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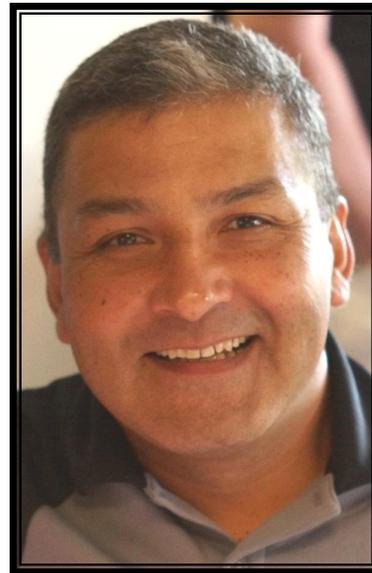
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In few more days, the entire country will go to the polls in one of the most divisive and heated midterm elections in many years. We have walked away from our better nature. There is a lot of uncivility. At times, I am even tempted to despair, wondering if it's even worth voting, if the politicians and the programs offered are even worth engaging. Perhaps it's better to simply sit out an election.

Elections are messy and often unpleasant affairs. There is an incivility and dishonesty in some of our politics that is at odds with a Christ-shaped witness. But as Jesus said in his prayer in John 17, we have not been parachuted out, but have been sent into this world, as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God to shape it and to transform it. That's why I believe every Christian should vote.

We, as believers, must play our part in the democratic process that we have been invited to participate in. The Book of Resolutions encour-

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ages our call as United Methodist to take an active stance in society, not just by being observers but by caring enough about others, taking a stand and calling each other into a response no matter how controversial or complex. As followers of Jesus Christ, we can live out our call to care for our neighbors as ourselves by engaging in the public square by voting. Jesus told us that we should love our neighbor as ourselves—how can we love our neighbor, how can we seek the welfare of our cities, if we sheepishly abdicate the opportunity to choose the people who lead us? How can we love our neighbor if we ignore the policies and structures that affect him/her?

This doesn't mean we should turn our church lobbies into political party headquarters. It doesn't mean Christians should marry politics or a political party. It doesn't mean the church should lose its prophetic voice to both political parties. What the Scriptures do teach us, however, is that taking our vote seriously is one way, an important way, in which we love our neighbors and love our cities. John Wesley wrote: "The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness." When Wesley says that holiness is social he means that the depth of our love for God is revealed by the way we love whom God loves (people in our neighborhood, city, country and the world).

We, Christians, must engage in politics as a means of doing good and fighting evil. President James Garfield (1831-1881) wrote: "The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption." So how can we Christians promote human flourishing if we don't show up at the polls? It is a mistake to think that justice and good deeds should remain within the walls of the Church.

I lived under a dictatorship for seventeen years. There was no freedom of assembly, no freedom of expression, no right to vote at all. I was twenty five years old when I first went to the polls for the very first time in my life. And I remember that it was the mainline Christians who fought injustice and who risked everything for the return to a democratic system. They used their Christ-shaped values and principles for good, their money for good, and their vote for doing good at all costs. They understood that personal holiness went hand-in-hand with social holiness.

Those of us who reap the benefits of living in a democracy should play a part in upholding democracy and influencing democracy with our Christ-shaped witness, cultivating a just and merciful society and the common good of all. Cast your ballot.

In Christ's service and yours,
Pastor David

General Conference Delegation

Listening and Conversation

November 10, 2018

Locations:

Barrington UMC

9:00 am Elgin District

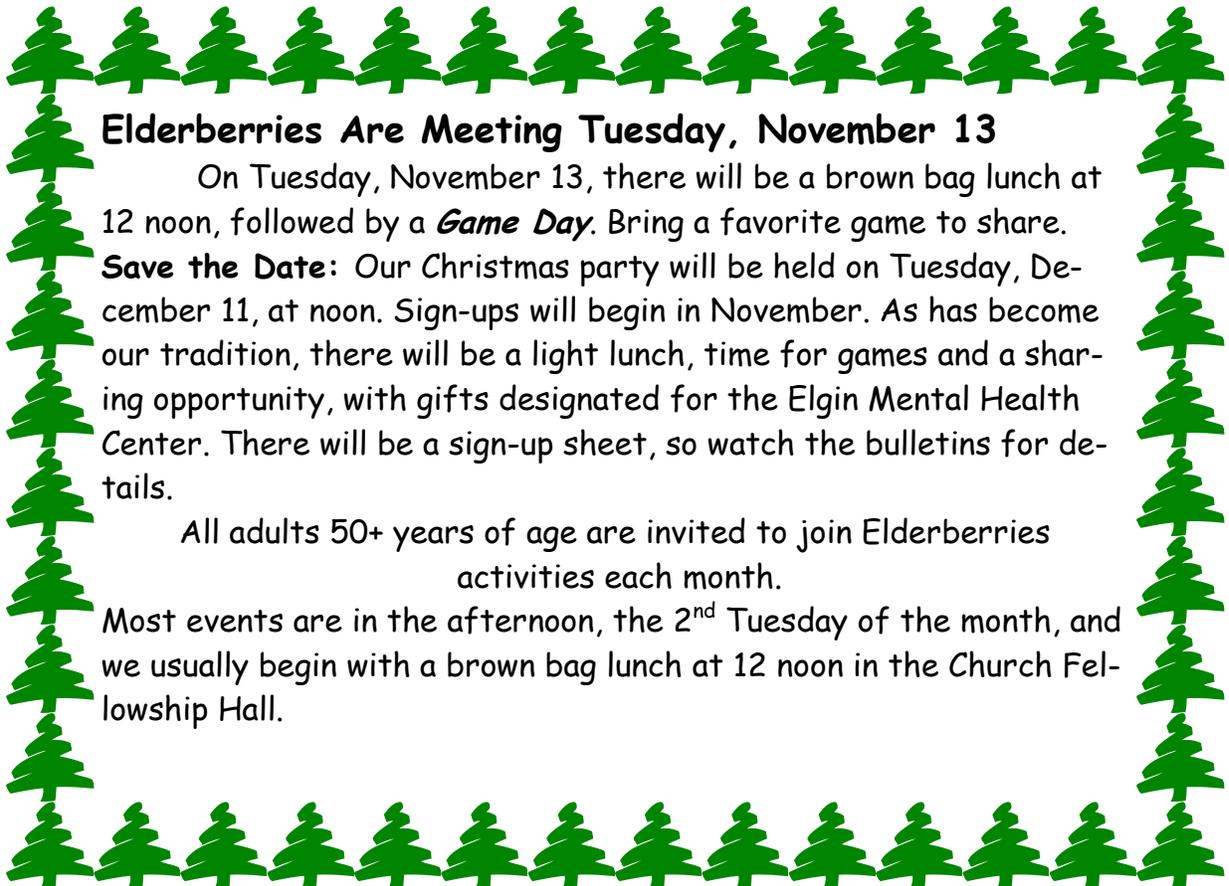
(Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL)

Bethany Fox Valley, Aurora

1:00 pm Aurora District

(Bethany Fox Valley, 2200 Ridge Ave, Aurora, IL)

Join the NIC General Conference Delegation at your most convenient location to talk about the One Church Plan and the future of The United Methodist Church.



Elderberries Are Meeting Tuesday, November 13

On Tuesday, November 13, there will be a brown bag lunch at 12 noon, followed by a *Game Day*. Bring a favorite game to share.

Save the Date: Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at noon. Sign-ups will begin in November. As has become our tradition, there will be a light lunch, time for games and a sharing opportunity, with gifts designated for the Elgin Mental Health Center. There will be a sign-up sheet, so watch the bulletins for details.

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 usually begin with a brown bag lunch at 12 noon in the Church Fellowship Hall.

4-Week Advent Study



NOT A SILENT NIGHT

MARY LOOKS BACK TO BETHLEHEM

You are invited to join a 4-week small group study to witness the life and ministry of Jesus from Mary's unique perspective, starting at the very end and traveling back in time to the very beginning—the night of Christ's birth.

Wednesdays, November 28; December 5, 12, 19, 2018

From 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Leader: Pastor David

For more information, please contact:

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(847) 894-6127

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Books available in the office from 9:00 to 3:00 (Tuesdays thru Fridays)

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, birth date, 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.

Ann Cramton's father will celebrate his 91st birthday on November 12. I know many of you will want to send your birthday wishes to him. Please send your cards to John Ginley, 15 Agostina Dr., Nanticoke PA 18634. Thank you!

You may now order altar flowers via email.

Whenever you wish to have flowers displayed on the altar for a special occasion, you may do so by emailing Barbara Glasby in the church office at barbarag@osumc.org. Please include your name, the date you wish to have the flowers displayed, and the wording you want in the bulletin. The sign-up flower chart is no longer posted; all orders will now be placed via email. The cost will remain at \$37 per arrangement, and payment may be placed in the offering plate.



I am pleased to announce that our youth and children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 16 during one service at 9:30. All children and youth have an opportunity to participate in the program. We will be performing "The First Christmas" with a lot of speaking parts available. They don't need to memorize the parts, we will make little cue cards for everyone. Please let me know if your children/grandchildren will be performing with us that day.

We will practice during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 9 and have a run through on Saturday, December 15th at 10am. I would love to see everyone involved this Christmas! If your child/grandchild is interested in performing, please email Heather Schluckbier at heather@osumc.org

Again this year we plan to share our gifts with the Elgin Mental Health Center. A suggested gift list is printed here for your convenience. For ease in distribution to patients we are asked **not to wrap gifts** and to **add a label** stating what the gift is, whether it is for a man or woman, and the size, if applicable.

<u>For MEN</u>	<u>For WOMEN</u>	<u>For UNIT</u>
Sweaters (M-XXXXL)	Inexpensive watches	Boom box
Inexpensive watches	Caps	Sports equipment
Gloves	Sweaters (M-XXXXL)	Table games
Slippers	Slippers	Cassette/CD Player
Socks	Socks	Video Gift Card
Caps	Make-up, Blush (no glass)	
Wallet	Gloves/Mittens	
T-shirts (M-XXXXL)	Hand Lotion	
Sweatshirts, sweatsuits (M-XXXXL)	Cosmetic bag	
Radio with earphones	Sweatshirts, sweatsuits (M-XXXXL)	
	Radio with earphones	

**PLEASE NOTE, NO GLASS IS ALLOWED, INCLUDING MIRRORS,
NO AEROSOL CONTAINERS, NO MONEY**

** Male patients outnumber women about four to one.

Parents or Grandparents of 3rd graders! We will be celebrating Bible Sunday on November 18. Please let Heather Schluckbier know if your child/grandchild would like to be included. Email her at heather@osumc.org.

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S SERMON STUDY – *Living it Out* – Parlor – 6:30pm

Each week during class, we will discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday. We gather together to gain a deeper understanding of the sermon & Scripture and how we as Christian women can relate it to our own lives. There will be laughter and learning! We would encourage all OSUMC women to join us! We know how busy life can be, so come when you can. Each class stands alone. If you have questions, please contact Diane Dyer, 847-894-6127 or drdyer17@gmail.com

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 **Bahama Breeze on November 17**. Please reserve your seat at the table by calling Lynda Riggs, 847-712-1993 or email riggslm5@att.net.



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

December 15 - Weber Grill

United Methodist Women Discuss 2018 Bazaar

We have completed another Holiday Craft Bazaar, we have stored everything away and the ladies will take a much needed rest from their weekly crafting duties. But before we forget what worked and what we need to improve on, *UMW Circle will meet Wednesday, November 14th at noon* for a "Bazaar Wrap-Up". We really appreciate everyone's input to make improvements for the future, so plan to attend. If anyone has comments, but unable to join us, please pass the comments on to a Bazaar Committee member. Refreshments will be served by hostesses at the beginning of the meeting. (This date is a week earlier due to Thanksgiving.)



Manna Gift Cards are a fund raising program that benefits the education program and other projects at OSUMC. In this program you purchase gift cards from a list of many stores, restaurants and other retail establishments. You may buy a card with a face value of \$10. You pay \$10 and get a \$10 card. The church buys that card at a discount and gets to keep the difference between \$10 and the discounted amount. Stop by the manna table and see what is available for those on your Christmas list. Sale dates before Christmas are November 4 & 19 and December 2 & 9.

An Evening with
Frederick
Christmas
Concert
12/23 at 7pm

Clear your
calendar.
The
Women's
Retreat is
March 16-17,
2019

Kris Kringle
Names available
from tree on 11/25

Gifts due at church
12/16 by 10am

Party 12/16

Annual Church Conference
Sunday December 2, 2018
Potluck Luncheon 11:45am
Followed by
Conference meeting

United Methodist Women wish to thank everyone who planned, crafted, set up, took down, baked, etc., etc. It takes many hands to achieve our success every year.

Thank you!!



**Sunday,
December 9
@ 7:00 at
OSUMC**



Thanksgiving Giving for Missions 2018

Please join me in celebrating my blessings and good fortune by sharing with those who find themselves without the same means that I have. There are those who just need a hand for a short time and those who are without any resources and thereby need much more help. They all will benefit from our prayers and our generosity. Looking back on 2018, it has been a year of happiness and hurt, reflection and introspection, love and joy. Just think of the smiles on the faces of moms & dads, kids, veterans, native Americans, families & homeless, teachers, foster families, the poor women in far away places and the disadvantaged close to home. You are the one who shared your blessings and put the smiles on their faces. Thank you is hardly enough.

Senegal Mission Initiative Red Band (Adv#14517A)

This program continues to aid poor women from U.M. congregations in the urban areas of Dakar and Thies in Senegal. They participate in training sessions to learn about the management of resources and learn to grow vegetables such as tomatoes, onions, cabbages, peppers and lettuce to sell and to feed their families. Follow up training is provided in planting, harvesting and marketing of the produce. umcmmission.org - enter 14517A in search field, then select #1 Agriculture Program - Projects for information

Tree of Life Yellow Band (Adv#123615)

OSUMC has had the privilege to participate in mission experiences provided by Tree of Life in the past. We have worked on both the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota to aid this ministry address the needs of Lakota Native Americans. The effort works by "nurturing the body, strengthening culture and enhancing the spirit". Tree of Life ministry works to provide groceries and meals to the hungry, to repair sub-standard homes and to support local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language. treeoflifere relief.org

ChildServ Green Band (Adv#50000011)

Beginning in 1894 as the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage, Childserve has gone through several transformations and today is a very experienced network of child and family services - reaching children and families facing adversity. Child serve works in Cook, DuPage, Kane and Lake counties in Illinois. Their focus is to improve the lives of children, families, foster parents and other caregivers. The outreach aids 3,000 at risk children and families annually. Programs include foster care, adoption, group homes, child care, early childhood education, parenting support, military and veteran family support and healthy life style information. childserve.org

Faith Community Homes - Affordable Housing Blue Band (Adv#60000220)

The mission of Faith Community Homes is to help families avoid homelessness and move out of poverty and into financial stability in the Arlington Height and Palatine communities. It consists of three elements: case management mentoring and financial assistance. The program provides help for budgeting, goal setting, encouragement and finding ways to increase income, along with rent support for two years. Local Methodist churches participate as volunteer mentors, financial support for family rents and in-kind donations of food, furniture and gift card for gasoline and food. fchomes.org

GREETERS needed for December thru February 2019. This is a great opportunity to meet people who go to Our Saviour's. You greet at the front door. We ask you to arrive 20 minutes before the 1st service and if possible, greet for the 2nd service from 10:15 until the service starts. No experience necessary! There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the entrance to the office (underneath the October thru November list) . If you have any questions, please contact Art Hogsett at (847) 767-8414.

Lots of Love

The Lots of Love Toy Drive will be collecting toys this year for the children at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. The toys will be distributed throughout the year to children who are visiting the hospital on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. As in the past, all toys must be unwrapped, new, unused & in their original packaging, safe, non-denominational and non-violent.

The toy drive will begin November 25. The last day for donations will be December 16. If you are interested in helping to spread the Love in your school, job or community, please contact us and we will provide with a collection box.

Over the past 8 years, we have collected almost 9,000 toys for children in the Chicagoland area. Please help us to continue to spread God's Love this holiday season. Thank you so much and should you have any questions, please contact Lycie or Pam Borkenhagen at wrbpfb@aol.com or Donna Loeppert at dl.loep@gmail.com.



Volunteers Needed for January, 2019 Mission Trip to The Midwest Distribution Center

Our Saviour's UMC - Schaumburg, IL
Volunteered at Midwest Mission Distribution Center
January 8 - 10, 2018



Our 2018 Volunteers

For the last 9 years members of our church family have volunteered to go to the Midwest Distribution Center (MMDC) in Chatham, Illinois to assist them to fulfill their call for service to our neighbors in Christ's name. The Center distributes disaster relief kits, cleanup buckets, layette kits, school supplies, and school desks in the US and abroad to those in need. Their mission relies solely on volunteers and donations. In 2017 they donated approximately 909,031 pounds of relief materials domestically and to 16 different countries.

It is always amazing to see all the projects MMDC is involved with regard to disaster response and mission sites. All members of last year's team felt a sense of accomplishment by our participation. If you would like to be part of next year's team please mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 6 to Wednesday, January 9, 2019** and contact Karen Willden (kwilldenart@yahoo.com) or Norine Rosen (nls63@hotmail.com) for more details.





Youth October Activities:

- **Cleaning OSUMC**
- **Walk to support Liver Transplant**
- **Fun at the Corn Maze**
- **Cleaning at Pastor Shirley's church in Chicago**
- **Halloween Party**



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