



SEPTEMBER, 2009 ISSUE 2

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

September 20

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Dr. Cal DeWitt preaching

11:15 am Facilities Improvement Presentation after worship

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October 4

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev. Tammy Martens preaching

Newsletters

October 7 & 21

Information to be included in the newsletter is 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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Next Generation Facility Improvement Team Presentation-September 20

In January 2009, the congregation authorized the formation of a Next Generation Facilities Improvement Team (FIT) to begin consulting with an architect to explore ways to remodel or expand our building to fulfill the programmatic hopes and dreams of the Next Generation Initiative Report.

The Facilities Improvement Team consists of Doug Piper (Moderator Elect and Chair), Paul Evans, Tim Frank (chair of Ministry of Resources), Barb Hummel, Laurie Irwin, Mike Kehl and Collin Olson. They interviewed three architectural and engineering firms before contracting with Strang and Associates in the spring.

The original goals outlined by the Leadership Team late in 2008 were:

- a) Assure that operational systems such as heating, electrical and plumbing meet building needs and are efficient in cost and energy use.
- b) Accommodate current and new program and administrative space needs. (see the full Next Generation report in the literature racks in the entry ways)
- c) Become a “green church” including, but not limited to, a reduced carbon footprint.
- d) Make better use of our grounds to meet our mission and program goals.

With these goals in mind, **three main proposals are being presented to the congregation on Sunday, September 20.**

The meeting is to receive feedback and input from the congregation on these proposals. There will be no vote or formal approval sought. FIT members and staff from Strang will be present to explain the proposals and answer questions. After the 20th, visuals of these proposals will be in print form and on the church website (www.orucc.org). Prior to September 20, artist’s drawings of the ideas will be visible in the Friendship Hall. The results of this input will be used by the FIT and Strang for a second presentation to the congregation on Sunday, October 18 after worship.



Greening our Church, Greening our Lives

Is God “Green”? Cal DeWitt Preaching this Sunday, September 20

Our church has set a direction to “green our church, and green our lives.” What does this have to do with God and our faith? Is “green” politically correct, or rooted in our religious faith? On September 20, Professor Cal DeWitt will join us in the pulpit help us root our “green agenda” in faith. *Dr. Calvin DeWitt is Professor of Environmental Studies, UW-Madison, and Founding Director of the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies. He’s a scientist, writer and environmentalist who will share his enthusiasm for life on this beautiful planet, and our “earthkeeping” responsibilities as Christians.*

Clean Wisconsin – Special Presentation September 27 (light brunch free will offering)

“The impacts of global climate change threaten all of God’s creation and will make it more difficult for people of faith to care for those in need.” (National Council of Churches USA). It’s easy for us to become overwhelmed by the scale of global warming, and cynical or apathetic about what we can do about it.

Yet the “inconvenient truth” is that *we ourselves* have a part in causing climate change, and we’re called to do our part to better steward life on the planet. On September 27, Ryan Schryver will speak at a special brunch after worship on how we in Wisconsin contribute to global warming, its impacts in our state, and what we can do about it. Acting together, we can make a real difference! *Ryan is the Grassroots Organizer / Clean Energy Advocate for Clean Wisconsin and has worked with former V.P Al Gore as well as local climate experts to bring this message to Wisconsin. Please sign-up on the entry way bulletin board or contact the church office if you plan to attend by October 25th.*

Tree of Life



Prayers:

- For Ellen Fluck, continuing her recovery from a fall. She is currently at Oakwood East.
- For Sam Stretchberry, recovering from shoulder surgery at American Family Children's Hospital.
- For Barb Wolter's parents, Edith and Henry Data, undergoing multiple health issues.
- For Winton Boyd's father, Darrell Boyd, living at a rehabilitation facility and undergoing tests and consultation for back and leg pain.
- For Susan Frank's brother, Mike, battling brain cancer.
- For the spirit of fear and anger in our country, and the health care reform debate in general.
- For the work of Mike Bruce and our neighborhood Joining Forces for Families office. In particular, we pray for the many needy individuals and families helped through this county funded position that is threatened by County budget cuts.



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.

- Brandon Hayes & Jack Pepple
- Paul & Teri Hedges
- Stan Heffernan

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.

September offering is Our Neighborhood Habitat Project

Some Compassion Offerings help people who are far away, and others aid people closer by. September's offering will go to the closest effort yet—the Habitat for Humanity reconstruction at 5834 Russett Road. This apartment building formerly consisted of four small units; they will be reconfigured into two accessible townhouse units. At least one other church will be involved in the project. Chances are you have heard of the good work Habitat for Humanity does. This international organization builds houses for and with families that otherwise would not be able to afford them. Habitat operates in large part through local affiliates, including our very active Habitat for Humanity of Dane County. By partnering with other groups (often churches) that provide volunteer builders and financial support, our local Habitat has built over 150 houses.

Our congregation has participated in Habitat projects be-

fore. Several years ago, we worked with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to build a house in Twin Oaks subdivision on the southeast side of Madison. Our two congregations provided both building skills and the necessary money to make the house possible. In two more recent years, people from our church and from the Mennonite church built homes in the Dominican Republic. With this new urban revitalization project, our congregation continues its enthusiasm and stewardship.

Although Habitat knows that we cannot make as large a financial contribution to this project as we did to the Twin Oaks house, we are committed to doing what we can with the September Compassion Offering.

SUNDAYS

Java and Jesus – "Genesis: A Living Conversation" Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 13

For more than two thousand years Jews, Christians and Muslims have plumbed the stories from Genesis for their religious, moral and ethical meanings. Bill Moyers, in this PBS DVD, gathers thoughtful and engaging individuals—Biblical scholars, writers, artists, psychotherapists, teachers, scientists, composers, lawyers, college presidents, journalists, members of the clergy, and translators—to discover what the Genesis stories say to us today.

If you want to be on the Java and Jesus email list for weekly readings and updates, please send an email to winton@orucc.org

Welcomers

WELCOMERS are usually the first people you see when you enter Orchard Ridge UCC for worship on Sunday morning. They stand at the Parking Lot and Gilbert Rd entrances to welcome visitors and members. For visitors, they are ready to answer questions, give directions, and introduce them to other church members. If possible, they accompany them to coffee hour in Friendship Hall. After worship, they are also responsible for gathering the pages from the Friendship pads and documenting first time and repeat visitors. According to the number of new visitors, **WELCOMERS** divide up the delivery of our special note and packet of popcorn that express our appreciation for their "popping in" to worship with us. Have you appreciated being greeted at the door or receiving a visit in your home? Do you have a deep desire to help newcomers connect with the people and ministries of the church? Would you like to serve as a **WELCOMER**? Call 271-7212, or email Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org by September 30th.

Liturgical Dance/Movement at ORUCC

Psalm 150 tells us to praise God with dance as well as music. Let's bring the gift of movement to ORUCC worship on October 25th. All are welcome. No experience or special clothing required! Meet after worship on October 4, 11, and 18. No sign-up required, but feel free to contact Elizabeth Strasma at trasmagolestani@yahoo.com for more information.

A Boydsey View – A Pilgrimage of Learning

One of the ongoing, sometimes tricky questions in the life of a church community is how to give thanks and show appreciation for the music, sermon, mission moment, or dramatic presentation within a worship service. More simply put, “is clapping appropriate in church?”

At one time, my answer was quite simple and clear. No. However, time and the exposure to many different worship traditions has made my answer to that question much more muddled!

What we can all agree on here at ORUCC is that we deeply appreciate the effort, passion, and faith of those leading music and other aspects of worship. We know that our Senior Choir, Tru Function, the Handbell Choir and individuals offering solo or duet pieces put in time and effort to do the best they can. We know that they are trying to provide inspiration for our worship service and our life of faith. We are blessed by the many gifts in this congregation.

What we do not all agree on is whether it is appropriate to clap after such presentations. Some of us come from worship traditions whose strength was creating a meditative sanctuary for our lives, and clapping interrupts that. Some of us come from traditions that emphasized the joy of community and the joy of worshipping God, and clapping and saying “Amen” were very common. Some of us come from no worship background and wonder if we are missing something in the whole conversation about clapping. It is normal and natural and does not seem like a big deal.

While I am pretty sure God doesn’t have an opinion on this, it does matter to our community that we have some sense of shared understanding. Let me suggest a few ideas and principles for us as we worship.

- We are a diverse community with different tastes and experiences. In all we do, we recognize that this diversity is a strength.
- Worship is about giving thanks to God, opening ourselves to the movement of the Holy in our lives. While some “performances” in other settings are deeply spiritual, we can never lose sight of the fact that worship always celebrates *community in the presence of the Holy*.
- Music, sermons, dramatic readings, liturgical dance are all part of worship and build community. It is good to celebrate both the sacredness of the offering and the sacredness of those leading them.
- A good question to ask is not “should I clap?” but “how do I give thanks to God for this moment in worship?” How do I show appreciation for the way my heart has been lifted and strengthened? How do I honor the moment of transcendence we have just experienced? How can this “moment” be maintained or strengthened? Would more noise or sound be helpful, or would silence lengthen that “moment?”
- Personally, I like to say “Amen” because it strengthens my sense of gratitude to God. Sometimes I open my palms or raise my hands slightly, for the same reason. Sometimes I bow gently, with my hands together at my chest and say “Namaste” – which is a Hindu phrase that means, among other things, “*The Light within me honors the Light within you.*” Sometimes, I clap. For me, the guiding principle is to try to match my response to the spiritual moment I have just experienced. Clapping after a tender, raw piece of music seems out of character. Likewise, silence after a rousing and energetic song sometimes seems awkward, even disembodied.
- This article is not to lay down rules, but to offer permission for us all to consider how we give thanks and honor the light of the Spirit found in worship. Let’s stay in dialogue!

Wendy

Worship This Fall: Embracing life as a PILGRIMAGE: What are the journeys of our lives and how is God present with us?

Throughout the fall and winter, we will explore the many “journeys” of our lives. The tradition of Pilgrimage is long in both our Christian and UCC traditions. It is also an amazing lens through which to look at where we have been, where we are, and where we are going in our life and faith. We will seek to reclaim or refresh our faith through looking back through the lens of pilgrimage and the journeys found in the biblical narratives. Our goal is not to arrive at a specific and/or shared destination, but to open our hearts and minds to the ongoing work of Spirit in our lives. See the worship section at www.orucc.org for the full series description.

September 27: How is pilgrimage different than just traveling?

[Through October and November, the theme of pilgrimage will be explored in practical terms, exploring issues of our daily lives. We’ll explore where we are, where we want to be and how God/the Holy One/The Spirit can help close the gap.]

October 4: Committed Relationships of all kinds (Tammy Martens)

October 11: Families and children

October 18: Finances

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
September		
Sunday 20	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Facilities Improvement Presentation
Tuesday 22		
Wednesday 23	3:00 p.m.	Farmers Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 27	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:14 a.m.	Clean Wisconsin lunch
Monday 28	6:00 p.m.	Facilities Improvement Team meeting
	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 29	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Programs to follow
Wednesday 30	3:00 p.m.	Farmers Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Partners Meeting
October		
Friday 2	8:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Copper Top
Sunday 4	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 5	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 6	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Programs to follow
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 7	3:00 p.m.	Farmers Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

Sept 20 Rosemary Stare, Phil & Judy Winkel
Sept 27 Bernie & Jim Treichel, Jerry Nelson
Oct 4 Joyce Binder ©, Jon Blanchard, LuAnn Greiner
Oct 11 Richard & Lois Rossmiller, Pat Hale
Oct 18 John Pray, LuAnn Greiner, Kathy Paulson
Oct 25 Pat Fellows, Laurie Irwin, Barb Wolter

Welcomers

Sept 20 Carol & Robert Prugh, Mary Connor
Sept 27 Hope Soroos, Jack Schairer, Rachael Lancor
Oct 4 Joyce Pohl, Jack Schairer, Heather Stevens
Oct 11 Lynn Laurion, Rachael Lancor, Jack Schairer
Oct 18 Rosemary Stare, Ruthanne Landsness, Marilyn Arnold
Oct 25 Helen Atz, Bobbi Sonntag, Jan Christian

Sound

Coffee

Sept 20 John Gilbert	Deanna Blanchard
Sept 27 Paul Hedges	Linda Hitchman
Oct 4 Ken Psyck	Linda Hitchman
Oct 11 J. McLellan	Paul Hedges
Oct 18 Helen Horn	Linda Hitchman
Oct 25 Mike Walsh	Leah Narans

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.

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Welcome to Green Corner!

A GREENER BUILDING FOR OUR CONGREGATION'S FUTURE

ORUCC's special Facilities Improvement Team (FIT) is working with an architect on options to remodel our building that can meet current and future needs of our congregation. The architect and the FIT will present information to the congregation on September 20. We'll hear about many opportunities for an improved and updated facility -- and of course, the financial costs of making improvements. This will include ideas to reduce energy use such as a more efficient heating system, better lighting, and solar hot water heating.

GREEN THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Are we ready to spend some "green" to make our building greener? We know we need to replace our 50 year old heating system and make some other changes. How far should we go to be energy-efficient and "green"? And are there opportunities to connect what we do "inside" the building to the green growing world "outside" the building?

GREEN ACTION IDEAS: (1) Attend the congregational meeting after worship September 20. Listen, question, and reflect on how the proposals relate to our Next Generation hopes, including the commitment to "green our church." (2) Prayerfully consider how we as a group can make the right decisions rooted in our faith for a better future, and to continue to participate in the decision process.

Upcoming Events, Mark Your Calendar

Harvest Brunch: Our 3rd annual Fall Harvest Brunch on **October 25** (after worship) will feature food and stories from our very own vegetable village. Watch for more information.

Fair Trade Sale: This annual and longstanding tradition on **November 22** provides many volunteer opportunities (as well as shopping). Coordinated by the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service.

How to Invite People to Church UCC Style

Led by **Rev. Mike Piazza of the Cathedral of Hope UCC, Dallas, TX**

This workshop will be held at the Wisconsin Conference Center, 4459 Gray Road, DeForest. The cost is \$20 per person (includes lunch).

Complete the registration form and send to the Conference Office with your check made payable to the Wisconsin Conference UCC. Please use one registration form per person. **You must register by October 2nd.**

Registration form:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Church City: _____

OUR COMMON LIFE TOGETHER

SAFE Group (Spiritually Affirming Friends Everywhere)

The SAFE meeting will be hosted by Barb Wolter, 1626 Wheeler Rd. #202, Madison, on Monday, **September 21** at 6:30-8:30 p.m. If possible, bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share with everyone, beverages will be provided. Call Barb at 516-2777 for directions and to let her know you'll be there on the 21st. Since this is our first meeting, we do not have an agenda planned. So that makes it a great opportunity to discuss potential topics for future meetings or just recent news in general.

All gay and straight ORUCC members and friends are always welcome to come to any SAFE meeting. SAFE is an informal ORUCC social gathering of Christian lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gendered and questioning individuals and their families and ORUCC friends. Most SAFE participants drive to our monthly meetings directly from work. Questions about SAFE? Ask the current planning team: Mary Connor, Jude Stevens and Tim Johnson. Want to receive regular e-mail announcements about SAFE programs, projects, gatherings and occasional news of interest? Give your e-mail address to Rev. Winton Boyd winton@orucc.org indicating you want to be added to the SAFE e-mail list.

Become a Pastoral Partner?

You are invited to hear about the Pastoral Partner ministry of ORUCC on Wednesday, **September 30th**, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (location will be posted at the entrance) – light refreshments served. The purpose of Pastoral Partners is to provide effective and compassionate care to those in our faith community dealing with chronic health conditions, crisis situations, grief, loss, etc. We are not a replacement for the ordained pastors, but an extension of their care. All are welcome to this informational meeting.

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.

Knitting Group to Resume in October

The Knitting Group will meet on **October 5th** at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge. The group welcomes anyone who would like to do handwork of any sort while participating in pleasant conversation. Bring whatever you are working on. If you have any questions please contact Sandra Dyar at 271-2409 or Karen Falkner at 833-9703.

Quilting Group

The Quilting Group will meet on Wednesday, **October 7th**. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesday from 9:30 to 12 Noon in the Friendship Hall from September through April. New members are welcome to join. Donations of cotton and cotton polyester fabric, thread, and four-ply yarn are always gladly accepted. Over the past years, the comforters have been donated to various agencies. Most recently they have been given to The Road Home. For more information, please contact Dorothy Peterson at 845-8412.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, **October 7th** at 12:30 p.m. in room 13. The discussion will be "The Mystery Appears" Mark: 1-15. The discussion will be led by Dorothy Peterson. We welcome new members. If you have any questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.

Women's Book Group

On Thursday, **October 8th** at 7 pm, join us at the home of Mary Bucknell, 7209 Farmington Way. Please contact Mary at 828-1832 if you can come.

The book we'll discuss is the novel *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Brooks is the Pulitzer Price-winning author of two works of non-fiction and two works of fiction. This story begins in 1996, when a rare book expert is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of a mysterious Hebrew manuscript created in the 15th century. Her work leads her to uncover much about the history of the book—its perilous backwards journey from country to country through many centuries.

You can get this book through the library system. All women are welcome to join us.

Pictorial Church Directory Picture sign-up

Olan Mills will be photographing church members on **October 26, 27 and November 13, 14** for a new church directory. If you have questions please contact Gene Dyar, 271-2409. Last Sunday, Sept. 13th, The Ministry of Congregational Life launched appointment sign-ups for a new ORUCC Pictorial Directory. You may sign up after worship for one of the four dates listed above. You may also go to www.orucc.org to sign up online. We are also looking for volunteers to serve as hosts for the picture taking dates. If you can help with this, please see the sign up table after worship or contact Gene Dyar at 271-2409 for more information.

Pictures Needed for Directory

If you have church-related photos you would like us to consider for the "activities pages" of our new pictorial directory, please give them to Paul Hedges in one of the following ways: 1) Drop off a compact disc (CD) of the photo(s) to the church office; 2) Place the paper photo(s) in an envelope, label the envelope "pictorial directory," include your name and address on the envelope so that we can return the photo(s) to you, and drop off to the church office; or 3) email the photo to pehedges@gmail.com.

Church Directory

Change address for Brian & Rachael Lancor to:
1306 Vilas Ave. #2, Madison, WI 53715-1552
Change email address for Robert & Lyn Laurion to:
laurion.wis@gmail.com

Change address for Mike Borchardt to:
PO Box 930341, Verona, WI 53593-0341
Add email address for Stan Heffernan:
smheffernan@charter.net

FAITH IN ACTION

Help Someone Who Helps Our Neighborhood

Mike Bruce is a social worker who works with the less fortunate at the Southwest Resource Center on Russett Road; you may remember Mike because he has presented Mission Moments in recent years in November, when we typically take up a Compassion Offering for that program. Mike's knowledge of the social service system and his good relationships with landlords, school personnel, local business owners, etc. in the area has allowed him to leverage the money we provide into much more help than that same amount of money put directly into the clients' hands could provide.

Mike's position (in a program called Joining Forces for Families, of JFF) is funded by Dane County. It is proposed to be cut for next year because of the budget crunch. The Dane County Board and the Dane County Executive are currently preparing their versions of next year's budget. NOW is the time we need to let them know that we think this position is of extreme importance at this time of challenge in the neighborhood.

Therefore, the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service will have a letter/petition for you to sign asking our Board representatives and County Executive NOT TO CUT the JFF position for this area. We will be eager to collect your signatures on upcoming Sunday mornings.

Letters of Support for SW Farmers Market sought

The Southwest Community Farmers Market is located at the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ parking lot at 1501 Gilbert Road from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday through October 28. (Hours during the fall will be adjusted and the market will end before dark.)

The church is required to apply for a conditional use permit through the City of Madison in order to host the farmers market. The application will be considered by the Plan on Commission on October 5, 2009. If you have enjoyed the Farmers Market please send your comments of support to Heather Stouder, Planning Staff, hstouder@cityofmadison.com or by mail to Plan Commission, c/o Heather Stouder, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room LL110, Madison WI 53703 by Friday, September 25, 2009. You may also want to attend the Plan Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Room 201, City-County Building to register to speak or indicate your support. For more information feel free to contact Lisa Veldran at 271-0722 or lveldran@yahoo.com.

A Very Different Way to Help Porchlight

Our church has long supported Porchlight, Inc., a major provider of housing in the Madison area for homeless people and people with various living and employment challenges.

A very surprising way of helping Porchlight will occur from September 24-27---a tent sale at the Pink Poodle on Odana Road. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to Porchlight, Inc. The Pink Poodle Resale Store specializes in designer clothing for men and woman, jewelry, handbags, shoes, furniture, linens and housewares. (I know someone who bought her wedding dress here!)

One way you can help is obvious—***shop the sale*** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., September 24-27. Maybe friends/family who exchange gifts will agree to exchanging recycled items this year; wouldn't it be fun to get some Christmas shopping done?

Another good option is to ***help set up the sale from Monday, September 21—Wednesday, September 23.*** This can give you a preview of the merchandise, in case you plan to shop later. If you don't expect to shop, your help setting up the sale will also bring financial benefit to Porchlight. ***To volunteer, call Janie Lynaugh at 215-5895 or email madwoman@charter.net.*** She would appreciate your help for at least two hours.

One-a-Week Club News

We have already surpassed our goal for the year: 53 donations before September 1st. I believe we will have a cookie party to celebrate. Thanks to our August donors: Michael Walsh, Meg Stevens, Bruce Olsen (double red cell-counts as two), Bill Rewey.

Tuesday Evenings 6:00 p.m.
Catered Dinner Friendship Hall followed by 6:30-8:00 – Programs for all ages
Our first Gathering of the year is September 29th

Children's Programming

We will continue with Soup and Service on Tuesday night for our elementary/middle school children. We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 (supper at 6:00, programming at 6:30).

Tuesday Evening High School and Adult Class—6:30-8:00 pm

September 29: Movie Discussion: Come to discuss the recent Clint Eastwood movie, *Gran Torino*. A DVD of the movie is available for borrowing in the church office. Led by Winton Boyd

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet **October 6th** in room 16 from 7:30-9:00 pm. We will be reading the book of Jonah. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month. This group uses a relaxed and friendly approach in our study of the Bible. We read aloud together the assigned verses at the start of the meeting and then take turns commenting on the reading. We feel it is important to respect each others ideas. No one is an expert. Please join us and learn more about this group. If you have questions call Sandra Dyar (271-2409) or Judy Winkel (271-0481).

The Way of Prayer

October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15 - The Way of Prayer. Led by Winton Boyd

This is a Small group experience in spiritual formation designed to help participants explore and experience the great variety of prayer paths available to us in the Christian Tradition. The approach is more “formational” than informational – meaning we will learn and practice together.

Cost for this class is \$15 for materials. Participants are asked to commit to at least 5 of the 6 sessions. We need a minimum of 6 people.

(Topics include How do you pray? - Images of God – Praying by Heart – Praying with Music – Praying with our Bodies – Scriptural Prayers – Contemplative Prayer. If you are interested, please contact Winton Boyd (winton@orucc.org). Child-care is available upon request.

THANK YOU

Toki Principal Thanks ORUCC for School Supplies

This fall, ORUCC and the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association partnered to collect some of the “most-needed” school supplies, for donation to the students of Akira Toki Middle School. Akira Toki principal Nicole Schaefer sent the following note of appreciation:

Dear Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association and UCC,

On behalf of the Toki staff I would like to thank you for the generous gift of school supplies for our students. We have several students who will benefit from this give and are very grateful for your support.

With gratitude,
 Nicole Schaefer
 Principal

Together, we donated 19 backpacks, 13 white T-Shirts, 10 zippered three-ring binders (“Trapper Keepers”), 5 alarm clocks and enough funds to purchase 7 Toki academic planners. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity and concern for the neighborhood's neediest students!!

Bruce Olsen