



JULY, 2008 ISSUE 1

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

July 20

10 am Winton Boyd
preaching

July 27

10 am Ree Hale preaching

August 3

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August 10

10 am Bay St. Louis
Mission Trip participants
lead worship

Newsletters

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.

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A Boydseye View

The following is adapted from an editorial written by Winton Boyd and the Rev. Scott Carlson that appeared in the Wisconsin State Journal on July 13.

“Maybe there is a new day in this country for the use of religious faith in the realm of politics. For over a generation, much of the public discourse around faith and politics has centered on faith (usually Christian) as a divider of people into various camps. A few hot button issues have been touted as the only concerns in the hearts and minds of people of faith. Another attempt to use Christianity to divide people surfaced recently when Dr. James Dobson challenged Barak Obama on his understanding and practice of faith. More notable than the differences between these two national figures was the relative lack of support Dobson has received for his cutting and divisive words. Evangelicals like Dobson were among those who lamented this latest attempt to polarize people in the church. Increasingly, religious voices of all kinds are suggesting it is time to put the best of our various religious traditions to work to help address important and pressing issues in this country.

We write not to endorse Obama as a candidate, but to affirm how important it is to have a politician who is comfortable living and talking about his faith. He recognizes what most pastors and devoted church people have known for a long time; that the Christian faith encompasses so much more of our lives than our political views. Deep bonds are formed in churches across this country between people with differing views on the few more public issues of the day. Most of us “everyday Christians” appreciate a sense of kinship with brothers and sisters in the faith that come from different traditions, different cultures, and even different languages. Most of us Christians would never presume that the way we understand the faith is the only way it can be lived. Most of us appreciate and celebrate the diversity of thought, practice, worship, and outreach that emanates from our pluralistic American landscape. Obama did not create this dynamic, but from his own personal life recognized the power of diversity as a Christian value. For the good of our churches and our country, we can hope and pray that our American future will celebrate religious people of all persuasions as we act out their faith with joy, hope, hospitality, and compassion.”

Summer “Faith and Food” Potluck

This is the 2nd of three potluck suppers that will include a discussion of topics related to food and faith. Potluck is July 20, 6:00-8:30 pm hosted by John and Lee Pray. RSVP to winton@orucc.org.

Drumming Workshop

Nani Agbeli will be leading a drum workshop on July 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Orchard Ridge and this fall we will be offering opportunities for children, youth and adults to make music on our new handmade African drums! Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by contacting the office at office@orucc.org or 271.7212. We will dedicate the drums in September.

Tree of Life

Please pray for:

- Karen Falkner's children, Kristi, Frank and Brad after the death of their father, Chuck, in Florida on July 4th.
- Emma Pohl and other loved ones of Deedee, a friend and college roommate who died from leukemia recently.
- Traveling mercies for all who are taking vacation and traveling during these summer holidays.
- Simin Golestani, working in a children's oncology hospital and a center for street children in Iran this summer.
- John Lemke's brother Greg, diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, and his father who recently suffered from a mini stroke.

We give gratitude for:

- The groundbreaking ceremony for the Ralph and Ruth Ley chapel at Pilgrim Center on Saturday, July 12th. The hoped for completion date is next spring.
- Bonnie Augusta, named woman of the year by OutReach (Madison and south central Wisconsin's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community center).
- The marriage of Deborah Holbrook and Roger Buffet on (July 5) at Madison Christian Community. Dan Myers was the pianist and Winton Boyd gave a homily.
- Kathleen Rinear's new call to the UCC church in Darlington. Kathleen has been an adjunct staff member of ORUCC while serving as an interim around the Wisconsin Conference. At its next official meeting, the Leadership Team will be asked to dissolve that adjunct agreement.

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

Java and Jesus

Java and Jesus continues in room 13 at 9 a.m. with a look at spiritual practices for the next few weeks. We are using chapter from *Practicing our Faith* by Dorothy Bass.

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 if you have interest.

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 July offering is Sharing Resources Worldwide (SRW)

Sharing Resources Worldwide (SRW) is a Madison-based organization whose primary mission is to make surplus and recycled medical supplies, medical equipment and related items available to needy populations around the world. Through the work of SRW, hundreds of tons of surplus medical supplies (that might otherwise end up in the landfill) have been collected, sorted, packed and shipped to countries such as Guatemala, Nicaragua, Cuba, and the Philippines.



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.

- Matt & Bobbi Dumas
- Abby Nies & Tony Janowicz
- Al Joranlien & Joe Farrenkopf

What's in Your Wallet?

A thought about the may tax rebate

Are you trying to simplify your life and have less stuff to deal with? Do you ever buy something because it is such a good deal but then realize you don't really need it? Will you soon receive a check from the government that you are asked to spend to try to stimulate the economy?

You are invited to contribute to a great local organization that will spend the money locally to help the community. *Habitat for Humanity of Dane County*, is planning two local projects that they hope to begin this year-a new development on Madison's north side, and a "blitz build" in the Twin Oaks subdivision scheduled for this summer. *Interfaith Hospitality Network*, is conducting their Housing for Hope fund drive to rehab four apartment buildings for low-income housing-two each on the north and south sides of the city. They will include case management services at each location to help the residents succeed.

We invite all church members for whom it is possible to donate part (or all!) of your tax rebate to a group that will spend it locally to help the less fortunate. If you choose to make your contribution through the church, please write on the memo line of your personal check: "rebate" and the name of the organization you wish to benefit.



With Birthday Fund Donations Look What You Did!

With \$220 from the Birthday Fund, you established the first lending library in Los Cedros, Nicaragua. It is one of very few in the country. Your contributions set up a card catalog and library card check-out system and bought 100 books to start the library. Needless to say people are delighted!

Now we welcome your future contributions to purchase more fiction and non-fiction books in Spanish for all age groups. Both paperbacks and hard cover books are wonderful. Technical or how-to books also help people develop marketable skills in a country with a very high unemployment rate. Books do not have to be new. Garage sale finds or books from used book stores are great.

If you can help find books, just drop them in the large Nicaragua basket by the parking lot door to the church. If you can't find books but want to help, just donate to the Birthday Fund.

Thank you for helping make life better for our Nicaraguan friends!

Thanks for Writing!

On Sunday, June 29, CWS invited you to write Senator Herb Kohl to urge him to become a co-sponsor of the Global Poverty Act. This legislation would help the U.S. keep its promise to help reduce poverty in the very poorest of countries. It would also better organize and coordinate the U.S. departments, agencies, and offices that currently (can you believe this?) work at cross-purposes to one another in the international aid realm.

It is important to get more co-sponsors for this bill because without them, the bill cannot be brought to the Senate floor. Senator Feingold is already a co-sponsor, and the House has already passed its version.

On Monday, June 30, the 37 letters that were written after church were delivered to Senator Kohl's Madison office. Thank you for writing!

If you were not part of that group and would be willing to write a letter (please, more, more!), email Jan Christian at jlchrist@wisc.edu, and I will send you more info to help you write your letter.

CWS acknowledges the excellent work of Bread for the World and our local representative Dan Geisler, who furnished information for this event.

Flood Relief

We are all aware of the floods that have done so much damage to homes, businesses and churches here in the Southwest. You may send cash to the Wisconsin Conference and write FLOOD RELIEF on it and those funds will be used to help victims.

In addition to cash donations, WE CARE, a nonprofit organization in Iowa County, in cooperation with the Southwest Community Action Program is collecting certain items that are needed by many of the families who suffered water damage. Items needed are:

Beds, bedding, kitchenware, personal items, clothing, and furniture: needed as folks are able to move back into homes, but the other items are the more immediate need.

WE CARE is located at 149 N. Iowa St. Dodgeville, WI 608-935-2326. Alternate contact information for volunteer Juanita Starr is 608-574-1138. If you are able to deliver some of these items to WE CARE call their number or Juanita's to make sure someone is there to receive the donation. They are dispensing items out of WE CARE to affected areas.

A life that counts

Dr. Cecil Murray was once a U.S. Air Force pilot. One day, he was filling the role of intercept officer in the jet's rear seat when the nose gas tank exploded just before takeoff. The pilot got out of the plane but was covered in flames. Murray's cockpit cover wouldn't open, but with a great struggle, he was able to enlarge a hole and crawl out. On the ground, he saw the pilot completely aflame. Murray rolled the man over several times until the flames were out.

Unfortunately, the pilot died from the burns. That horrible experience compelled Murray to reevaluate his life. He'd been in the service for nearly 10 years. But now he felt led to live for two — for his pilot friend who died and for the life God would direct him to live.

Soon Murray resigned so he could attend seminary. He served for 27 years as pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, a church with more than 7,000 members. He became known throughout the area as one of the most effective leaders of social causes.

When something bad happens, we don't immediately know how it will shape our lives. But bad events can change us for the better, and as a result, help us help others.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
July		
Sunday 20	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00p.m.	Faith and Food Potluck at Pray's
Tuesday 22	7:00 p.m.	African Drumming Workshop
Wednesday 23	6:30 p.m.	Time & Talent Mission Team
	5:00 p.m.	Faith Action Explorer Team at Sara Roberts'
Thursday 24	7:00 p.m.	Planned Giving
Friday 25		Host IL church yth through Wednesday, July 30
Sunday 27	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

- July 20** Bernie & Jim Treichel, Jerry Nelson
July 27 John Pray, Rick Daluge, Kathy Paulson
Aug 3 Carolyn Carlson ©, Laurie Irwin, LuAnn Greiner
Aug 10 Phil & Judy Winkel, Sandra Dyar
Aug 17 Marilyn Arnold, Lyn Laurion, Barb Wolter
Aug 24 Joyce Binder, Rick Daluge, Paul Hedges

Welcomers

- July 20** Jennifer Alderman, John Lemke, Joyce Pohl
July 27 Lorraine Dellmann, Lyn Laurion, Pam Oliver
Aug 3 Rachael Lancor, Rosemary Stare, Ruth Ley
Aug 10 Ruthanne Landsness, Hope Soroos, Bobbi Sonntag
Aug 17 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Aug 24 Jan Christian, Cheryl Diermyer, Ellen Fluck

Welcomers Assisting those in need

	Sound		Coffee
July 20	J. McLellan		J. McLellan
July 27	Helen Horn		Paul Hedges
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Aug 17	Paul Hedges		Joyce Binder
Aug 24	Ken Psyck		Phil & Judy Winkel

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