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Our Saviour's United Methodist Church
Growing Each Day by Worshiping God; Loving One Another;
and Serving Others.



*Christ
is
Risen!*

Alleluia

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

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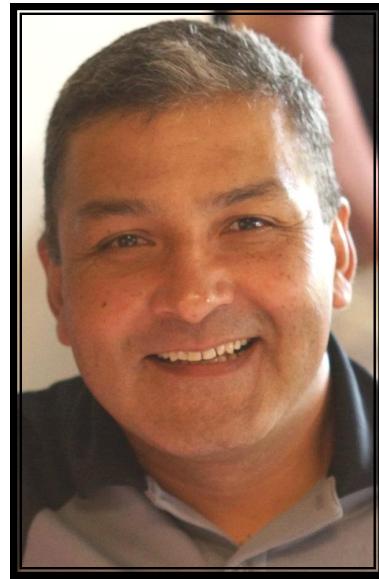
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Dear Friends,
 Happy Easter! Jesus is risen. Risen, indeed!

Easter is about one thing really: resurrection. Resurrection is the ultimate power that fuels the Christian faith. For the greatest miracle, the deepest mystery of our faith, is not only that Jesus rose from the dead, but also that he returned. This man who was rejected, cast out, and crucified returned three days later to the very same people who had turned on him. Had he returned for revenge, to prove them wrong, or to vindicate himself, it might make some sense. In the story of Easter we are reminded that Jesus returned to us because his love for humanity was unconditional, and his forgiveness complete. Jesus appeared again on that first Easter morning not because he could, but because he wanted to.

The story of the resurrection is about

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more hope than we can handle. The hope that Jesus can forgive me, he can forgive you. It's one of our basic human needs and one of God's greatest gifts. Resurrection proclaims that beyond the cross, there is an empty grave and a risen Savior. There is hope, confident, solid, sure hope. This hope gives you and me the encouragement and enablement we need for daily living. It does not put us in a rocking chair where we complacently await the return of Jesus Christ. Instead, it puts us in the marketplace, on the battlefield, where we keep on going when the burdens are heavy and the battles are hard. This confident hope helps us to smile through our tears, to rejoice through times of suffering, to remind ourselves that what we're going through isn't the end of the story...it's simply the rough journey that leads to the right destination... Solid, stable, sure hope. Hope to press on. Hope to endure. Hope to stay focused. Hope to receive salvation.

Friends, God in Christ gives us the hope of new life of freedom from the burden of our past and from the mistakes that we've made. If we have messed up, we can get a second chance, we can start over. We can fix that relationship with our neighbor. We can reconnect with our son or daughter. We can speak truthfully to our spouse. We can make amends. We can come back to God in spite of the hopeless condition we are in. We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

The hope of the resurrection is that this world is not just where Jesus died -- this world is where Jesus lives! And because Jesus lives, because God has broken the power of sin and death, we have been set free to live as well.

Friends, whatever it is that you've placed your hope in today, it cannot compare to the hope that Jesus brings. Jesus offers us hope for the future. Now I'm not talking about next week or next year, I'm talking about forever. On the cross, Christ brought us the hope of eternal life. Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.

Easter is about one thing really: resurrection. But Easter is hard. It's hard because it is a demand more than a promise, and a demand not for sympathy with the crucified Christ, but for loyalty to the resurrected one, the one who defeated and conquered death and through whom all our blessings flow.

Happy Easter! Happy Resurrection!

Pastor David

Holy Humor Sunday, April 8

The Second Sunday of Easter has usually been called "Low Sunday" for several reasons. One of the reasons is that after all of the build-up of the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, both attendance and the energy in the congregations is indeed low.

This year, we want to reverse that trend. And in order to attract a good crowd for April 8th, we will celebrate "Holy Humor Sunday." This is an Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, sang, and danced and told jokes.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus Paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

Holy Humor Sunday will be a time for laughter - not naïve tittering, not sarcastic boisterousness, not angry irony, but deep, joyful laughter from the pit of our being. By the way, did you hear the joke about the priest, the rabbi and the minister who walked into the bar? If not, head to church on April 8th for Holy Humor Sunday.



Monday Women's Bible study will finish the Lenten series, Restored on Monday April 2nd. We will complete the DVD series. Restored on Monday, April 9th. We will view a 3 part DVD series by Andy Stanley, The Bad Boys of Easter, April 9, 16 and 24th. Lots of different things to study this month. Join us when you can. Contact Paula Schray 847-352-3028 for more details.

It's an Adventure, Elderberries!

We will meet Tuesday, April 10, for a *Mini-Progressive Luncheon*. We will start at the church at **10:45am** for coffee and doughnuts. Some of our Elderberries have moved in the last year, and we have been invited to tour their "new digs." Please see/call Marcia (847/882-5714) if you will join us. Space is limited, and transportation will need to be arranged.

All adults 50+ years of age are invited to join Elderberries activities each month. Most events are in the afternoon, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and we often begin with a brown bag lunch at 12 noon in the Church Fellowship Hall.

CLUB 90



We are blessed to have a handful of church family members who have celebrated their 90th birthdays. It is our intent to publish the name, birthdate, and address each month of members whose 90+ birthday falls within the month. It is our hope that many of you will want to remember these special persons with a card, phone call, or email.

We welcome a *new* member to **Club 90** this month: We know you will want to extend your best wishes to **Fred Baier**, who celebrates his **90th** birthday on **April 26**. Fred's address is 520 Western St., Hoffman Estates IL 60169.

Also celebrating a 90+ birthday in April are three more *super-Seniors*: On **April 9** **Marcia Richmond** will be celebrating her birthday. Her address is 350 W. Schaumburg Rd. #1357, Schaumburg IL 60194. **Fred Howe** celebrates a 90⁺ birthday on **April 11**. Fred's address is 570 W. Berkeley Ln., Hoffman Estates IL 60169. **April 28** is the birthday of **LaVonne Verkade** (mother of Diana Damalas). Her address is 350 W. Schaumburg Rd. #A179, Schaumburg IL 60194.

Our birthday list may not be complete, we know; if you know a 90+ member of our church family, please email information to Marcia at Marcia.@osumc.org.

Mary Heiress will lead a 4 week Bible study on the Book of John beginning Tues. April 10th. from 7-8:30 pm for four weeks. It will be in room 3. Please email Mary at [warmssnowman@
Aol.com](mailto:warmssnowman@Aol.com) your interest/ attending information. Thank you.

OSUMW Bridal Show

The dresses have been pressed, models have been selected, the pews decorated, and all we need is YOU! Ladies and lasses, please join us Sunday, April 15th at 2:30 p.m. for a wonderful bridal show, where all the dresses have been worn before at someone's special event. Just like our attendees, the garments will be of all ages. We will be treated to special wedding music by our own Ricardo Pedroza. Please bring your own wedding photo, album or boxed dress to share. Marcia Needler will be collecting interesting wedding stories. A delicious cake reception of four beautifully decorated wedding cakes will follow the show in the Fellowship Hall. If you still have items for the show, please see Linda Caliendo.

This will be a fun event, so share it with a friend



Save the Date! — Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction

Be sure to plan on being in church on **Sunday, June 3rd** so you can attend Our Saviour's annual benefit for the Kenneth Young Center (KYC). This year's Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction will feature lunch and hot fudge sundaes along with big band music and a wonderful silent auction full of exciting auction items. Fun new ideas are in the making, so be sure to plan to attend, eat lunch, listen to the Dana Legg Stage Band, and bid on your favorite things. All this, of course, to support the wonderful work of KYC.

Please take a look at KYC's website to catch up on the work they do to make a difference in the lives of seniors, families and those with mental health challenges. kennethyoung.org



Campbell's Soup Label Mission

Our Saviour's has faithfully saved hundreds of labels from Campbell's soup and other products that supported the Labels for Education project. After many years, Campbell's has discontinued that program. We can be proud that we helped the McCurdy School in Indianola, Mexico purchase many much need items (school van and computers).

Since the program has ended, we have removed the "Soup" can from the mission's shelf. Thank you so much for your faithful participation in this project.

Please continue to contribute to the Stamps for the Wounded, pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, toiletries for the homeless and others in need, and eyeglasses for Lion's Club.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

After Easter we will start a 3 week series titled, "Bad Boys of Easter". I think it will be entertaining as well as spiritually lifting. We would love to have new people join us for some interesting discussion. Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00am in the parlor.

Thanks, Steve Schray

Single, widowed, or divorced? Tired of eating alone and fast food? Join a group at Our Saviour's, **Dining Without Partners**. We will be meeting at a nice restaurant each month for good dinner and conversation. Only requirement will be to reserve in advance and to bring cash, since occasionally some places don't provide "separate checks." Our next dinner will be at **Pilot Pete's on April 21**. Please reserve your seat at the table by calling Lynda Riggs, 847-712-1993 or email riggslm5@att.net March 13.

We will be meeting the 3rd Saturday of the month at the following restaurants, join us when you can.

May 19 - Palm Court

June 16 - Zeal

July 21 - Sweet Baby Ray's

August 18 - Pinstripes

September 15 - La Hacienda

October 20 - Wild Fire (11:30 lunch, instead of dinner)

November 17 - Bahama Breeze

December 15 - Weber Grill

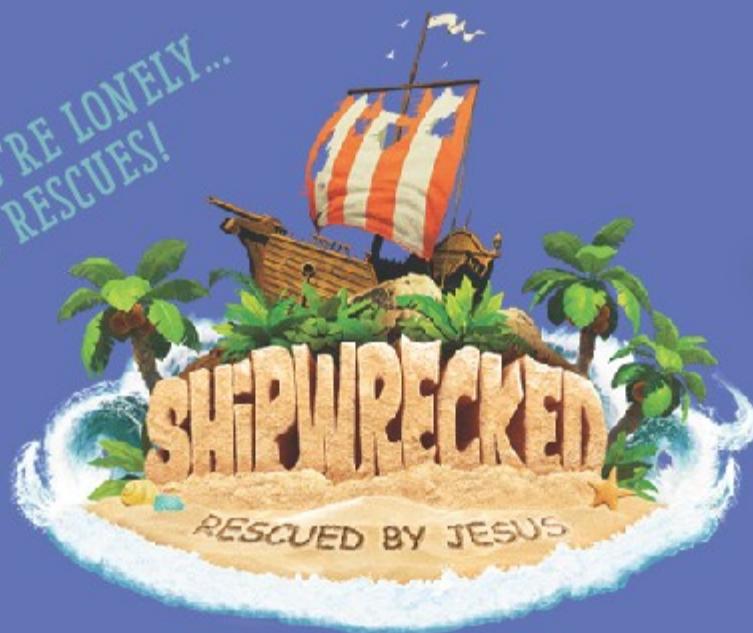


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SAVE THE DATE FOR PICTURES—APRIL 4-7**



Come sail away...

WHEN YOU'RE LONELY...
JESUS RESCUES!



The best week of the summer!

Our Saviour's United Methodist Church

701 E. Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg

June 11-15, 2018

9:00am- 12:00pm



Register online at vbspro.events/p/osumc

\$30 if registered before May 20, after May 20 \$35, on June 11 \$50
Maximum cost of \$70 per family (except for those registering on June 11)

For more information email Heather at heather@osumc.org

Celebration of Life Garden and Walk
2018
Memorial Brick and Garden Care Pro-
grams



Announcing the Memorial Brick Garden Care Programs for 2018!

Please join us as we begin the new Garden Care Program along with the Memorial Brick drive.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Please engrave my brick with the following inscription. Print in capital letters only. There is a limit of (3) lines of 13 characters per line. You do not need to use all three lines.

The deadline to be included in the 2018 order is April 8. Bricks will be installed in May.

The cost is \$100 per brick with the checks payable to: Our Saviour's United Methodist Church. In the memo section please write: Memorial Brick

2018 Landscaping and Garden Care Drive

The Celebration of Life Garden is self-funded. This year we will be adding trees and garden care.
Donations totaling \$400 or more will be recognized on the plaque located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Tree _____ Garden Care _____
In the check memo section please write: 2018 Landscaping Donation

**Forms and checks can be turned in at the church office till April 8
or at the memorial table after services on April 8..**

*You are kindly invited to
OSUMC Bridal Show
hosted by United Methodist Women
Sunday, April 15, 2018
2:30 p.m.*

We welcome all ages of ladies and lasses

*This is your opportunity to walk the aisle in
your wedding, bridesmaid or flower girl
dress...again. Or enlist a daughter or friend to
model your dress for you.*

Please contact Linda Caliendo to submit your
*name or garment to the runway list.
We would also love for you to share your wedding
album with us.
Wedding cake will be served after the show.*



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