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# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

SEPTEMBER, 2015 ISSUE 2

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

#### Sunday Morning

##### September 27

9 am Faith and Our Constitution

10 am Ken Pennings preaching  
TRU Gumption

##### October 4

9 am Care for the Earth  
New Friends Brunch

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
Orchard Ridge Choir

##### October 11

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New Member Class

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
Handbell Choir

#### Newsletters: October 7 and 21

#### 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](mailto:office@orucc.org), or drop them off at the office.

#### Church Emails

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#### Fall Programming Resumes Sundays at 9 a.m.

- \* Nursery Care each week from 8:30-11:15 a.m.
- \* Classes for Pre-K through 8th grade at 9 a.m.
- \* Adult Offerings at 9 a.m.

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#### Faith and Our Constitution — A Discussion Series

Ruth Ann Berkholtz will share her experience as volunteer in the nation-wide grassroots movement to seek a 28th amendment to the US Constitution, clarifying that the Bill of Rights was intended for persons not corporations and that money should not determine the degree of one's freedom of speech. Discussion of the article *Losing Faith In Our Democracy*, a paper presenting opinions by 10 theologians (Catholic, Jewish & Protestant) prepared by the Auburn Seminary will follow.

This is a trans-partisan issue and everyone is welcome regardless of their political persuasions or whether they have any familiarity with this issue.

10/4, 10/11

#### Mobilizing God's People to Care for the Earth

This three session offering will be led by members of our Care of Creation group. More information tba.

**Middle School and High School Programming:** We will begin our 2015-2016 programming year officially on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m. Here are some helpful pieces of information for the upcoming year:

1. We will provide 9:00 Sunday School for children and youth through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be no 9:00 offering for High School youth. Instead, we will begin a Sunday evening youth group (meeting in homes) for youth, 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We will begin with a once a month gathering and see how it goes (I'd love to have us meet twice a month.) I envision a time frame of 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. But this has not been finalized.
2. The 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in the Urban Immersion experience to Milwaukee this fall, September 25-26. This is quite a 24 hour experience hosted by Bethel-Bethany UCC in Milwaukee. We will leave on Friday, September 25 at 3:45 p.m. We will return to ORUCC on Saturday, September 26 and will continue with our time together at church until 8:00 p.m.
3. The 2016 Youth Mission Trip has been decided. We will be traveling to Birmingham, Alabama to work with an urban ministry there. Most of what we will be doing during the day is helping to paint the exteriors of houses of low-income families. This ministry has been around for 40 years and they are never short on houses that need to be painted. While we paint, we get to know the families and folks who live in the neighborhood. We also might be able to help with community gardens and also serve at shelters. Check out what they do at <http://urban-ministry.org/our-ministries/joe-rush-center/>. The dates for this trip are June 18-24, 2016. During our time in Birmingham we will visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and hopefully at some point during the week worship at 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church. This trip is open to youth who will be going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016 and older. If you have questions about any of the youth programming, contact Tammy Martens at [tmartens@orucc.org](mailto:tmartens@orucc.org).

## SUNDAYS

**September Compassion Offering is The Prison Ministry Project:** 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.

### The Prison Ministry Project

In 2006, with the support of The Wisconsin Conference and The South-west Association of United Church of Christ, First Congregational UCC of Madison began "The Prison Ministry Project." Since that time, more than 100 volunteers have made more than 1500 face-to-face visits with inmates inside the walls. These have been both one-on-one pastoral visits and a number of programs such as Interfaith Dialogue, parenting classes and the enormously well-received Restorative Justice Program, as well as communion services. This Ministry of Presence, along with speaking truth to power" in support of prison reform, is what we are called to do.

### Prayers of Joy:

**For** our middle-schoolers who will be in Milwaukee for an urban immersion on September 25-26.  
**For** Amelia, the infant daughter of Mandy & Travis Balleine, who was dedicated in worship on Sunday, Sept. 13th ..  
**For** the wedding of Austin Josephs and Jenna McLennan recently (in Washington state)  
**For** the wedding of Rachel Faynik to Jeff Cagel recently (in Minneapolis)  
**For** the long life and many years of service of Peter Hoff's aunt, Sister Ann Francis, who died last week in Colorado.  
**For** the beginning of our program year for children, teens and adults.

### Prayers of Concern:

**For** the families experiencing homelessness who are housed at our church through Interfaith Hospitality Network this week.  
**For** Roger Pohlman, who is at UW Hospital with complications from cancer treatment.  
**For** Karen Pasch, who is recovering at home following surgery to repair a partially detached retina in one eye.  
**For** Lucy Heimer's father, Roger, who is recovering from a medical procedure and now awaits more tests to determine next steps.  
**For** Jennifer Eggerling-Boeck's niece, Marijka, who had surgery Tuesday to repair/replace a shunt in her brain.  
**For** John Lemke and his sister-in-law as they make arrangements for John's mother's care in the wake of his brother, Greg's, sudden death a couple of weeks ago.  
**For** Dan Rossmiller, whose father-in-law just passed away.  
**For** Liz Feagles, after the death of her faith this past Monday .  
**For** the hundreds and thousands of refugees fleeing war torn Syria.

**Thanks** to everyone who helped with the Crossing Meal on Sept. 20. Scott Sorenson, soup; Leslie Linser, vegetarian soup; Loretta McClure, baggettes; Joyce Pohl & Ree Hale, potato salad; Ginny Kruse & Cherie Olson, dessert; and especially Bruce and Cherie Olson for transporting and setting up everything at The Crossing!

**THANK YOU:** We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to members of ORUCC for the prayers, meals, visits, cards and generous support during Robert's recent illness. Thank you. Robert and Carol Prugh

**Dinner Groups in Homes or Restaurants:** During the fall (Sept., Oct., Nov.), might you wish to dine with others 2 or 3 times? We're hoping to mix newer folks with those who have a history with the church. We'll link you together. Then it will be up to you to set dates/times/location/menu. If interested, email Ken Pennings at , or phone him at 271-7212.

**Welcome Brunch and New Member Series:** If you are brand new, or fairly new to ORUCC, you are invited to a Welcome Brunch at the church on Sunday, October 4, 8:45-9:50 a.m. Come hungry and anticipate meeting others who are new to the church. Children can eat with us, then go to their Sunday School classes at 9 am. RSVP to Ken Pennings at [ken@orucc.org](mailto:ken@orucc.org).

You may also be interested in attending the New Member Series:

Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church  
 Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church  
 Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church  
 Sunday, Nov. 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m. -- Appetizer Social in a home

RSVP to Ken Pennings at [ken@orucc.org](mailto:ken@orucc.org), or 271-7212. Please attend all sessions, if possible, giving priority to the Informational Classes where you'll learn more about Orchard Ridge and the United Church of Christ (UCC). We'll discuss our history as a local church, ministries within the congregation and the wider community, and some of the church's views on important issues of faith. In preparation for this series, you may wish to browse ORUCC's website: [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org).

### DO I WANT IT? DO I NEED IT? CAN I LIVE

**WITHOUT IT? :** True confession—for the last year, we've been "sifting and winnowing" through usable things in our house, and now we can hardly remember what we gave away. We certainly haven't missed it. Might you have stuff like that?

Bring it to church before worship on Sunday, October 18, and put it on one of the tables in Friendship Hall, where others can help themselves to it after church. We call it a **Really, Really Free Market**. No money is exchanged, and you need not bring something before church to take something after church (or v.v.) It will last from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., after which the remainder will be bagged and boxed for St. Vinnie's.

**What kinds of things can I bring? Small household items, clothing, books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, tools, toys, crafting items, sporting equipment, bags for people to carry off what they choose.** Please do NOT bring furniture or large amounts of breakable things. **Bring friends, too.** If you have made friends while working in the Southwest neighborhood, bring them along. Any other friends are welcome, too; maybe they're just curious about how this event works. Think about how much we can keep out of a landfill.

Questions? Call Jack or Jan Christian, 827-500. Sponsored by Care of Creation.

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Interested chefs must provide their own crock-pot full of chili, in one of three categories: "Vegetarian", "Traditional", or "Non-Traditional."

Please email Alyssa Haskins for more details -- [arkohler@gmail.com](mailto:arkohler@gmail.com). Application deadline is Oct 16th.

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**Borderlinks 2016:** We are in the initial steps of planning a return trip to the border of the U.S. Southwest. The dates under consideration are the week of February 14, 2016. Last year, a number of us took what felt like a deep dive into immigration issues by visits to key sites in Tucson and the border, and talks with people deeply involved in the resolution and impact of border issues. The purpose of this trip is to revisit those issues and expand our awareness and knowledge of what is happening at the border and here at home.

Cost of the trip will vary depending on the number of participants. However, we need a minimum of 10 participants. Ruthanne Landsness and Winton Boyd will host an informational session after worship on Sunday, October 18th. We'll present briefly how the trip was structured this past winter, and answer questions, etc. We expect the cost to be between \$800-900 plus airfare to Tucson, AZ.

If interested, please contact either Winton or Ruthanne Landsness (608/234-2882, [Ruthanne.landsness@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthanne.landsness@gmail.com)). Thank you.

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**Our effort to raise pledges to the Campital Campaign has begun. Brochures and pledge materials are on the table in The Crossing for how you can participate in this 3 year campaign for our UCC camps. Goal for pledges is September 30. We are hoping to secure \$110,000 in pledges. We invite you to help! To date we have raised \$73,161.**

### Misc. Things that are Important to Know

#### THE GREEN CORNER



**GET YOUR GREEN ON!** Consider these suggestions:  
**INVEST IN YOUR OWN COFFEE CUP**

If you start every morning with a steamy cup, a quick tabulation can show you that the waste is piling up. Invest in a reusable cup, which not only cuts down on waste, but keeps your beverage hot for a much longer time. Most coffee shops will happily fill your own cup, and many even offer you a dis-

count in exchange!

#### **USE ONE LESS PAPER NAPKIN**

During an average year, an American uses approximately 2,200 napkins—around six each day. If everyone in the U.S. used one less napkin a day, more than a billion pounds of napkins could be saved from landfills each year. Even better, switch to cloth napkins.

#### **TURN OFF COMPUTERS AT NIGHT**

By turning off your computer instead of leaving it in sleep mode, you can save 40 watt-hours per day. That adds up to 4 cents a day, or \$14 per year. If you don't want to wait for your computer to start up, set it to turn on automatically a few minutes before you get to work, or boot up while you're pouring your morning cup 'o joe.

**Preparing Newsletter for Mailing Opportunity:** Stop by the church at 1:00 on the first and third Wednesdays to stuff, fold and label the church newsletter. Depending on how many people show up on any given Wednesday, the whole process takes about an hour. The dates for the upcoming newsletters will be posted on the church calendar and listed on the front of the newsletter.

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## Ongoing Groups

**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.

**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 [helenemargaret@gmail.com](mailto:helenemargaret@gmail.com)) or Sara Roberts (273-1114 or [sarie914@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarie914@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**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](mailto:547_5698@msn.com).

**Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The group is discussing the Apocrypha, a biblical section usually not included in our Protestant Bible, and will study the first four chapters of First Macabees. If you have questions, please contact Gene or Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**Women's Book Group:** Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 8, from 7 – 9 p.m. at the home of Ann Avery, 5305 Whitcomb Drive. Any woman who enjoys discussing books she has read—or this one in particular—is welcome to join us. Contact Ann at 298-7587 or [rareavery@msn.com](mailto:rareavery@msn.com) to let her know you're coming.

We will discuss GET REAL by Donald Westlake. It's a "caper novel"—a fun read—about initiating a reality show. Westlake wrote a series of such novels, and this involves a recurrent character. **Copies are available through the library system. It is also available as a sound recording, an e-book, and a large print version.**

**OVER 55:** The next meeting will be on October 13th. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month September through May, gathering at 11:30 and begin our delicious catered meal at 11:45, followed by our program.

**Our chefs have planned great food for us and the cost is \$7.00 per person.**

Our speaker will be Peter Fabian. Peter received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in Marriage and Family therapy from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester N.Y. He has been teaching at Edgewood College for more than 25 years. Nineteen years ago he created and directs the Master's Degree program in Marriage and Family therapy. Sixteen years ago he created the clinic named The Family Center, now at 8025 Excelsior Drive on the West side. The Family Center currently has a staff of 47 and a client base of 800. He is the developer of a new style of therapy.

The topics he will address are:

1. The status of mental Health care in Dane County and the role of the Family Center in that.
2. The style of therapy the students are taught.
3. An introduction to the model of therapy he has developed

Questions and comments will be welcomed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
<b>September</b>		
Sunday 27	9:00 a.m.	Faith and Our Constitution
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 28	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Wednesday 30	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
<b>October</b>		
Thursday 1	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 2	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Copper Top
Sunday 4	8:45 a.m.	New Friends Brunch
	9:00 a.m.	Mobilizing God's People Care for Earth
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	7:00 p.m.	Care of Creation Meeting

**Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified**

<b>Sept 27</b>	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Joyce Binder
<b>Oct 4</b>	Carolyn Carlson, Jim & Bernie Treichel
<b>Oct 11</b>	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Jon Blanchard
<b>Oct 18</b>	Phil & Judy Winkel, Jarrett Gersten
<b>Oct 25</b>	Joyce Binder, Mat & Julie Logan
<b>Nov 1</b>	Jerry Nelson, Peter Fabian, Marilyn Arnold
<b>Nov 8</b>	Bob & Carol Prugh, Larry Goss

**Welcomers**

<b>Sept 27</b>	Hope Soroos, Ruthanne Landsness, Leah Narans
<b>Oct 4</b>	Joyce Pohl, Helen Horn, Heather Stevens
<b>Oct 11</b>	Dave & Mary Neuhaus, Jan Christian
<b>Oct 18</b>	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Barb McLeod
<b>Oct 25</b>	John & Donna Lillethun, Sharon Goss
<b>Nov 1</b>	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Glenn Schaeffer
<b>Nov 8</b>	Doug & Mary Loving, Jack Schairer

	Sound	Coffee
<b>Sept 27</b>	Matt Logan	Greg & Barb Loudon
<b>Oct 4</b>	Matt Logan	Tom & Char Klossner
<b>Oct 11</b>	Chuck Kaspar	Phil & Judy Winkel
<b>Oct 18</b>	Ken Psyck	Rich Hoard & Dan Stevens
<b>Oct 25</b>	John Gilbert	Annette & Brian Porter
<b>Nov 1</b>	Paul Hedges	Chris Thomas & Lauren Amburn
<b>Nov 8</b>	Matt Logan	Tom & Char Klossner

**Financial Secretary**

<b>Sept 27</b>	Linda	<b>Oct 4</b>	Gene	<b>Oct 11</b>	Gene
<b>Oct 18</b>	Hope	<b>Oct 25</b>	Hope	<b>Nov 1</b>	Linda
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**Break Out the Crock Pots...Calling all applicants for the first ever ORUCC Chili Cook-Off!**

October 25th is our Worship & Work event. This year, lunch will be provided by our Chili Cook-Off contestants. Parishioners are encouraged to come to service in comfortable clothing *and* with an appetite, as you will be judging the contest!

Interested chefs must provide their own crock-pot full of chili, in one of three categories: "Vegetarian", "Traditional", or "Non-Traditional."

Please email Alyssa Haskins for more details -- [arkohler@gmail.com](mailto:arkohler@gmail.com). Application deadline is Oct 16th.

**ORUCC will host a table at The Road Home's 11th Annual Homes for Families Breakfast Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015 7:30-8:30 a.m.:**

For many year now, ORUCC has hosted a table at The Road Home Annual Breakfast fundraiser event called "Homes for Families Breakfast". This year ORUCC IHN Coordinating Director, Loretta McClure will be table host for ORUCC's table at this year's event. **The breakfast is a one-hour event to benefit The Road Home families at the Alliant Energy Center. A free will offering will be taken at the breakfast.** If you would like to participate and support a very giving and helpful ministry, please contact Loretta McClure via phone (608) 512-8946 or email [ljmccclure10@gmail.com](mailto:ljmccclure10@gmail.com). Please RSVP by October 31, 2015.

**Borderlinks 2016:** We are in the initial steps of planning a return trip to the border of the U.S. Southwest. The dates under consideration are the week of February 14, 2016. Last year, a number of us took what felt like a deep dive into immigration issues by visits to key sites in Tucson and the border, and talks with people deeply involved in the resolution and impact of border issues. The purpose of this trip is to revisit those issues and expand our awareness and knowledge of what is happening at the border and here at home.

Cost of the trip will vary depending on the number of participants. However, we need a minimum of 10 participants. Ruthanne Landsness and Winton Boyd will host an informational session after worship on Sunday, October 18th. We'll present briefly how the trip was structured this past winter, and answer questions, etc. We expect the cost to be between \$800-900 plus airfare to Tucson, AZ.

If interested, please contact either Winton or Ruthanne Landsness (608/234-2882, [Ruthanne.landsness@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthanne.landsness@gmail.com)). Thank you.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Falk Elementary School needs volunteers weekdays over the lunch period (11:10-12:25). Anyone interested can contact Deon Carruthers @ 204-2180 (Falk) or better, his cell @ 209-5066.



**Our effort to raise pledges to the Campital Campaign has begun. Brochures and pledge materials are on the table in The Crossing for how you can participate in this 3 year campaign for our UCC camps. Goal for pledges is September 30. We are hoping to secure \$110,000 in pledges. We invite you to help! To date we have raised \$73,161.**

**Misc. Things that are Important to Know**



**THE GREEN CORNER**

GET YOUR GREEN ON! Consider these suggestions:

**INVEST IN YOUR OWN COFFEE CUP**

If you start every morning with a steamy cup, a quick tabulation can show you that the waste is piling up. Invest in a reusable cup, which not only cuts down on waste, but keeps your beverage hot for a much longer time. Most coffee shops will happily fill your own cup, and many even offer you a dis-

count in exchange!

**USE ONE LESS PAPER NAPKIN**

During an average year, an American uses approximately 2,200 napkins—around six each day. If everyone in the U.S. used one less napkin a day, more than a billion pounds of napkins could be saved from landfills each year. Even better, switch to cloth napkins.

**TURN OFF COMPUTERS AT NIGHT**

By turning off your computer instead of leaving it in sleep mode, you can save 40 watt-hours per day. That adds up to 4 cents a day, or \$14 per year. If you don't want to wait for your computer to start up, set it to turn on automatically a few minutes before you get to work, or boot up while you're pouring your morning cup 'o joe.

**Preparing Newsletter for Mailing Opportunity:** Stop by the church at 1:00 on the first and third Wednesdays to stuff, fold and label the church newsletter. Depending on how many people show up on any given Wednesday, the whole process takes about an hour. The dates for the upcoming newsletters will be posted on the church calendar and listed on the front of the newsletter. **October dates will be the 7th and the 21st.**

Check the calendar/newsletter for those dates. Contact Debbie at 271-7212 if you can help out.