

The Communion

March 24, 2010

shortened Holy Week edition.

A summary of activities at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.

OVER 55 will meet on Tuesday, April 13. The program will be "Focus on The Cross" with Marjorie Bengston. She has suggested that we wear or bring crosses. Meg Stevens, Carolyn Carlson, Dorothy Peterson, Elsie Bach and Stan Heffernan have volunteered to bring salads—we need three more. Judy Winkel, Mary Lou Peterson, John McClung, Jeanne Garnett, Pat Hale and Char Klossner will bring desserts. Call Helen Atz (276-8142) if you can provide a salad or dessert and let her know if you are bringing a guest.

Woman's Book Group will meet on April 8 at 7 pm, at the home of Mary Piper's, 4119 Keewatin Trail. Please RSVP [831-0305, or mdpiper@tds.net.] The book we'll discuss is *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America* by Linda Lawrence Hunt.

Find Out About Wonderful Camp Experiences

The UCC has two camps (Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center) that offer wonderful week-long programs for children, youth, and adults all summer long. There are booklets on the table in the lounge. Scholarship money is available. You can also go online for information. www.ucci.org.

Women's Breakfast Group will meet April 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at Copper Top.

Knitting Group will meet on April 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge. If you have any questions please contact Sandra Dyar at 271-2409 or Karen Falkner at 833-9730.

The ORUCC Vegetable Village crew is gearing up for spring. There will be a few 12 x 12 plots available for families or individuals to grow their own vegetables. Contact Meg Stevens at 233-6199 or venusipsa@yahoo.com by April 1st to register your interest. The fee is \$40, and participants agree to a set of gardening rules. The Pantry Plot will need a dedicated group of volunteers committed to working Tuesday nights all through the summer. The produce grown in the Pantry Plot is given to a local food pantry. The Children's plot will also return for the season. Adult volunteers will be needed to work with the kids during Sunday School. Watch this space for more information.

Theologian Bishop John Shelby Spong will give two lectures on Saturday, April 10, at First United Methodist. His lectures are titled "The Crisis in Believing" and "What Does it Mean to Call Jesus Divine?" Go to www.fumc.org for more info

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday with Procession

Sunday, March 28 at 10 a.m.

Good Friday Service of

Tenebrae (Shadows)

Friday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Vigil at the farm of John and Lee Pray 7664 Tumble-down Trail, Verona, WI (334-6058)

Sunday, April 4 at 10a.m.

Worship with Senior Choir and communion.

11:00 a.m.

2010th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

No Java and Jesus or Sunday School on Easter



April 18, 9:00 am – Seeds of Next Generation Awareness Event (breakfast at 8:30 – please RSVP by signing up in the lounge or emailing campaign@orucc.org)

Coming up at ORUCC

April 11, 11:30 am-1:00 pm – New ORUCC Friends Luncheon at Meadowwood Community Center after worship. Children welcome and childcare provided

April 17, 7:00 pm – Carrie Newcomer in concert at ORUCC as a benefit for Habitat Dane County. Tickets are \$18/\$20 at the door. They may be bought online (www.orucc.org) or with a check sent to the office.

April 18, 10 am – Carrie Newcomer in worship

Prayers of Joy and Concern:

- The family of Lorraine Hayden, charter member, who passed away last week in Milwaukee. She was 97 years old. A memorial service will be held on May 3 at 11:00 a.m.
- SpiritBuild 2010 – a group of 16 from ORUCC and First United Methodist working with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador from March 27-April 3.
- Many thanks to all who supported the youth by buying over Pizza's. Almost \$1100 was made for this sum-

Ken's Pennings

At our annual meeting on January 31, we approved the new slate of leaders to serve on our Leadership Team and Five Ministries. In the past, the pastors gathered together all of these leaders early in the year for a day of orientation, training and planning, and that was a valuable experience. But this year, we thought we'd try something new – gather each separate group of leaders in a home over a meal with a goal toward deepening relationships with one another.

Doug & Mary Piper hosted the Leadership Team for supper. Chris Glad and Kathy Borkowski hosted the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service for brunch. Cheryl Diermyer and Jeanette Phillips hosted the Ministry of Adult Faith Formation for brunch. Tammy and Rob Martens hosted the Ministry of Youth Faith Formation for supper. John Leonard and I hosted the Ministry of Congregational Life for brunch.** Each group shared a delicious meal, introduced themselves to each other and swapped stories of some of the “God-moments” in their lives. Some were a bit uneasy coming up with a story of a “God-moment,” and were helped by thinking instead of a time in their lives when they felt very much alive or integrated with truth, beauty and love.

I can't speak for others, but I found this to be a very rich and rewarding experience. The stories were all compelling, expressed both the diversity and commonality of human experience, made me both laugh and cry, and helped me gain a deep appreciation for the keen spirituality of our leaders. In sharing our stories together, I felt as if we were “standing” on holy ground.

Before adjourning, each group took just a few moments to brainstorm ideas for their work together in the coming year. I marveled at the creativity, energy, enthusiasm and productivity of this brief period of brainstorming. I couldn't help but wonder, “Would this kind of healthy animated discussion have been possible if we hadn't spent time getting to know one another?” [continued to the right]

Ushers

Mar 28 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Pat Hale
Apr 2-Good Friday Steve Sheets, Jack Christian
Apr 4 Joyce Binder ©, Laurie Irwin, Pat Fellows
Apr 11 John Pray, Carolyn Carlson, Kathy Paulson
Apr 18 Pat Fellows, Laurie Irwin, Linda Jones, Barb Wolter
Apr 25 Phil & Judy Winkel, Vern Reed

Welcomers

Mar28 Jack Schairer, Peggy Anderson, Richard Rossmiller
Apr 4 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Lynn Roethe, Linda Jones
Apr 11 Cheryl Diermyer, Steve Sheets, Leah Narans
Apr 18 Jan Christian, Rachael & Brian Lancor
Apr 25 Charlene Gallagher, Helen Atz, Bobbi Sonntag

Sound

Mar 28 Fred Fisher
Apr 2 Paul Hedges
Apr 4 Ken Psyck
Apr 11 Fred Fisher
Apr 18 John Gilbert
Apr 25 Paul Hedges

Coffee

Paul Hedges
 NO COFFEE
 Leah Narans
 Joyce Binder
 Phil & Judy Winkel
 Brian & Rachael Lancor

Something tells me this is going to be an extraordinary year of ministry for our Leadership Team and our Five Ministries!

**The Ministry of Resources hopes to meet soon.

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