is more than welcome! Come and join us the year of jubilee celebration 2014!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**Rabbit!**

***~Pastor Sunny***

## From the Staff Parish Relations Committee

On behalf of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee at *Our Redeemer's*, I would like to formally announce **Pastor Sunny's** request for a transfer back to the California-Pacific Annual Conference (CAL-PAC) for the next appointment year, 2014-2015.

The SPRC has met with Pastor Sunny and we support her transfer request. We understand that her husband, **Sung**, has been granted a transfer from his job in Illinois.

In addition, we understand that Pastor Sunny's desire to return to CAL-PAC is driven by both necessity for her health and the desire to re-locate with Sung's job transfer.

At this point, the request is in the hands of our District Superintendent and the Bishop for review. No decision has been made and we will keep you posted as we are updated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Sunny or myself. If you would prefer email, my email is: [jgreenwalt@thermohvac.com](mailto:jgreenwalt@thermohvac.com).

Regards,  
**Jeff Greenwalt**  
SPRC - Chair



## Community Crisis Center

The January suggestion list includes:

Medicine chest items: (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 Medications
- Orajel
- Pedialyte
- Band-Aids
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Gauze, Adhesive Tape
- Disposable Thermometers
- Peroxide, Rubbing Alcohol
- Kleenex

The Crisis Center is still in need of gently used coat, hats, gloves, mittens, and boots.

They are always in need of nonperishable foods.

Don't throw away those Christmas cards! The Crisis Center takes them even with all the writing on them and they reinvent them!

Please put your donations in the Community Crisis Center bin in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for your continued support.



## Youth News

### *Youth Group schedule:*

January 5 6:30-8:30pm  
Youth Group @ ORUMC

January 12 6:30-8:30pm  
Youth Group @ ORUMC

January 19 8:00am-6pm  
Youth go skiing!

January 26 6:30-8:30pm  
Youth Group @ ORUMC

We will go skiing on January 19! We will meet at church at 8am and return around 6pm. Please take money for lunch. We will be at Wilnot Mountain.

The cost for ski rental/lift ticket (and it also includes a free lesson) is \$45 per person. The cost for snowboard rental/lift ticket (also a free lesson) is \$55 per person. Helmets (recommended) are \$10. The money needs to be turned in to Marianne by January 12—exact change and in cash.

Please let Marianne know if you are going (and parents—if you can drive) by January 5.

### *Kickoff 2014:*

On January 4, 2014, from 5:30-8pm the Education Committee will be hosting this event at the church. All children and their friends are invited to come and have tons of fun.

We would love to have youth there helping so let Marianne know if you can make it!

### *Appalachia Service Project News:*

Our next meeting is January 23, 7-8:15pm. Please come to the meeting if you plan on going on the trip. The trip is June 14-21. There are still spots available on the team—especially for youth!

If you know someone who would like to go please have them contact Marianne. If you are going on the trip and have not yet paid, please get that in to Marianne or make arrangements with her soon.

### *Souper Bowl of Caring*

The Souper Bowl of Caring on February 2 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.

### **30 Hour Famine:**

The Jr. and Sr. High will again be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. This is a weekend event in which the youth go on a 30 hour juice fast while learning about the hungry in the world, doing Bible study together, and having fun at the church.

There is also a service project that they do. If you are interested in participating, please see Marianne for a consent form. The participants ask for sponsorships and all money benefits World Vision.

30 Hour Famine this year is February 21-22 and Famine Sunday is February 23.

### **Education News:**

#### **Grow, Proclaim, Serve...One Room Sunday School:**

Our one room Sunday School will resume meeting on January 5 after one Sunday off—December 29. It has been wonderful to see the kids getting to know one another!

#### **Parents—**

On January 5 the Children's Choirs are NOT singing, so Sunday School will just begin in the back and the kids will have communion in Wesley Hall with the class. On January 12 the Children's Choirs ARE singing so all children will begin in the sanctuary and go to Wesley Hall with the teachers after they sing.

### **Do you have an idea for family outings or events?**

The education committee would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you may have! Please talk to Marianne.

### **Kickoff 2014!—**

On January 4, 5:30-8pm we invite all children and their friends to come to church for lots of fun! There will be nail painting, LEGO building, games, Wii games, food, and other fun activities!

Look for a sign up in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you!



<b>Ian Klocko</b>	<b>1/5</b>
<b>Morgan Schmidt</b>	<b>1/20</b>
<b>Megan Gaska</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Jonathan Dean</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Hayley Dombek</b>	<b>1/28</b>
<b>Conner Dierbach</b>	<b>1/28</b>
<b>Daniel Launhardt</b>	<b>1/30</b>



## ORUMC 50th Anniversary *Did You Know!*

*Our Redeemer's* will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014. In the spirit of the anniversary, the celebration committee during the year will provide various historical tidbits about the church.

The construction of our original building required much labor by many of those early members, but the January tidbit is about the trees planted during that first construction.

In those days a nursery was located on the land that is now the Schaumburg airport. Before the land was acquired for the airport, our Lay Leader, **Evan Harris**, was able to arrange for trees from the nursery to be donated to *Our Redeemer's*.



## Faith in Action Assembly January 20, 2014 *You Are Invited!*

Our faith in action team, as part of the Community Renewal Society, is actively working on behalf of those who have no power to speak for themselves. Disarming violence, especially against our youth, is at the top of the CRS 2014 agenda. Our **Reclaim Campaign** has begun the fight for resources to fund an effective counter to violence: **Restorative Justice peace hubs**.

To support our efforts and to learn about this campaign, you are invited to go to the Kingdom Baptist Church in Chicago on January 20, Martin Luther King Day, 10 am – 12 pm. You can sign up in the narthex to join us for this event. Also, to learn more about this project, join us for an informational meeting January 14 at our church at 7 pm.

Questions? Contact any members of our Faith In Action team: **Jill Wood-Naatz, Ellen Kobylewski, Jack Denny, Nancy Schmidt** or **Annette Brown**.

## Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner February 2, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

All members and friends are invited to come and enjoy our world-famous meatballs and spaghetti February 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..



**United Methodist Men  
Breakfast Meeting Jan 11,  
8:00 a.m.**

All men of the church are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship and study at 8:00 a.m. January 11.

After our meeting we are also invited to help un-decorate the church.

## From the Office

If the church does not have your email address and you would like to receive church emails, please write your email address on the acquaintance sheets at church, or you may contact **Donna** in the office 847-882-6116. From time to time we do all church mailings and we would like to include as many people as possible.

Please pick up your giving envelopes for 2014 in the Narthex and help us save on postage. If you do not have envelopes, and would like a box, please contact **Donna**, our secretary, 847-882-6116.



**The 60 Minutes TV show was at *Our Redeemer's* December 8. John the Baptist (Doug Meneely) was interviewed by 60 Minutes reporter Scott Pelley (Jon Montgomery).**

## Personal Notes



### To our ORUMC Family,

We cannot begin to express our thanks for the support we have received, and continue to receive following the death of our son **Samuel Schmidt**.

From the very beginning, we had friends at our house, many bringing food. Sunny was there for visits, and helping to put together a service that would be fitting, and celebrate Sam's all too short life. She also helped with the arrangements with the funeral home.

The service Sunny put together was absolutely perfect, comforting for the myriad of friends and family who loved Sam. **Steve Miller**, with his talents, enabled us to have the audio & visual, which brought everything together.

Ladies (and gentlemen) put together a thoughtfully provided luncheon, enabling us to visit with so many people, while enjoying wonderful food. Again, thank you to all of you.

**Randy & Nancy Schmidt & Family**



### Gifts from the Heart

Thanks to the generosity of 55 families of *Our Redeemer's* UMC, Christmas gifts for 85 foster/at risk children were delivered to ChildServ December 8.

Thanks to **Glen and Carol Hollingsworth** for continuing to lead this project and to all of you who have supported this ministry through the years.

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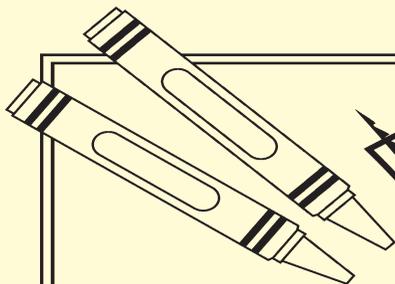


Thanks to all who supported the heifer project this year. There is still time to contribute, but if you miss purchasing an animal at church, you can donate to Heifer International at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

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### Holiday Snacks

Thanks to all who purchased United Methodist Men holiday snacks and to the men who helped make the Puppy Chow and Killer Garlic Pretzels.



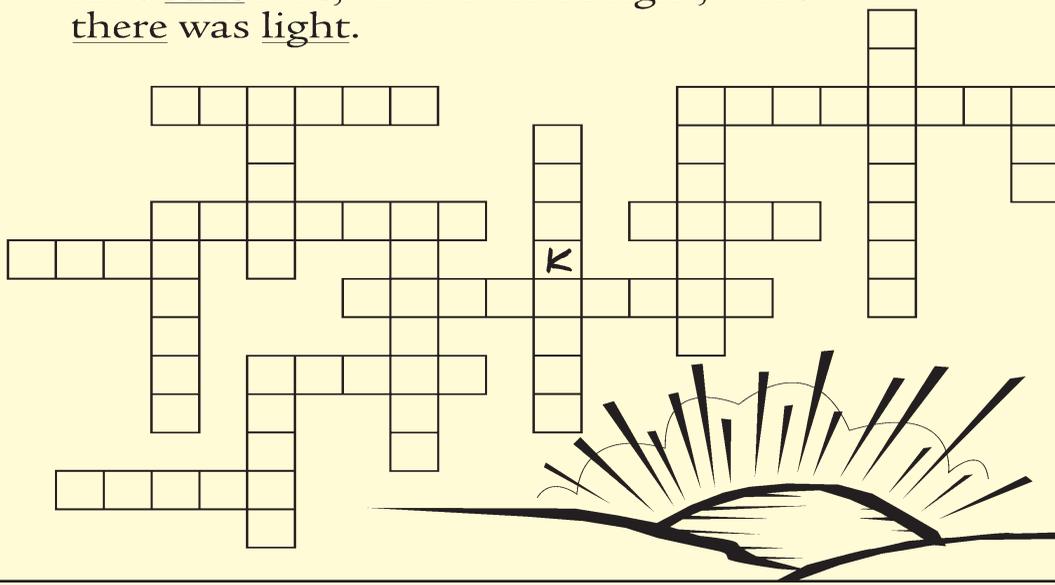
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## The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



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