

YOUTH NEWS

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Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

"Spiritually Alive, Joyfully Inclusive, Committed to Justice."

Sunday Morning

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Next Newsletters Published

September 21 and October 5

Articles due:

Information to be included in the newsletter is due the Monday before the above dates by 9:00 a.m. Email items to office@orucc.org, or drop them off at the office.

Church Emails

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Ken's Pennings – Crisis in our Community

It's quite apparent to me that there is a huge crisis in Dane County. Scores of people are in desperate need of affordable housing, jobs, child care, medical & dental care, and treatment for drug & alcohol addiction and mental illness.

As a landlord of four rental units in Madison, I have an apartment come available every now and then. When I advertise an apartment for rent, I receive many responses from low income people who share with me incredible stories of woe: an older couple, both on

disability, now living with friends, unable to find a rental because of a prior eviction; a single mom with two young children who is trying to escape an abusive boyfriend; a single woman working three part time jobs at minimum wage, living in her car, unable to find housing because of a prior eviction.

I'm working with a family in the neighborhood where I live who is facing eviction – a single Mom with two young children, no job, living with multiple sclerosis. She knows she must vacate the house she is living in now because of so much back-rent owed. Because she receives \$600 monthly from disability, it seems like her best option at this point is to find someone to take in her two children for a few months, and find a one-room efficiency for herself, something for less than \$500 a month.

Nearly every week, people phone or stop by the church office with stories of immense need. They ask for a donation of money, food cards or gas cards. We refer them to Southwest Resource Center. Inevitably, they answer, "I've already been to the Resource Center."

A member of our church, Barb Hummel, represents ORUCC on a team of neighborhood partners addressing these kinds of needs. This past Sunday, Barb told me about a family of a single mother and six young children who is "in need of everything" – housing, furniture, clothing, health care, etc. Barb, Tammy Martens and I brainstormed ways we might possibly notify our congregation in a timely way when such needs arise – and we thought it might make sense to create a new email list called "Community Action Opportunities." This is an experiment; if you wish to be on this list, email the church office at office@orucc.org.

In Dane County, we stand to lose valuable supports for the most vulnerable in our communities because of budget cuts. Hearings are scheduled to allow members of the County Board and the County Executive to hear from department heads about their respective budget requests, and also to allow members of the public to raise issues to the Executive and Board prior to the introduction of the County Executive's recommended budget.

On Monday, September 12, 2011, 6:00 PM, at Exhibition Hall of the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County, the Department of Human Services and Programs will be addressing:

- Badger Prairie Health Care Center
- Economic Assistance & Work Services
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Child Welfare & Delinquency Programs (including prevention, early intervention & treatment) and Children's Mental Health Services

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- Services for Seniors
- Services for Individuals with Developmental, Physical & Sensory Disabilities
- Substance Abuse Services for Children & Adults

Might some from ORUCC attend these hearings and, if given the opportunity, testify on behalf of the most vulnerable in our community?

It seems like there must be more we can do than shake our heads in dismay and frustration.

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 Compassion Offering will be for Madison's Center for Families

Center for Families came into being on January 1, the result of a merger between Family Enhancement, The Respite Center, The Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Family Centers. Their work is premised on the beliefs that every child deserves to be safe and loved and that being a parent is one of the most difficult jobs in the world.

The Center for Families is working to be the "go-to" resource for parenting information and support. They help parents be the best possible parent they can be, offering programs that enhance parenting skills, promote understanding of child development, and promote child safety. They also provide information to help parents better meet the needs of their children and use the best practices in the field of child abuse/neglect prevention and intervention. Within the wall of Centers for Families, a family can access: The Fun Zone Play & Learn, CORE, Neighborhood Parent Aide, Parent's Place, Parents and Children Together, the Respite Center, Welcome Baby, and more. Through these programs, they enhanced the lives of over 4,000 families last year alone.

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

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



Tree of Life



Prayers of Concern:

-for many in our community needing affordable housing, jobs, health care, child care, and treatment for drug & alcohol addiction and mental illness at a time when County budget cuts will inevitably reduce or eliminate services.

Prayers of Joy:

-Charlene Gallagher is home from the hospital and is adjusting well to a new medication.
-Char Klossner's surgery went well; the cancer was contained and prognosis is very good.
-Brand new coffee brewer installed in the church kitchen making our coffee taste rich, smooth and delicious.



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.

- Diane Wensel
- Mary White
- Phil & Judy Winkel

Please make the following changes in your Church directory:

Change address and email for Linda Merriman Hitchman to:
3918 Hillcrest Dr., Madison 53705 merrihitch@gmail.com
Change email for Sally Allen to : sally1033@gmail.com

Coffee Fund for Sunday Mornings and all

Other Church Events: Many of us enjoy a good cup of Fair Trade coffee after worship on Sunday mornings. Our coffee fund balance is at a minus. If you can help out by donating to the Sunday morning/Church Event coffee fund, that would be appreciated.

Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study: Our first meeting is September 20th and will discuss Genesis, Chapter 19. The theme this fall is "Bible studies they never told you in Sunday School."

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the church. We read out loud the Bible passage and then discuss it in a format that encourages individual responses and active listening. All contributions are valued, no right or wrong answers.

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

>Welcomers at the door at 9 a.m. to greet people and direct them to the Friendship Hall for beverages and/or to Sunday school classes;

> Hosts to have beverages & treats available in Friendship Hall by 8:45 a.m., greet folks, and serve beverages & treats 9 -10 a.m.;

>Hosts to have beverages available in Friendship Hall by 11 a.m., greet folks, serve beverages & treats 11 a.m. – noon, and clean up afterwards.

Might you be willing to help in this ministry of hospitality? If so, please contact Ken at 271-7212, ext. 222, or ken@orucc.org or sign up in the Crossroads on Sunday, August 21.

Movie Group: We will have our first gathering of the fall season at the home of Cherrie and Bruce Olsen, 1809 Lewon Dr. on October 14th. Watch for more information in the next Communion.

Drumming in Spirit: Join Julie Mazer for a drumming workshop on Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm. Learn basic drumming techniques, work creatively with others, and explore how rhythm inspires our movement and speech. This class is for adults 18+ and is open to the public. To register please e-mail Julie at julie.mazer@charter.net by Sunday, October 9th. Fee: \$15.00. Maximum 18 people, minimum 8.

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. Pat Hale and Dorothy Peterson will have the lesson on the Lesser Coin. The October program on interpretation of First Corinthians will be given by Lynn Chorlton. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, and if you have time after the meeting we stuff, fold and label the Communion for mailing.

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

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

Date: September 29, 2011

Start Time: 6:00 PM

End Time: 8:00 PM

Organized by: Madison Area CSA Coalition

Web site: www.macsac.org

Address: Orchard Ridge Church of Christ, 1501 Gilbert Rd

Labyrinth Training: Are you interested in helping host/facilitate walks on our new labyrinth in the Friendship Hall? We're looking to have a group of people available to help host walks that could happen throughout the year. Barb Hummel, who's been trained as a labyrinth facilitator, will hold an informal training on Wednesday, September 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm. She'll review basic information, helpful tips in explaining the labyrinth to people who've never walked one before, and answer any questions. It'd be helpful to know who is planning to come-- just drop her a quick email at bhummel@chorus.net by Sept. 12, or sign the sheet in the welcoming area of the church.

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

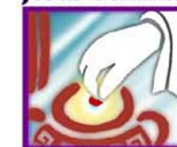
How important is an Usher and Welcomer?

Our ushers and welcomers are among the first people and most important to us on Sunday mornings. Ushers hand out bulletins, take the offering, serve communion and help clean up after worship. Ushers and welcomers provide guidance, direction and welcome to visitors and guests. Did you know that most people decide within 5 minutes of entering a church building whether or not they will come back. **Ushers and Welcomers** are key in our ministry of hospitality. Would you like to be a part of either one of these ministries? If so, we can add you to the schedule that will come out in January of 2012. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Pat Fellows oregon1@tds.net or the office at 271-7212 for more information. If you are interested in becoming a welcomer, please contact Ken Pennings, kpennings@orucc.org or 271-7212 for more information. (See additional hosting opportunities in the newsletter).

Coffee and Sound

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

Jesus Seminar



On The Road

Friday, 7:30–9:00 P.M. *From Jesus to Constantine: Disunity to Unity*

Saturday, 9:30–Noon *The Many Faces of Early Christianity*

Saturday, 1:30–2:30 P.M. *Living in the Empire*

Saturday, 3:00–4:00 P.M. *What Can We Learn?*

Presenters:

Kathleen E. Corley (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School) is the Oshkosh Northwestern Distinguished Professor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. A member of the Steering Committee of the Women and the Biblical World section of the Society of Biblical Literature, she is the author of *Women and the Historical Jesus* (2002), and *Maranatha: Women's Funerary Rituals and Christian Origins* (2010).

Bernard Brandon Scott (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University) is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK. He is the author of several books, including *The Trouble with Resurrection* (2010) and *Re-Imagine the World* (2002)

Friday-Saturday, October 21-22

First-century Jesus Movements

How did Christianity Evolve?

At First United Methodist Church, Madison Register online at www.westarinstitute.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
September		
Sunday 11	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Registration
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 12	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Knitting Group
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 13	11:45 a.m.	OVER 55
	6:00 p.m.	Veggie Village Gardening
Wednesday 14	3:00 p.m.	Southwest Farmer's Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 15	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
	5:30 p.m.	Pastoral Partners Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	IHN Coordinator Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Training
Sunday 18	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
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		Host Interfaith Hospitality Families
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	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

Sept 11	Jerry Nelson, Carol Prugh, Jack Christian
Sept 18	Lyn Laurion, Carolyn Carlson, Rosemary Stare
Sept 25	Paul Hedges, Bob & Carol Prugh
Oct 2	Laurie Irwin, Carolyn Carlson, Barb Wolter
Oct 9	Phil & Judy Winkel, NEED VOLUNTEER
Oct 16	Jim & Bernie Treichel, Bob Ansheles
Oct 23	Joyce Binder, Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Oct 30	Pat Fellows, Jerry Nelson, Steve Sheets

Welcomers

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Sept 18	John & Barb Olsen, Helen Horn
Sept 25	Helen Horn, Jack Schairer, Nancy Cox
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Oct 9	Leah Narans, NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS
Oct 16	Rosemary Stare, Linda Hitchman, Marilyn Arnold
Oct 23	Ashley & Nick Kaplewski, Bobbie Sonntag
Oct 30	Barb McLeod, Hope Soroos, Helen Horn

Sound

Coffee

Sept 11	John Gilbert	Deanna Blanchard
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Volunteers Needed for Expanded Hospitality Ministries: Here's a great way to connect with members of the church community! We would like to expand our welcome on Sunday mornings to include the following:

> Welcomers at the door at 9 a.m. to greet people and direct them to the Friendship Hall for beverages and/or to Sunday school classes;

> Hosts to have beverages & treats available in Friendship Hall by 8:45 a.m., greet folks, and serve beverages & treats 9 -10 a.m.;

> Hosts to have beverages available in Friendship Hall by 11 a.m., greet folks, serve beverages & treats 11 a.m. – noon, and clean up afterwards.

Might you be willing to help in this ministry of hospitality? If so, please contact Ken at 271-7212, ext. 222, or ken@orucc.org or sign up in the Crossroads on Sunday, August 21.

Movie Group: We will have our first gathering of the fall season at the home of Cherrie and Bruce Olsen, 1809 Lewon Dr. on October 14th. Watch for more information in the next Communion.

Drumming in Spirit: Join Julie Mazer for a drumming workshop on Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm. Learn basic drumming techniques, work creatively with others, and explore how rhythm inspires our movement and speech. This class is for adults 18+ and is open to the public. To register please e-mail Julie at julie.mazer@charter.net by Sunday, October 9th. Fee: \$15.00. Maximum 18 people, minimum 8.

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. Pat Hale and Dorothy Peterson will have the lesson on the Lesser Coin. The October program on interpretation of First Corinthians will be given by Lynn Chorlton. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, and if you have time after the meeting we stuff, fold and label the Communion for mailing.

If you have questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.