



Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION

*“Spiritually Alive, Joyfully
Inclusive, Committed to
Justice.”*

Sunday Morning

April 10

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Handbell Choir & ORUCC Choir

April 17

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Ron Adams preaching
ORUCC Choir

April 24

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching

May 1

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
ORUCC Choir

May 8

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Ken Pennings preaching
Handbell Choir

Newsletters:

APRIL 27 (articles due

Monday, April 25

MAY 11 (articles due

Monday, May 9

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, or drop
them off at the office.

Church Emails

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From Your Pastors: Safe Sanctuary Policy— Important Procedures for Our Church

One of my go to poets – especially when I need a heartfelt word in a trying time – is Naomi Shihab Nye. Born of a Palestinian father and an American mother, her life long experience as somewhat of an outsider in our culture has given her a powerful and insightful vantage point from which to write. She titled the poem I am about to read *Kindness*. I don't think she'd mind if we 'opened up' that word and included 'resurrection' in it. So when you hear the word kindness, I invite you to also hear 'resurrection.' As I read, I hope you, like me, can remember something of God's holy love in your life.

Kindness

*Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.*

*What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.*

*How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.*

*Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness,
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.*

*You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone*

*who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive. (continued on page2)*

April Compassion Offering is Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin:

Before Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin started going to the town of Thiotte and surrounding area in Haiti, there were NO medical services available. It was a 5 hour ride to Port au Prince. For the last several years Roger and Ann Avery and Paul Patenaude of ORUCC have been volunteering with HMMW. Over the last 19 years Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin has built a tiny hospital and clinic and paid for a fulltime Haitian doctor and a nurse. This year they would like to add dental and optical services through a Rotary International Global Grant. Our contributions will be added to those of the Madison West Towne Middleton Rotary Club, which will be matched by the District Rotary, and that total will be matched by Rotary International. This is a great opportunity to help Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Each week cash offerings (change and bills) are designated to a worthy mission cause. Each month a different ministry is highlighted. 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.

Prayers of Concern:

Yvonne Sadler, whose brother passed away 2 weeks ago. Heather Lott's mom, who is in hospice. Lisa Benitez, whose father was recently hospitalized.

Prayers of Joy:

Ginny Moore Kruse, recently named a fellow at the Wisc. Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters.

Boydseye View Continued

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,

you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.

You must wake up with sorrow.

You must speak to it till your voice

catches the thread of all sorrows

and you see the size of the cloth.

Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,

only kindness that ties your shoes

and sends you out into the day to mail letters and

purchase bread,

only kindness that raises its head

from the crowd of the world to say

it is I you have been looking for,

and then goes with you every where

like a shadow or a friend.

from **The Words Under the Words: Selected Poems**

by Naomi Shihab Nye

THE CROSSING annual Spring Gala Dinner is April 22, 2016 at Monona Terrace.

The Spring Gala is the primary fundraiser for THE CROSSING Campus Ministry, an ecumenical and mission-focused ministry for UW students. This year we are focusing on celebrating our students!

The evening promises to be filled with good fellowship and inspiration. Crossing students will share transformational stories from their recent experiences traveling on Quest mission trips to Kenya and Costa Rica. For more information about THE CROSSING and its mission, visit the website at www.crossingministries.org

The Spring Gala starts at 5 P.M. with social time, followed by dinner and a program from 6-9 P.M. Dinner music will be provided by Mal -O-Dua.

Tickets are \$40 per person (not tax deductible). Or your contribution of \$30 can "Sponsor a Student." There will also be a silent auction of articles brought back from Quest trips!

To buy tickets or ask questions, please contact: Jessie Steinhauer at [608-257-1039 x2](tel:608-257-1039) or jessie@crossingministries.org

The enthusiasm these students will share for life and for The Crossing will be an uplifting and inspiring experience!

Way-Finding for Seniors -- Sat., April 23:

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Have you reached your "vintage years"? (Or suspect you're heading that direction?) If so, you're invited to join with your wise and wonderful peers at Orchard Ridge on April 23 as we embark on a new ministry for this age group. Our first program invites authentic sharing through round-table discussions (out of which we will shape future programs). Topics include:

Forever Young? Getting real about aging

Modern medicine vs. our "crumbling parts" — from A. Gawande's *Being Mortal*

What becomes spiritually important as we pass mid-life

Plus lunch, fun, fellowship! Please sign up so we can get a lunch count. Email office@orucc.org or ken@orucc.org. Organizers are Nancy Wynn, Carolyn Carlson, Doug Loving, and Sharon Goss, assisted by Rev. Ken Pennings.

Welcome Brunch and New Member Series:

If you are brand new, or fairly new to ORUCC, you are invited to a Welcome Brunch at the church on Sunday, April 17th, 8:45-9:50 a.m. Come hungry and anticipate meeting others who are new to the church. Children can eat with us, then go to their Sunday School classes at 9 am. RSVP to Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org.

You may also be interested in attending the New Member Series: Sunday, April 24th, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church

- Sunday, May 1st, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church
- Sunday, May 8th, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church
- Sunday, May 15th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. -- Appetizer Social in a home

RSVP to the church office at office@orucc.org, or 271-7212. Please attend all sessions, if possible, giving priority to the Informational Classes where you'll learn more about Orchard Ridge and the United Church of Christ (UCC). We'll discuss our history as a local church, ministries within the congregation and the wider community, and some of the church's views on important issues of faith. In preparation for this series, you may wish to browse ORUCC's website: www.orucc.org.

From Your Pastors: ORUCC's Safe Sanctuaries

Recent events have reinforced the importance and power of a congregational commitment to being a "Safe Sanctuary" Church for all children. As we move forward, your three pastors want to reaffirm that there has been *no suspicion or allegation that any one in our congregation has exhibited illegal, unethical or abusive behavior while involved in our ministries*. Outside of the one member arrested for activities outside the realm of the church, there is also *no suspicion or allegation of inappropriate behavior by anyone else in the church*.

In addition, we want to reaffirm the thoughtful way in which we have crafted and organized our ministry to children and youth. On our website, you can find our guiding "Road Map" which was developed by our Ministry of Youth Formation and outlines the arc of our ministry and our hopes for young people.

In regards to Safe Sanctuaries in particular, we made a public, congregational public commitment to being a safe environment for all our children and adults. The formation of our policy was guided by a very well informed committee and materials from the United Church of Christ. We implemented the policy in 2004, revising and updating it in

2013. For example, social media wasn't an issue in 2004 but was included in the revised policy. Copies of the full policy can be found on the table in the Crossroads. Here are some highlights of the policy:

Two adult policy:

No teacher, aide, or chaperone is allowed to place himself or herself in a compromising situation by being alone with a child or youth.

Background Checks: Workers such as teachers, youth group leaders and chaperones, and nursery care providers must undergo the primary screening procedure which includes reviewing this policy and going through a Criminal Records Background Check.

Established connection to the church:

Before volunteers become involved with the Educational and Youth programs, we require that they have been a member or a regular attender of our church for at least six months and that they: 1) attend a Safe Sanctuary workshop which explains the policy in detail and 2) attend a New Members Class (note—there is no obligation to become members; the purpose of the attending this is for the volunteer to learn more about our church and for our church to learn more about the volunteer).

Overnight accommodations: On overnight functions, males and females are housed in separate sleeping quarters.

Social Media:

Youth leaders, teachers, staff, and volunteers must refrain from engaging in one-on-one messaging with youth and Instead send group emails or texts or cc a parent.

Preparation:

Before any overnight function, adult leaders gather with the Associate Pastor Tammy Martens to review our policy and how it will be upheld in the given circumstance. When inviting individuals to consider being part of our youth ministry team, Associate Pastor Tammy Martens reiterates the policy and ensures volunteers have a thorough understanding.

We do on occasion invite volunteers to find other forms Of ministry in the church if we do not feel their gifts are not a good match for our ministry with children and youth.

Since 2000, virtually every middle school youth has participated in an extensive "Our Whole Lives" class that we offer every other year. In addition to many other things, the OWL class also teaches youth how to protect the selves from peers and adults. We have been told on numerous occasions how the material they learned in OWL has helped our youth navigate the complex world of sexuality through high school and beyond.

While the abuse of any child anywhere is a tragedy, and while the recent arrest of one of our members is deeply troubling, we remain convinced that our Safe Sanctuaries policies are a gift to this congregation. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or share concerns with any one of your pastors

Concert featuring the Black Music Ensemble:

Friday April 15, 7 pm, The Crossing, 1127 University Ave. Under the direction of Richard Davis, the 2014 recipient of "Jazz Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts, The Black Music Ensemble (BME), "focuses on genres such as jazz, blues, R&B and other styles that are typically thought of as having been born in black

culture in the United States" (Badger Herald) Reception to follow. Suggested donation to support the artists: \$2. Please direct any inquiries to Cody Goetz at cody@crossingministries.org

Camp Awesum looking for Awesome

Volunteers: Moon Beach offers several weeks of Camp Awesum for Families with children on the Autism Spectrum. Among other things, this week provides much needed respite and support for families. There are openings for volunteers (18 and older) who can assist with activities for children in the mornings and some other specified times. All vol-

unteers are trained and work in pairs or groups. Camp dates for volunteers are: July 17-23, 2016 (Sunday - Saturday). It is a great way to experience camp, serve others and be part of a fabulous Camp Awesum community. If you are interested, please contact Kythie Boyd at 608-334-7335, kpboyd@gmail.com or Winton Boyd at winton@orucc.org

On-going Groups

Women's Breakfast:

We will meet at the Pancake Café at 728 S. Gammon Rd. (near Watts Rd) at 8:30 on the first Friday of the month. This is an informal gathering to chat on many subjects and interests. Many men have also been joining in at their "guys" table and are welcome as well."

Knitting & Crafts

Group: The group will meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to bring some handwork and join us! Questions, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

NOTE: As you plan your knitting and crocheting projects for the summer and fall that include prayer shawls, please plan most of your shawls to be rectangles. Think in terms of 16 to 20 inches wide and 60 to 72 inches long. These are the most used shawls and would be most helpful.

ORUCC Men's Group:

The Orchard Ridge UCC men's group meets in the Oscar Romero Gathering Room on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:15 pm. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, please contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or 547_5698@msn.com.

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 Dave Myers (274-0381 or 547_5698@msn.com) or Helene Nelson (259-2546 or helenemargaret@gmail.com) for more information.

OVER 55: The next meeting will be on April 12th. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month September through May, gathering at 11:30 and begin our delicious catered meal at 11:45, followed by our program.

Our chefs will plan a great meal for us and the cost is \$7.00 per person.

Our presenter for April 12

will be Tim Andrews, Horticulturist, former faculty and in charge of the grounds at Edgewood College and Orchard Ridge, now with his own family company and a member of ORUCC. Tim will talk and challenge us about caring for our Green World. Have a question about your land, trees, garden? Ask Tim.

Women's Book

Group: Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 14, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the home of Ann Avery, 5305 Whitcomb Drive. (Book group members: please note change from previously-announced location.)

We will discuss JUST MERCY by Bryan Stevenson. This is the UW's "Go Big Read" book for this year. The author is a black attorney who is devoting his career to helping black people who have been failed by the country's court system. Those who have read it say it is a "must read" although it is not comfortable to confront our failings. If you are on our book group

top 100 films over the past 100 years. Please let Jan or Jack Christian if you plan to come at either 827-0500 or jlchrist@wisc.edu.

Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study:

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The group is discussing the Apocrypha, a biblical section usually not included in our Protestant Bible. If you have questions, please contact Gene or Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

Josie and Jady Gilbert are finishing the school year with their cousins in the Twin Cities area. Letters or cards can be sent to them C/o Lynn and Brian Fountain, 9022 W. 137th St., Savage, MN 55378.

Expressions of support for Darcy can be sent via email, her home address or this address in Minnesota. She has expressed appreciation for all the support that has been offered to her.

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ALL PEOPLE
REGARDLESS OF AGE,
RACE, CULTURE,
SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
GENDER EXPRESSION
OR IDENTITY, AND
ECONOMIC STATUS.
OUR CHURCH IS A SAFE
SANCTUARY FOR ALL
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.ORUCC.ORG

The Use of Screens at Church:

For sometime, we've pondered as a staff how to handle the use of personal phones, tablets, and other screens during our Sunday worship time. It is a complicated and nuanced issue and we all come to it with different ideas and experiences. Our request to limit screens is in part to encourage and enhance our ability to connect as a community. In many cases, the use of personal screens in public does not bring us towards others, but keeps us more isolated from human interaction close at hand. This is particularly true for our children and we want to continue to model for them ways in which a faith community seeks to build us up as people. A second reason we request this is because so many of us have so little time away from screens and/or distraction that we want to preserve at least an hour a week in which we can seek to be fully present to where we are, what we are doing, and people with whom we have gathered. You could think of it as a mini sabbath.

Our request, then, is that we refrain from using personal screens unless absolutely necessary during our worship time, whether we are in the sanctuary or some other part of the building. Of course, if there is a need to have

a phone available, or if screens are necessary for communication, etc, we trust everyone and every family to use their best judgment. Your understanding and support will also help us create clear expectations and support for our young people. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to talk with Winton Boyd or Tammy Martens.

Please make the following changes in the church directory:

Change address for Phil & Judy Winkel to: 302 Nautilus Dr. #102, Madison 53705
Change email for Vaunce Ashby to: Vaunceashby@gmail.com
Change email for Ann Moyer to: annsmoyer@gmail.com
Change email for Kristin Martin to: kristinm0202@gmail.com
Add email address for Joyce & Bill Nigbor: billyjoycenigbor@aol.com

Coffee Fund for Sunday Mornings and all Other Church Events:

Many of us enjoy a good cup of Fair Trade coffee after worship on Sunday mornings. If you can help out by donating to the coffee fund, that would be appreciated.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers

Apr 10 Dick & Lois Rossmiller,
Jerry Nelson

Apr 17 Phil & Judy Winkel,
Larry Goss

Apr 24 Phil & Judy Winkel,
Jarrett Gersten

May 1 Jon Blanchard,
Joyce Binder, Larry Goss

May 8 Carolyn Carlson, Peter
Fabian, **NEED 1 VOLUNTEER**

Welcomers

Apr 10 Doug & Mary Loving,
Sharon Goss

Apr 17 Glenn Schaeffer, Leah
Narans, Marilyn Arnold

Apr 24 Charlene Gallagher,
Barb McLeod, Sharon Goss

May 1 Ruthanne Landsness,
Marilyn Arnold, Barb Hummel

May 8 Heather Stevens,
Joyce Pohl, Kim Kaspar

Sound

Apr 10 Paul Hedges

Apr 17 Jarrett Gersten

Apr 24 Chuck Kaspar

May 1 Ken Psyck

May 8 VOLUNTEER

Coffee

Apr 10 Greg & Barb
Louden

Apr 17 Phil & Judy
Winkel

Apr 24 Jerry Hagen,
Jane Glaze

May 1 Annette & Brian
Porter

May 8 Brian & Rachael
Lancor

Financial Secretary

Apr 10 Meg Stevems

Apr 17 Mary Bucknell

Apr 24 Jane Ilgen

May 1 Gene Dyar

May 8 Peter Hoff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April		
Wednesday 6	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 7	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 10	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 11	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 12	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 13	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 14	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 15	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group
Sunday 17	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 18	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 19	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study
Wednesday 20	11:00 a.m.	Progressive Christianity Group
	5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk
	5:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 21	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Saturday 23	9:00 a.m.	Way-Finding for Srs.-Series on Aging
Sunday 24	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service