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Middle C

I studied piano for a while and I can play some hymns for my own personal devotion time. Regret is always the last word and if I had the confidence to walk into that recital room then my level of piano skill would have been different.

We have an old piano back home but it was not used for a long time and therefore out of tune. My daughter played the piano the last time she was there but gave up after a couple of minutes and looked at me with a stern warning: "Dad, you need to get this tuned!"

Tuning a piano is a specific process that adjusts the tension of the strings to a specific point so that they all vibrate in harmony. It is easier said than done. Now there is an App so that the tuning is consistent but then it's all Greek to me.

I remember a gracious person so intent in saving the church a few bucks so that person took some tools and started tightening the strings. That did not go well as expected.

Many can easily find the middle C in any given piano. Lloyd Douglas was the author of The Robe, a historical novel about the Crucifixion of Jesus. When he was a student and lived in a boarding house, he recalled his friendship with a retired, wheelchair bound music professor, who resided on the first floor.

Each morning, he greeted the professor with the same question:' Well, what is the good news?" The professor would pick up his tuning fork, tap in on the side of his wheelchair and say, "That's middle C! It was middle C yesterday; it will be middle C to-

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morrow and it will be middle C a thousand years from now!

Things change. Relationships change. The steadfast love of the Lord remains forever. Middle C is our frame of reference.

Summer months for me is like the middle C. Our commitments to God are deepened each season of our lives. There is much room to grow inwardly so that it prepares us to show God's love outwardly.

Doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God is middle C. Words have power and consequences.

We have seen it in our society today and can often be used or abused for one's gain. But there is a nobler calling in which you and I are gifted and can make a difference one step at a time.

I invite you to join me in using Matthew 25:40, as our summer memory verse:

"Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."

Think about it. The God who calls us "beloved" is consistent.

Rev. Romír R. Esquerra



Community Crisis Center Summer Needs and Back to School Supply Drive

by Sally Donaldson

Please help us with any of the following items:

Baby Needs: Disposable diapers and baby wipes

Back to School Supplies: Waterproof backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, erasers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, 3 ring binders and 2 pocket folders

Food & Snacks: There is no summer vacation from hunger. The CCC is always in need of non-perishable canned and boxed goods (soups, cereal, pasta and sauces, chile, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, saltine and graham crackers and microwave popcorn).

Odds & Ends: Towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, hand operated can openers, twin size bedding(new or used) trial size sewing kits, paper towels, toilet paper, face napkins, facial tissue, styrofoam cups, plastic ware and paper plates

Summer Needs: New flip flops, slippers and summer pajamas for women and children, swimsuits (new or gently used), sunblock lotion, mosquito repellent, box and oscillating fans.

Toiletries: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, nail clippers, emery boards, disposable shavers, deodorant for men and women, hand and body lotion

Women's Needs: Blank journals, wrist watches, wallets on a string, 4 place setting dish sets, pots, pans and laundry baskets

Please place your donations for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins in the cabinet to the left of the information desk located in the Narthex. Your donations are very much appreciated.

NEW AND SEALED

Some of the items as listed above can be new or gently used.

OTHER ITEMS MUST BE NEW.

Underwear must be **NEW** with tags still attached.

Bottled items such as lotion, cough syrup, or pills of any sort must be **NEW** and still **SEALED**.

Finance News

The following is the financial status as of May 31, 2018.

Year to Date Actual	
Income	128,005
Expenses	132,294
Surplus(Deficit)	(4,289)
Mortgage:	
Original 10/1/14	165,000
Balance 5/31,2018	39,209



Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 16-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Invite your friends and neighbors! You can register for the week by going to orumc.org and clicking on the link.

Colors for the week are:

Monday—red

Tuesday—yellow

Wednesday—blue

Thursday—green

VBS Sunday is July 22, 10:00 a.m. We hope to also see you there! On that day please wear any color of the rainbow!

You Can Help

The VBS team is looking to borrow several items to bring our **Rolling River Rampage** theme to life. If you have any of the following items that you could loan to us for the week, it would be greatly appreciated! These items can be dropped off in Room 3 any time before July 15. Please mark your item(s) with your name (masking tape would work great!).

 Artificial Christmas Trees (all sizes – several needed)

- · Rafts or Kayaks
- Paddles
- Life Jackets
- Small tents (2 or 4 man tent)

Check the VBS event wall in the Narthex for a list of other items needed by our VBS team, including:

- Brown paper grocery bags
- Newspaper
- Streamers
- Rolls of brown craft paper
- Plastic tablecloths

Thanks for supporting our VBS program!

Education News:

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer. We can't wait to see everyone back on Rally Day—September 9!

Youth News:

Youth Group is taking a break for the summer.

We will have a couple of get-togethers this summer so watch for emails with that information.

Youth Group starts again on Sept. 9!

Birthdays

July:

- 11 Leila Cristobal
- 17 Jameson Thomas

August:

- 4 Justin Stebbins
- 7 Ryan Greenwalt
- 23 Ryan Adamitis
- 23 Jimy Stebbins

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women had an exciting June 11th meeting with over 45 women and men in attendance for our Salad Supper. We were delighted to have **Annettee Budzban** speak to us on how to "DREAM BIG" and enrich our lives with her many principles of Christian living.



Our next event is our UMW Fall Potluck and Business Meeting on Monday, September 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

* REMINDER: UMW is organizing "RUMMAGE SALE LITE" on September 14th (9 am – 4 pm) & 15th (9 am – 2 pm). Please start saving your treasures for the sale.

Drop-off times are as follows: Sunday, Sept. 9th- between 12 Noon and 5 PM

Mon./Sept.10th, Tues./Sept.11th & Wed./Sept.12th- Hours: 9-11 AM, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM

NOTE: There is an article in the newsletter with all of the Rummage Sale Lite details.

Make sure that you record the <u>2018 Calendar of Events</u> so that you can be part of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

- MONDAY, SEPT. 10th- 6:30 p.m.-UMW Fall Potluck and Business Meeting
- FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPT.
 14th & 15th- UMW Rummage Sale
 Lite sale at Our Redeemer's. Drop
 off your sale items starting Sunday,
 Sept. 9th.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th-UMW Heavenly Treats Sale/ drop off your goodies on Saturday, November 17th.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 4th- UMW Holiday Potluck and Business Meeting (White Elephant gift exchange)
- NOTE: Other meeting topics include: "Encouraging Each Other" and "How to Live a Full.. not Frantic Life."

UNITED METHODIST



Breakfast Meeting July 14, 8:00 a.m. and August 11, 8:00 a.m. at The Egg Basket

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship at 8:00 a.m. on July 14 and August 11 at the Egg Basket Restaurant on Barrington Road..

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 22



Right after our VBS Celebration Church Service Service: 10 a.m. Picnic 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

COME ENJOY

*Our VBS Kids performing their favorite music

*A Free Hot Dog Picnic Lunch

*Ice Cream Desserts

*Bouncy House & Obstacle Court

*Ultimate Volleyball Tournament

*Games and

A special, fruity guest appearance.

WHAT CAN CHURCH MEMBERS DO TO HELP?

*Sign up in the Narthex for a job

*Bring a side dish to share

*A freewill offering will be available at the door

MONEY COLLECTED WILL SUPPORT THE PICNIC AND THE CHURCH'S ROOF REPAIR FUND.

UMW Rummage Lite 2018



UMW is happy to once again sponsor this event for the church and the community! This fundraiser helps UMW support many local charities. Below are the details of the sale this year, and we hope to make this another success with your help.

Drop Off

Please save your gently used treasures for the sale. New this year: we can only accept items until 8pm on Wed. 9/12. Also, if you are able, please help us by either labeling your items (sizes) or staying to help sort when you drop off. We ask that you deliver items to Wesley Hall in person during the hours below, rather than leaving items at the church.

Sunday, September 9 between 12 and 5 pm

Mon, Tues and Wed 9/10-12 from 9-11, 2-4, and 6-8

Support

We would love to receive help from groups or individuals in the church, either by helping with set up on 9/9 or helping with clean up and delivery to charities 9/14.

Also, if any group is interesting in hosting a bake sale or treat/drink sale as a fundraiser for their group during the Rummage Sale please contact the office or UMW.

Sale

Friday September 14 from 9-4 Saturday September 15 from 9-2

Items excluded from sale

To make this sale a little more manageable for the volunteers, we are considering it Rummage 'Lite' and will focus on items that have sold well in the past, such as clothing, kitchen items, knickknacks, and books.

We will not be able to accept these items that have been more difficult to handle in the past. In general, all items must be no larger than will fit in a standard car or minivan.

Not accepting

Jewelry Electronics Bikes

Baby mattresses, cribs, or car seats
Large exercise equipment
Any furniture except for small items that fit
easily in a car
Pillows
String backpacks
Stuffed animals

Ceiling fans/ceiling light fixtures
Bedding must have size marked and be
packaged together if part of a set

We thank you in advance for your help in making this sale successful and manageable for the volunteers. Please contact the office or UMW with any questions!



bring in or mention this flyer
July 14th 12pm-10pm
July 15th 12pm-10pm

25% of your purchase will be donated to ORUMC





menchie's bloomingdale court mall (behind Chick-fil-A at Springfield Dr.) 358 W. Army Trail Road Bloomingdale, IL 60108 630-295-8650

*Fundraisers do not apply to the purchase of gift cards and cannot be combined with any other offer

something for everyone

menchie's offers nonfat, low carb, no sugar added, non-dairy sorbets, gluten free, vegan, and kosher options



menchies.com



Connect Committee

The Connect Committee has been planning some fun activities to bring church members together over the summer.

The next one will be a fundraiser at Menchie's in Bloomingdale (now owned by our own Tiffany and Bryan Herbig!). Bring your family, friends and neighbors. The more, the merrier, as they say!

Be sure to bring the adjacent flyer, or at least mention the fundraiser when making your purchase, so the church will get their percentage. Proceeds will go to help pay off the church roof.

New Member Training

Pastor Romir will be holding new member classes on Sunday, September 9 and Sunday, September 16, following the 10:30 services.

New members will be welcomed at one of the services on Sunday, September 23. If you are interested, please speak with **Pastor Romir**, or **Pam Miller**, or call the church office and let **Donna** know you will be attending.

Personal Notes





Email Update

We have been trying to update our email addresses for various groups and in the process we found that we sometimes have several email addresses for each person.

Please send Donna (donna@orumc.org) your current email address and we will erase all the obsolete ones.

Safe Travel

The Adult Mission Team would like to request prayers for a safe mission trip to Houston July 28 - August 4.

Trustees Paint

Thanks to the trustee team that painted the ceiling in room 1 on June 9.





The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **Nancy Schallcross** and her family on the death of **Joe Schallcross** on June 6.

Joe and Nancy were long time ORUMC members who moved to California last year.

Anniversaries

Doug and **Carolyn Meneely** (50 years) and **John** and **Edie Machonis** (55 years) shared their anniversaries (and cake) with us on June 17.

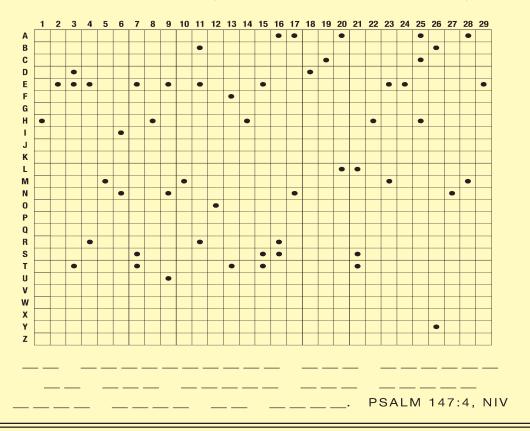
We can help celebrate 40th anniversaries for **Bruce** and **Gail Bedingfield** on July 8 and **Glen** and **Carol Hollingsworth** on August 18.





Our Creator is in control V of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)



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