

Thursday and didn't have a chance to go back to the High School. I was hoping though that the youth from our church who did work at the High School on Thursday and Friday worked with the vigor and inspiration that I worked with and gave the school, staff and students an improvement they deserved. —Ryan Psyck (11th Grade)

I remember one experience I had when I met a man named Marquis. He was a graduate of the Mennonite High School. He told me about how much this High School changed his entire life. He came from a broken home growing up, but after attending PMHS, he found his dreams. God is a huge part of his life, and he even expresses his love for the Lord through his original songs. I admire his love for God and his love for that school. I also admire how he can still have hope and move on with his life, even if his past was full of hardships. —Toni LaBreche (11th Grade)

On the mission trip one day at the High School, one of the teachers talked to us about the school. He told us how for two years he taught for free. Another teacher at the school was diagnosed with cancer last summer and decided to come back to teach for the last year of her life. I thought this showed how these teachers really cared about these students. The teacher with cancer would even stay after and listen to kids share about their problems. I'm just really glad we could help them out and since they gave away their lives and their money for these kids, the least we could do was give away a week of our lives to help. —Eden Ansheles (12th Grade)

I worked in a small, private Mennonite High School for two days. We cleaned and painted the entire time but I never really felt that I was doing something good for the students. When one of the teachers came into the school to talk about the school's history with us, we learned about how much we were really doing. He was so grateful and told us that our tasks could be the difference between the school closing or staying open. I really felt that I had been doing something helpful to these students and that I was really making a difference. I'm so grateful for my experiences and that I learned that every little helpful task can create a much better life for someone. —Alex Lawrence (11th Grade)

About a year ago when Ryan (my brother) got home from the last mission trip, he told my family and I about how fun it was. Throughout the year he said some more fun stuff about it and to me it sounded like a really great and special time he had. On Monday (the first day of our work week) when I was at the High School and we moved furniture out of the classrooms, cleaned them, and then moved the furniture back into the rooms, and while I was talking to my friends, I realized in that moment that I was on this great and special trip and I couldn't believe it. I was on the trip. It was so much fun. That really stuck out for me. —Connor Psyck (8th Grade)

Camden Center for Transformation, Camden, New Jersey: One evening we visited the Camden Center for Transformation. The director of the Center, Andrea Ferich, shared with us about the mission and vision for the Center and what they do. Camden, New Jersey is the most dangerous city in the United States with a very high crime rate and unemployment rate. Andrea lives and serves in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Camden. She shared with us her call to follow Jesus by working for eco-justice for the people of Camden. The following are reflections from our visit in Camden:

One thing that I will take away from this experience is the memory of hearing about just how connected with their faith the people we met were, and how central to their lives it is. We met a woman who lives in Camden, New Jersey, which is one of the most dangerous cities in the United States, and she seemed like the most chilled, relaxed person I've ever met, even living in a place where a murder could happen at two o'clock in the afternoon just down the street from her house on a normal day. She had a big garden area in the backyard, free-range chickens, rain barrels, and ran a small environmentally safe business. Her purpose was environmental justice, and the reason she was in Camden was to heal others. That's the reason she moved there—because she thought it would be the best place for her to heal, and to serve her neighbors. This was more important to her than settling in a safe, low-crime home, and to me, that was really impressive—how she put her faith, and her need to help others before anything else. —Natalie Jaqua (College First Year Student)

For me the most meaningful part of the trip was definitely the community Garden in Camden. I found so much beauty in the way Andrea, the coordinator, had come into this place from a very clean background. It was amazing that she kept such a positive, constructive attitude about what she witnessed in the neighborhood. The garden was so creative. I love the idea of taking something with such a level of monotony and transforming it into a colorful community, full of

continued on page 7...



JULY, 2011 ISSUE 1

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

Summer Worship 2011 ORUCC



Becoming the "Alternative Community" in the Here-and-Now Kingdom of God

Summer Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Intriguing learning activities of all kinds!

July 17: "An Alternative to Surface Living" -Mt. 13:1-9, 18-23 (Parable of the Sower), Tammy Martens

July 17 and 24: **Sunday for the Arts.**

Artsy activities for all ages including photography, bread baking, working with clay, etc.

July 24: "An Alternative to Disposable People & Relationships" - Matthew 18:12-14 (Parable of the Lost Sheep), Ken Pennings

July 31 & August 14: **Socio-Economic Conditions of 1st c. Palestine**

Modeled on *Java and Jesus*, these two sessions will help teens and adults appreciate the historical context of the Scriptural texts used in our summer sermon series entitled Becoming the "Alternative Community" in the Here-and-Now Kingdom of God. Facilitated by Dr. John Leonard, Professor of Religious Studies, Edgewood College, Madison.

July 31: "An Alternative to Debt" - Matthew 18: 23-35 (Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor), Wendy Cooper

August 7: "An Alternative to Perfection and Shame" -Mt 12:1-20, Tammy Martens

August 7: **Give From Where You Are**

Pat Fellows and Cheryl Diermyer traveled to Guyana in humanitarian efforts to help inform Guyanese farmers on methods of sustainable hydroponic gardening. In this session you will view one of the videos they produced, view photographs and hear stories of the discovery and relevance of giving, kite flying, cricket, bridges, aluminum, police caps, cultural aspects of media production and the warmth of not only the climate, but also of the Guyanese people.

August 14: "An Alternative to an Economic Exploitation" - Matthew 20:1-16 (Parable of the Vineyard Laborers), Ken Pennings

August 21: "An Alternative to Violence" - Mt 21:33-46 (Parable of the Wicked Husbandman), Ken Pennings

August 28: "An Alternative to Fear and Dis-trust" - Matthew 13:24-30 (Parable of the Wheat and the Tares), Wendy Cooper

Sept 4: "An Alternative to Anxiety and Worry" Matthew 6:25-34, Tammy Martens

August 21: **Salsa Making.**

All ages are invited to come and cut up vegetables and make salsa. Feel free to bring your favorite Salsa recipe. Chips will be provided.

Sunday Morning

July 17

10 am worship, Tammy Martens preaching

July 24

10 am worship, Ken Pennings preaching

July 31

10 am worship, Wendy Cooper preaching

August 7

10 am worship, Tammy Martens preaching

Next Newsletters Published

August 17 and September 7

Articles due:

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

Debbie Bauerkemper office@orucc.org
Tammy Martens tmartens@orucc.org
Ken Pennings ken@orucc.org
Winton Boyd winton@orucc.org



Compassion Offering

Each month our Sunday cash offerings (change and bills) are designated to a worthy mission cause. Each month a different ministry is highlighted. This is a voluntary contribution. 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.

July Compassion Offering will be**La Puente, Alamosa, Colorado**

The Compassion Offering for July is being taken at the request of some of our High School Youth. They have asked that we support the efforts of La Puente. Last summer, ORUCC youth spent a week in Alamosa, Colorado volunteering with the organization called La Puente which means bridge in Spanish. La Puente endeavors to meet immediate needs and empowers people to live independently, with dignity by providing emergency shelter, food assistance, transitional housing, self-sufficiency services, homeless prevention, community outreach services, and job training for the homeless and other community members in crisis.

Alamosa is located in the San Luis Valley which is home to two of the poorest counties in Colorado. Valley wide, the isolation, poverty, geographic expanse, and limited economic opportunities give way to great human need. That need often manifests itself acutely in the lives of the community's children. As of 2009, 30.2% of all children under the age of 18 in Alamosa County live in poverty. Along with poverty, many children live in circumstances where abuse and maltreatment are common. These children need extra support and attention during their formative years to overcome these challenges. For example, the 2009 Alamosa County child abuse rate was one of the highest rates in Colorado and more than double the state average. As a result, it is crucial that the children of Alamosa County and the San Luis Valley have access to programs such as PALS.

Our youth helped with the PALS program while we were in Colorado and had tremendous experiences with this program and the children. PALS, which stands for Positive Activities Lead to Success, is a licensed after-school and summer children's program. The program provides a positive structure, offers an explorative learning environment, and builds trusting relationships for children who come from difficult or traumatic backgrounds.

Our youth also worked at La Puente's homeless shelter, food bank and community garden during our week in Alamosa. It was a very inspiring week of service and we hope to go back again.

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. Our coffee fund balance is at a minus. If you can help out by donating to the Sunday morning/Church Event coffee fund, that would be appreciated.

SUNDAYS**Java and Jesus-9:00 Room 13****Wider Church 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.

- Jeff & Elizabeth Watson & Family
- Joe & Monica Weiss & Family
- Brad & Marge Wennen

Tree of Life**Prayers of Concern/Care:**

--For John and Meg Stevens in the loss of John's mother, Erna, at the age of 93.

--For Carolyn Carlson and Sara Roberts who are in Florida offering support to Carolyn's daughter Laura and family. Laura's husband Dave is suffering with ALS.

--For Sam Stretchberry who is having brain surgery on July 12.

--For Amy Fewel who had surgery July 11.

--For Amber Wensel and her ongoing battle with bipolar disorder. Diane Wensel brought her home last Friday.

--For Brian Wilkes, Bruce Gladstone's husband, who had carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists last week.

--For Bruce Gladstone's nephew Kyle who was recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder. This is on top of ADHD.

--For Jean Rush in the loss of her husband Len, and Vern Reed in the loss of his wife Ruth Ann.

--For John and Betty Day and Helen Horn and Ralph Petersen in the loss of their dear friend Sue Jean to cancer.

Prayers of Joy:

--Joy for the wonderful week of Family Camp at Moon Beach which 10 of our families enjoyed.

--For our youth as they continue to process their experiences from their mission trip to Philadelphia and their sharing of those experiences this Sunday, July 17.

--For Rachael, Brian and Ben Lancor who will be moving to Boston in a few weeks. Rachael has accepted a position teaching physics at Harvard University. We thank God for the 7 wonderful years of fellowship, friendship, worship and service we've shared with the Lancors while they've been in Madison.

--For Pat Fellows who was able to get prompt help for the opening of a collapsed artery to her heart through angioplasty.



**Farmers Market -Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m.
in the church parking lot
see their [Facebook Page](#)**

Reflections from Philadelphia Mission Trip June, 2011

We traveled to Philadelphia, PA for this year's mission trip. We worked with an organization called Kingdom Builders which is a Mennonite organization and we stayed at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in northeast Philadelphia. Kingdom Builders placed us at different work sites throughout the week. We had 24 youth (8th through 12th grade) and 7 adults who participated in the mission week.

Philadelphia Mennonite High School (West Philadelphia): One team of youth and chaperones were placed at Philadelphia Mennonite High School to clean classrooms and paint the rooms and stairwells. PMHS is a private High School that serves low-income families in urban Philadelphia. It operates on a shoe-string budget and its building is pretty run down. Despite this, 97% of their graduates go on to college. The following are reflections from working at PMHS:

One memory that I had was when the teacher at Philadelphia Mennonite High School came and talked to us during our work day. I thought it was really interesting hearing about the history of the school and how much the school has been struggling lately. Hearing the teacher talk about how much of a difference we were making was just amazing. Before I heard him tell us this I was just thinking to myself "are we actually helping the school or just doing some random work?" It turns out that the work that we were doing could have actually kept the school going. They really needed our help and even if it didn't seem like we were doing much, the teacher shared that we were making a difference. I also really loved hearing the teacher talk about how passionate some of his students are and how much he loves to teach these students. Also I was impressed by how much the teachers really care about the school and how much they give out of their lives to keep it going. --Ellie Baker (8th Grade)

This week I learned that you can't assume how things are by the way they're presented. I worked at the Mennonite High School and at first I was taken aback by the way the rooms were so dirty and out of order. With cockroaches in the bathroom and all sorts of odd things including tennis shoes and different kinds of medication cluttering the classrooms, I judged the teachers and assumed they were bad. When a teacher, Michael, came into talk with us at the High School I learned that he worked two years without accepting a salary and that most teachers only earn \$20,000 a year. Michael told us about a teacher who was the go-to mentor for the High School girls who had battled cancer and had taught the last year of her life. This teacher died the day before (Monday, June 20) and happened to teach in the room we were cleaning out. This story reminded me that everyone has a struggle and we can't judge someone if we don't know them. This story also made me envious of the fire the teacher had to "give her life" to the students of the High School. --Caroline Riese (11th Grade)

A moment on this trip I really valued was listening to Michael, a teacher at the High School, speak. He was extremely thankful for our work and listening to him was humbling. Though we felt like our painting and cleaning had not made much of a difference, he informed us that our volunteer work could mean the difference between the school staying open, and having to close. I was also extremely impressed and inspired by his stories. Years ago, before becoming a teacher, Michael noticed the struggles the school was facing. Feeling a call to help, Michael taught at the High School for his first two years without any pay. Michael had a way of keeping the mood cheerful and full of appreciation, despite the pain and struggles. He really inspired me to try to live my life for others. --Kaitlin Mork (11th Grade)

One moment that stood out for me was when the teacher, Michael, at the High School talked with us. One specific thing he said was that we were making a big difference. Before that I had been kind of thinking that it was nice to put on a new coat of paint, but it didn't really change anyone's life. After that though, I realized that it could have made the difference between the school closing or staying open. And then Marquis told us what a big difference the school had made on his life and I realized that I could make a very big difference with the work I was doing. --Simon Weaver (10th Grade)

As I was working at the Mennonite High School, I didn't really feel like I was doing anything significant until we had the impromptu meeting with the Spanish teacher there. He told us that by us painting the stair railings and doorways, the school was able to stay out of financial trouble. That really hit me; to think that doing a simple job like painting could affect a school that much. It really inspired me to work harder after that. I moved to a different work team on

continued on page 6...

Women's Breakfast Group: We meet the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Copper Top Restaurant off Whitney Way. The informal group is open to all women who enjoy conversation and connecting on many topics. Please join us.

Sunday, August 7, 11:30 a.m.: All Age Potluck with Vegetable Village Gardeners. Bring a dish to share after worship.

Volunteers Needed for Expanded Hospitality Ministries: Here's a great way to connect with members of the church community! Beginning September 4th, we would like to expand our welcome on Sunday mornings to include the following:

- Welcomers at the door at 9 a.m. to greet people and direct them to the Friendship Hall for treats and/or to Sunday School classes;
- Hosts to have beverages & treats available in Friendship Hall by 8:45 a.m., greet folks, and serve beverages & treats 9 -10 a.m.;
- Hosts to have beverages available in Friendship Hall by 11 a.m., greet folks, serve beverages & treats 11 a.m. – noon, and clean up afterwards.

Might you be willing to help in this ministry of hospitality? If so, please contact Ken at 271-7212, ext. 222, or ken@orucc.org.

Fall Home Groups and Family Suppers: Beginning the week of October 2nd and concluding the week of November 13th, the Ministry of Adult Faith Formation will be offering Home Groups and Family Suppers. Consider joining a Home Group for four evenings every other week to become better acquainted with 8-12 others in our congregation and to strengthen your own spiritual life.

Families with children may prefer to participate in "Family Suppers" from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Families will engage in light-hearted get-acquainted activities, a potluck supper in which each family brings a dish to share, brief sharing of joys & concerns, and a closing ritual/prayer. The emphasis is on informal interaction, not on facilitated discussion.

Sign up in the Cross Roads during the month of September. If you would be interested in facilitating and/or hosting a Home Group, or hosting a Family Supper, please contact Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org or 271-7212, ext. 222.

Lake Mendota pontoon ride July 24: Yes, church members and friends will be able to cruise Lakes Mendota and Monona on Sunday, July 24th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Your cost is only \$7. Bring your friends, or bring your family. Payment is required with your sign-up in the Cross Roads (formerly called "the lounge"). A full refund will be offered if the cruise is cancelled due to the weather conditions. If more than 12 persons sign-up we will request a second boat! In the years past a good time was had by all.

Christian-Muslim Classes & Dialogue: You are invited to participate in four classes on Islam leading up to a weekend of Interfaith Dialogue with friends from the Islamic Center of Madison and from two other UCC congregations. On Friday, September 30th, noon – 3 p.m., participants from the three UCC churches will observe prayers at the Islamic Center. A lecture about Islam and an opportunity to ask questions will follow. On Sunday, October 2, friends from the Islamic Center of Madison are invited to attend worship at any of the participating UCC churches; a conversation will then take place Sunday afternoon, 2-4 p.m., at Orchard Ridge UCC.

In order to participate in the weekend dialogue, you must attend at least 3 out of 4 classes at the 9 a.m. hour at ORUCC on the following Sundays: Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25. Our curriculum will be "Great World Religions: Islam" in The Great Courses series, by Professor John L. Esposito, of Georgetown University. These classes are open to adults, teens and children.

Sign up in the Cross Roads, formerly called "the Lounge," if you're able to commit to the September classes and the dialogue on Sept. 30th and Oct. 2nd.

Cooking it all: Spring Share CSA Menu Planning and & Cooking Techniques

In this series, professional chefs will use a sample CSA share to provide recipes, tips, and techniques for healthy eating of a vegetable rich diet. If you are a first time CSA member, a seasoned member, or an avid gardener seeking tips for using your vegetables, these workshops are right for you.

Dehydrating and Cooking workshops are \$15. The Canning workshop is \$25. Discounts will be available if you would like to attend the entire series of either the Food Preservation workshops or the CSA Cooking workshops. Scholarships are available. To sign up for any of these workshops, email Gini Knight at gini@macsac.org or call (608) 226-0300.

Date: August 11, 2011

Start Time: 6:00 PM

End Time: 8:00 PM

Organized by: Madison Area CSA Coalition

Web site: www.macsac.org

Address: Orchard Ridge Church of Christ, 1501 Gilbert Rd

culture and fresh, positive ideas. I saw it as a perfect example of how creativity and artistic expression can make drastic changes for the better. I see myself being involved with a similar program later in my life. I give thanks for an opportunity to share this experience with a group and consider it on my own. –Grace Olson (8th Grade)

One moment that really stuck with me throughout the week was the time we spent at Eve's Garden in Camden. Andrea has spent her entire life asking herself how she can improve the lives of the people and the environment around her. The garden itself was filled with very inspirational artwork alongside very basic plants. One thing that Andrea said that I really connected with was the question she asked herself after High School, "How can I help to change or heal the world?" It made me think about how I could apply that to my life in Madison. Overall this trip really inspired me to make a difference not only on mission trips but back in Madison as well. –Maya Kaspar (11th Grade)

I was most inspired and impressed with Andrea, the urban gardener. She was living her faith through her work and she had a clear vision of how to bring healing to the neighborhood in which she was living. She radiated inner peace about her life; she was living in communion with her neighborhood and with her God at the same time. –Greg Loudon (Chaperone)

One of my highlights was visiting the community garden and hearing Andrea's story, her faith perspective and passion for doing her part in healing the earth in Camden. She seemed to be so at peace and joyful—like what she is doing is the most natural thing in the world. I still don't know what I'll do when I move to Washington DC later this summer but I'd like to connect with people like her who are doing such work in urban centers in our country. Then perhaps I could make another connection with such efforts and food security programs in India that I used to work at when I served with the Mennonite Central Committee in India. Perhaps I could close the circle by making another connection with Community Supported Agriculture and the farmer's market in Madison. I was so proud of our group of young people in the way they were able to engage Andrea on this topic. –Earl Zimmerman (Interim Pastor, Madison Mennonite Church)

Watch for more reflections from our trip in the August communion.

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? Here are some opportunities at ORUCC (new schedules effective January 1, 2012)

How important is an Usher and Welcomer?

Our ushers and welcomers are among the first people and most important to us on Sunday mornings. Ushers hand out bulletins, take the offering, serve communion and help clean up after worship. Ushers and welcomers 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. **Ushers and Welcomers** are key in our ministry of hospitality. Would you like to be a part of either one of these ministry? If so, we can add you to the schedule that will come out in January of 2012. We could use a few more. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Pat Fellows oregon1@tds.net or the office at 271-7212 for more information. If you are interested in becoming a welcomer, please contact Ken Pennings, kpennings@orucc.org or 271-7212 for more information. (See additional hosting opportunities in the newsletter)

Coffee and Sound

If you are interested in volunteering to be added to the coffee and/or sound system rotation, please contact the office for more information, or talk to the person who took care of the sound during worship, or the person in charge of the coffee hour after worship in the Friendship Hall. They will be more than happy to talk to you.

Stuff, fold and label Newsletter (starting in September):

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons volunteers are needed to stuff, fold and label the newsletter for mailing. With 3 to 4 people it only takes approximately one hour. Between the hours of 12:30 to 2:30ish. If you are able to help out or need more information, contact Debbie Bauerkemper at the office 271-7212 or office@orucc.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
July		
Sunday 17	9:00 a.m.	Sunday for the Arts for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Yth Mission Trip Potluck
Tuesday 19	6:00 p.m.	Veggie Village Planting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service Meeting
Wednesday 20	3:00 p.m.	Southwest Farmer's Market
Thursday 21	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Resources Ministry Meeting
Sunday 24	9:00 a.m.	Sunday for the Arts for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	1:00 p.m.	Lake Mendota Pontoon Ride
Monday 25	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 26	6:00 p.m.	Veggie Village Gardening
	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 27	3:00 p.m.	Southwest Farmer's Market
Thursday 28	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Saturday 30	2:00 p.m.	Golf Outing fundraiser for Yth Mission Trip
Sunday 31	9:00 a.m.	Socio-Economic Conditions
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
August		
Monday 1	1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
Tuesday 2	6:00 p.m.	Veggie Village Gardening
Wednesday 3	3:00 p.m.	Southwest Farmer's Market
Thursday 4	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 7	9:00 a.m.	Give from where you are program
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	All age potluck with Veggie Village Gardeners

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

July 17	Sandra Dyer, Lyn Laurion, Jack Christian
July 24	Jack Christian, Bob & Carol Prugh
July 31	Paul Hedges, Rick Daluge, Rosemary Stare
Aug 7	Jerry Nelson, Bob Ansheles, Chuck Kasper
Aug 14	Sandra Dyer, Carolyn Carlson, Rick Daluge
Aug 21	Pat Fellows, Phil & Judy Winkel
Aug 28	Jim & Bernie Treichel, Laurie Irwin

Welcomers

July 17	Pam Oliver, NEED VOLUNTEER
July 24	Lorraine Dellmann, Lyn Laurion, Ruthanne Landsness
July 31	Scott Ringen, John & Barb Olsen
Aug 7	Ashley Paustian & Nick, Lyn Laurion
Aug 14	Ruthanne Landsness, Hope Soroos, Alberta Blacks
Aug 21	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Scott Ringen
Aug 28	Jan Christian, Leah Narans, Linda Hitchman

Sound

Coffee

July 17	John Gilbert	Jane Glaze
July 24	Paul Hedges	Paul Hedges
July 31	Chuck Kaspar	Jane Glaze
Aug 7	Ken Psyck	Deanna Blanchard
Aug 14	John Gilbert	Joyce Binder
Aug 21	Paul Hedges	Phil & Judy Winkel
Aug 28	Chuck Kaspar	Jane Glaze

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.

Are you still interested in receiving our newsletter? If not, please mail the back (which includes your name and address), call the church office at (608) 271-7212, or contact office@orucc.org requesting us to remove you from our mailing list.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ
1501 Gilbert Road
Madison, WI 53711
www.orucc.org
office@orucc.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage PAID
Madison, WI
Permit No. 1396



The Green Team

SAVE SOME GREEN – YOUR MONEY & OUR PLANET! *Atop TV Sets, a Power Drain that Runs Nonstop (New York Times, June 25, 2011)*

“Those little boxes that usher cable signals and digital recording capacity into televisions have become the single largest electricity drain in many American homes... One high-definition DVR and one high-definition cable box use an average of 446 kilowatt hours a year, about 10% more than a 21-cubic foot energy efficient refrigerator... These set-top boxes are energy hogs mostly because their drives, tuners and other components are generally running full tilt, or nearly so, 24 hours a day, even when not in active use. The recent study, by the Natural Resources Defense Council, concluded that the boxes consumed \$3 billion in electricity per year in the United States – and that 66% of that power is wasted when no one is watching and shows are not being recorded. That is more power than the state of Maryland uses over 12 months...”

“Similar devices in some European countries, for example, can automatically go into standby mode when not in use, cutting power drawn by half... (or) go into an optional ‘deep sleep,’ which can reduce energy consumption by about 95%...” The EPA has plans to improve their Energy Star product labeling by 2013 but this will not go as far as the European standards for the equipment. A scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory said of the industry in the United States, ... ‘they have different priorities, and saving energy is not one of them.’”

Green Actions: Save Energy at Home, Help Change the System

- (1) You can stop the waste of energy and money in your own home. You can rebel against the industry that doesn't produce energy-efficient products for us. Simply unplug your TVs, your cable or satellite boxes, and your DVRs, and stop the waste in your own home. Admittedly this is an inconvenience. It takes at least 5 minutes for the satellite or cable box to reconnect with a signal, so we'll need to think a few minutes ahead about watching TV. But it's worth it!
- (2) You can urge your federal elected officials or the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate the companies that make and market the equipment and services to set higher standards for energy efficiency.

Third Annual Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ Golf Outing
9 Holes of "Scramble Style" Golf



Saturday July 30th 2011
Registration at 2:00 PM
Golfing starting at 3:00 PM
Dinner at About 6:00 PM



Foxboro Golf Club
1020 County Road MM • Oregon, WI

Please join us to help raise funding for our youth's mission trip planned for June of 2011

\$50.00 Per Golfer Includes
9 Holes of Golf With a Cart
Dinner • Gifts • Prizes

For Golfing or Donations - Please Mail Your Check Made Payable To "ORUCC Mission Trip" To:

Jon Blanchard • 470 Lisa Court • Oregon, WI 53575
(You may also turn them into the church office, Attention: Jon Blanchard)

Visit our lounge or contact Jon Blanchard for a golf registration form
For More Information... Call Jon at 712-0387

One-a-Week Club News: Thanks to the following members who donated blood during the month of June: Rich Frueh, Meg Stevens, Jennifer Eggerling-Boeck (aphresis), Laurie Irwin, Nick Allen. The need is always greater during the summer, as many regular donors are on vacation, and stocks tend to run low.

Please make the following changes in your Church directory:

Change email for Jane Glaze to: jfglaze@sbcglobal.net
Change email for Linda Hitchman to: merrihitch@gmail.com
Change email for Gail Ansheles to : ansheles@ameritech.net

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 Helene Nelson (259-2546 or helenehel@aol.com) or Sara Roberts (273-1114 or sarie914@scglobal.net) to learn more about the group.

Knitting (and other crafts) Groups: The day time Knitting Group meets the first Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the church. The evening Knitting Group will meet at 7:00 p.m., the second Monday of each month through October. The group welcomes anyone who would like to do handwork of any sort while participating in pleasant conversation. Bring whatever you are working on and join us! If you have any questions please contact Sandra Dyer at 271-2409.