

# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

# COMMUNION



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

## Sunday Morning

### October 9

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Tammy Martens

Preaching

Handbell Choir

### October 16

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd

Preaching

ORUCC Choir



## **A Night of Jazz, Chance Allies Benefit Concert October 8 - 7:00 p.m.**

ORUCC will host Chance Allies in a benefit concert to support The Road Home on Saturday, October 8th. Chance Allies performs music straight out of the Great American Songbook and includes works made famous by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and Louis Armstrong. UCC Pastor Tisha Brown and Doctor David Allen (our very own ORUCC member) spread cheer and bridge generations with these musical gems you are sure to enjoy.

A free will offering will be taken for The Road Home, a light snack will be provided during intermission. The Road Home is the organization that brings Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) the temporary shelter for homeless families to ORUCC four times a year. The Road Home Dane County provides opportunities for homeless children and their families to achieve self-determined goals and affordable, stable housing. Join us for a song-fest with Tisha and David taking us down memory lane.

### **Newsletter:**

**October 18**

Articles due the  
Monday before

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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Winton Boyd

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## **REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET—OCTOBER 16**

Here's a great chance to clear out some of the things you no longer need but that are still useful. Participate in Care of Creation's Really, Really Free Market on Sunday, October 16. You might even find things there that you can use. You don't need to bring something to take something.

**What you do before church:** Bring those gently used goods to Friendship Hall before church on October 16 and put them on the appropriate labeled tables. **Do bring** household goods, fall and winter clothing, tools, toys, books and other media, craft and hobby supplies, sports equipment. **Please do NOT bring** furniture, baby equipment, or items not in good working order.

**What you do after church:** Help yourself to whatever items you can use and take them home with you. No money will be exchanged.

**What Care of Creation does:** We provide the set-up for this land-fill saving event and arrange for donating to a good cause whatever remains.

Questions? Contact Jack or Jan Christian at 827-0500 or [jlchrist@wisc.edu](mailto:jlchrist@wisc.edu)

## **Worship and Work—October 23**

Our biannual work and worship. Again we will be doing some outdoor fall cleaning and general spiffing up. Come to worship in comfortable work clothes. There will be delicious soups and bread available for all the workers.

If interested in contributing a soup for the event contact Loretta McClure, 512-8946, [LJmclure10@gmail.com](mailto:LJmclure10@gmail.com)

## **Compassion offering for October is Emergency Fund-ing to Help Families Facing Housing Crises in our Area**

Low income families in Madison are facing a crisis in finding and keeping affordable, stable housing. In Meadowood and nearby neighborhoods, apartment owners have been increasing evictions and non-renewing leases of people who have been paying rent and living in those buildings for many years. Often this is done as part of new standards requiring people to demonstrate income levels and credit histories above and beyond what is possible for them.

Dane County Joining Forces for Families (JFF) has done yeoman-like work to assist many individuals and families to find new apartments. Often this requires a little financial assistance with the one-time costs of a new move, such as application fees, security deposits, moving expenses and payment of balances on utility bills. JFF also helps families with information about possible rental situations that will work for them, and advocates with landlords for families whom they know to improve the chance of people being accepted into housing. JFF provides other help too, such as helping families to maintain section 8 housing assistance vouchers if they can. The October compassion offering will replenish the fund available to JFF social worker Mike Bruce to assist with these

direct payments on behalf of individuals and families that are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. This fund, called SNAP, is administered through our neighbor Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and used exclusively by Mike Bruce for direct help to needy families in our area.

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.

### **Labyrinth Walks**

There will be opportunities to walk our labyrinth by candlelight this season. Come and walk this sacred path of prayer, reflection, and meditation.

- On the Eve of Fall October 19, 5:30-7:30 pm, Peace in the Midst of Chaos
- November 9, 5:00-7:00 pm, The Aftermath (the day after our national elections)
- The Longest Night, date tbd

### **Progressive Christianity Discussion Group**

We will meet the third Wednesday of the month at the church beginning Wednesday, October 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 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](mailto:ken@orucc.org).

### **“Evicted” in Madison – expert panel discussion November 3**

In conjunction with the UW's Go Big Read Program,

Capitol Lakes Retirement Community is hosting events related to the book *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. On November 3, an expert local panel will summarize key findings from Desmond's book and add information concerning poverty, housing and evictions in Dane County and Madison.

**Date:** Thursday November 3, 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: Grand Hall Capitol Lakes Retirement Community 333 W. Main St., Madison Free Parking Available in Ramp Across from Entrance

**Panel Participants:** Linda Ketcham - Executive Director, Madison-area Urban Ministry; David Long - Associate Director, Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Steve Steinhoff - Deputy Director, Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission; Ian Aley - Researcher and Graduate Student, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The event is free, but will require a ticket. Go to:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-on-poverty-housing-and-evictions-in-dane-county-and-madison-tickets-28299733264>

### **College Student Care packages**

If you are interested in having a care package sent to your college student before final exams, please send their name and mailing address to Ken Pennings at [ken@orucc.org](mailto:ken@orucc.org) by November 23. Packages include snacks and an ornament.

There is a budget for care packages, but small donations designated for care packages are welcome.

## **2017 Youth Mission Trip**



2017 Youth Mission Trip (June 17-24) will be to Santa Fe, New Mexico! We will be working with a number of organizations, three of which we assisted in 2013. We will be helping to clean up arroyos (dry creeks), removing dead brush in forest areas, and learning about water in the desert through the non-profit The Santa Fe Watershed Association. Another organization we will be serving is Cornerstones Community Partnerships. We will help to restore historical sites using only traditional building methods. The third site is St. Elizabeth's Shelter which is a non-profit that works with low-income families and homelessness. In addition to these three sites, we will be volunteering at Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary which provides elder-care and hospice for dogs, horses and poultry.

We will also be doing the tourist thing and visiting lots of cultural and physical sites including Taos Pueblo, El Santuario de Chimayo, Bandelier National Monument and Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks.

Parents of youth are invited to make the deposit for the trip by paying that on line [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org) Deposit of \$150 is due October 16.

## **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.



## Save the Date: "Wayfinding for Seniors" Oct. 29, 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.

A is for apples. Alas, it's also for Alzheimers — a condition that affects many people, and terrifies even more, as we age.

Participants in our first Wayfinding program expressed significant interest in this topic. So our next program, to be held Saturday Oct 29, will explore aspects of dementia. Here's what we're offering:

1. An expert on Alzheimers will provide information on prevention and on tests for early detection.

2. We'll explore The Dementia Provision, an important document we may want to add to our Advance

Directives. It addresses situations in which people are neither unconscious nor dying but rather, suffering from irreversible cognitive decline. (Thanks to retired physician Paul McLeod for sharing this resource from Compassion &

Choices: Care and Choice at the End of Life. .)

3. Finally we'll dialog about dementia's emotional and spiritual correlates. For example: *How much do I worry about my forgetfulness? How does it feel to imagine myself no longer being "me"? Do I really want to know if I'm headed toward dementia? What actions could I/would I take if I tested positive? If I have a soul, where does it go when I have mentally and emotionally disappeared? What is the cost of walking with loved ones through this disease?*

Granted, this is not the cheeriest of topics; but it's one that's clearly on many of our minds. So come to learn. Come to give voice to your concerns. Come to share thoughts, feelings, and experiences, if you wish. Above all, come to know that at ORUCC you need not walk through the shadowy valleys alone.

We'll begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. We'll end toward noon. **To help us plan, please pre-register by adding your name to the sign-up sheet available on the**

**table in The Crossroads or email the church office at [office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org).** For information contact me, Ken Pennings, or Carolyn Carlson. — Blessings, Sharon Goss ([sharongoss09@aol.com](mailto:sharongoss09@aol.com))



## Vote! It's Eezy- Peezy!

Volunteers from the Voter ID Coalition want to make sure that no one arrives at the polls on November 8<sup>th</sup> unable to vote because they lack the appropriate Voter Photo ID, their registration has lapsed, or they are an unregistered NEW voter. Volunteers from the League of Women Voters, the local NAACP, many grassroots community groups are joining in this effort. YOU can help too.

You need to register again *IF*: you have you changed your address/name *OR* have not vote in the past 2 presidential elections. To learn if you are registered—go to [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).

To register or renew your registration, you will need to provide proof of residence (a

document from a government agency, utility bill, bank statement or a valid driver's license -with your current address). City of Madison residents can go to any Madison public library where staff can register you and LINKCAT can be proof of residence!)

You need a photo ID to vote, which can be: a WI driver's license (not expired before Nov 2014), a WI photo ID, military ID or US passport. If you have questions about your ID or need help getting one, call the Voter ID hotline at 608-729-7720.

Finally: There will be expanded hours and sites for EARLY VOTING IN THE CITY OF MADISON and some other Dane County municipalities. In the City of Madison, you will be able to vote prior to Election Day at all 9 Madison libraries, starting **Sept 26 – Nov 3**. For specific dates and times, go to the city of Madison Clerk's website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/election/>.

For more information, please contact Ruth Ann Berkholtz 334-8761.

## Thinking about becoming a volunteer? Here are some opportunities at ORUCC (new schedules effective January 1, 2017):

**How important is an Usher and Welcomer?** 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. Ush-

ers 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 2014. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Debbie at

[office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org) or 271-7212 for more information. If you are interested in becoming a welcomer, please contact Ken Pennings, [kpennings@orucc.org](mailto:kpennings@orucc.org) or 271-7212 for more information.

**Coffee and Sound** If you are interested in volunteering to be added to the coffee and/or sound system rotation, please contact Debbie at [office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org) or 271-7212 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



**Prayers of Concern:**

**For** Jim Treichel who has further tests this week to see if anything more can be done to correct the problem with his inner ear.

**For** Marilyn Arnold who is in a lot of pain following a lung biopsy to determine the nature of her lung disease.

**Prayers of Joy:**

**For** Brock Schultz, our lay preacher, who led us in some mindfulness meditation last Sunday morning.

**For** all the volunteers who made possible last week's ministry to families living with homelessness (Interfaith Hospitality Network).

**For** one of the IHN families who has found permanent housing.

**For** the 18 middle school youth and 4 adult leaders who attended a retreat last weekend at Pilgrim Center for Our Whole Lives (OWL).

**For** Sandra Dyar's recovery from a ruptured appendix.

**For** Todd Swanson's recover from hernia surgery.

**For** Winton Boyd's return from a 3 month sabbatical.



Thanks from Jan and Jack Christian for the wonderful support from church friends. Jan is recovering at home from hip surgery.

Gene and Sandra Dyar thank everyone for their prayers, visits, and gifts during Sanra's illness.

The Dyar's truly believe that all of this help represented the hands of God.

**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.

- Jennifer Alderman
- Dave & Sally Allen
- Lauren & Bryce Amburn and Family

**ON-GOING GROUPS****OVER 55 October 11: The cost is \$7.00 per person.**

If you haven't joined us before, please come, you will be glad you did. We start with a great meal prepared by our chefs and followed by our program. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month September through May starting at 11:45 a.m. and ending around 1:30 p.m.

Mitch Brey from RePower Madison will be our speaker. RePower Madison is a campaign to make Madison a national leader in clean energy with fair & affordable bills. Learn about RPM's plans for the fall and how you can take action. You'll hear an update on our effort to push MGE to be a utility of the future as well as the City of Madison's latest actions. We'll also look at Alliant Energy's proposal to increase monthly mandatory fees that will reduce customers' control over their bills and harm energy efficiency incentives and MGE's current rate hike proposal.

The utility industry is changing rapidly, so we'll ask you to join us and speak up for your interests. Come and bring your questions!

**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! Questions, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409. **NOTE:** As you plan your knitting and crocheting projects that include prayer shawls, please plan most of your shawls to be rectangles. Think in terms of 16 to 20 inches wide and 60 to 72 inches long. These are the most used shawls and would be most helpful.

**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.

**Weekly Meditation Group:**

We meet at the church on Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 am, for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys. Contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or 547\_5698@msn.com or Helene Nelson 259-2546 or helenemargaret@gmail.com for more information.

**Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study:**

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. We

will be discussing Fourth Maccabees in the Apocrypha. All are welcome to come and add their insights to the discussion! If you have questions, please contact Gene or Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**ORUCC Women's Book Group:**

On Thursday evening, October 13, the non-fiction book we'll discuss is MY STROKE OF INSIGHT by Jill Bolte Taylor. There are many copies in the public library system, plus a recording and an e-book. The author is a brain scientist who had a stroke and decided to share her experience, including her steps to recovery. All ORUCC women who enjoy reading and discussing books with others are welcome to participate in our book group. If you're interested in being on the Book Group mailing list, please send an email message to Jan Christian at [jlchrist@wisc.edu](mailto:jlchrist@wisc.edu). We'll meet at the home of Hedy Lukas, 9019 Royal Oaks Circle, Verona. A new area, so you may need to ask Hedy for directions, when you contact her to tell her you are coming. [hedyLukas@gmail.com](mailto:hedyLukas@gmail.com) or 920-915-6716.

**Women's Breakfast:**

We meet at the Pancake Café at 728 S. Gammon Rd. (near Watts Rd) at 8:30 on the first Friday of the month. This is an informal gathering to chat on many subjects and interests. Many men have also been joining in at their "guys" table and are welcome as well.

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN  
AND AFFIRMING OF  
ALL PEOPLE  
REGARDLESS OF AGE,  
RACE, CULTURE,  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
GENDER EXPRESSION  
OR IDENTITY, AND  
ECONOMIC STATUS.  
OUR CHURCH IS A SAFE  
SANCTUARY FOR ALL  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

**WE'RE ON THE  
WEB!**

**Please make the  
following changes  
in the church  
Directory**

Change address for Robin &  
Andy Hoenisch to: 807  
Sundance Dr., Verona  
53593.

**Compassion  
Offerings**

January: The Crossing  
\$1398.99  
February: Madison Urban  
ministry MUM  
\$1785.69  
March: One Great Hour of  
Sharing  
\$2714.80  
April: Haiti Medical Mission  
of WI  
\$3056.57  
May: Aldo Leopold after  
School Programs

\$2093.36  
June: Habitat \$1615.50  
July: Road Home (IHN)  
\$3023.00  
August: Domestic Abuse  
Intervention Ctr (DAIS)  
\$918.69 AND Safe Harbor  
\$918.69  
September: Falk Family  
Resouce Center and  
Food Pantry  
\$1529.34

**If you wish to  
stay in touch  
with John  
Gilbert...**

John L. Gilbert  
Inmate #: 497760  
c/o Dane County Jail  
115 West Doty Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
Mail Guidelines: Any mail,

letters, or correspondence  
must be sent to the inmate  
via the U.S. Mail. The jail  
does not allow any mail to  
be dropped off for an in-  
mate. No boxes are allowed.  
No packages larger than 10"  
x 13" are allowed. No hard-  
covered books allowed.  
Inmates may have only the  
following items mailed:  
Soft Covered Books (2 maxi-  
mum)  
Magazines (2 maximum)  
Photographs (Non-polaroid  
only and cannot contain  
nudity or gang signs)  
Legal paperwork  
Cards/letters (no musical  
cards)

**VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS**

**Ushers**

**Oct 9** Jon Blanchard,  
Dick & Lois Rossmiller  
**Oct 16** Jim Treichel,  
Jarrett Gersten, Peter  
Fabian

**Oct 23** Joyce Binder, Peter  
Fabian, **NEED 1 VOLUNTEER**

**Oct 30** Jon Blanchard,  
Phil & Judy Winkel

**Nov 6** Jerry Nelson, Peter  
Fabian, Marilyn Arnold

**Welcomers**

**Oct 9** Jan Christian,  
**NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

**Oct 16** Jack Schairer,  
Dick & Lois Rossmiller

**Oct 23** Charlene Gallagher,  
Doug & Mary Loving

**Oct 30** Hope Soroos,  
Doug & Mary Loving

**Nov 6** Glenn Schaeffer,  
**NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

**Sound**

**Oct 9** Chuck Kaspar  
**Oct 16** Ken Psyck  
**Oct 23** Jarrett Gersten  
**Nov 6** Ken Psyck

**Coffee**

**Oct 9** Phil & Judy  
Winkel  
**Oct 16** Rich Hoard,  
Dan Stevens  
**Oct 23** Annette & Brian  
Porter  
**Nov 6** Tom & Char  
Klossner

**Financial Secretary**

**Oct 9** Hope Soroos  
**Oct 16** Jane Ilgen  
**Oct 23** Peter Hoff  
**Nov 6** Hope Soroos

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October**

Wednesday 5	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 6	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 7	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Pancake Café
Saturday 8	7:00 p.m.	Chance Allies Benefit Concert
Sunday 9	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 10	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 11	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
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Wednesday 19	11:00 a.m.	Progressive Christianity Group
	5:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 20	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 21	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at Church
Sunday 23	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Work Sunday