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**Pastor's
Corner**



Dear Friends in Christ,

With the Paris Olympics wrapped up, the 2024 Paralympic Games have kicked off: Wednesday, August 28th, when the opening ceremony was held, and will continue through Sunday, September 8th.

I am looking forward to watching a special remarkable young swimmer, **Ali Trwit** compete for Gold. Just over a year ago, Ali lost her leg in a shark attack. She and a friend were snorkeling in the ocean off Turks and Caicos when a shark charged and bit her lower left leg. Bleeding and with the shark circling, Ali went into competitive swim mode and raced 75 yards toward the safety of the boat. She was airlifted to the United States, where she had three surgeries, including one to amputate her leg below the knee.

As I followed Ali's remarkable journey of comeback overcoming her newfound fear of the one place she had always felt safe — the water, I was reminded of the words in Isaiah 40:30-31

“Even very young men get tired and become weak and strong young men trip and fall. But they who wait upon the Lord will get new strength. They will rise up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weak.”

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Watching Ali and the young men and women at the Paralympics apply their skills and strive to win the *Gold*, I think of the ways they have trained, the sacrifices they have made, the discipline in their life choices, the joys of victories, as well as agony of defeat. We recognize that our spiritual lives are much like the lives of athletes. We strive, read, pray, train, and work to be best disciples we can be. But sometimes we fail and miss the mark. It hurts when we do not attain or maintain our values or goals. It is like missing the bar on a pole vault, or missing a shot in basketball, etc. We know the athletes trained and are trying to achieve their goals and to be the best; but it sometimes just does not happen. In the same manner, we sometimes just get tired and worn down and we miss the mark. In all this, cling to the words in the book of Isaiah 40:30-31. We are human and we may grow weak and stumble, yes even the strongest of us. We find hope and are reenergized by vs thirty one, where we are taught that when we wait on the Lord, pause and listen, we can get new strength and rise up like eagles, run and not get weary, walk and not grow weak. My friends, the Christian faith is a lifelong race. It begins the moment you enter the faith and onto the end we run the race. A race that needs endurance,

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perseverance and power. Perseverance during a race includes pushing past your feelings. The athletes we see in the Paralympics all go through times when their bodies want to give out, and they have thoughts and feelings that they won't make it. They have to have a mental toughness to stay in the race. Eventually, their bodies make a shift as they choose to persevere. As we apply this to both our spiritual and physical lives we can then maybe also apply the Paralympic motto **FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER.**

In Christ's service and yours,

Pastor Shirley



Calling All Greeters!

We would love to see you join the Greeter Group! Please take a look at your calendar and sign up for the Sundays that work best for you to be a greeter! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex located on the cabinet directly outside the Sanctuary doors. Thank you so much for your support:)

The following are the July 31, 2024
Year-To-Date Financial Data:

Revenues	132,988
Expenses	141,561
Deficit	(8,673)



United Women in Faith

We are excited for the Women's Retreat! The topic is "Sorting through the Chapter of Our Lives" lead by the Women's Ministry Team from Belvidere FUMC. Please make final payment to Pam Miller at the upcoming meeting See you the weekend of September 27-28 at Wesley Woods!

The fall book study will begin September 19 and meet on selected Thursday evenings from 7pm-8:15pm. This session's book is "The No-Homework Women's Bible Study". Please see Mary Zalay if interested.

UWF Meetings: join us for potluck dinner and fellowship in Wesley Hall at 6:30pm

Sept 3 – History of Our Redeemer's as we celebrate our 60th anniversary

Dec 3 – Annual Holiday White Elephant exchange

Upcoming events:

Anniversary Dinner: October 27, 2024

Heavenly Treats: November 24, 2024



The United Methodist Men meet over breakfast at 9:00 am every second Saturday. The next meeting is September 14th on Pastor Shirley's Patio.

Mark your calendar now!
The ORUMC UMM
Annual 20 something
Retreat
is October 18-19.

All men are invited. Bring a friend. There will be fellowship, food, fun, and Bible study.

Bring your pillow and bedding. Bed and meals will be provided We'll have pizza Friday night, Breakfast and Lunch Saturday. If you like, bring a snack or dessert for Friday night. The cost is \$70 per person.

We will be talking about:
"Humility, Disciple's Guide to a Humble Life"

O Lord, It's...



Sunday School for ages 4-11 will kick-off at 9:00 a.m. on September 8th!
Bring your school backpack for a special blessing in church!

Caring Ministries Corner

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry



As always, THANK YOU for your wonderful support of the food pantry – they are able to serve over 1150 households in our community each month in part of your generosity. Your donations allow them to continue to serve those in need with dignity and respect. Provided you are financially able, please contribute at least a few food items each week and bring them to the designated cart in the narthex. We are told that the most needed items for the month of September are Pasta and Sauce, Spam and Canned Chicken and Kid-friendly Lunch Items



Feed My Starving Children

September 13th and every month's second Friday, 2:30 to 4 PM

(We've lost our reinforcements!!) Our church's FMSC team was blessed over the summer to have support from our youth and from members' grandchildren during their summer vacation. Now, however, they're back to school! Fortunately, we now have members from Our Savior's UMC helping us in these efforts as well. If you're able to, please join us in packing meals for hungry families and children throughout the world. This is generally a quiet time slot at our local FMSC packing site, so the more volunteers who pack, the more starving children we can feed!

If you would like to join in, please inform Melissa in the office or register at FMSC.org using join code 0PBWNG. If you are unable to come for our time slot, please see their website for alternate times.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."
~ Mother Teresa



Hi all! As always, we are looking for volunteers to join us helping those who count on the Community Feast, also known as the soup kitchen, at the United Church of Rogers Park in Chicago for a reliable, healthy and well prepared meal on Sunday night. The following days are reserved for the team from Our Redeemer's: Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 24, Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20 and May 18.

We would leave from church at 12:30 pm. We are doing mainly to go boxes and serve earlier than we used to and are done before 5:00pm. If you like, we could stop for dinner or come straight home. Car pooling is encouraged, but optional. If you would like to go any month, simple let Mert Rutledge know as she is the one who keeps tabs on the size of our crew. If you can't get hold of Mert, you can let me know, JoAnne Gregorash, and I will pass the word on to Mert. We love that there are some of you who come most every month and others who fit it into their schedule when they are able to make



it. This ministry is a particular passion of mine and of Mert's and we are always very thankful for those of you willing to help out!
-Blessings from JoAnne and Mert

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:21

John Wesley's Rule

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN.
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN.
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN.
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley / @InspiringThinkn



WE WANT YOUR OLD SHOES!

Clean out your closets while raising money for MS AND help people in developing countries feed their families! Donate your unwanted or old shoes to collection boxes in the narthex. ANY kind of shoes and size: children's/men's/women's/heels/boots/flip flops...well any kind! MS Crop for a Cause and the National MS Society are partnering with FUNDS2ORG to collect shoes. They sort and bag them for Funds2Org to pick up. Shoes collected are sent to micro-entrepreneurs worldwide in developing nations and become an economic lifeline. People are trained in how to repair, repurpose and sell the shoes in their local marketplaces to support their families. In return a donation is made to the National MS Society based on the weight of what we collect. So, this is a win-win! Shoe drive fundraisers go beyond supporting just our organization. They make an impact on thousands of lives. Please see Edie or John Machonis if you have any questions.

PRAIRIE CENTRAL FALL 2024 LAY ACADEMY



Sat., Nov. 2nd

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 9th

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost \$40

Cost includes needed materials, lunch, breakfast and an afternoon snack.

Glen Ellyn: First UMC 424 Forest Avenue. Glen Ellyn

Class Options: (one course per academy)


All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

- 1 Spiritual Gifts:** By reading, discussing, and engaging in various exercises, participants will discover that God gives spiritual gifts for the common good. They will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and the mission of the local church.
Instructors: Tom and Pat Price
- 2 Polity:** This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. With all the changes within the church, reorganization, disaffiliation, this is a vital course to understand what United Methodism means today.
Instructor: Rev. Beth Galbreath
- 3 Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens:** This class is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help them maintain their identity as beloved children of God.
Instructor: Rev. Norval Brown

Register Online:

umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-fall-2024

September 2024

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