



OCTOBER, 2008 ISSUE 1

# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

## Sunday Morning

### **October 5**

**9 am** Education

**10 am** Worship,

“Voices of the Prophets”

Winton Boyd preaching

TRU Function

### **October 12**

**9 am** Education

**10 am** Worship, “The

Incarnation of Christ”

Ree Hale preaching

Handbells

### **October 19**

**9 am** Education

**10 am** Worship, Winton

Boyd preaching

SAFE led service

Senior Choir

## Newsletters

### **October 15, November 5**

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

## Church Emails

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## Stewardship 2009

It is ironic that we begin our stewardship drive here at ORUCC in the midst of national and international turmoil regarding our nation’s economy. It seems providential that the theme for our annual pledge drive, chosen long before the present crises came to light, comes from the book of Proverbs (*The Message*): *The world of the generous gets larger and larger, the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed, those who help others are helped.*

If there were ever pressure for the “world of the generous” to get smaller, this is the time. At yet, this continues to be an important time for the powerful ministry of Orchard Ridge UCC. Now, more than ever, we need a community of faith that helps us keep perspective. If our finances are tight, as many of ours are, so also are the finances of the poor and those who serve the poor. If we are feeling more afraid, now is the time for the church to proclaim and embody hope. Now is indeed the time to plan and dream about the Next Generation of our witness in the world.

Over the next several weeks, you will see articles in the newsletter, receive a letter and pledge card in the mail from our moderators, and listen to mission moments in worship. These are intended to help you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2009 for the church. The funding for our budget of over \$342,000 comes primarily from our contributions. We expect to be prudent with any budget increases, but know that our costs will indeed be higher. We have a little rental income, but otherwise it is all up to us. We hope you can give with a spirit of gratitude for what God is doing in your life and for the value of this congregation. May this time of uncertainty and potential crisis not cause us to lose our historic and faithful spirit of generosity. Stewardship Sunday is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

With hope,

Winton Boyd

## Drum Dedication

This past summer, a generous gift from Ralph Peterson and Helen Horn made the purchase of 18 hand made drums from Ghana possible. While we have used them several times already, we will formally dedicate them in worship this Sunday.

## Drumming Circle following worship – in the sanctuary

Nani Agbeli will lead a drumming workshop/circle for all levels of drummers. If you have been wanting to give it a try – this is the time!

**Tree of Life****Please pray:**

- For Pam Kleiss and her family after the death of her grandmother, Mercedes Buenzow, recently.
- For James, grandfather of Leah Narans, struggling with bone cancer.
- For Barbara Shapiro, recovering from surgery.

**We offer prayers of gratitude:**

- For Canon Raymond James, newborn son of Katie and Griffin James, born Sunday, September 8. Canon has a couple of complications that will require him to stay in the hospital longer than anticipated, but all looks well in the long term. Meg and John Stevens are proud grandparents.
- For the renaming of the Muir Elementary School Library after Len Rush. A ceremony of dedication was held on Tuesday, September 23rd.
- For a cancer free scan for Maureen Cassidy, after months of chemo following the removal of a tumor in her chest.

**We give thanks:**

- For the volunteers who worked on landscaping this past Sunday after worship.
- For Deb Josephs, who designed our Stewardship materials again this year.
- For members of the Ministry of Resources who do many and varied things around the building.
- For our many knitters making prayer shawls.

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

**SUNDAY 9 A.M.**  
**Java and Jesus in Room 13**

Java and Jesus is an ongoing discussion group based on readings and videos sent out each week by Rev. Winton Boyd. The emphasis is on exploring our own reactions and beliefs in response to the materials. If you are interested in being on the email list for materials sent each week, please email winton@orucc.org. It can also be sent through the mail.

We are discussing the book, *Why Christian: For those on the Edge of Faith* by Douglas John Hall. Hall is professor emeritus from McGill University, Montreal.

In his preface he writes, “It’s...doubting faith—or faithful doubt — that I want to dialogue with here. I think I understand it. It’s where I live too, most of the time.”

**Heart and Soul in Room 12****Sept. 21-Oct. 19 — THIS BRAVE NATION**

“This Brave Nation” is a five-part series of video conversations. Each week features two activist leaders; one younger and one older.

Oct. 5—Ella Baker Center director Van Jones and Sierra Club founder Carl Pope (facilitated by Dave Allen)

Oct. 12—Politician Tom Hayden & Author Naomi Klein (facilitated by Lori Miller)

Oct. 19—ACLU Exec. Dir. Anthony Romero & young activist Ava Lowery (facilitated by Ginny Kruse)

**Oct. 26-Nov. 16—CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE**

Pam Oliver, Sociology professor at the UW and member of ORUCC, has been asked to continue her very helpful discussions on “Race: a Continuing Conversation”.

**Worship with Children as a Gift from God—Tammy Martens**

When we worship God, our service has the potential to include the participation of all God’s people in ways that few other actions or activities can. We live in a society where so many divisions are made based upon age, status, race, and/or gender. But think about when we share in the Lord’s Supper. We see a sort of holy parade that includes people from all walks of life. As we participate and observe, we see the power of the table of Christ to break down the dividing walls we humans often create between ourselves and those we think are different.

One of the dividing walls we sometimes erect in church and in worship is the dividing wall of age. We tend to believe that worship is something only meant for and understood by adults and that children and youth need separate activities to keep them engaged. As we invite children and youth to remain and participate in the full worship hour, it beckons us to consider what a worship service would look like for all ages. Of course we already provide some pieces in worship that speak to all ages, including the joys and concerns and the children’s moment. Yet there is more we can consider and discover.

It is helpful in this exploration to remember the why. Why is it important for Orchard Ridge to invite children and youth to participate in worship? What is the value for trying to be more inclusive to children and youth in worship?

One very obvious answer is this: Children have an innate connection with God, a natural openness to mystery, and an amazing capacity for awe (McGregor, 2006). With this understanding, children have the power to evoke the religious imaginations of their parents and other adults. Children’s presence and participation in worship has the power to touch adults deeply. When we adults listen to children and their religious questions and experiences, we suspend our grown-up rationality and understandings of the world and God, and listen with our hearts as well as our heads. We can find our hearts more open to receive from God when children are with us in worship.

With youth we also see an amazing capacity to be creative, to be open and try new things without reserve. When I was with the youth on the mission trip to Mississippi, I marveled at how, on a number of situations, they could turn around a not so good situation and make into something fun and exciting. Their enthusiasm and energy was contagious.

It is our hope to consider and explore new ways for children and youth to feel welcome as full participants in worship. We invite your ideas to the table and welcome your conversations as well. We believe in the power of Jesus’ statement “when two or three are gathered in my name, I am there also” and invite all to enter into the great and wonderful mystery of what it means to worship God together.

## WILL YOU DO BREAKFAST, WITH GRACE

The Ministry of Christian Witness and Service (CWS) has made a commitment to a downtown homeless shelter to provide six breakfasts per year for their guests. Would you be willing to help on an occasional basis?

This project involves gathering and/or delivering breakfast items to the Porchlight Homeless Men's Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church, just off the Square. This is the same site where many members of ORUCC faithfully prepared and delivered dinners once or twice per month for over 20 years.

Usually, breakfasts can be simple and similar to most of ours at home--juice, cereal, toast, and perhaps a baked treat. These breakfast fixings should go to Grace Church the night before they will be eaten (a Tuesday evening). Also, be aware that you can recoup what you spent for food (within guidelines) from our own church's CWS local mission budget. Word has it that people from other participating churches have occasionally prepared a hot breakfast for the men. Although this is an option, it is not an expectation.

To become a volunteer for this project—for assembling the food and/or delivering it to Grace Church--contact Judy Winkel at 271-0481 or [jpwinkel@charter.net](mailto:jpwinkel@charter.net). If you had previously or just recently indicated on a Time & Talent Survey that you are willing to prepare food for needy outside groups, or to deliver it to their site, we may also ask for your help. Printed instructions will be sent prior to the date on which you have agreed to help.

### “Standing with Courage: A Forum with Educational Leaders”

**Sixth Annual Fundraiser for Madison/Dane County Courage to Teach, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-5 P.M., Promega's Biopharmaceutical Technology Center, 5445 East Cheryl Parkway, Madison 53711**

This year's program will address the challenges that educators face in dealing with academic disparities at the same time that budgets are tightening and expectations are increasing. How do they find the inspiration and resourcefulness they need?

Five influential and respected educational leaders will read a poem that speaks to an aspect of these challenges and will add their perspectives. Featured speakers include:

**Parker J. Palmer**—author of The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life and Senior Advisor to the Center for Courage and Renewal

**Elizabeth Burmaster**—State Superintendent, WI Department of Public Instruction

**Gloria Ladison-Billings**—Kellner Family Professor in Urban Education in the Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction, UW-Madison

**Dan Nerad**—Superintendent, Madison Metropolitan School District

**Rebecca Zambrano**—Instructor in Edgewood's ESL Bilingual Licensing Program and former Courage to Teach participant

Over the past six years, 93 local educators (**including several from ORUCC!**) have experienced professional renewal through Madison/Dane County Courage to Teach, a retreat series co-facilitated by Barb Hummel and Bonnie Trudell. This series of five week-end retreats over the course of a full year offers time and space for educators to reflect deeply on their work and life. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the 24 educators enrolled in the 2008-09 series.

Cost is \$30 per person, and is fully tax-deductible as a contribution. Pre-registration is encouraged by e-mailing [bhummel@chorus.net](mailto:bhummel@chorus.net). For further information about the fundraiser or the local Courage to Teach series, contact Barb or Bonnie ([bktrudell@juno.com](mailto:bktrudell@juno.com)).

### Opening Reception for the exhibition, "NAZI PERSECUTION OF HOMOSEXUALS: 1933-1945" from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Saturday, October 18, 5:00 p.m., UW Pyle Center (702 Langdon St.)

Speakers:

- Neal Guthrie, historian from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will introduce the exhibition.
- U. S. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
- State Representative Mark Pocan
- Proud Theater, a Madison-based youth theater group that focuses on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues, will also perform original work.

SHALL NOT BE RECOGNIZED Exhibition Coming to Madison in October

First Congregational Church will sponsor this significant photo exhibition. The photography was inspired by the recent battle surrounding legal recognition of same-sex marriages and civil unions.

"Shall Not be Recognized" will be presented at two locations:

First Congregational Church, October 5-12, 1609 University Ave. (call

608-233-9751 to find out about hours for viewing) UW-Madison Memorial Union, October 16-29 Open House: First Congregational Church, Sunday, October 12, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
October		
Sunday 5	9:00 a.m.	New Member Class
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 6	1:30 p.m.	Knit/Crochet Group
	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 7	6:00 p.m.	Supper/Programs to follow
	6:30 p.m.	OWL
	6:30 p.m.	Yth group (3-12th grade)
	7:00 p.m.	Knit/Crochet Group
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 12	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:00 p.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	TRU Function Rehearsal
Tuesday 14	11:45 a.m.	OVER 55
Wednesday 15	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal



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**COMMUNION**

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| <b>Oct 5</b>  | Joyce Binder ©, Jon Blanchard, LuAnn Greiner |
| <b>Oct 12</b> | John Pray, Rick Daluge, Kathy Paulson        |
| <b>Oct 19</b> | Pat Fellows, Laurie Irwin, Barb Wolter       |
| <b>Oct 26</b> | Phil & Judy Winkel, Vern Reed                |
| <b>Nov 2</b>  | Bob Ansheles ©, Marilyn Arnold, Lyn Laurion  |
| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Pat Hale, John Pray, Laurie Irwin            |

**Welcomers**

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| <b>Oct 5</b>  | John Lemke, Joyce Pohl, Lorraine Dellmann      |
| <b>Oct 12</b> | Lynn Laurion, Pam Oliver, Rachael Lancor       |
| <b>Oct 19</b> | Rosemary Stare, Ruth Ley, Ruthanne Landsness   |
| <b>Oct 26</b> | Tory Vollrath, Bobbi Sonntag, Steve Schumacher |
| <b>Nov 2</b>  | Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Jan Christian          |
| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Cheryl Diermyer, Ellen Fluck, Jean Rush        |

**Sound**

**Coffee**

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Oct 5</b>  | Ken Psyck    | Linda Hitchman |
| <b>Oct 12</b> | J. McLellan  | Doug Hendrix   |
| <b>Oct 19</b> | Helen Horn   | Jane Glaze     |
| <b>Oct 26</b> | Mike Walsh   | Leah Narans    |
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| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Paul Hedges  | Bob Ansheles   |

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN AND AFFIRMING OF ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE,  
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**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Supper offered from 6:00-6:45 p.m. We will be doing some drumming again with Nani and an after supper game.

**Another Tuesday Option for Adults**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Way of Prayer: This is a small group experience in spiritual formation for adults. The group is 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 information – meaning we will learn and practice together. 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 at [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org). Childcare is available.

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
**7:30-9:30 p.m.**

The Tuesday evening Bible Study Group will begin its season on **October 7** in room 12. We meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. We will be studying the first six chapters of Hebrews.

We start each session by reading aloud the assigned chapters. We welcome and encourage new members. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from early Fall through May. If you have questions call Sandra Dyar (27102409) or Judy Winkel (271-0481).

**OTHER EVENTS**

**SEASONAL HALF-DAY RETREAT—SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 25**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ORUCC and Madison Mennonite have been offering a series of 4 half-day spiritual seasonal retreats over the past year. Each retreat has been held during a different season of the year (beginning with winter, then spring, summer and fall).

We root our work in a small book, *Seasons*, by Parker Palmer. Using this book, as well as Scripture, poetry, journaling, solitude time and discussion we will reflect on the work of the Spirit in our lives and the ongoing questions and dynamics of our faith. This final retreat in the series will be co-led by Winton Boyd and

Tammy Boyd (ORUCC) and Tonya Wenger (MMC). To register, please send a check to the church for \$15.00. If you have questions, please contact Winton at [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org) or 271-7212. Childcare is available.

**POST ELECTION PRAYER AND WORSHIP—  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:15 P.M.**  
**(Note new time)**

Regardless of our political persuasion—an election is a powerful time of decisions and acting on our faith. We will gather in song and prayer the night following the election to pray for our country, our world, and ourselves.

**FAIR TRADE SALE—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

For over 20 years we have hosted this annual sale benefiting artisans from around the world. It takes a good deal of volunteer effort to pull off. Contact Jan Christian, chair of Christian Witness and Service, if you are interested in helping.

The sale is an all morning event.

**ORUCC's Second Annual Fall Harvest Brunch**  
**Sunday, October 26, 2008**

Join us for the second annual Fall Harvest Brunch. Members and friends are invited to a mouth-watering celebration of Wisconsin's bountiful harvest. This will be a sampling of the best of Wisconsin produce, dairy and meats, including ham, eggs, sausage, french toast, roasted root vegetables, sweet potato casserole, salads, pies and other tasty desserts, all made with locally grown ingredients. Special guests will be Dave and Barb Perkins, who own the Vermont Valley Community Farm.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults and teens - children 12 and under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available in the lounge after worship on October 12th and October 19th. If you would like to contribute a dish made with local produce, please contact LuAnn Greiner at [lgreiner@uwhealth.org](mailto:lgreiner@uwhealth.org). **Over 100 people attended the brunch last year so get your tickets early as we sold out last year!** All proceeds will be donated to Partner Shares Program, run by the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition.

**One-a-Week Club News**

Thanks to the following recent donors: Brian Lancor, Mary Schauf, Meg Stevens, Bill Rewey. As of September 25, our total donations stood at 51! One more to go to meet our goal. Then let's surpass last year's total.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Change Steve & Jill Sonntag email address to:  
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**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Supper offered from 6:00-6:45 p.m. We will be doing some drumming again with Nani and an after supper game.

**Another Tuesday Option for Adults**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Way of Prayer: This is a small group experience in spiritual formation for adults. The group is 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 information – meaning we will learn and practice together. 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 at [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org). Childcare is available.

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
**7:30-9:30 p.m.**

The Tuesday evening Bible Study Group will begin its season on **October 7** in room 12. We meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. We will be studying the first six chapters of Hebrews.

We start each session by reading aloud the assigned chapters. We welcome and encourage new members. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from early Fall through May. If you have questions call Sandra Dyar (27102409) or Judy Winkel (271-0481).

**OTHER EVENTS**

**SEASONAL HALF-DAY RETREAT—SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 25**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ORUCC and Madison Mennonite have been offering a series of 4 half-day spiritual seasonal retreats over the past year. Each retreat has been held during a different season of the year (beginning with winter, then spring, summer and fall). We root our work in a small book, *Seasons*, by Parker Palmer. Using this book, as well as Scripture, poetry, journaling, solitude time and discussion we will reflect on the work of the Spirit in our lives and the ongoing questions and dynamics of our faith. This final retreat in the series will be co-led by Winton Boyd and

Tammy Boyd (ORUCC) and Tonya Wenger (MMC). To register, please send a check to the church for \$15.00. If you have questions, please contact Winton at [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org) or 271-7212. Childcare is available.

**POST ELECTION PRAYER AND WORSHIP—  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:15 P.M.**  
**(Note new time)**

Regardless of our political persuasion—an election is a powerful time of decisions and acting on our faith. We will gather in song and prayer the night following the election to pray for our country, our world, and ourselves.

**FAIR TRADE SALE—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

For over 20 years we have hosted this annual sale benefiting artisans from around the world. It takes a good deal of volunteer effort to pull off. Contact Jan Christian, chair of Christian Witness and Service, if you are interested in helping.

The sale is an all morning event.

**ORUCC's Second Annual Fall Harvest Brunch**  
**Sunday, October 26, 2008**

Join us for the second annual Fall Harvest Brunch. Members and friends are invited to a mouth-watering celebration of Wisconsin's bountiful harvest. This will be a sampling of the best of Wisconsin produce, dairy and meats, including ham, eggs, sausage, french toast, roasted root vegetables, sweet potato casserole, salads, pies and other tasty desserts, all made with locally grown ingredients. Special guests will be Dave and Barb Perkins, who own the Vermont Valley Community Farm.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults and teens - children 12 and under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available in the lounge after worship on October 12th and October 19th. If you would like to contribute a dish made with local produce, please contact LuAnn Griener at [Igreiner@uwhealth.org](mailto:Igreiner@uwhealth.org). Guest speakers - Dave and Barb Perkins of Vermont Valley Farms ease **Over 100 people attended the brunch last year so get your tickets early as we sold out last year!** All proceeds will be donated to Partner Shares Program, run by the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition.

**One-a-Week Club News**

Thanks to the following recent donors: Brian Lancor, Mary Schauf, Meg Stevens, Bill Rewey. As of September 25, our total donations stood at 51! One more to go to meet our goal. Then let's surpass last year's total.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Change Steve & Jill Sonntag email address to:  
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