

Newsletter Orland.3 Reflections

We continue with stories from our youth who participated in our Youth Mission trip to Orland, Maine. We worked and served at H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment). We learned from the people who work at this non-profit that Maine has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. Increasingly, people from out of state are buying up land which is causing people to be displaced and creating a wider gap between the rich and poor. We saw H.O.M.E.’s tentacles reach far and wide into the community. Here are 4 more reflections from our youth:

The moment that caught my attention this week didn’t seem, at first, to be consequential; only after I thought on it longer did I realize what it showed. I was playing outside with the kids at H.O.M.E.’s Daycare. About 4 or 5 were playing “baseball” with me, which consisted of me tossing a plastic ball for them to swing at. One little girl, Lilly, was quite the hitter—she had excellent form for being only 5 years old! Another boy, Carson, was struggling, letting go of the bat each time he swung. Lilly admonished him, “Don’t swing like a girl!” And then she stated proudly of herself “I can swing like a boy.”

As a softball player, I know firsthand that “swinging like a girl” is far from an insult. Yet Lilly had subconsciously associated her natural athletic abilities with something distinctly un-feminine. She simply didn’t think that “normal” girls could hit like her. This made me realize that we could come to these mission trips with the goal of helping communities, not only in physical ways, but also in social ones; we could work to help shatter stigmas and stereotypes. The effects of such efforts would not be as obvious as a newly constructed cellar, but would be just as meaningful. One child at a time, we could leave a mark that will last longer than any coat of paint.

A little longer into our game of baseball, I asked Lilly, “Why do you say you hit like a boy? You’re a girl, so doesn’t that mean you hit like one?” Lilly replied, “I guess so...girls can hit good too, then?” She laughed to herself, as if she made a joke, “Of course they can!” she finished. (Claire Evensen, Grade 11, Verona High School)

H.O.M.E. was something I wasn’t sure about when I originally arrived. We pulled into a parking lot of dust that was flanked by houses clearly hand painted and in extreme need of repair. To the right a building no larger than my house in Madison holds a daycare. Consisting of a musty pastel room, a fenced in porch and 3 incredibly motivated teachers, this place provided immense comfort and opportunity for a few children. On our second day, I was lucky enough to be assigned as a volunteer in the children’s area. I remember at first being taken aback and somewhat horrified by the language and physical violence these kids were familiar with. While constructing in the sandbox a sister and brother engaged in a verbal confrontation that I made a sad attempt to end. The highlight of this fight was how I asked Malea (the sister) why she had used those words out of the millions of options there are in this language and she responded with “I’m six.” This girl lives in Rhode Island but is currently living and learning in the shelter. This little girl telling me about a six year old life that is more difficult than mine was something I will never forget. (Rowan Conklin, 10th grade, West High)

I spent a day in a daycare and noticed many things that were unusual to me. When I first go there the kids were eating breakfast and right away I noticed how much their teachers stressed manners. “Please” and “thank-you” were mandatory if you wanted anything done. This was weird to me because in our schools they did care about manners but it was not as important. The arrangement of the classroom was also different. It was set up as more of a house without much space to run around in. I was told that the majority of the children who attended this daycare were transferred to this one because their old one was shut down due to the caregivers neglecting or providing poor care for the children. The teacher explained to me how at this other daycare, the children were given the freedom to do whatever they wanted and had no set of rules. This made it hard for the children to transition to this one.

I eventually sad down with every child there and let them open up to me in their own ways. Some talked about their hard home lives through the way they played house and others just blurted it out. There were two kids though whose mom was actually the teacher. I was talking to one of her sons joking about how he was going to grow up to be a lady’s man. The mom responded “don’t worry, I already have my shotgun ready!”

Overall I realized that people do have different lifestyles. Sometimes this was hard to see especially in regards to what children may be exposed to at such a young age. But I was grateful to be with the kids and learn from them. (Chelsi Bookstaff, Sophomore, MATC)



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Sunday Morning

September 21

9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship, Ken Pennings preaching Orchard Ridge Choir

September 28

9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship, Winton Boyd preaching TRU Function

October 5

9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship, Winton Boyd preaching Orchard Ridge Choir

October 12

9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship, Rich Fingers preaching Handbell Choir

Newsletters:

October 1 & 15

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.

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Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice

Throughout the fall (interspersed with our series on Evolutionary Christianity) we will be lifting up the practice of gratitude. Here at ORUCC, we have much to be grateful for in our lives and in our community of faith. Opportunities around this include:

Java and Jesus this Sunday: Ruthanne Landsness will facilitate a conversation on gratitude in the Music Room at 9 a.m. Paul Hedges will be there to audiotape the conversation. Some of this will be used in our Stewardship Campaign (focused on gratitude) later in the fall as part of ‘mission moments.’ All are welcome.

Questions that will be raised include:

- What are some of the things that bring you gratitude in your life?
- How has being grateful helped shape (or not) your path in life? How does it impact (or not) the way you face challenges or difficulties?
- What makes you most grateful in being a part of this faith community?

Worship this Sunday will focus on gratitude. (Ken Pennings preaching and music by the ORUCC Choir)

Worship on October 26th and November 9th will focus on Gratitude. Tammy Martens will preach on October 26 and Winton Boyd will preach on November 9.

Our Faith. Live It. Share It. 2015: Our fall Stewardship season will focus on gratitude. Letters of explanation will come in early October with Stewardship Sunday on November 9th. See more details in our next newsletter.



Evolutionary Christianity

The Ministry of Adult Faith Formation will be sponsoring a three fold series on Evolutionary Christianity using an exciting DVD series called “Painting the Stars”



Java and Jesus at 9 a.m. (September 7-October 26)

We’ll offer only a small portion of Painting the Stars with large group discussion.

Worship at 10:00 a.m. (September 7-October 26)

We’ll explore several themes of Evolutionary Christianity through preaching, music and the arts.

Thursday Evenings (September 18-October 30 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.)

We’ll offer the full DVD sessions and offer small group discussion and the sharing of rituals/prayer. This will be led by members of Adult Faith Formation.

The evolutionary process is a deep mystery. Spiritually, mystery is not the sum total of all we don’t know, but given enough time could figure out and move to the next problem. Mystery is a condition of awe, of resting precisely in an unknowing, long enough for the silence to have its way with us. The goal of this series is to create some space for us inhabit this mystery more deeply, and explore the relationship between science, particularly evolution, and religion. Without a felt sense of being one with the creative process that is ceaselessly animating life, conversations about science and religion will remain objective and academic. We hope that through engaging in these questions, we’ll deepen our awareness that we are not separate from the creativity that produced each of us.

SUNDAYS**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.

Compassion Offering for September – Support of our local schools

The compassion offering for September will be directed to the principals of our three nearby schools – **Falk and Orchard Ridge** Elementary and **Toki** Middle. Our church and these schools have ‘grown up’ together in our southwest Madison neighborhoods. We have both historic and current ties to them. Today, all three schools have high rates of children qualifying for free and reduced lunches. All three have dedicated staffs seeking to provide the best education possible. Members of Orchard Ridge UCC have been or are connected to all three as students, parents, teachers and staff, mentors and tutors, or district support staff to the schools. We have worked with all three schools directly through our Southwest Partnership work. We have worked with teachers, social workers, parent liaisons, and principals. In hopes of supporting the amazing and challenging work of each school in today’s educational and funding environment, our Compassion Offering will be given to the building principals to use at their discretion. Each school will communicate with us when and how they have used it.

Prayers of Joy

- For the birth of James, Barb Hummel’s new grandson.
- For the life of Rodney Howard Johnson, a member of ORUCC in the mid 1960’s, and then later active for many years at First Congregational, Eau Claire, who passed away in June and had a graveside service this past Tuesday here in Madison.

**Prayers of Concern**

- For Margaret McClung at Agrace Hospice, and for Carol VanKeuren at St. Mary’s Care Center.
- For Beth Walsh’s father who is in his last stages of life.
- For Peggy Anderson’s daughter, Nancy Krueger and her family who have just lost her husband, Mike Carmical, to colon cancer.

Wider Church Family: 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.

- Helene Nelson & Jim Arts
- Jerry & Beverly Nelson
- Ruth Ann Berkholtz & George Nestler

New Events and Opportunities

A **Progressive Christianity Discussion Group** will meet at the church Wednesday, September 24, noon-1:30 pm. Bringing a bag lunch is optional. Contact Ken Pennings if you’d like to attend, and he will send you the article which will be discussed – ken@orucc.org.

Misc. Things that are Important to Know

Youth Music Program at Orchard Ridge UCC: Here at ORUCC, we strive to provide a safe and creative space for children to explore their spirituality through music. Our youngest children experience music through group singing, finger plays, guided movement, and small instrument play (shakers, bells, tambourines, etc). Their time with me builds relationships, provides an introduction to sound exploration, and prepares them for the lessons they will learn in Sunday School. During the worship service, children in grades 2-7 have experiences with drums, xylophones, hand chimes, and movement. Instead of a traditional choir, we offer a multi-modal setting wherein children are guided not only through scripture, but through their own thoughts, observations, and questions. Creativity is at the heart of everything that we do. Rather than lead children with an expectation of the final result, I focus on the process and adapts each activity to include the ideas of the children. Much of what we do starts with a few words of scripture and results in an original composition created collaboratively by the children.

Often the word “Orff” is associated with our music program. Carl Orff was a German composer prior to World War II. In addition to operatic and theatric works (e.g. Carmina Burana), he worked at a school for adult women called the “Gunterschule.” At the Gunterschule, women explored music and movement through improvisational techniques. Many of those women became dancers and teachers. After World War II, and after the time of the Gunterschule, Orff was asked to create a study of music for children to be broadcast on the Bavarian Radio. Though he had only worked with adults, Orff never thought that children were too young to understand music. He saw the opportunity to teach children to create music as a natural evolution of his music. Drawing upon the elemental composition techniques that he used in his theatre works Carl Orff designed a study for children that is not just a study of music, but a study of human interactions (interactions we have with our self and the interactions with have with others). Those broadcasts and the work he did at the Gunterschule developed into what is now known as the “Schulwerk (literally school work).”

Inspired by his studies of Indonesian and African music, Carl Orff developed the xylophones that we have at ORUCC. Commonly, they are referred to as “Orff Instruments.” Orff appreciated the warm, rich tones of the xylophone and it’s accessibility to children. The instrument that he developed has removable bars so that the sound can easily be manipulated to different scales and keys to best fit the ages and development of the children.

Orff instruction begins in the pentatonic scale (5 pitches).

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WHAT OUR TABLE LOOKS LIKE: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES AND EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT 9:00 AND 10:00 A.M. ON SUNDAYS—FALL, 2014**Nursery Care for Children 0-3 years old (or determined by The parent)**

Every Sunday nursery care is provided for babies, toddlers and children from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We have three hired nursery care providers who provide a loving and safe environment for children. Our nursery care providers have been screened and interviewed following our Safe Sanctuary policies.

Spirit-Catchers—Preschool Children, Seekers—Kindergarten & First Grade, 9:00

The Preschool Sunday School Class “Spirit-Catchers” uses the curriculum *The Worship Center* and the K/1 “Seekers” class uses the curriculum *Following Jesus*. Both are exciting programs that help children experience God while learning about God. They use a sensory-motor style of storytelling as a primary means for encountering God, so God is experienced, not just learned about. They give appropriate freedom, so young children can respond to stories of God through continued work with the story figures and art materials. Most the story figures and materials have been crafted by people from our church. *The Worship Center* and *Following Jesus* are written by Sonja Stewart.

Explorers—Second & Third Grade, 9:00

Children in this class use the curriculum *The Way of the Child* by Wynn McGregor. This lovely curriculum helps children to develop their own relationship with God and provides opportunities for them to experience and practice spiritual disciplines to nurture that relationship for a lifetime. After a gathering time when children listen and discuss a Bible story or spiritual discipline, children experience different reflection stations that honor the theme for the day. The children choose among the following reflection stations: Gazing, World, Reading, Journaling, Sand, and Art. Also, children receive their very own Bibles in either second or third grade and as “Explorers” will learn how to use their Bibles with the hope that the Bible will become their lifelong companion. Using the curriculum *Learning to Use My Bible* by Joyce Brown children experience storytelling and activity stations as ways to learn about the different stories of the Bible, ask questions, and offer their own perspectives.

Cocoa and Christ, Fourth & Fifth Grade, 9:00

Children are invited to discuss and explore practical faith issues in this class. Some of the topics include Making Good Decisions, Making a World of Difference, and Growing Spiritually. The class also spends a number of Sundays in the spring and fall in the Veggie Village working on Garden projects. Also, the spring, this class will choose a service project to sponsor and organize.

Children’s Music Program Sunday Morning

We believe that music is one of the many languages children use to explore and express their spirituality. Through active

opportunities to create and compose music, we strive to

- Awaken each child’s spirit through song, speech, movement, rhythm and melody
- Develop relationships to strengthen the ORUCC community
- Provide a safe environment for children to discuss issues of spirituality
- Offer the use of quality instruments such as chimes, xylophones, and African drums
- Encourage musical enrichment and appreciation

Children meet three Sundays a month with Julie Mazer, the Children’s Music Director, during Sunday School and worship for singing, drumming, poetry writing, and playing Orff instruments (percussion instruments). Music Burst is the program for preschool through first grade offering during 9:00 Sunday School and Music Connections is the program for second through fifth graders (older youth are invited to help lead) offered during 10:00 worship.

Middle School “Remix”, Sixth Through Eighth Grade, 9:00

Youth will spend time examining faith and justice issues in our Sunday morning time and during weekend retreats. In the spring we will offer the rite of confirmation to the 7th/8th/9th graders. This will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

The Breakfast Club, Ninth Through Twelfth Grade, 9:00

High School Youth will be examining current social issues through the lens of faith. The discussions will strive to help youth make meaning of their world and our time together will seek to be a safe place where we wrestle with questions of faith, morality, and justice.

TRU Function Youth Band for Eighth Through Twelfth Graders

Youth who play an instrument or sing are invited to participate in TRU Function. They rehearse every Sunday from 11:15 to 1:00 p.m. and play in worship approximately once a month. They choose and play from a wide variety of music genres including rock, blues, Christian rock, and rap.

Youth Mission Trip

Every summer youth are invited to a weeklong mission trip for work, service, and learning. In years past we have gone to



children.

More Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families

Through UCC of Wisconsin: All Church (ORUCC) Retreat at Pilgrim Center, January 16-18, 2015.

Summer Camp offerings at both Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach. Go to www.ucci.org to see all the wonderful year-round programming that is offered.

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Rev. Tammy Martens

SETTING THE TABLE FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT: WHY DOES IT MATTER?



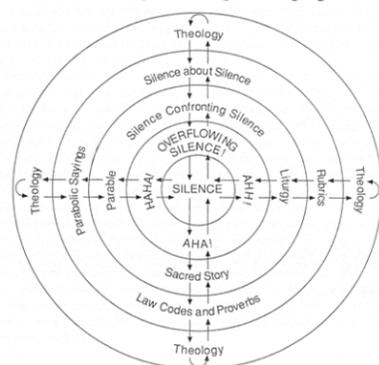
The nurture provided by parents and caregivers in the home is of primary importance to the child's faith development. But structured ministries with children and youth in the church have a significant role to play as well.

All children experience a sense of the Divine at a very young age. And just as children learn the language of their culture, so it is important for children to be introduced to a language that will help them name their experience with God.

For faith to live and grow, it needs religion and a language. Faith is developed as children and youth learn God's name and learn and experience the stories of God's people. Through shared rituals and Christian education ministries, our church can help children discover the language to name their experiences with God and develop a connection to a tradition that will help them house the truth of those experiences.

"Religious language gives us words, narratives, and parables that help us to make sense of our experiences with God, to come to know God better, and to make meaning of what we experience and learn in all of life. Through religious language we may draw near to God and experience God's presence. Religious language takes various forms, which Jerome Berryman refers to as different layers of language." (*Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey* by Catherine Stonehouse)

Figure 3 Layers of Religious Language



Jerome W. Berryman, *Godly Play: A Way of Religious Education* (San Francisco: Harper/San Francisco, 1991), 152.

As you look at the diagram you will see that silence is at the core. Berryman shares that "the first layer of language occurs when in a moment of stillness the reality of God breaks in upon us, and we experience the presence of God. In awe we respond not in words, but with 'Ahh!—Aha!—Haha!' The surprise of God's breaking in causes us to catch our breath with an 'Ahh!' The 'Aha!' of recognition follows when we realize it is God, and joy flows into

'Haha!' at the wonder and the paradox of what is revealed of God and of ourselves in the presence of the Almighty."

The second layer "Liturgy, Sacred Stories, Parables" involves a deep experience with the rituals and stories of faith. In the preschool through fifth grade Sunday School classes, we embrace an approach to Christian education that uses this second level of religious language. "As children enter the stories and experience the liturgy, they can meet God and know God in affective ways that they cannot process logically or describe in words. But in those stories, parables, and symbolic rituals, God can minister to their deep inner needs."

What's helpful to realize is that this second layer of religious language is where children, youth and adults can meet and experience God together. What we hear from these stories and experience in rituals depend upon our level of development, our needs and our readiness to hear, but we all can find wonder and awe in these experiences.

The third layer "Rubric, Law Codes, Parabolic Sayings" involve studying the meaning and application of biblical texts. "Religious traditions have laws and rules for their members, which are passed on to children and newcomers."

The outer layer "Theology" is language about God. As we grow in faith, we develop a system of abstract words that describe what God is like, how God is present in the world, how we connect with God, with others, and the world.

It's important to mention that arriving to the outer layer is not the goal of faith development. The layers are fluid and one's theology continues to be formed as one continues to experience the inner layers of silence, sacred story and liturgy. In fact, one struggle adults have is that they will work their way to the outer layer, having learned the language of theology, and will stay stuck there—content to debate theological issues but not interested in moving back to the center to relive the stories and experience God anew.

Children will develop in their understanding only as far out in the layers of language as their cognitive development allows. The abstract outer layer—theology—isn't relevant to them yet but the inner layers provide a foundation for children to genuinely know God.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT CHILDREN AND SPIRITUALITY

Children are spiritual beings who come to us as gifts from God. Beliefs about the Spiritual Nature of Children include:

- Children have an innate connection to God.
- Children have a natural openness to mystery.
- Children have an amazing capacity for awe.
- Children are receivers.
- Children love what is real.
- Children are wonderfully humble.

(*The Way of the Child*, Wynn McGregor)

Children's innate connection with God and their propensities for spirituality need to be affirmed and nourished. This is our number one priority as we develop programs and experiences for our children and youth at ORUCC.

Ken's Pennings – Back from Sabbatical!

I return from a three month sabbatical from my work at ORUCC feeling rested, refreshed and renewed! Sabbatical was a great opportunity for me to rejuvenate personally and professionally. I'm deeply grateful to the congregation for providing such a wonderful benefit for its pastors.

While away, I worked in my vegetable and flower gardens, took a few trips in the Midwest, reflected on and set goals for my ministry at ORUCC, and read a number of theological books.

I'd like to share with you some of the edgy richness from three of the books I read, passages which I marked with 3 stars in the margin:

From The Sins of Scripture, by John Shelby Spong, page 179

"From where does evil come? We cannot deny its presence. We see it every day. It is certainly not derived from a fall from perfection, as (many of us) were taught. It rises rather from the incompleteness of the evolutionary process. We are not fallen sinners who need to be rescued; we are incomplete creatures who need to be empowered to step into the new possibilities of an expanding life. It is not appropriate to wallow in our inadequacy or to accept as our due being denigrated by religion or having our behavior controlled or our guilt expanded. We do not need to be punished either in this life or in the life to come, nor do we need to have some mythical god figure take our punishment for us. What we need is the power to take the next step into a new and more complete humanity, to transcend our limits, to step across the self-erected boundaries of our insecure humanity. We need to face – no, even more proactively, to *embrace* – the trauma of self-consciousness, the self-centeredness of that hysterical struggle for survival that only self-conscious creatures can understand, which leads to the erection of security systems that finally destroy our emerging humanity. We need to see that the evil things we do to one another are the result of this incomplete humanity for which punishment is inappropriate. Evil cannot be controlled by threats or by discipline, parental or divine. Security can never finally be built on violence. To be 'saved' does not mean to be rescued. It means to be empowered to be something we have not yet been able to be."

From Saving Jesus from the Church, by Robin R. Meyers, page 198:

"A consistent chorus of voices today is rising across what used to be considered impossible divides – political, economic, racial, sexual, and religious. The message is that what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called a 'religionless Christianity' is not a new gospel at all, but the recovery of the original. Our faith was not born as a belief system; it was turned into one. We need not fear science, just because we have learned to understand time and space differently. It is not even a scandal now to call oneself an 'atheist' (a nontheist) who still believes in the transcendent mystery that we call god. What's more, a nontheistic understanding of God is what actually makes interfaith dialogue and mission possible. If God is the 'Ground of Being' and not a Cosmic Dealer, then faith must be a journey toward wisdom and compassion and not a system of human creeds with divine consequences. This is a journey we can all take together, regardless of our specific prophets, teachers, or revelations. This is our hope."

From take this bread, by Sara Miles, page 240:

"The two old women started over to us. Miss Lewis was a regular at the (food) pantry, a tiny lady with gnarled, arthritic hands. Every week she came to get groceries so she could go back to her room, cook on her hot plate, put the meals in rinsed-out plastic containers, and take them down to feed the beggars who lived on her street. She hugged me, and Miss Pollen dropped a cerise lipstick kiss on my chin. 'How are you?' asked Paul, beaming. 'Blessed,' said Miss Pollen. 'I've had a little flu, but I'm blessed.' Miss Lewis smiled at us all. 'Are you thirsty?' she asked her friend. 'You need to drink plenty of liquids. Wait a minute.' She rummaged in her shopping cart and pulled out a bottle of cranberry-grape juice and a Dixie cup. 'Here you go,' she said. The sacrament (of holy communion)."



Jazz For the Jails Benefit Concert for the Dane County Jail Ministry: Join Chance Allies as they *jazz it up* in support of the Dane County Jail Ministry. Saturday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45-Concert starts at 7:30, at Orchard Ridge UCC. 6:45-Concert starts at 7:30, at Orchard Ridge UCC. Tickets for the evening are available online at the ORUCC website, or after services in the Friendship Hall. Suggested donation is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. If you are willing to donate a dessert item to serve that evening, please stop by the table in Friendship Hall or contact Wendy Cooper at cooperwendy62@gmail.com

ALSO featuring Mosaic art by the women of the Backyard Women's Mosaic project. More information is available at www.madisonjailministry.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
September		
Friday 19	7:30 p.m.	Movie Group at the Church
Sunday 21	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Host Interfaith Hospitality Families
Monday 22	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Wednesday 24	7:00 p.m.	Orchard Ridge Choir
Thursday 25	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Painting the Stars DVD Session
Sunday 28	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 29	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 30	7:00 p.m.	Resource Ministry Meeting
October		
Wednesday 1	1:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at church
	7:00 p.m.	Orchard Ridge Choir
Thursday 2	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Painting the Stars DVD Session
Friday 3	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Copper Top
Saturday 4	6:45 p.m.	Jazz For the Jails Benefit Concert

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Misc. Things that are Important to Know continued

Youth Music Program cont...

The combination of those notes (do, re, mi, so, la) never fails. By having only a few notes, the children can focus their attention to small composition details and always be successful.

When developing the music program for ORUCC, we knew that we wanted to do something different. An Orff based program was a perfect fit because Carl Orff believed that one's humanity would be reawakened through multi-sensory experiences that were shared with others. To Orff, combining instrumentation, movement, speech, and song was elemental to accessing one's psyche. And by exploring open-ended provocations with others, the Schulwerk is meant to be a study that reawakens the spirit and makes one feel more connected to the world around him/her.

We hope that through this approach, our children will feel empowered and confident in expressing their spirituality. We've already seen many relationships strengthen through our music program and hope more friendships grow and develop. Most importantly, we hope to offer the children experiences that they can draw upon whenever they feel the calling from an inner rhythm or song.

Please make following changes in the church directory:

Change address for Dick & Lois Rossmiller to: 6205 Mineral Point Rd. #506, Madison 53705

Change address for Lisa Frost to: 625 E. Mifflin St. #209, Madison 53703

Change address for Aaron & Shannon Wieland to: 939 Eagle Heights, Apt C, Madison 53705

Change address for Steve Rush & Hiram Moretta to: 2429 Center Ave., Madison 53704

Change of Address OR Temporarily out of town: Please let the office know if you have moved or will be gone for a period of time and have stopped mail service or want mail sent to a different address. Mailed newsletters have been returned as "temporarily away". If you are planning a permanent move, please contact the office with your new address. 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.

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Fall Worship and Work Sunday, October 19th: All who are able are invited to help 'put the gardens to bed' as we join hands to work around the property and building after worship. Lunch will be provided. Sign ups will be available later in the month.

Please Keep Pledges Current: Last year Orchard Ridge members generously pledged over \$370,000 to keep the ministries of our church operating. This means that by the end of August we should have received approximately \$247,000 from those pledges. Unfortunately, we have only received \$212,000. This means that we are \$35,000 behind in pledge receipts. If you have gotten behind in your pledge to ORUCC, please try to make up the difference in the next weeks. Thanks. John Day-Treasurer

Ongoing Groups

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.

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

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 helenemarga@gmail.com) or Sara Roberts (273-1114 or sarie914@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

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! If you have questions, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

Sept 21 Peter Fabian, Jerry Nelson, Marilyn Arnold
Sept 28 Jerry & Beth Anderson, Joyce Binder
Oct 5 Carolyn Carlson, Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Oct 12 Jim & Bernie Treichel, Jon Blanchard
Oct 19 Jim & Bernie Treichel, Jarrett Gersten
Oct 26 Joyce Binder, Jerry & Beth Anderson
Nov 2 Jerry Nelson, Peter Fabian, Marilyn Arnold

Welcomers

Sept 21 John & Barb Olsen, Hope Soroos
Sept 28 Joyce Pohl, **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**
Oct 5 Joyce Pohl, Helen Horn, Heather Stevens
Oct 12 Bob & Carol Prugh, Jan Christian
Oct 19 John & Barb Olsen, Jack Schairer
Oct 26 Beth & Jerry Anderson, Gretchen Forbes
Nov 2 John & Barb Olsen, Glenn Schaeffer

Sound

Coffee

Sept 21 Jarrett Gersten **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**
Sept 28 Chuck Kaspar Greg & Barb Louden
Oct 5 Ken Psyck Tom & Char Klossner
Oct 12 John Gilbert Annette & Brian Porter
Oct 19 Paul Hedges Chuck Kaspar & Jane Glaze
Oct 26 Jarrett Gersten Chris Thomas & Judy Winkel
Nov 2 Chuck Kaspar Jennifer & Dana Dobbins

Financial Secretary

Sept 21 Linda **Sept 28** Peter **Oct 5** Peter
Oct 12 **NEED VOL** **Oct 19** Gene **Oct 26** Linda
Nov 2 Hope **Nov 9** Peter **Nov 16** Meg