



Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

July 17

9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Wendy Cooper
Preaching
Special music by John Leonard

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Newsletter:

**August 16 Articles due the
Monday before**

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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Summer Worship Series: Who Do We Say That We Are?

This series of sermons will be based on the familiar words of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew’s Gospel – teachings that are often considered the core of our religious tradition. These sayings of Jesus may seem mild, but they are radical words that turn conventional wisdom upside down. Come and worship with us this summer and hear your fellow ORUCC members reflect on what these powerful words mean to them and how they inform their life choices. Then answer for yourself: Who do you say that YOU are?

July 17: Wendy Cooper **Hungering and thirsting for righteousness** (Matt. 5:6)
Special music by John Leonard

July 24: Dan Rossmiller **Letter of the law vs. spirit of the law** (Matt. 5:17-48)
Special music by Bethany Schultz

July 31: Tammy Martens **Anger and conflict management** (Matt. 7:21-26)
Special music by Bruce Gladstone & Vicki Nonn

August 7: Margaret Jankowski **Ask and it shall be given unto you** (Matt. 7:7-8)
Special music by Tristan Frank

August 14: Deanna Blanchard **The Golden Rule** (Matt. 7:12)
Special music by Steve Yeazel

August 21: Brock Schultz **Living poorly** (Matt. 5:3)
Special music by Judy Brauer, Ann & Steve Holmes

August 28: Kasey DeWitt **Blessed are those who mourn** (Matt. 5:4)
Special music by Dave Allen

September 4: Leah Narans **Planting the seeds of the Sermon on the Mount
in our hearts** (Matthew 13:1-9)

Special music by John, Gene & Sandra Dyar

July Compassion Offering is The Road Home (Interfaith Hospitality Network)

The Road Home provides opportunities for homeless children and their families to achieve self-determined goals and affordable, stable housing. We are the only agency in Dane County that works exclusively with homeless families with children. We provide respectful, trauma-informed services through three main methods: 1) The IHN Shelter Program, which collaborates with the faith community to provide emergency shelter; 2) Housing Solutions that provide permanent and stable housing; and 3) Intensive Case Management that works holistically with each family on their goals to obtain and maintain housing. The Road Home currently partners with Orchard Ridge UCC as a host congregation through the IHN Shelter Program and as a sponsor in our Second Chance Apartment Project. We serve about 160 families per year and have recently expanded our housing options through collaborations with multiple partners, which you'll hear more about at the July 10th service. The Road Home believes that once everybody's basic needs of food, shelter and clothing are met, they are more likely to succeed in other areas of life. ORUCC helps make that happen but unfortunately we are still having to turn families away due to a lack of capacity. Please do what you can to help every child get the home she needs to reach her full potential. Thank you for our partnership!

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:

For Marilyn Arnold who is having difficulty breathing due to a lung condition. Doctors are hopeful that meds can correct the problem.

For Roger Pohlman who is receiving Hospice care in his own home.

For Joyce Pohl's brother who is having surgery for a brain aneurism.

For Joyce Binder's cousin who has entered Hospice.

For the victims of last Thursday night's shootings in Dallas leaving 5 police officers dead, 7 other officers wounded, and 2 civilians wounded.

For our nation engaging with issues of race, violence and justice.

Prayers of Joy:

For the birth of Debbie Bauerkemper's granddaughter, Sloane Elizabeth.

For Fred, Lisa & Grace Anderson who are moving to Costa Rica for a two-year term of teaching positions.

For Mary Neuhaus whose health is much improved.

EVICTED: book discussion August 18:

UW's Big Read for 2016-17 is Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,

by Matthew Desmond, a Harvard prof and UW Ph.D. It's a great read – that's sparking national and local conversation about critical issues of poverty and housing. Telling the stories of tenants and landlords in Milwaukee's poorest neighborhoods, it reveals realities that occur in other cities including Madison. Several folks from ORUCC and friends from the Menonite church will be gathering to discuss the book on **August 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at ORUCC**. Feel free to get a copy of the book, read it and join us! After this discussion, there'll be other opportunities for those who are interested to discuss "what we want to do" locally around these issues. Questions? Contact Helene Nelson, 258-2546 or helenemargaret@gmail.com



FAST is growing...Well...fast! And we need a Microsoft Access database to track Everything. If anyone knows how to work with Access to help create this, please contact Jane Stedman, Stedman@chorus.net or 608-516-6689. Thank you.

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.

Tanny's Time Tanny's Time

Mission Trip Reflections: Memphis and Birmingham (Part 1)

Twenty seven youth and six chaperones traveled to Birmingham, Alabama for our mission trip this year. We stopped in Memphis, Tennessee on the way down and attended Sunday worship at First Congregational Church and then went to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. From there we drove to Birmingham where we worked with Urban Ministry for the week painting the exterior of houses of low income families. We completed four houses. We also visited 16th Street Baptist Church and the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham.

I asked the youth to each write a short reflection on one experience they had while on our trip. These are the first of those reflections. I will include more in the upcoming newsletters.

Elise Carl, 11th Grade at Memorial:

I think one thing that touched me this week was visiting 16th Street Baptist Church in downtown Birmingham. I was familiar with the backstory of the bombing before going in, but found myself unable to stop the tears despite not feeling particularly emotional.

And you might think, why not emotional? And I didn't feel emotional because every day when I wake up another tragedy has occurred. I don't even blink an eye when I get my daily CNN notifications and see another act of terrorism. But hey, I'm a person, and an adolescent girl. Something about the lives of 4 girls even younger than me being taken seemed to spark a reaction in me too painful to be conscious of. But what I will always remember is the warmth and compassion of the people and the church and their sense of positivity despite it all. The church brochure reads, "Where Jesus Christ is the main attraction" which I must say is no lie. I saw the Holy Spirit in each and every face in the church that day, and needless to say, the tears dried.

Isabel Schryver, 9th Grade at Memorial:

On our mission trip I experienced a moment of realization of how different Wisconsin is from Alabama. The community we were in had a lot of poverty and seemed almost post-apocalyptic. While in Wisconsin (Madison) we have little to no very run down areas—in Birmingham poverty was way more pervasive.

But Madison and Birmingham shared many things. The one thing I believe both places shared the most is love; a love for people and a love community.

When we were working on a house we had a site manager named Joel with us. I have the upmost respect for this man. He works

outside all summer helping work crews like us. Every day is above 70 degrees and I got extremely tired each day. We only worked for four days and I was sure ready to stop. But Joel kept spirits high with his music and encouragement. His actions showed me people stay positive no matter how hard (or not) the work is.

Soren Dobbins, 8th Grade at Jefferson:

I was lucky enough to be one of the people that went to the Community Ministries on Thursday (a church that serves breakfast to people who are experiencing homelessness). I have been to a few places similar to this and it always teaches me how even though the people who are there usually aren't in a very good condition, they still are friendly and smiling and speak to you and tell you their stories despite their problems. Places like this are some of the happiest places on earth.

Eliana Durnbaugh, 12th Grade at West:

A moment that touched my heart was when the group I was in finished painting a house. We had worked on it for two and a half days, painting the body a light mint green and the trim a dark evergreen. I became attached to that house, and was really driven to see the job done through to the end. We were given only a half of day on Wednesday to finish, and we worked with increasing intensity as the sun rose higher.

As the bus rolled in to

pick us up, we were finishing the last job, painting the walkway. Our whole group began to clap and cheer on two workers—Andrew and Connor—as they scrubbed green rollers on the concrete walkway. It was victorious moment. It felt extremely rewarding to work as one body to begin and finish the house. I felt the whole group's pride in our accomplishment, and the memory of the group effort will stay with me a long time.



Church Email

Lists: ORUCC has a few email lists that you may or may not know about. If you would like to be added to or removed from any of these, please send your email to Ken@orucc.org or winton@orucc.org.

Weekly Epost which shared the events of the upcoming weekend

Bi-Monthly Newsletter (The Communion)

Bi-monthly Eprayer

list which reminds us of prayers within the congregation

Weekly Java and Jesus

email that includes reading for discussion on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.. Many receive this for the reading

without coming to the discussion.

Over 55 email list which is sent prior to the monthly luncheon.

LGBTQ and allies list which is used periodically to highlight community events or issues.

O n - g o i n g **G r o u p s**

Women's Breakfast: SUMMER LOCATION CHANGE:

In August, the group will meet the first Friday of the month at Copper Top at 8:30.

In September we will resume meeting 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.

Women's Book Group:

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, July 14, from 7 - 9 p.m. with the location to be announced.

The book we will discuss is A MANUAL FOR CLEANING WOMEN by Lucia Berlin, whose work has found acclaim since her death 10 years ago. It is a collection of stories about women in mostly blue-collar jobs, such as those held at various times by the author herself. The library has 23 hard copies

and also a recording and e-book.

If you are a woman who enjoys discussing books you have read, join us!

Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Takes a Break: The Bible Study group is recessed for the summer. The group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 20th, to begin discussing Fourth Maccabees in the Apocrypha. All are welcome to come and add their insights to the discussion! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Gene or Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

Movie Group to Resume in September:

Join us Friday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall for the next movie group gathering. Look forward to dessert, coffee, and conversation about the movies you have seen. We will meet the 3rd Friday of every month September through May. If you have any questions please contact Steve Sheets at im1042@tds.net or 845-5667.

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REGARDLESS OF AGE,
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SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
GENDER EXPRESSION
OR IDENTITY, AND
ECONOMIC STATUS.
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SANCTUARY FOR ALL
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

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VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Sound

Ushers

July 17 Sandra Dyar, Alex Wollangk, Marilyn Arnold
July 24 Sharon & Larry Goss, Peter Fabian
July 31 Sandra Dyar, Rick Daluge, Alex Wollangk
Aug 7 Joyce Binder,
NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS
Aug 14 Carolyn Carlson, Sandra Dyar, Rick Daluge

Welcomers

July 17 Barb Hummel, Glenn Schaeffer, Heather Stevens
July 24 Ruthanne Landsness, Hope Soroos, Sharon Goss
July 31 Jan Christian,
NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS
Aug 7 Carol & Bob Prugh
Aug 14 Hope Soroos, Leah Narans, Ruthanne Landsness

July 17 Chuck Kaspar
July 24 Jarrett Gersten
July 31 Ken Psyck
Aug 7 Paul Hedges
Aug 14 Jarrett Gersten

Coffee

July 17 Phil & Judy Winkel
July 24 Annette & Brian Porter
July 31 Chris Thomas,
NEED VOLUNTEER
Aug 7 Tom & Char Klossner
Aug 14 Steve Yeazel, Jan Glaze

Financial Secretary

July 17 Hope Soroos
July 24 Gene Dyar
July 31 Peter Hoff
Aug 7 Meg Stevens
Aug 14 Hope Soroos

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July		
Thursday 14	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 17	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursday 21	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 24	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 25	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Thursday 28	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 31	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
August		
Monday 1	1:30 p.m.	Knitting & Craft Group
Thursday 4	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 7	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 8	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 9	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team meeting
Thursday 11	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 14	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday 17	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service meeting