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Mothers

There was a little boy who forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory went blank. Finally she leaned forward and whispered the cue. "I am the light of the world." The boy's face lit up and with great feeling and a loud and clear voice he said, "My mother is the light of the world."

I know this thing about pressure for moms is really nothing new. Eve was blamed for original sin and had one son who killed his brother.

Hagar, Abraham's handmaiden, had a son by him. She was sent away by Abraham with her boy, Ishmael and they almost died in the desert.

Jochebed was the mother of Moses; Egyptians were killing all male Hebrew babies to curb population. She placed Moses in a basket and let it loose on the river.

Mary, the mother of Jesus: no room for her in the inn; had to flee to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath; Jesus was missing at the Temple; His trial and crucifixion.

Sookja Pak, my mother: became a single mother with two young children (5 & 3 yrs) when she was in her twenties because of a motorcycle accident. She had a child critically ill and had to sell most of assets for paying the medical bills. She had to move the whole family to a new land called "America" without knowing anyone because of this sick child.

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How about YOUR MOTHER? I am sure that you have a story to tell about your mother. Let's share the stories of our mothers. I love to hear the stories.

For some of you, it might be tough for you to come to church on Mother's Day. You've prayed for a child but God's answer has seemed to be no. Or maybe you've experienced the pain of losing your mom or a child, and the memories are all consuming on a day like Mother's Day.

Maybe years ago you chose to end a pregnancy and Satan haunts you over something that you've repented of and that God has forgiven. Others of you just feel inadequate.

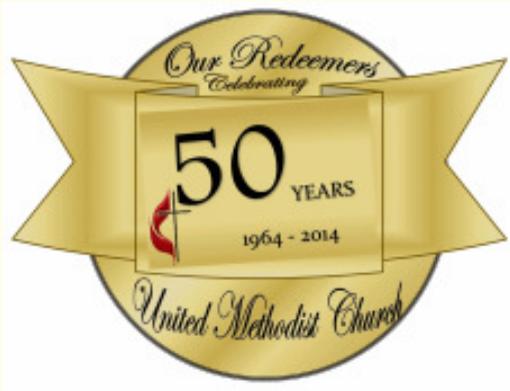
Others are presently feeling incredible fulfillment from being a mom. No matter how you feel, mothers, you all are AWESOME! Thank you for being MOM!

Bless be all mothers who have come into our lives whose kindness, care and loving remain with us to guide us.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ribbit!

~Pastor Sunny



ORUMC 50th Anniversary

The ORUMC 50th Anniversary officially got under way Palm Sunday with our original pastor **Wayne McArthur**, his wife **Carol** and 29 of their extended family of 36. Wayne and Carol shared memories of the origin of *Our Redeemer's* including slides of early worship in the Jennings House and the Barn and the construction of our original building. After worship the McArthurs were joined by a group for lunch at Riccardos.



The McArthur slides were a treasure of the early days of *Our Redeemer's*, but all of your memories are treasures, too. We encourage you to share memories of your time at *Our Redeemer's* – by letter or pictures.

We can scan slides or photos and return the originals. We would share both with everyone during the anniversary celebration. Mail your information to the church – Attn Anniversary Committee.



by Marianne Rogenski

Youth News:

Appalachia Service Project (ASP):

Our team of 44 volunteers will be going to Martin County, Kentucky, on June 14. Please pray for the team as they serve in that area. They will return on June 21.

The ASP team is still in need of financial support. If you are interested in helping in this way please see the summer mission bulletin insert or go to orumc.org and donate through online giving. Thank you for your support.

ASP team—our day retreat is May 17, 9am-3pm. Lunch will be provided. Please bring all necessary forms to the retreat.

Youth Group (7th-12th grades):

May 4 is the only day in May that we have regular youth group. We will have a campfire with hot dogs and s'mores!

High School and College graduates:

Graduate recognition will be May 18 at the 10:30 worship service followed by a lunch in Wesley Hall. This is for all graduates and their families. Please RSVP to Marianne by May 4.

Please call the church office at 847-882-6116 if you are graduating.

Summer activities:

Please check the June newsletter for our summer calendar. We will have events in July and August.



Rebecca Gilbert	5/6
Alec Hill	5/7
Melanie Johnson	5/14
Brian Nordli	5/15
Joshua Kane	5/18
Katherine Sullivan	5/21
Kelley Oster	5/24
Cassandra Pierson	5/25
Daniel Breda	5/26
Marcus Hill	5/28

UMW Salad Supper *Tues, June 3, 6:00 p.m.*

All women of the church are invited to the quarterly United Methodist Women's meeting June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring a salad to share. Call **Melinda Taylor**, 847-781-8416, for more information.



Education News:

by Marianne Rogenski

One Room Sunday School:

What a success this year has been! Thank you so much to our teachers—**Gwyn Greenwalt, Doug Meneely, Sarah Calderwood, and Shelley Lukowicz**. Thank you also to our assistants—**Jean Walters, Sharon Jung, and Judy Wayda**. Finally, thank you to the youth who have helped throughout the year! Sunday School is so amazing because of all of you!

May 18 is the last day of Sunday School for this school year.

Rally Day will be September 7 so mark your calendars now!

Summer schedule:

While we will not have Sunday School in the summer (from May 25-August 31) we will have a children's time in the 10am worship service.

We are looking for people who would like to give the children's message during the summer—please see Marianne if you are interested! Anyone high school or older can do this.

Vacation Bible School:

VBS is coming—come and experience the Workshop of Wonders!

VBS will be July 14-17, from 6:30-8:30pm so mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors!

If you would like to help with VBS please see Marianne Rogenski

Tornado Recovery Mission Washington, IL May 15-17

Our Redeemer's is offering a short-term weekend mission opportunity for those who are not able to be away from home and work for a week. It's a 2 ½ -3 hour drive to get to the mission work site from Schaumburg.

Please speak to **Nancy Schmidt** at nes1248@yahoo.com or 847-490-0124 if you are interested.

Day of Faith at the Capitol

by Jill Wood-Naatz

Fourteen members of ORUMC put our faith into action in Springfield on April 8. We joined with 500 other people of faith whose churches are also members of **Community Renewal Society**. We spoke with legislators about 4 specific issues either in their offices or by calling them out of session. Following is a very brief description of the issues/bills.

1) To remove absolute lifetime bars to employment for ex-offenders who have served their time and are seeking employment in health care or education.

2) To oppose any new legislation which expands mandatory minimum sentencing. The purpose is to allow judges the discretion to sentence appropriately on a case-by-case basis, to decrease disruption of families and to save tax payers money.

3) To reduce the time that people wait in Cook County jail before getting a preliminary hearing. In 2010 over 12,000 people waited an average of 25 days before being released when charges were dropped at their preliminary hearing.

4) To promote the fair tax initiative which calls for Illinois legislators to approve by 3/5 majority in both houses a referendum for the ballot in November. The “fair tax” as it now reads would give 94% of Illinois tax payers a reduction in income taxes. By putting the referendum for a graduated tax on the ballot, the voters would be given the chance to decide.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our work. And a heartfelt thank you to the following people who got up very early and gave up a day to advocate for justice in the name of Jesus.

They are **Pastor Sunny Ahn, Jon Montgomery, Jack Denny, Jim Naatz, Ellen Kobylewski, Annette Brown, Mert Rutledge, Debbie Hernandez, Donna Echtner, Sue Zimberoff, Joanne Gregorash, Jane Jesudoss, and Vijaya Jesudoss, and Jill Wood-Naatz.**

Our social justice work never ends. If you would like to join our efforts or receive information about what we’re doing, please contact: **Jack Denny, Annette Brown, Ellen Kobylewski, or Jill Wood-Naatz** - Your Faith In Action Team





Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The Crisis Center could use these foods and snacks:

Non-perishable canned and boxed goods

Canned items with pop top lids

Canned fruit

Soups

Ravioli/Spaghetti's/chili/sloppy joe mix

Applesauce

Cereal

Pasta and sauces

Saltine and graham crackers

Fresh fruit (in season)

Microwave popcorn/granola bars/fruit and

pudding cups

Juice boxes

Instant tea/soft drink mixes (like Kool-aid)

Baby Needs:

Disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull ups)

Diaper wipes

Formula

Baby bottles, cups with lids

The Community Crisis Center is a non-profit social service agency providing services to individuals and families in Kane and NW Suburban Cook Counties who are dealing with economic crisis, domestic violence or sexual assault.



Rummage Sale Uncertain

The Rummage Sale WILL NOT occur on the originally scheduled dates May 2 & 3.

The chair person is unable to perform as originally planned. While many volunteers have agreed to help, no one has agreed to chair the project.

The UMW will discuss the sale at their next meeting and see if it could be scheduled later in the summer.

If you would be interested in chairing the sale, please contact **Melinda Taylor**.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting *Saturday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, May 10 at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast, we will have a Bible study and discussion.

Anniversary Banner

Palm Sunday was also the first day for the display of the 50th anniversary banner. Thanks to the banner team: **Von Evitts, Peggy Gire, Mary Illg, Carolyn Meneely, Jill Wood-Naatz, and Mary Zalay.**



Time Line

Please check the *Our Redeemer's* Time Line on the north wall in the Narthex. It shows a brief pictorial history of our church and the ministers who have served over the years.

Thanks to **Mary Zalay** for the great deal of work she put into this project

Imagine No Malaria

by Bruce Bedingfield

Are you interested in making a significant difference in the life of the poorest of the poor - especially young children and their mothers? Do you want to help others in the name of Christ, and under the authority of the greater United Methodist Church? Would you like to play a part in helping our congregation save 100 lives?!

Our Redeemer's Imagine No Malaria task force will begin a conversation with our congregation starting Mother's Day, May 11, on how we can all make a huge difference in Christ's name over the next three years.

Please stay tuned.



Habitat for Humanity

May 17, 7:00 a.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the ORUMC Habitat for Humanity team for a work day at a Lake County habitat site. Any youth 16 years old and older are especially invited to join the team.

We will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and carpool to the site. We will return to the church about 5:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch.

Maundy Thursday

A talented group from *Our Saviour's* and *Our Redeemer's* people under the direction of **Sue Zimmeroff** presented a series of skits with a message for Maundy Thursday. The program concluded with communion.

Thanks to all who prepared the evening and performed.



Holy Week Music

The Chancel Choir, Redeemer Ringers and Joyful Noise presented the Life of Christ in Scripture and Song on Good Friday. **Peggy Gire, Reynae Kane** and **Dominic Gomes** provided solos with the Chancel Choir. **Isaac Rogenski** and **Ryan Greenwalt** were narrators.



Easter morning featured music by Ember Days, the Young Adult Praise Team and the Sounds of Grace. Thanks to **Cathy Scott, Karen Moore, Sue Zimmeroff, Ron Zemke** and **Colin Drozdoff** for all of their extra work to bring us this special music.



Easter Egg Hunt

An enthusiastic group of egg hunters showed up Easter morning at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Education Department.



Personal Notes



Hi Church Family

On Sunday, May 4th, the Crop for a Cause Team will be walking to raise awareness and funds for MS research. The Walk will be held at Harper College in Paletine, stepping off at 9:00 a.m.

Laura Machonis would love to have you there by 8:00 a.m. for a team picture. Please go to the CropforaCause.com/mswalk website to register.

If you cannot walk with us we would appreciate your considering a donation. If you have an questions, please see **John** or **Edie Machonis**. Looking forward to this amazing day.



Thank you to **Caitlin Zemke** for donating the ceramic plate she made for our gluten-free crispbread for our communion.

With Sympathy

The congregation extends deepest sympathy:

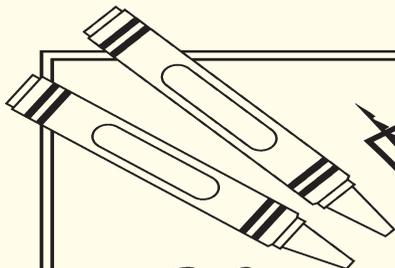
to **Shirle Witte** and her family on the death of Shirlie's mother, **Geraldine Bjarnason**.

to **Laura Fowle** and her family on the death of Laura's mother, **Judy Niles**.

Kenneth Young Center 5K Run/Walk *Sat, May 10, 9:00 a.m.*

This is a fund raiser for the Kenneth Young Center for increasing awareness of mental health related issues and help frail seniors struggling to maintain independence.

Sign up at www.kennethyoung.org. The run starts at the far eastern end of Busse Woods off Higgins road. Contact Doug Meneely for more information.



PUZZLE

Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

Eve³¹ bore
 Sarah²³ bore
 Rebekah⁷ bore
 Rachel¹³ bore
 Leah¹² bore
 Zilpah⁴⁴ bore
 Bilhah³⁴ bore
 Jochebed¹⁹ bore
 Naomi² bore
 Ruth¹⁴ bore
 Hannah²⁶ bore
 Bathsheba bore
 Elizabeth¹⁰ bore
 Mary³ bore
 Eunice⁶ bore

CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth¹¹
 Isaac¹⁸
 Jacob and Esau¹⁵
 Benjamin and Joseph²⁰
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah³⁵
 Gad and Asher²⁸
 Dan and Naphtali²⁹
 Moses³⁸
 Mahlon and Kilion⁸
 Obed⁵
 Samuel²¹
 Solomon⁴²
 John the Baptist⁹
 Jesus¹⁶
 Timothy⁴



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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

 21 22 3 23 24 25 W 26 27 28 29 30 31 4 32 33

 34 35 36 37 38 39 31 41 42 3 F 43 44 !”

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

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