



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, music by Vicki Nonn & Marylin Boyer

### June 29

10 am Winton Boyd Preaching, music by Bruce Gladstone & Tammy Boyd

### July 6

10 am Tammy Martens Preaching, music by Dan Myers

### July 13

10 am Ree Hale preaching, music by Steve Yeazel

### 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

You may have heard the sweet joke about the Norwegian in Minnesota who loved his wife so much he *almost told her*. According to Jaroslav Pelikan, now deceased professor of history at Yale University, it is this impulse – to express and share our love for God-that prompted the writing and reciting of creeds in church life.

In the UCC, we understand the historic creeds as testimonies of the faith of those who have gone before us, not tests for correct belief. We embrace them not because they articulated their faith in unchangable language, but because we value our forebears' *experience of God in life and faith*. Honoring their testimonies reminds us we belong to a larger tradition than just our church or denomination.

During worship this summer, we will explore the testimonies of many around the world and throughout history. Last Sunday, we began with our own UCC Statement of Faith. This Sunday we will consider our relationship to the global church. This newsletter contains the other witnesses we will explore.

Through it all, we will focus on the relationships. How are we inspired or motivated by the faith of others, even if their context and time is quite different from ours? Looking at relationships will allow us to overcome the natural and expected differences we could find in other expressions of faith.

For example, participants in the 2007 Dominican Republic Work Trip had the opportunity to worship with a small Pentecostal church in the city of Nagua. Language was a barrier for most of us and our theologies were stunningly different. We were able to find a common language of faith and praise and prayer through music. All of us were deeply moved as we sang with this congregation, and rejoiced in the ability to share in a common hope and joy.

In my experience, our ability to be open to the witness and testimony of others is the key ingredient in our ability to grow in faith. It is why we sing music from other places and times, it is why we take trips to other places, and it is why we open our pulpit (such as it is!) to those from other traditions, nations, and perspectives. For every preacher, author, or relative who has tried to convert us to their way of understanding, there are thousands others who simply share our desire to love God, serve the world, live in harmony with others, and make an imprint on those around us. For every person who has tried to use these words as a litmus test of faith, there are thousands who can and do inspire us and motivate us.

See you in church!

## Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 22, 11:15 after worship to act on the proposal to create a half time Associate Pastor search committee

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

## Tree of Life

### Please pray for:

- Maureen Cassidy, undergoing another round of chemotherapy at UW hospital.
- Pat Fellows, recovering at home from surgery.
- Mary Bucknell's father, Roger, hospitalized last week with pneumonia.
- Victims of flood damage through the Midwest and for all the emergency workers seeking to help.

### We give thanks to God:

- Strasma-Golestani family is grateful that their childcare center is one year old and everyone in it is growing and learning well.
- Len Rush, honored as the first Legacy Award Winner by the Foundation for the Madison Public Schools for his volunteer work in retirement.
- Austin Josephs, beginning a new job at a camp in the San Juan Islands near Seattle.
- Joy, as expressed by Nick Carl, "School is out!"

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

## How important is an usher?

It seems like a rather simple and unspectacular task here at church. Yet, our ushers are among the first and most important people to us on Sunday mornings. Of course they hand out bulletins, take the offering, serve communion and help clean up after worship. More importantly, however, they provide guidance, direction and welcome to visitors and guests. Did you know that most people decide within 5 minutes of entering a church building whether or not they will come back. Long before worship starts or a sermon is preached! Welcomers and ushers are key in our ministry of hospitality.

Would you like to be a part of this ministry? We are scheduling ushers for the remainder of the year. We could use a few more. Please contact Pat Fellows [oregon1@tds.net](mailto:oregon1@tds.net) if you have interest.

## You're Invited!

Deborah Holbrook invites the members of Orchard Ridge UCC to the celebration of her marriage to Roger Buffett on July 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Community of Hope, 7118 Old Sauk Road. No gifts or RSVPs required.

## Church Directory Updates

Change email address for Ray & Fern Hernandez to:  
raynfern@charter.net  
Change address for Bob Josephs to: 2416 Independence Ln #207, Madison, WI 53704  
Change address for Tammy Cramer to: 741 Highcliff Trail Madison, WI 53718

## 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

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 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*)

## 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 Dianne Stevens (271-2179).

## Women's Book Group

On July 10 at 7 pm, we'll meet at the home of Mary Piper, 4119 Keewatin Trail, to discuss *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The library has copies of the book, which is about a young boy coming of age in the Florida backwoods. Sandra Dyar will lead the discussion.

Please let Mary know if you can attend. If you need directions, call her at 831-0305.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Summer Sundays for Children (4 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

During worship (after children's time) 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 to you the information you need for the Sunday you sign up to volunteer. **We need volunteers for the following Sundays: July 13 and August 10.**

### **New Activity Packets for Children**

We invite children who are in worship for the first half of the 10:00 hour to check out the new activity folders that are in the lounge. They are filled with lots of fun and engaging activities to work on. Thank you to Youth Faith Formation team for purchasing the supplies and Sunday School teachers and children for putting these packets together.

### **Youth Mission Trip Update**

After a lot of phone calling and checking into charter bus options, we have decided to charter a bus to Bay St. Louis with the bus company Kobussen. We will have plenty of room and a more comfortable ride. With this change of plans, our times for departure and arrival back into Madison will be different and we will no longer stay overnight in Memphis, TN. **We will leave Madison on Saturday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. arriving in Bay St. Louis on Sunday, July 27 sometime in the afternoon.** **We will leave Bay St. Louis on Friday, July 31 at 9:00 p.m. and get into Madison late afternoon/early evening on Saturday, August 1.** If you would like to help cover the additional costs for the charter bus, please feel free to do so and that would be much appreciated. But we will not be increasing the amount that each participant is expected to pay. Please let Tammy know if you have any questions.

### **The Movie Group will not meet during the summer.**

### **Women's Breakfast Group NO meeting in July**

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.

### **Thoughts on the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin conference of the United Church of Christ**

I was a delegate to the Wisconsin Conference Annual meeting held June 6-8 at Green Lake. I appreciated the opportunity to meet and work with people of faith from around the state. One highlight was the Lay Academy graduation ceremony, honoring among others, our own Gary DeClute and Deborah Holbrook.

A heartening note was that churches across the state were able as a whole to increase their giving to the Conference, enabling it to continue to support smaller rural congregations and their pastors, three Midwestern seminaries, and a number of mission projects. There's an especially exciting effort under way to start new UCC churches in the state's Latino community, spearheaded by a minister from Honduras.

The heart of the weekend was four sessions led by Bob Williamson of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Many of you may recall the gentle and faithful efforts of the LMPC to help us through a wrenching time in our congregational life. We are much healthier as a congregation because of the work we did twelve years ago. It's why we can look ahead with courage and ambition to generations ahead. As we do that, we can guide ourselves by consciously turning to and using many of the LMPC recommendations.

Please let me know if you are interested in opportunities for all of us to learn or relearn these church-strengthening and faith-building methods.

John Lemke—Moderator

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network Fundraiser**

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) has scheduled their annual fundraiser breakfast for November 6, 2008 at 7:30 AM at the Alliant Energy Center. For those of you who may not be familiar, IHN supports homeless families with shelter (ORUCC is a host congregation), finding homes and jobs and with other resources to assist them in their daily life.

IHN is looking for people to volunteer to be Table Captains for the fundraiser. A Table Captain will confirm between 10-14 people to fill a table. This can be done through friends, co-workers, church members, etc. The Table Captain is then the host/hostess of that table for the 1 hour breakfast and he/she is responsible for passing out pledge cards and envelopes. A packet is supplied to each Table Captain with "Save-the-Date" postcards and other planning items. If you would like more information and/or you are interested in being a Table Captain, please contact Jennifer Alderman at [jaalderman@incresearch.com](mailto:jaalderman@incresearch.com) or at 829-1639.

### **Knit/Crochet Group**

**The Knit/Crochet afternoon group will continue to meet during the summer.** The daytime group will meet on Monday, July 7th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the lounge (first Monday of each month). **The evening group will not meet during the summer.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
<b>June</b>		
Sunday 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
Sunday 29	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>July</b>		
Tuesday 1	7:15 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Friday 4		HOLIDAY office closed
Sunday 6	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 7	1:30 p.m.	Knit/Crochet Group
Sunday 13	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Pontoon Boat Ride

**COMMUNION**

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

**June 22** Vern Reed, John Pray, Jim Treichel  
**June 29** Bob Ansheles, Steve Sheets, **Need Volunteer**

**The schedule for the remainder of the year is being put together and will be out soon.**

**Welcomers**

**June 22** Jan Christian, Helen Atz, Marilyn Arnold  
**June 29** Jean Rush, Amy Fewel, Char Klossner  
**July 6** Carol & Robert Prugh, Charlene Gallagher  
**July 13** Dianne Stevens, Hope Soroos, Jack Schairer  
**July 20** Jennifer Alderman, John Lemke, Joyce Pohl  
**July 27** Lorraine Dallmann, Lyn Laurion, Pam Oliver



**Welcomers Assisting those in need**

	<b>Sound</b>		<b>Coffee</b>
<b>June 22</b>	Mike Walsh		Leah Narans
<b>June 29</b>	John Gilbert		Tom Klossner
<b>July 6</b>	Paul Hedges		Bob Ansheles
<b>July 13</b>	Ken Psyck		Annette Porter
<b>July 20</b>	J. McLellan		J. McLellan
<b>July 27</b>	Helen Horn		Paul Hedges

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 OUR CHURCH IS A SAFE SANCTUARY FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**





## **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.

