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Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

HOLY WEEK AT ORUCC

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 20 AT 7 P.M.

SEVEN WORDS OF LOVE A LENTEN CANTATA

Though called a Lenten cantata, the work is actually a liturgy in itself involving organ, choir, readers and the congregation. Composer Pfautsch begins his setting with a short organ prelude that moves into the choral introit and sets the scene for the crucifixion. He employs readers that lead us in each case to the "Word", more of a sentence in fact, sung by the choir. Our readers will be various members of the ORUCC family. This is followed by a commentary on that particular Word by a theologian or notable person in the Church's history, including John Wesley, John Calvin, Soren Kierkegaard and others. Using a quasi- lessons and carols pattern combined with short observations, the service is a moving devotional for both the individual and congregation alike and one you will not soon forget. Service will include communion. Childcare will be provided.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:45 a.m.

at the home/farm of John and Lee Pray

7664 Tumbledown Trail – a few minutes west of the Beltline!!



Take Mineral Point west 2 1/2 miles past the beltline. Turn left on Pioneer Road. In approximately 1/2 mile turn right on Tumbedown Trail. Go to the dead-end of Tumbledown Trail to the farmhouse at the top of the hill. There will be ample room for parking in the turn around at the end of Tumbledown Trail.

EASTER SANCTUARY WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Featuring the Senior Choir and Brass, the unwrapping of our A_____,
Winton Boyd preaching, "From Tourists to Pilgrims"

*"Spiritually
Alive,
Joyfully
Inclusive,
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to Justice."*

Sunday Morning

March 23

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Winton Boyd preaching Senior Choir

April 6

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Winton Boyd preaching TRU Function

April 13

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Winton Boyd preaching Handbells

Newsletters

April 2 and 16

Information to be included in the newsletters are due the Monday before by 9:00 a.m. Email items to office@orucc.org, or drop them off at the office.

Church Emails

Debbie Bauerkemper office@orucc.org
Rev. Ree Hale rhale@orucc.org
Rev. Tammy Martens tmartens@orucc.org
Winton Boyd winton@orucc.org



Family Prayer Cycle

It is important to pray for one another in times of special need or joy, and also in the “regular” times. We invite you to pray for these families. We invite you to make praying for one another a regular feature of your own prayer life.

- Brad & Marge Wennen
- Mary White
- Paul Windau

Do you remember when Elsie Carl gave thanks for our record snowfall during the Joys & Concerns on Sunday February 10th? Check our website for a reflection on that prayer by Bobbi Dumas, originally published in the Wisconsin State Journal.

CAMP SUNDAY, MARCH 30

To our ORUCC friends,

We want to thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards, and e-mails regarding Ray’s recent surgery, for Pastor Boyd’s call, and especially the wonderful visits, confidences and encouragement of Merriter Chaplain and ORUCC member Deb Holbrook.

Ray & Fern Hernandez

Urban Bus Tour Rescheduled to April 6

We’re upbeat about our new date—April 6 after church--for the Urban Bus Tour. Maybe we’ll be able to leave our boots and heaviest coats at home that day. . . ?! We will, however, ask each person to bring their own sack lunch to eat before we board the bus at noon.

This tour will go to some of the places ORUCC has supported with Mission and Compassion Offering dollars. It will give us a chance to raise our awareness of issues faced by the less fortunate in Madison and to learn how some organizations are addressing those problems.

Sign up on the green bulletin board outside Friendship Hall, or get in touch with Jan Christian at jlchrist@wisc.edu or 827-0500. This event is sponsored by the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service.

News from the Music Explorer Team

Our theme: Deepening our faith through Music Our Mission: Exploring additional musical opportunities for everyone

We are investigating possible directions we might take by: Interviewing ORUCC staff, talking with outside experts, and visiting other churches with expanded programs.

Ruthanne Landsness and Karen Falkner, Music Explorer Team co chairs. Nancy Evans, Pat Fellows, John Gilbert, Ralph Peterson, Lee Pray, members.

Sundays at 9 a.m. for Adults

Java and Jesus (Room 13)

Looking for theological elbow room, a chance to explore questions, doubts and thoughts about the Christian faith? Java and Jesus returns on Sunday, March 30 to explore writings from Marcus Borg’s book, *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*. If you would like to receive the weekly email with the readings, please contact Winton at winton@orucc.org or ask the office to mail it to you directly.

Heart and Soul

Sunrise Service on Easter, No adult class

SIMPLY ENOUGH

An opportunity to help us look at and talk about what is enough! About this DVD, Walter Brueggemann, says; “In an ocean of self-indulgent consumerism, an island of sanity and realism. A powerful resource in the move toward well-being.

March 30 (Justice) led by Ginny Moore Kruse

Compassion Offering

Each month our Sunday cash offerings (change and bills) will be designated to a worthy mission cause. Each month a different cause or ministry will be highlighted. This is a voluntary contribution. If you would like credit on your church statement, you may also write a check with the cause listed in the memo line. While this will not count toward your annual pledge, we will acknowledge the contribution on your statement.

March offering will be the ministry of The Rev. Benson Kishoyian

Some of you may remember that Rev. Kishoyian visited our congregation in 2000. He serves between 10 and 15 small, poor churches, many of which do not have permanent structures. The political turmoil in Kenya has caused many people to be driven from their homes and some homes have been burned. Many of the people have sought refuge in the churches and his parish is helping displaced persons as best they can with clothing and other needs.

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Saturday MARCH 29, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
OLBRICH GARDENS 3330 Atwood Avenue Madison WI
Are you ready to join a CSA and have farm fresh food at your fingertips? CSA farms provide weekly distributions of sustainably grown fruits, vegetables, meats, flowers, and dairy products to households who join the farm for the season. Attend this free, family friendly event to celebrate Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and find out which one is best for you! Browse information from CSA farms serving communities serving southern Wisconsin, meet the farmers, and learn about fresh local foods through demonstrations, workshops, & slide shows. Event features a raffle for a gift certificate toward a CSA membership from your CSA of choice.

For more information about the open house go to:

<http://www.macsac.org/openhouse.html>

For all the info you need on what a CSA is and how it works go to: <http://www.macsac.org/aboutcsa.html>

Did you know that all of the major HMOs in the Madison area offer cash rebates (up to \$300) off the cost of produce shares from CSA farms for the 2008 season! Go to the following link and learn how to get paid to join a CSA. <http://>

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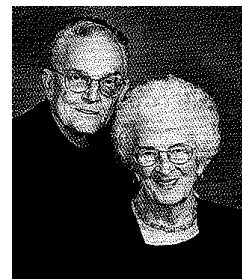
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Elders of the month

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A chair, a couch, a piano, a handcrafted lectern on top of the TV, recorded music (probably Bach), a modestly printed program, and occasionally a portable organ. These were the furnishings for the first worship service of the people who would become the Orchard Ridge congregation. That first service was held in Gordon and Jeanne Garnett's living room on Loruth Terrace in 1955! Meetings of the trustees and deacons were held there, and all-family potlucks took place downstairs.

Church activities have always been integral to Gordon and Jeanne's lives, even during their childhoods. Because of his grandfather's administrative position, Gordon's father grew up on an Aboriginal reservation. Gordon was born in Adelaide, Australia. His father became a clergyman in the Christian Church of Australia, and his parents served as missionaries in China. Many moves (five schools in three nations in one year for young Gordon) and a couple of academic degrees later, the family settled in Madison where his father was a faculty member in the UW Philosophy Department for 25 years. In 1940 Gordon graduated from West High School, after which he earned a degree in Medicine from UW and also was in military service. Even before that, when he was fourteen years old, Gordon had met Jeanne Swan. They met each other - where else - at church.

Jeanne was born while her father served a small Presbyterian congregation in Marion, Ohio. Later while he was serving a Congregational church in Greeley, Colorado, her father's articles were published in "The Christian Century." Because his publications concerned the social gospel, Rev. Al Swan came to the attention of Madison's First Congregational Church, and so the family moved here.

The Swans always hosted a New Year open house. Jeanne recalls that Gordon and his family came to her home for one of these events. She remembers Gordon's distinctive Australian accent. The Garnetts and Swans enjoyed each other so much that they spent holidays with each other, and they even went on two vacation trips together. Jeanne and Gordon were active in the same church youth group, they went to Pilgrim Camp, and they enjoyed ice skating and other church social events. They began dating while they were in West High School. Jeanne went to Wooster College where she majored in psychology and philosophy. In 1945 three weeks after she graduated with a liberal arts degree, Jeanne and Gordon were married.

Between 1945 and 1946, Gordon had an internship in Los Angeles. Earlier while he had been in medical school, Gordon had worked as an operating room orderly. That's where he had met an anesthesiologist who later contacted him while he and Jeanne were living in San Francisco. There would be a residency for Gordon when they could move back to Madison, which they did in 1949 with their son Greg and daughter Barbara. At first they lived in a two-bedroom house on Midvale which was a still "dirt road, the last road in town." Gordon earned \$25 a month during his residency, and his parents helped out by providing \$15 each month. Jim, Harold and Elizabeth were born during these years.

In 1954 they moved to their Loruth home which they had planned with a large family in mind. Three weeks after the first ORUCC service was held in their living room, Ginny was born. In 1957 Charlie was born, and John's birth followed in 1961. The Garnett's sizeable home was put to excellent use all week long!

During Gordon's long career, he was in Anesthesia practice at three hospitals: Madison General, Methodist and St. Mary's. In 1960 he went into practice by himself, and he retired in 1988.

Between 1961 and 1970, the Garnett family planted 80,000 red pine and white pine trees by hand on their 160 acres in Adams County. At times the church Scout troop even became involved in tree planting. In 1984, the Garnetts built a summer place in Maine. Jeanne cut the wood, and Gordon pounded the nails.

Gordon has always been a reader, and he is active in the PLATO history group. He is a skilled woodworker (remember the lectern at the early services?) and a builder of HO Gauge trains. Between mid-May and mid-September he grows dahlias in Maine, showing them in Halifax and St. John's.

Jeanne's on-going Badger sports enthusiasms were fostered while she was a girl. During the Depression, grade school children were given season tickets to the football games for 25 cents. Jeanne continues to follow Badger hockey and football. Following the final dahlia show of the season, she and Gordon drive back to Madison in time to go to the Badger football games.

Jeanne is a photographer and weaver. For 25 years she has taught weaving at Attic Angel. She sews, knits and quilts and works on genealogy. Gordon and Jeanne were skiers until they were seventy-two. They've traveled extensively, particularly to the Netherlands where Elizabeth lives. They've traveled to Australia to visit Gordon's relatives. During a China trip they saw the house where Jeanne's father was born.

Family photographs are prominently displayed in the living room - 8 children, 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Although they drive to Maine each May to plant the dahlia tubers stored in Madison all winter, they drive home in time to attend the spring graduations of their extended family.

Jeanne once sang in the church choir, and she loves hearing our choir sing. As the daughter of a skilled preacher, Jeanne listens carefully to the sermons, observing how they are composed, as well as what is being said. Gordon and Jeanne always enjoyed church potlucks, and they sign up for the eating groups. Gordon feels strongly that our church is important in the wider community. There's no doubt that the Garnett's appreciation for ORUCC today is reciprocated by the congregation to which Gordon and Jeanne's earlier efforts and very home were so central.

- Ginny Moore Kruse

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
March		
Thursday 20	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Contata
Sunday 23	6:45 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sanctuary Worship Service
Tuesday 25	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Mentors Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Wednesday 26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 30	9:00 a.m.	Education for all
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 31	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
April		
Tuesday 1	7:00 p.m.	Knit/Crochet Group
	7:15 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 2	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Meeting
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COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

Mar. 23 Phil & Judy Winkel, Rick Daluge
Mar. 30 Rosemary Stare, Paul Hedges, Carolyn Carlson
Apr. 6 Joyce Binder ©, Jack Christian, Steve Sheets
Apr. 13 Vern Reed, Jim & Bernie Treichel
Apr. 20 Doug Piper, Helen Horn, Ralph Peterson
Apr. 27 Jack Christian, Jerry Nelson, Bob Ansheles

Welcomers

Mar. 23 Heather & Dianne Stevens, Barb Stretchberry
Mar. 30 Jack Schairer, Barb Wolter, Sheri Mauerman
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Apr. 13 Cheryl Diermyer, Steve Sheets, Marilyn Arnold
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	Sound	Welcomers Assisting those in need	Coffee
March 23	Helen Horn	NEED VOLUNTEER	Paul Hedges
March 30	Mike Walsh	Lynn Roethe	Brian Rachael Lancor
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Saturday MARCH 29, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
OLBRICH GARDENS 3330 Atwood Avenue Madison WI
Are you ready to join a CSA and have farm fresh food at your fingertips? CSA farms provide weekly distributions of sustainably grown fruits, vegetables, meats, flowers, and dairy products to households who join the farm for the season. Attend this free, family friendly event to celebrate Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and find out which one is best for you! Browse information from CSA farms serving communities serving southern Wisconsin, meet the farmers, and learn about fresh local foods through demonstrations, workshops, & slide shows. Event features a raffle for a gift certificate toward a CSA membership from your CSA of choice.

For more information about the open house go to:

<http://www.macsac.org/openhouse.html>

For all the info you need on what a CSA is and how it works go to: <http://www.macsac.org/aboutcsa.html>

Did you know that all of the major HMOs in the Madison area offer cash rebates (up to \$300) off the cost of produce shares from CSA farms for the 2008 season! Go to the following link and learn how to get paid to join a CSA. <http://>