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Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

September 2018

Pastor's Corner

General Conference 2019

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

This is the mission of the church, the people called United Methodists. As many of you have heard and read, there is a special General Conference called in February 2019 to be convened in St. Louis, Missouri. The General Conference is convened every four years with elected delegates from the global United Methodist Family. The last session was in 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Since 1972, The United Methodist Church has been dealing with the issue of human sexuality as it pertains to the inclusion of LGBTQ in the church. The real issue is the ordination of LGBTQ individuals and what it means for the mission of the church.

The other pertinent issue is related to marriage and whether our churches will be open to conducting same-sex marriage.

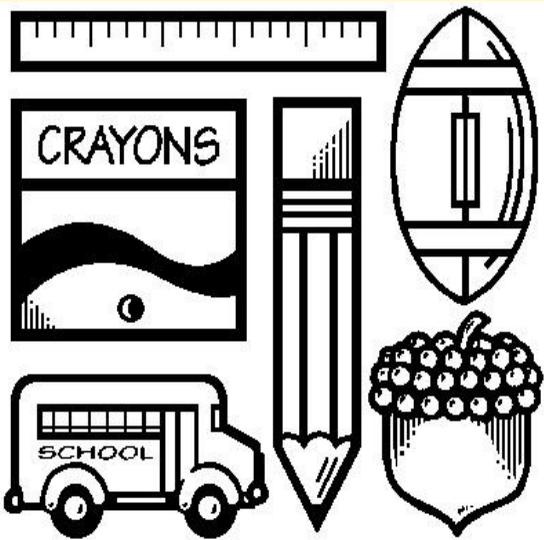


The US Supreme Court in 2015 voted 5-1, the decision that the 14th Amendment requires all states to grant same sex marriages, the church retains the right to hold such services or not to hold such services without penalty to the church or to the clergy.

The General Conference decided to form a commission to study and recommend a "way forward". The recommendations will then be presented to this special General Conference and a vote will be on the table to decide which church model will be followed. Obviously this has caused a lot of soul searching and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ as stated by the mission statement.

There are calls for renewal in the church, while others call for a distinct church faithful to its mission to the LGBTQ community.

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There are also voices that call for a new church because many are “tired” of infighting that an amicable decision seems out of reach. In fairness, all our churches are “reconciling” and “welcoming.” We recognize that we are all recipients of the grace of God. But there are different understanding with regards to sexuality and culture.

I will devote the next three months to outline what is at stake for the church and the implications for ministry with the different models being offered as a gift to the church. The first model is called the “One Church Plan.” As of this writing, the Council of Bishops has requested a ruling from the Judicial Council (similar to the Supreme Court) to declare whether any of the proposals meet the standards of the church constitution.

The other two proposals are the Traditional plan and the Connectional plan. I also was made aware that there are a number of petitions which the General Conference delegates must act on, as long as the petitions are relevant to the stated purpose of the general meeting. So we wait and see whether there is going to be a special General Conference at all with respect to the volume of materials and time constraint.

What is the “One Church Plan?”

The plan states that we are not of one mind regarding human sexuality. The definition of marriage is changed from “one man and one woman” to “two adults.”

The plan deletes the language, “The

United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.” This was adopted in 1972.

The plan allows each district and annual conference to set their own standards without regard to sexual orientation. Those who are ordained clergy must be appointed by the bishop to serve.

The decision to perform same sex marriage would be strictly up to the Pastor without penalty. The local church also has the power to approve such wedding to take place in the local church.

The plan provides that clergy who cannot continue to serve in their annual conference be permitted to transfer to another conference or another local church without penalty.

The plan deletes from the chargeable offenses against clergy being a self-avowed practicing homosexual or performing a same-sex wedding.

What does it mean for the local church and the Pastor?

The plan requires any local church leaving the denomination to pay its fair share of financial responsibilities, such as “unfunded pension.” The question of ownership of local church and parsonage is not yet settled. The support services and mission will be the same such as UMCOR (Committee on Relief).

The local Pastor retains the pension plan should the Pastor decide to leave the denomination and join another denomination.

Summary:

This is a broad outline and for more information, you may want to visit the following websites: umc.org and goodnewsmagazine.org. The first site is the official site for the UMC and the other site is proposing another plan. You can also check the reconciling ministries network for more information.

As we switch from summer mode to our Fall schedule, let us be mindful of the ministry that God has placed in our hands. “Let us not be weary in doing good because in due time, we will reap the harvest of righteousness.” (Galatians 6:9) Our God is doing a new thing. Many blessings to all of you and ever thankful for your partnership in the Gospel.

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra

Finance News

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

Year to Date	
Actual Income	174,782
Expenses	178,278
Surplus (Deficit)	(3,496)

Mortgage:

Original 10/1/14	165,000
Balance 7/31/2018	36,210



by Marianne Rogenski

Education News:

Rally Day is September 9!

Join us during the 9am worship service to meet the teachers and kickoff Sunday School for this school year! Sunday school is for children 3 years old through 6th grade.

Our Sunday School teachers are **Sarah Calderwood, Shelley Lukowicz, Kim Maher, and Doug Meneely**. They are assisted by **Jean Walters** and **Judy Wayda**. There are also many teens who help out each week.

Melissa Bland is instrumental in making sure the supplies are all there and ready, as well as doing tons of planning for Sunday School!

Thank you to all of you for making Sunday School possible!

Trunk or Treat will return!

Save the date—October 26, 7-8pm

Invite your friends and neighbors and come out for the fun. We need decorated cars to make this happen—if you would like to do that please arrive at 6:30pm.

Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex at the end of September!

Youth News:

Youth Group kickoff is September 9, 5:30-7:30pm—see you there!

We will have youth group each week on Sunday night—5:30-7:30pm.

Youth group leaders are **Sarah Calderwood, Kim Maher, Doug Meneely, Jon Montgomery, and Marianne Rogenski**—thank you!

Teens have an opportunity to help with Sunday School on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in this please see Marianne for more info.



September:
17 Sarah Miller



Backpack Blessing August 19



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

Food Pantry: The Community Crisis Center is always in need of canned fruit, canned meat meals, beef stew, chili, ravioli, cereal/oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, mac & cheese, pork & beans, powdered milk, sal-tine crackers, soup/ramen noodles, spaghetti/marinara sauce, spaghetti type canned items, tuna, and hand can openers.

Back to School Supplies: Folders (2 pocket/solid color), spiral notebooks (one subject, wide rule/solid colors only), pencils (10 count, standard #2 yellow wood), black pens, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, crayons (24 pack/Crayola preferred), and waterproof backpacks. All school supplies should be gender-neutral.

Autumn is in the Air! Hats, gloves and mittens are needed. Also, Halloween costumes for children (non-violent).

Medicine Chest Items: (All items must be new, sealed and with current dates). Non-alcohol cough syrup, non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, bandaids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, and facial tissues

Baby Needs: Formula, bottles, cups with lids, diapers and wipes

Toiletries: nail clippers, emery boards

Please leave all items for the Crisis Center in the CCC bins located in the Narthex cabinet, left of the information desk.

Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful donations. Your gifts mean so much to those in crisis.

NEW AND SEALED

In general, many of the items to be donated to the Crisis Center 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**.



September 8, 8:00 a.m. all men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to church to attend our monthly breakfast and fellowship meeting.

September 14-16 all men are invited to the Northern Illinois Conference UMM Spiritual Congress at Williams Bay, WI. For information and registration, please go to <http://nicumm.org>.

In October our local UMM will also hold a retreat at Williams Bay, WI. Watch for more information as the date is finalized.

United Methodist Women

We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer, because we are jumping into action this September with two BIG events.

FIRST: MONDAY, September 10 @ 6:30 p.m.- **UMW Fall Potluck and Business Meeting**

(Note: this is a Monday meeting, not Tuesday)

Program: *Encouraging Each Other.*
Please bring a dish to share.

SECOND: Friday & Saturday, September 14 & 15-**“RUMMAGE SALE LITE”**

Sale Times: Friday 9 am – 4pm and Saturday 9 am – 2 pm

Drop Off dates & times: Sunday, Sept. 9 (Noon – 5 pm)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday- Sept. 10 - 12 (9-11 am/ 2-4 pm/6-8 pm)

All drop offs only during specified time

(See special Rummage Sale article with all of the specifics)

Make sure that you record the **2018 Calendar of Events** 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)

New Member Classes

Pastor Romir will be holding new member classes on Sundays, September 9 & 16, following the 10:30 service. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, 9/23.

If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Romir, Pam Miller, or contact the church office and let Donna know you would like to attend the classes.

Stewardship Presentation

Join The Stewardship Committee every Sunday and share the fun as we experience the Healing Power of Worship and the Loving Power of Committing to Christ's work through Your Church.

Sept 23	Worship Unites Us
Sept 30	Elements of Stewardship
Oct 7	Elements of the Sacraments
Oct 14	Elements of Worship
Oct 21	Lay Leaders Witness
Oct 28	Commitment Sunday

UMW Rummage Lite 2018

We are grateful for support from the ORUMC Congregation! We appreciate your donations, your help, and your purchases of treasures and ASP baked goods.

Drop Off

Please save your gently used treasures for the sale. New this year: We can no longer accept items after 8pm on Wed. 9/12. Also, please help as much as you can by either labeling your items (sizes) or staying to help sort when you drop off.

Sunday, September 9 between 12 and 5 pm
Mon, Tues and Wed 9/10-12 from 9-11, 2-4, and 6-8

Sale and Bake Sale

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

Support

Any help during set up, sale hours, or (especially) take-down Saturday 9/15 at 2:00 will be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Items excluded from sale

To make this sale a little more manageable for the volunteers, we are considering it Rummage 'Lite' and will not accept these items that have been more difficult to handle in the past.

Don't Bring

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

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



Personal Notes



With Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathy to Ronda Wilkes and Family on the death of her father, **Bob Hunter**. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to **Carol and Glen Hollingsworth** on celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.



I am so blessed with good friends from ORUMC. Thank you for the visits, the cards, the flowers and the outpouring of love from the dear members of our church. I thank God for you. Your prayers certainly helped give me feelings of love and strength to get well. Each day I am stronger and able to do more. Watch out Rummage Sale, I will be on hand to help.

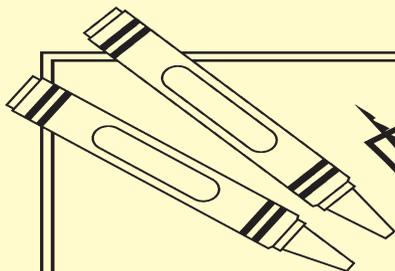
Betty Miller

Email Update (YOURS - NOT OURS)

Several of us in the email world have had more than one email address over the years (some in the church email list have 3 or 4 addresses).

Please send an email to Donna in the office, donna@orumc.org, with your current one and only address to use when sending all-church email.

Thank You!



PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.



blind



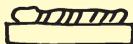
leprosy



lame



deaf



dead

hear



walk



raised



sight



cleansed



The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
who have _____ are _____, the _____
_____, the _____ are _____ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, NIV

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