



JUNE, 2008 ISSUE 2

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

June 22

10 am Winton Boyd
preaching

June 29

10 am Winton Boyd
preaching

July 6

10 am Tammy Martens
preaching

July 13

10 am Ree Hale preaching

Newsletters

**July 16 (only one in July)
August 6 and 20**

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

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A Boydseye View

Sunday (June 1) at ORUCC held many small surprises for me. I did not realize how engaged the *Java and Jesus* class would become with a video sharing the thoughts of about a dozen young adult UCC members. I did not know how moved I would be when our high school seniors sang *Freedom is Coming* (a South African freedom song) during worship – a sign of their upcoming graduation and their collective commitment to helping make justice happen in the world. I did not know I would be part of a hide and seek game with Sam Stretchberry during the TRU Function concert after worship. I did not know I would be moved to tears by the words of Ann and Mike Kehl and Dave and Sally Allen during the potluck lunch concluding our series on “Living with Illness.”

Maybe I should not be surprised. Maybe I should know, by now, that a normal day in a faith community can include many surprises, hidden delights, moments of holy grace and experiences of simple joy and profound transcendence. So many times during the morning – and really it was a normal kind of day for this congregation – I found myself deeply grateful for Christian community, for an inter generational congregation, and for the ability to share the highs and lows of our lives together under the umbrella of God’s renewing Spirit.

Increasingly, I find myself realizing how important and necessary such community is in our lives. I find myself more and more aware how isolated and lonely our lives can be without a place “to know and be known.” A place where tears and laughter accompany one another. A place to be authentic and hopeful.

We have these wonderful Explorer Teams meeting; thinking together about our future and our faith. We are talking about many dreams and hopes. We expect many fine proposals to come from these explorations. There will be details, practicalities, and priorities. But this morning, I am mostly aware that to be a part of covenant community of faith is a privilege and a way of grounding my life. I hope and pray that it is, or can become, that for each one of us. I hope that we find the time, energy, and strength to give of ourselves to this eclectic outpost of the body of Christ. We need it. The world to which we give so much of our time and energy needs it.

Tree of Life

Please pray:

- For Sam Godfrey, who passed away on Friday, May 30. A memorial service will be held at Oakwood Village's chapel on Tuesday, June 10 at 3 p.m. Winton Boyd will officiate.
- For Maureen Cassidy, home after being hospitalized during her third round of chemotherapy.
- For those suffering from war and displacement in Myanmar, China, Iraq and other countries.

We give thanks to God:

- For Jeanne McLellan who successfully organized this year's Race for the Cure (May 31).
- For our High School Seniors who are graduating in the next week. (Jack Ansheles, Julie Beckett, Kythie Boyd, Ellery Hamann, Alden Hedges, Josh Hoefle, Anna Hutchcroft, Anthony Gatti)
- For Our Sunday School Teachers and helpers who will be recognized in worship this Sunday.

If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member rejoices, all rejoice together" (The apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians)



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.

- Peggy & Norm Anderson
- Bob & Jane Anderson
- Bob & Gail Ansheles

Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, and good deeds. I am doing well. The procedure on my spine has solved my problem and I am now without pain. Thanks again.

Ellen Fluck

Church Directory Updates

Change email address for Rick Daluge to: rhdaluge@wisc.edu

Add new members Matt & Bobbi Dumas: 5 Thorn Lane, Madison, WI 53711, 608-467-8686. mdumas@charter.net (Matt), bobbidumas@charter.net (Bobbi)

Remove land line phone for Deb Josephs and replace with cell number 608-669-7602.

Remove Jane Nemke from the directory, she is moving.

Remove Sheri Mauerman from the directory, she is moving.

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.

The June offering is the Youth Mission Trip

Late in July, 18 of our youth and 5 adults will head to Mississippi to work with Mission on the Bay in Bay St. Louis. They will help in the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina. To get a better idea of the scope of the storm, they will also travel to New Orleans before returning home.

Under Rev. Tammy Martens' leadership, several fundraisers have already been done or are in the works—dealing with backrests at Camp Randall (both on and off!), staffing two Bratfests, baking and selling cookies, and holding an ice cream social. The Southwest Association has also provided a grant. Parents will contribute for each child going, but the church would like to pay part of the adults' expenses.

Despite all the good work by many people, escalating costs make it clear that the anticipated income falls short of the budget. Can you help?

Java and Jesus (Room 13)

Intriguing Witnesses within the UCC

June 8 - *UCC Statement of Faith* – how does this capture what the faith means for us?

June 15 - *New Voice Arising* – UCC initiative around Faith Engaging Science and Technology.

June 22 - *Church and State* – The Barmen Declaration of 1934 (Germany)

June 29 - *Becoming Who We Are Through Music* (from the book, *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live*)

HEART & SOUL--9:00 am, Room 12

June 8 - *Leading with Your Strengths* led by Cheryl Diermyer and Pat Fellows

The world is a busy place, pulling our attention in many directions. In these demanding times we can easily become disconnected from our community, our church and ourselves. Living a full life is about connectedness, with others and self.

Through shared research, discussion and activities you will identify your strengths and discover how you can use your strengths to lead your life, sustain connections and build faith.

Final session of: *Living with Illness: Traveling partners* (family friends and advocates) led by Ann Haase Kehl, Mike Kehl, Dave Allen & Sally Allen. Come whether you bring food or not - there will be lunch for you. We will meet in Friendship Hall.

Meet Our New Members

Rob Martens is the husband of Tammy, our Associate Pastor and father of Gabriel and Lily. Rob currently works as a computer programmer for Avid Technologies. Hobbies include reading books before bed and finding challenging things for his kids Gabriel and Lily. Rob sometimes rides his bike, plays his guitar or talks to his wife Tammy.



Steve Yeazel works in sales and **Becky Yeazel** works in Human Resources. “We first came to ORUCC because Steve’s Aunt Ellen Fluck is a member. Both of us were struck by the sincere, open and alive feeling here. We now look forward to know all the people that create that feeling. We have a infant son, Zane.”

Matt and Bobbi Dumas and their kids Brandon and Alec moved to Madison two and ½ years ago from the Washington DC area. Matt is a restaurant manager with Potbelly Sandwichworks and Bobbi is a freelance writer currently working on a couple of novels. Their favorite pastime is spending time with their kids, especially in the warmer months when they can cook out and play bocce in the yard. They feel blessed to have found this warm, openhearted community in their own neighborhood and look forward to getting to know everyone better.



Tim Johnson works with adults with developmental disabilities, is a housing provider, a neighborhood activist, has many talents, and has had an interesting life. He enjoys being a part of ORUCC choir and at home has a cat named Kitty. (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| June | | |
| Sunday 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Education for all |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Sunday 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | | HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!! |
| Tuesday 17 | 7:15 p.m. | Leadership Team Meeting |
| Wednesday 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Witness & Service Meeting |
| Sunday 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Congregational Meeting |

COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

June 8 Rick Daluge, Barb Wolter, Kathy Paulson
June 15 Sandra Dyar, Rosemary Stare, Bob Ansheles
June 22 Vern Reed, John Pray, Jim Treichel
June 29 Bob Ansheles, Steve Sheets, **Need Volunteer**



Welcomers

June 8 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Steve Sheets
June 15 Cheryl Diermyer, Steve Sheets, Marilyn Arnold
June 22 Jan Christian, Helen Atz, Jean Rush
June 29 Barb Stretchberry, Amy Fewel, Char Klossner
July 6 Jan christian, Helen Atz, Jean Rush
July 13 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Marilyn Arnold

Welcomers Assisting those in need

| | Sound | | Coffee |
|----------------|--------------|--|----------------|
| June 8 | J. McLellan | | Doug Hendrix |
| June 15 | Helen Horn | | Jane Glaze |
| June 22 | Mike Walsh | | Leah Narans |
| June 29 | John Gilbert | | Tom Klossner |
| July 6 | Paul Hedges | | Bob Ansheles |
| July 13 | Ken Psyck | | Annette Porter |
| July 20 | J. McLellan | | J. McLellan |

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

YOUTH NEWS

Summer Sundays for Children (4 year olds through 5th grade)

During worship children will gather in Room 11 for Jerusalem Marketplace. Children will learn about Bible-times culture by tasting and smelling new foods, exploring new traditions, and discovering new talents as they try their hands at arts and crafts projects. Children will also make a mini city of Jerusalem in Room 11. **Needed:** Adults leaders to volunteer for the different Sundays of the summer. Tammy will have the arts/crafts projects set up. She will also send the information you need for the Sunday you sign up to volunteer. We need volunteers for each Sunday starting June 15 and going through August 31. A sign up sheet will be in the lounge this Sunday, June 8. Or you can email with the date/dates you provide leadership.

The Journey of the African Drums

In planning for the fall, I met with Nani Agbeli, who is a dance and drum instructor from Ghana and currently lives in Madison. Some of you remember Nani who led the children in drumming during a worship service last year and who also led a drum circle with our church last summer. Part of my discussion with Nani was how to go about purchasing drums for Orchard Ridge. As we talked, Nani suggested that we place an order with his long-time friend in Ghana who is a professional drum maker. My heart immediately started pounding with excitement. I asked him to get in touch with his friend whose name is Kobla to see if he could make us 18 drums and then also to see about how they would be shipped over here and how much the cost would be.

After a few days, I spoke with Nani to see if we could go ahead and confirm this order of drums. He told me that he had not yet reached Kobla because Kobla was in the forest getting wood for the drums he was currently working on. After another week, Kobla returned from the forest and Nani was able to talk with him about our interest in having Kobla make us our very own drums. Kobla was delighted to do this for us. So the order has been made!

It is our hope to have these drums by July 22 when Nani will lead us in a drumming workshop. We also look forward to Nani working with our church this fall and the many opportunities we will have to drum and dance and pray and sing together.

Women's Breakfast Group

The Women's Breakfast Group meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Copper Top. The informal group is open to all women who enjoy conversation and connecting on many topics.



Women's Book Group Rescheduled

On June 12, we'll meet at the home of Marylin Boyer, 7990 Stagecoach Rd., Cross Plains, to discuss *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler. The library has copies of both the book and the video, which features the author and many interesting people he met in his travels in the Holy Land. Ruth Piper, the discussion leader, asks that you bring a Bible to use during the discussion. Please let Marylin know if you can attend (798-4760).

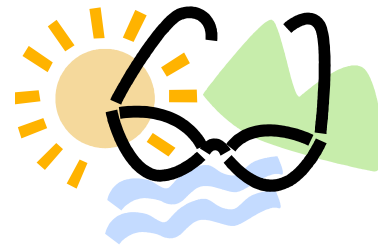
Looking ahead, on July 10 we'll discuss *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; copies of this Pulitzer Prize winning book are available at the Madison Public Library. The novel is about a young boy in the Florida backwoods who is forced to decide the fate of his pet, a fawn he has lovingly raised.

All women are invited.

Personal Hygiene items needed by Allied Joining Forces for Families Office

The Joining Forces for Families (JFF) office on Allied Drive often needs to supply emergency items for families in need. There is a special need for items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, pads and tampons, body wash and soap, laundry detergent, baby formula and size five diapers.

Anyone who would like to donate such items, please leave them on the shelf above the coat rack or contact Di- anne Stevens (271-2179).



You Just Opened a new Lending Library in Nicaragua!!!!

Thanks to you, on Sunday June 1, 2008, you will open the first lending library in the town of Los Cedros, Nicaragua, our Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partner city. Birthday Fund money is helping buy the library cards and checkout system and some books. But now we need all kinds of books in Spanish at all reading levels for the new library. Children's books, adult books, how-to books, dictionaries, first aid books, ANY books in Spanish, new or used. If you can help, all will be priceless to our new lending library! Just put them in the big Nicaragua basket located in the entry way at church by the parking lot door. Thank you for anything you can do to help in this important step for the people of Los Cedros!

The Healing Path of the Labyrinth, June 12, 2008
2:00-3:30 pm at Meriter's Bolz Auditorium, across from Meriter Hospital

Featuring Robert Ferre, Labyrinth Creator, www.labyrinthenterprises.com A conference for clergy, health professionals, clinicians, professional chaplains and lay people interested in the healing potential of labyrinths. Sponsored by The Association of Spiritual caregivers of Meriter Health Service and Meriter Department of Spiritual care.

For non-members of the Association, there is a \$10 registration fee. Make checks payable to: The Association of Spiritual Caregivers and return registration with your name, address, phone, and email to: Spiritual care Office, Meriter Hospital, 202 South Park Street, Madison, WI 53715. Contact: Linda Donoghue, at 608-417-6480, or idonoghue@meriter.com for questions.

Creating Labyrinths for Yourself and Your Community, June 12, 2008
7:00-9:00 p.m. at Madison Christian Community

An evening program with Robert Ferre', worldwide Labyrinth creator. Labyrinths can be placed in many different settings: gardens (both public and private), schools, prisons, churches, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, birthing centers, retreat centers/camps, private homes, indoor and outdoor shopping areas, playgrounds, parking lots, backyards and festivals. Robert will teach us how to create personal labyrinths as well as public labyrinths. The time will be allocated according to the interest of the group. He will also talk about sacred geometry. There is no charge for this event.

The MCC indoor labyrinth will be open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on June 12 in conjunction with this program. Our outdoor labyrinth is available any time.

Interfaith Hospitality Network
Did you know?

IHN is starting a new housing program this July, in collaboration with the YWCA and the Salvation Army. **The House-ability** program will provide scattered-site subsidized housing and case management services for homeless families with a disabled parent.

"Karen" is a single mom with three children. She has multiple health problems which interfere with many tasks and have entitled her to receive Social Security Disability payments. Karen's kids also have special needs. The House-ability program could help Karen's children stay in the same schools to continue the gains they have already made and would provide continued assistance in dealing with the varied issues and concerns of each day. Without on-going support many of these issues might overwhelm the family.

To get this program started, the three agencies need to furnish **23 apartments during the months of July and August**. We remember the wonderful job our community did furnishing apartments after Katrina by collecting and transporting donated furniture. **Could your congregation furnish** an apartment or two to make a home for families like Karen's this summer? For further information, please contact Rachel Krinsky (294-7998 x 302).

Social Concerns Committee of the Southwest Association

A year ago the committee launched a campaign to provide medical assistance to the people of Iraq who continue to suffer from the ravages of war. Here is a report about what has happened.

On February 15th \$40,000 was wired to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Jacob Kellenberger, head of the ICRC, has acknowledged this significant contribution by expressing his most sincere thanks for the generous donation...It is thanks to its donors and to their determination to translate compassion into concrete action that the ICRC is able to alleviate the suffering of many victims of armed conflict. The UCC Southwest Wisconsin Association's contribution is a source of encouragement for the ICRC in Geneva and its delegates in the field.

The International Red Cross has, in the past year, delivered 55 war wounded kits to 28 different hospitals (enough to treat 5500 wounded) and essential equipment for 73 emergency rooms and 27 operating theatres. They have provided anesthesia, burn dressings, wound dressings, infusions, splints, gloves, and sutures to 84 hospitals and 12 public health centers. They delivered medication to four locations where cholera outbreaks occurred and provided training in advanced first aid, emergency room trauma management, and war surgery for 80 health professionals from all over Iraq. They have rehabilitated 31 public health centers; and because of the widespread destruction of medical infrastructure, they have continued to repair water, sewage, and electricity systems for hospitals, even trucking water daily to four hospitals.

On behalf of every healing recipient, we thank you! You have shown love and compassion in very real terms.

Sincerely,

Phil Shively, for the Social Concerns Committee

Leadership Team calls a congregational Meeting on June 22 to act on the following proposal

We propose calling ½ time Associate Pastor for Congregational Ministry

The purpose of this position is to increase awareness and use of the gifts found within our congregation to build community, so that we strengthen congregational care, deepen spiritual growth, and better organize outreach and justice work. This position focuses less on "direct care" and more on building individual strengths and small communities, so that we all participate in pastoral care, faith formation, and service. The position seeks to embody the reality that service and care are interwoven with spiritual formation, not separate activities.

Development of congregational gifts and time.

This person will help organize ways that members can explore their gifts and develop a deepened sense of vocation or call in our lives. This person will organize opportunities for self-discovery, self-selection and discernment. This will include spiritual formation, matching volunteer needs with volunteer gifts, and organized and intentional recruitment, and volunteer training and appreciation within the congregation. This person will develop information-sharing systems so that other Ministries and Mission Teams, new opportunities and outreach outside the congregation can be matched with congregational interest and availability.

Development of a caring community

This person will coordinate and expand our Pastoral Partner ministry, develop short term and long-term opportunities for community building, care giving, faith exploration, and shared outreach.

Creative adult faith formation (shared with Senior Pastor).

This person will develop small group opportunities, basic Christian education offerings for all ages and among generations, and "multi-disciplinary" approaches to formation (service learning, environmental spirituality, inter-generational activities).

General ministry

This person will provide limited support for the general ministry of the church – primarily in the area of worship and preaching.

Candidate will possess

- Theological understanding of the church as a community of communities
- Ongoing personal commitment to a faith community, and a sense of call to serve the church
- Demonstrated strength in recruiting, encouraging, and engaging people
- Demonstrated skills in worship leading
- Experience training and maintain volunteers
- Experience working in collegial staff settings
- Computer and web skills

Compensation

- Salary and Benefits - \$34,000 (Single person health insurance through the Wisconsin Conference UCC)
- 4 weeks vacation
- 2 weeks study leave
- Sabbatical after 5 years
- Auto allowance, continuing education and misc. expenses budgets

The Leadership team will form a search committee made up of members of the congregation. They will conduct an external, nationwide search for a suitable candidate, lay or ordained. They will follow the procedures for search committees offered by the UCC, with the help of the Southwest Association. It is hoped that a candidate will be identified, approved by the congregation and available to begin work in the summer of 2009.

