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### Sunday Morning

#### February 12

10 pm worship, Tammy Martens preaching  
Handbell Choir

#### February 19

10 am worship, Winton Boyd preaching  
Orchard Ridge Choir

#### February 26

10 am worship, Winton Boyd preaching  
TRU Function

### Next Newsletters Published

#### February 22 and March 14

#### Articles due:

Information to be included in the newsletter is due the Monday before the above dates by 9:00 a.m. Email items to [office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org), or drop them off at the office.

### Church Emails

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# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

# COMMUNION

## Faith at the Crossroads: The Intersection of Personal and Public Faith Lent and Easter ORUCC - 2012

### Healing the Heart of Democracy Discussion Groups (beginning the week of March 11)

In a time of political acrimony, civic mistrust, and social tension, we're creating limited-term facilitated discussion groups that will meet in the months of March and April on what it means to be a citizen and a person of faith. Our curriculum will emerge from the new book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer. The focus of these groups will be creating a place for safe and meaningful conversation, sharing the stories of our lives that shape us, and growing in our ability to listen and accept others of different views. These discussions will not be political per se, but will focus on a renewed commitment to being passionate, responsible, and respectful members of our community.

We plan to create at least five groups, including some with members of the Madison Mennonite Community. **The groups will meet either at the church or in homes for four 1 ½ -2 hour sessions every other week, beginning the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>.** Look for opportunities to sign up online, and in the Crossroads on Sundays: Feb. 12, 19 and 26.

### Lenten Devotional: The Christ In Me Greets The Christ In You

A 40-day Lenten devotional using original, high quality photos by Paul Hedges and text by Winton Boyd and Jeff Crews. The ancient Christian greeting, 'the Christ in me greets the Christ in you' serves as a springboard for remembering the many ways Christ shows up in our lives and in the world. Rather than fasting, we invite feasting on the many experiences of the Divine in our midst. Available online or in print form for \$15 in the Crossroads.

### Special Services

**Ash Wednesday** - Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

a service of reflection including the imposition of ashes and communion.

**Good Friday** - Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

a service of music and words reflecting on Jesus' last hours

**Easter Sunrise Service** - Sunday, April 8 at 6 a.m. (outdoors at the church)

a short version of an ancient vigil including the holy fire, the renewal of baptism and communion.

### Sunday Mornings

**Worship** Last summer we renamed the church's rooms in honor of 10 significant people of faith. During these weeks, we'll explore their faith as an aid to reflecting on our own faith lived at the crossroads of personal and public life.

**Java & Jesus** Each week at 9 a.m. we'll discuss short readings by or about these same people. Led by members of Adult Faith Formation.

### February 26

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer** (1906-1945)

A leader of the German Confessing Church, which tried to resist Adolf Hitler. He is revered because he lived at the intersection of the Christian faith and politics, ultimately paying with his life. He was executed in prison shortly before the war ended. His faith, his writings, and his deep belief in a practical faith continue to inspire people of faith around the world.

### March 4

**Dorothy Day** (1897-1980)

As a Roman Catholic, she struggled to unite her personal faith with passion for social justice, founding the Catholic Worker Movement in 1933. Through Hospitality Houses in major cities around the country, this movement "created a new society within the shell of the old," offering American Christianity the witness that combines piety and practice, charity and justice.

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## Lent and Easter continued...

## March 11

**Ruby Bridges** (1954-)

In 1960, when she was 6 years old, she participated in the integration of the New Orleans School system. She is known as the first African-American child to attend an all-white elementary school in the South.

## March 18

**Lemuel Haynes** (1753-1833)

In 1785 became the first African American to be ordained in the Congregational Church. In the face of resistance to abolition, he passionately argued for the harmonious integration of the races as equals.

**William Johnson** (1946-)

He was the first openly gay person ordained in the United Church of Christ and the first such person ordained in the Christian Church in modern times. He has been a strong advocate for the full inclusion of all people in the life of the church, both within the United Church of Christ and ecumenically.

**Antoinette Brown Room** (1825-1921)

After much struggle, she was the first woman ordained in 1853. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and was a fervent abolitionist.

## March 25

**Oscar Romero** (1917-1980)

As Archbishop of the Catholic Church in El Salvador Romero advocated an end to the repression of people in El Salvador, thus making himself an enemy of the government and the military. Because of his prophetic witness, Romero was assassinated, while leading worship on March 24, 1980.

## April 1

**Anne Frank** (1929-1945)

Annelies Marie "Anne" Frank is one of the most renowned and most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Her now famous diary documents her experiences hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II.

## April 8 (Easter)

## April 15

**Alfred Swan** (1897-1992)

He served as senior pastor at First Congregational Church in Madison from 1930-1965. It was under his leadership that members of First Congregational began dreaming of a Congregational church on Madison's developing west side. That church became Orchard Ridge UCC.

## April 22

**Francis of Assisi** (11-82-1286)

A "beggar for Christ's sake," Francis inspired thousands to live simply and to join his movement of brothers who sought to help the church in his time reconnect with the poor, with the earth and with all of God's creatures.

## SUNDAYS

**Compassion Offering**

Each month our Sunday cash offerings (change and bills) are designated to a worthy mission cause. Each month a different ministry is highlighted. This is a voluntary contribution. For credit on your church statement, on your check write the ministry in the memo line. While this will not count toward your annual pledge, we will acknowledge the contribution on your statement.

**The February Compassion Offering is DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services)**

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS pronounced "days") in Madison offers a wide array of crisis intervention and community education/prevention programs. These programs include a 24-hour Help Line, programming for children from violent homes, legal advocacy, emergency safety planning, and the only domestic violence shelter for all of Dane County.

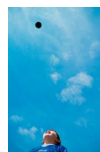
In addition to temporary shelter, they offer a drop-in community support group for women dealing with the effects of emotional, physical, and verbal abuse by a partner or ex-partner. Topics may include dynamics of abuse, safety planning, self-esteem, physical and emotional health, effects of domestic violence on children, and community resources. Children are seen as primary consumers of DAIS services. Services to children include scheduling children's advocates to go out on crisis response appointments when children are present, play groups for children residing in the shelter, and parent/child bonding activities.

**Prayers of Concern:**

- Scott Sneve is hospitalized with lung issues.
- Carol Faynik asks for prayer for her daughter Shanti, Shanti's fiancé David, and their 3 children, who experienced the tragic death of David's 19 yr. old sister Charity last week.
- Alice Jones, a former member of ORUCC, passed away last Saturday after being on Hospice for her heart.

**Prayers of Joy:**

- For last week's overnight retreat at Pilgrim Center for our new Leadership Team and Ministry Chairs.
- For last Sunday's Youth "Co-Exist" Class, with three Hindu guests from the Mandir of Madison Temple.



*Fast from taking yourself so seriously.  
Feast on the spontaneous joy of life lived well.  
The Joy in me greets the Joy in you.*

Beginning February 22- A new Lenten devotional series titled **The Christ in Me Greets the Christ in You**. This meditation series is an offering of pictures and reflections for the season of Lent. The ancient Christian greeting is offered in fresh and provocative ways by the Revs. Jeff Crews and Winton Boyd. These are accompanied by stunning photos from Paul Hedges. Each day the picture and greeting will invite reflection on how we live as people of faith in the world, and how we embody God's love in real and tangible ways. This devotional will be available online beginning February 22 and in print on Sunday February 19. It is a joint project of Orchard Ridge UCC and Spring Glen UCC in Hamden, CT.



## Ongoing Groups and Opportunities

**Weekly Meditation Group:** We meet at the church on Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys. Contact Helene Nelson (259-2546 or [helenenel@aol.com](mailto:helenenel@aol.com)) or Sara Roberts (273-1114 or [sarie914@scglobal.net](mailto:sarie914@scglobal.net)) to learn more about the group.

**Women's Breakfast Group:** We meet the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Copper Top Restaurant off Whitney Way. The informal group is open to all women who enjoy conversation and connecting on many topics. Please join us.

**Knitting Group:** The knitting & crafts group will meet March 5. We meet the first Monday of each month at 1:30. If you have questions about these groups, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**Women's Bible Study:** Women's Bible Study will meet at the church on Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *Love Never Ends*, led by Fern Hernandez. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.

**Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study** We will not meet February 22 due to Parti Gras, but will resume on March 6, and will continue our study Paul's letter to the Hebrews. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the church. We read out loud the Bible passage and then discuss it in a format that encourages individual responses and active listening. All contributions are valued, no right or wrong answers. If you have questions contact Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**OVER 55:** The next meeting of Over 55 will be on February 14th and our special guest will be Dr. Ann Evensen. She is currently in an obstetric practice at the University of Wisconsin clinic in Verona. She is planning to talk about global maternal mortality in Ethiopia and India and about a program created by physicians and nurses in the UW Department of Family Medicine. This train-the-trainer course has been taught in 59 countries to 155,000 maternity care providers. Dr. Evensen was the course director for the first classes in Ethiopia in 2010 and later in India in 2011. She is also the director for the course held annually for the UW Department of Family Medicine for local physicians and maternity care clinicians. This will be a most interesting and informative program.

We will gather at 11:30 and food will be served around 11:45. Salads will be provided by Sandra Dyer, Fern Hernandez, Ree Hale, Stan Heffernan, Jan Christian, and Steve Sheets. Desserts will be brought by Lois Rossmiller, Char Klossner, Helen Horn, Ann Avery and Jean Rush. Phil Winkel will set up. All are welcome!

**Valentine's Bake Sale—Next Sunday, February 12:** The Youth will be hosting their annual Valentine's Bake Sale to raise money for their mission trip to Eastern Tennessee this June. Delicious homemade baked goods will be on sale to make your Valentine's Day extra wonderful.

**Tour the Mandir of Madison Temple:** On Saturday, February 18 we are invited to Mandir of Madison to take a tour of their Temple and learn more about the Hindu Religion. Please let Tammy Martens ([tmartens@orucc.org](mailto:tmartens@orucc.org)) know if you are interested in coming with us to visit Mandir.

**Women's Book Group:** On Thursday, February 9, from 7-9 p.m., join us at the home of Ann Avery, 5305 Whitcomb Drive. We'll discuss "Coop" by Wisconsin author Michael Perry. In this memoir, Perry reflects on his unorthodox childhood for clues to how to proceed as a farmer, a husband, and a father. He recalls childhood days of living on a sheep and dairy farm with his city-bred parents, in a household rambunctious with siblings and foster children. But there's more than his funny aspect to this book, as when he shares the joy at the birth of his child and his devastation at the death of a dear friend.

We'll also take time to consider which books we'd like to read in the coming months. Please let Ann know that you plan to come. You can reach her at [rareavery@msn.com](mailto:rareavery@msn.com) or 298-7587.

## Misc. Things that are Important to Know

**Next Summer's Youth Mission Trip:** ORUCC's Youth Mission trip for next year will be June 16-June 23. Our destination is Newport, Tennessee. We will be working with an organization called Youth Works ([www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)). We will be joining two other youth groups—one from Alabama and one from North Carolina. Service opportunities include helping with a Kids' Club, working in community gardens, painting, home repairs, etc. We are partnering with the Madison Mennonite Youth Group.

**One-a-Week-Club News:** Thanks to the following donors who started us off in the new year: Winton Boyd, Meg Stevens, and Alex Wollangk (double red cell counts as 2). We are already ahead with 5 donations. Keep up the good work. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions about donating, call Meg Stevens at 233-6199.

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## Meet Long-time ORUCC members PAUL and NANCY EVANS

Back in 1980 native Wisconsinites Paul and Nancy Evans joined ORUCC. And Boy! Did we luck out! Nancy grew up in Whitewater, the youngest of four daughters of the Schaffer family. Her mom still lives there, at Fairhaven, a United Church of Christ facility. Nancy feels she was fortunate to attend the Whitewater campus elementary school. They had small classes and were taught French 1st through 8th grades. She says the students were like guinea pigs for educational experiments, an interesting educational start.

Meanwhile, Paul was growing up in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The most formative event of his early life was losing his father to cancer when Paul was in sixth grade. He describes his mother as a tough, stoic lady. She went back to work as a teacher and the family survived but a lot of responsibility fell on Paul's shoulders. He painted the house when he was thirteen. He learned to fix things and take care of what needed to be done around a home. One of his favorite parts was helping his mother in the kitchen. There he learned a lifelong joy of cooking.

Paul and Nancy both grew up with very active church involvement. Nancy's family went every Sunday to the First United Methodist Church of Whitewater. She says, "I was in every Sunday School class, every choir, every youth group, everything." But her favorite part was choir. She and best friend Kathy made things happen where ever they went, church, school, scouts, everywhere.

Paul's youth church memories are from the Trinity Lutheran Church of Rhinelander where he was confirmed. Pastor Olson, an "Iron fist rule" pastor, led the Confirmation class which was about memorizing lessons - no discussion, no understanding, just memorization. At Confirmation time the kids stood in front of the whole church, and the pastor fired questions at them. They had to recite the correct answer from memory. They also were required to participate in all church activities, including senior choir. Although Paul considers the religious education part of his church life a black hole, the church itself and the people were a wonderful community. The church had a gym where the kids played basketball or broom hockey. And all the adults knew all the kids.

Paul and Nancy both attended UW Eau Claire. They both were Resident Assistants in the dorms. They met Nancy's first week of college at a retreat for the RAs. And that was that! Paul was a year ahead. He graduated and made plans for graduate school at the University of Missouri in Columbia. They didn't want to be separated, so they married and Nancy completed her Music Education degree there. While in Columbia they were active in the Methodist church. Nancy played the organ, Paul sang in the choir and they were youth leaders. Nancy also found time to play with a funky country band. Paul had originally planned to be a dentist, but his job experience working in college housing led him in a different direction. He earned his graduate degree in Higher Education Counseling in 1978.

Paul applied for a position in the UW-Madison Housing Department. He flew on his very first commercial flight for his interview, got the job, and the young couple moved to Madison. The only time they had been to Madison was during their honeymoon. Nancy's three sisters had come to school at UW-Madison, but Nancy was not allowed to come here during that era. Responsible parents did not let their kids go to Madison back in the 70's! For two years Paul and Nancy lived in Bradley Hall, one of the Lakeshore dorms. Nancy worked first at Gimbel's. She then taught music in the Verona, Madison and Cambridge public schools. She coached basketball and softball, as well!

When the babies arrived, first Kristen and then the twins, Shawn and Gina, Nancy took a break from school teaching, but continued teaching private piano. When all the children were in school, Nancy returned to music education, teaching in the Monona Grove school district. She taught there nineteen years, retiring last spring. She has been rehired as a part-time mentor for new teachers.

Paul remained with the UW-Madison Housing Department where he has been director for the past 14 years. He is in charge of 2,000 full-time and student employees providing housing for 11,000 students and families. His department is a huge landlord and restaurateur. The department also provides academic support services, such as running a 120-slot child care unit. Another part of his job is strategic planning and interacting with the rest of the University. Whew!

When they moved to our neighborhood they looked for a church and found ORUCC to be a good fit. Nancy joined the choir and was moved when her new friends gave her a baby shower though they hardly knew her. The Cluster Groups that shared meals were important for easing them into our church community. Nancy led the bell choir for many years. She led youth choirs starting with four-year-olds (the Church Mouse choir). She moved up with her children until she led the marvelous High School Choir we had a few years back. She and Paul also taught their share of Sunday School classes, and they were youth group leaders. One of Nancy's favorite church jobs was the former shepherding program for new members. She attended all the classes and got to know all the new members.

In addition to being a youth leader, Paul has been on the Property Management Board many times. He was the chair the year we got our first carpeting and traded in our folding chairs - a controversial time! He participated on teams for restructuring the youth program, for our Open and Affirming policy, planning for the Next Generation, and most recently, the group overseeing our new renovations.

Paul and Nancy are delighted with the ideas for our Next Generation mission gift and hope it will become an ongoing program. Every year when children are confirmed they are pleased to see them being encouraged to think. They appreciate the thoughtfulness that goes into our youth programs - so different from what Paul experienced as a youth. And they are delighted with the young people and the energy level we now have. They are glad to see ORUCC members looking forward rather than backwards.

In their spare time they enjoy sports, both watching and doing. Paul says he enjoys being outdoors so much he even goes ice fishing! And then there are their children and grandchildren. Kristen and Tom Stanoch have two little girls. "We love being grandparents!" says Paul. And Gina and Shawn are both scheduled to marry this year.

Paul and Nancy agree on their advice for living active happy lives: Goals are important, but appreciate the journey. Laugh a lot and hold dear life's little joys.

Aren't we lucky to have this energetic talented couple in our church family?!

Written by Dianne Z. Stevens for the Ministry of Congregational Life

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 9	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Book Group-offsite
Sunday 12	9:00 a.m.	Bake Sale-Yth Mission Trip
	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	TRU Function Rehearsal
Monday 13	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 14	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
Wednesday 15	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 16	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	6:00 p.m.	TRU Gumption Rehearsal
Friday 17	9:00 a.m.	Labyrinth walk
Sunday 19	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	TRU Function Rehearsal
Monday 20	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday 21	1:00 p.m.	Writing Group
	6:00 p.m.	Party Gras
Wednesday 22	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 23	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	6:00 p.m.	TRU Gumption Rehearsal
Sunday 26	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	TRU Function Rehearsal

**Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified**

**Feb 12** Carolyn Carlson, Bob & Carol Prugh  
**Feb 19** Chuck Kaspar, Marilyn Arnold, Pat Fellows  
**Feb 22-Ash Wed** Steve Sheets, Jerry Nelson  
**Feb 26** Jim & Bernie Treichel, Bob Ansheles  
**Mar 4** Carolyn Carlson, Joyce Binder, Jon Blanchard  
**Mar 11** Jack Christian, Chuck Kaspar, Vern Reed  
**Mar 18** Jim & Bernie Treichel, Bob Ansheles  
**Mar 25** Lois & Dick Rossmiller, Jerry Anderson

**Welcomers**

**Feb 12** Jean Fuszard, Charlene Gallagher, Jan Christian  
**Feb 19** John & Barb Olsen, Jan Christian  
**Feb 26** Jean Fuszard, Kristi Waits, Marilyn Arnold  
**Mar 4** Barb McLeod, Dianne & Heather Stevens  
**Mar 11** Nancy Cox, Helen Horn, Suzanne Olajos  
**Mar 18** Joyce Pohl, Steve Sheets, Dianne & Heather Stevens  
**Mar 25** Jack Schairer, Ruthanne Landsness, Vern Reed

**Sound**

**Coffee**

<b>Feb 12</b> John Gilbert	Jennifer Dobbins
<b>Feb 19</b> Paul Hedges	Tom Klossner
<b>Feb 22 Ash Wed</b> Ken Psyck	_____
<b>Feb 26</b> Chuck Kaspar	Jane Glaze
<b>Mar 4</b> John Gilbert	Rich Hoard
<b>Mar 11</b> Paul Hedges	Phil & Judy Winkel
<b>Mar 18</b> Chuck Kaspar	Annette Porter
<b>Mar 25</b> Ken Psyck	Steve Yeazel

**Ongoing Groups and Opportunities**

**Weekly Meditation Group:** We meet at the church on Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys. Contact Helene Nelson (259-2546 or [helenenel@aol.com](mailto:helenenel@aol.com)) or Sara Roberts (273-1114 or [sarie914@scglobal.net](mailto:sarie914@scglobal.net)) to learn more about the group.

**Women's Breakfast Group:** We meet the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Copper Top Restaurant off Whitney Way. The informal group is open to all women who enjoy conversation and connecting on many topics. Please join us.

**Knitting Group:** The knitting & crafts group will meet March 5. We meet the first Monday of each month at 1:30. If you have questions about these groups, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**Women's Bible Study:** Women's Bible Study will meet at the church on Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *Love Never Ends*, led by Fern Hernandez. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.

**Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study** We will not meet February 22 due to Parti Gras, but will resume on March 6, and will continue our study Paul's letter to the Hebrews. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the church. We read out loud the Bible passage and then discuss it in a format that encourages individual responses and active listening. All contributions are valued, no right or wrong answers. If you have questions contact Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**OVER 55:** The next meeting of Over 55 will be on February 14th and our special guest will be Dr. Ann Evensen. She is currently in an obstetric practice at the University of Wisconsin clinic in Verona. She is planning to talk about global maternal mortality in Ethiopia and India and about a program created by physicians and nurses in the UW Department of Family Medicine. This train-the-trainer course has been taught in 59 countries to 155,000 maternity care providers. Dr. Evensen was the course director for the first classes in Ethoia in 2010 and later in India in 2011. She is also the director for the course held annually for the UW Department of Family Medicine for local physicians and maternity care clinicians. This will be a most interesting and informative program.

We will gather at 11:30 and food will be served around 11:45. Salads will be provided by Sandra Dyer, Fern Hernandez, Ree Hale, Stan Heffernan, Jan Christian, and Steve Sheets. Desserts will be brought by Lois Rossmiller, Char Klossner, Helen Horn, Ann Avery and Jean Rush. Phil Winkel will set up. All are welcome!

**Valentine's Bake Sale—Next Sunday, February 12:** The Youth will be hosting their annual Valentine's Bake Sale to raise money for their mission trip to Eastern Tennessee this June. Delicious homemade baked goods will be on sale to make your Valentine's Day extra wonderful.

**Tour the Mandir of Madison Temple:** On Saturday, February 18 we are invited to Mandir of Madison to take a tour of their Temple and learn more about the Hindu Religion. Please let Tammy Martens ([tmartens@orucc.org](mailto:tmartens@orucc.org)) know if you are interested in coming with us to visit Mandir.

**Women's Book Group:** On Thursday, February 9, from 7-9 p.m., join us at the home of Ann Avery, 5305 Whitcomb Drive. We'll discuss "Coop" by Wisconsin author Michael Perry. In this memoir, Perry reflects on his unorthodox childhood for clues to how to proceed as a farmer, a husband, and a father. He recalls childhood days of living on a sheep and dairy farm with his city-bred parents, in a household rambunctious with siblings and foster children. But there's more than his funny aspect to this book, as when he shares the joy at the birth of his child and his devastation at the death of a dear friend.

We'll also take time to consider which books we'd like to read in the coming months. Please let Ann know that you plan to come. You can reach her at [rareavery@msn.com](mailto:rareavery@msn.com) or 298-7587.

**Misc. Things that are Important to Know**

**Next Summer's Youth Mission Trip:** ORUCC's Youth Mission trip for next year will be June 16-June 23. Our destination is Newport, Tennessee. We will be working with an organization called Youth Works ([www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)). We will be joining two other youth groups—one from Alabama and one from North Carolina. Service opportunities include helping with a Kids' Club, working in community gardens, painting, home repairs, etc. We are partnering with the Madison Mennonite Youth Group.

**One-a-Week-Club News:** Thanks to the following donors who started us off in the new year: Winton Boyd, Meg Stevens, and Alex Wollangk (double red cell counts as 2). We are already ahead with 5 donations. Keep up the good work. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions about donating, call Meg Stevens at 233-6199.

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