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(see inside)
Handbell Choir

Newsletters:

November 5 and 19

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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OUR FAITH SHARE IT LIVE IT
ORUCC 2015 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

As we approach our 2015 Stewardship Campaign, we will be focusing on the theme of Gratitude. You'll hear and see a number of people from the congregation (and outside it) reflect on what inspires gratitude with this church community. You'll be given a chance to make a pledge and even put a piece of a one of a kind ORUCC jigsaw puzzle together. Watch the mail for your stewardship letter and your puzzle piece.

Each week, after Sunday worship, your pastors exchange emails to reflect upon and give thanks for what we experienced that morning at church. We do that because there is *so much* going on that individually we can't keep track of the goodness that abounds.

I love this practice we share, and I love being in a congregation with so much that inspires gratitude. My list a couple of weeks ago included a varied list (almost every week is quite varied). "God is still speaking," I wrote to Ken and Tammy. I saw the voice of God:

- in a lovely discussion at Java and Jesus as we considered love as a marker for both scientists and people of faith in describing evolution...
- as one member offering an impassioned prayer during *Joys and Concerns* for a mentee about to become homeless.
- as another couple offered thanks for their one year anniversary of getting together.
- during an inspiring jazz concert featuring the trio *Chance Allies* on behalf of chaplain work in the Dane County jail system.
- as a dozen or so people considering a learning journey to AZ and Mexico to learn more about immigration issues.
- after a productive inter-generational planning discussion around social media publicity for our upcoming Fair Trade Sale.
- in the midst of music that inspired us, a hymn selection that confused us but made us laugh, and more silent prayer in the midst of worship than most of us have all week.

This was just my list. It didn't include Ken Penning's experience of that morning, nor did it include the lovely stories of a caring and fun middle school retreat that Tammy Martens was leading at Pilgrim Center that same weekend.

Without the well of gratitude that permeates the program life and relationship community of Orchard Ridge UCC, we would be a stale, boring, lifeless and entrenched congregation. As one of your pastors, I constantly give thanks for the way I experience Spirit within and among us each and ever week. It is why I am delighted to support our ministries with my own pledge. I hope we can all consider our upcoming pledge with that same spirit.

FAIR TRADE FAIR TRADE FAIR TRADE will fill Friendship Hall on Sunday, November 23, from 9 AM until 2 PM. Bring your wallet and come take a look at a wide array of items on display. Everyone wins: You get a **fair price** and artisans get a **fair return** for their work. Many international products, some local. Trade your greenbacks for something very special. Food. Crafts. Accessories. Toys. Decorations. More More More. **Trade fairly!**

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 October – CROP

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. While we will not have people doing the actual walk, we will be supporting their efforts with this month's Compassion Offering.

Prayers

- For Mike Bjork and his family as his grandfather comes closer to death.
- For Rob Martens, who has been experiencing back pain.
- For Beth Walsh and her family after the death of her father, Neil Shively.

Prayers of Joy

- For Kari Nonn and Nic Buer, married by Winton Boyd on October 1 at the home of Vicki and Marv Nonn.
- For Elizabeth Strasma and her staff as their new Middleton Baby and Child Care facility opens this week. Winton Boyd offered a 'building blessing' on Saturday, October 11.
- For all those couples in our congregation who can now be legally married after the Supreme Court refused to take up the issue of gay marriage, meaning it is now legal in Wisconsin. A special prayer of gratitude for Pam Kleiss and Salud Garcia who were one of the plaintiff couples in the original lawsuit challenging our state's previous ban.
- For an exciting and successful Middle School retreat at Pilgrim Center on the weekend of October 3-5.

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.

- Bruce & Cherie Olsen
- John & Barb Olsen
- Gretchen & Collin Olson



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New Events and Opportunities

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. The Ministry of Congregational Life will provide a soup and sandwich lunch free of charge. Sign ups will be available later in the month.

New Member Series: If you are brand new, or fairly new to ORUCC, you are invited to attend the New Member Series:
 Sunday, Oct. 19, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church
 Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:00-9:50 a.m. -- Informational Class at the church
 Sunday, Nov. 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m. -- Appetizer Social in a home

RSVP to the church office at office@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.

Writing Memories Begins! Did you ever go on a snipe hunt? Who was the naughtiest kid in your school? Did you ever run away from home? Does your family have any military stories? What was your happiest memory as a child? It's fun to remember and share earlier times as we write a 2 to 3-page memory for each "class" and read it aloud to our group. You will receive support and encouragement from your fellow writers. We will also explore ways to scan, edit, and use photos in your writing. The group will meet at church 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays (except for Over 55 days) Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 18, and 25. Just come, or call or email Ellen Maurer to sign up: 845-7164 or eamaurer@wisc.edu

Women's Bible Study Group – Come Give it a try! Women's Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the church. We are an informal group, taking turns reading the Bible passages, freely contributing to the discussion, questioning and seeking understanding. We especially welcome new members! Might you wish to remain after the Bible Study to assemble the church newsletter for mailing? To learn more about the history of the group and current topics of study, contact Dorothy Peterson at bydor31@gmail.com.

October Labyrinth Walk: A Labyrinth Walk is scheduled for Saturday evening October 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The focus of this walk is "Autumn" and "harvest". If you have questions about the labyrinth walks, please contact Betty Day at bettyday@mac.com.

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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.

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.

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 Bible Study at Church September through April: Please join us at the church at 1:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us or have questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.



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

You are invited to attend and support

Voices for Peace and Justice In the Holy Land

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2014
THE PYLE CENTER
702 LANGDON ST., MADISON, WI 53706



A major conference providing an opportunity for you to **hear from** and **talk with** Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and secular leaders, scholars, and activists about the situation in Palestine/Israel, and what it requires from us.

This conference will examine the situation on the ground in Palestine/Israel including the U.S. role, and explore ways that we can effectively work for a just peace. Distinguished plenary speakers and workshop leaders will address the conflict from theological, political, economic and historical perspectives and invite us to be part of creative, non-violent responses. The conference is sponsored by Friends of Sabeel-North America (FOSNA) and a local organizing committee including Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Christ Presbyterian Church, Madison-Rafah Sister City Project, Madison Friends' Meeting, Mary House Catholic Worker, Memorial UCC Fitchburg, Pilgrims of Ibillin, Playgrounds for Palestine-Madison, Students for Justice in Palestine-UW Madison, The Crossing, and Wisdom's Well.

Registration at noon on Friday through 5:00 Saturday. There will be plenaries and workshops throughout the day. Friday evening there will be a Palestinian dinner and cultural program of poetry and Debke folk dancing. The cost of this event is \$85 (full) or \$50 (for one day). For more information, contact Bonnie Van Overbeke (bonnievano@aol.com) or go to the Conference website at <https://fosnamadisonconference2014.wordpress.com>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Friday 17	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at the Church
Saturday 18	6:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk
Sunday 19	9:00 a.m.	Adult and Youth Programming
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	TRU Function Rehearsal
Monday 20	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 21	1:00 p.m.	Writing Memories Class
	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study
Wednesday 22	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Orchard Ridge Choir
Thursday 23	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
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Friday 24	7:00 p.m.	Families/Kids at Treinen Farm, Lodi
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Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

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Oct 26	Joyce Binder, Peter Fabian, Beth Anderson
Nov 2	Jerry Nelson, Peter Fabian, Marilyn Arnold
Nov 9	Bob & Carol Prugh, Chuck Kaspar
Nov 16	Carolyn Carlson, NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS
Nov 23	Jarrett Gersten, Phil & Judy Winkel
Nov 30	Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Joyce Binder

Welcomers

Oct 19	John or Barb Olsen, Barb McLeod, Marilyn Arnold
Oct 26	Beth & Jerry Anderson, Gretchen Forbes
Nov 2	John & Barb Olsen, Glenn Schaeffer
Nov 9	Ruthanne Landsness, NEED 1 VOLUNTEER
Nov 16	Carol & Bob Prugh, John or Barb Olsen
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	Sound	Coffee
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Financial Secretary

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Misc. Things that are Important to Know continued

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NOTE: (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 and other correspondence have been returned. 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.

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.

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 Bible Study at Church September through April: Please join us at the church at 1:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us or have questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.