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Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

October 25

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev.

Winton Boyd preaching

11:15 am Harvest Brunch

4:00 pm Dominican

Republic information Mtg.

November 1

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev. Ken

Pennings preaching

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Newsletters

November 4 & 18

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

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“From Jesus’ fullness we have all received grace upon grace.”

ORUCC 2010 Annual Stewardship Season

Orchard Ridge Mission Moment

By Jane Nemke

In this age of automatic attendants, one of the many wonderful aspects of Orchard Ridge UCC is encountering real people who don’t put you on hold.

Like many, I was shopping for churches as a newbie to Madison and asked my friend, Barb Hummel for advice. She, of course, recommended that I join her as a guest at Orchard Ridge. As usual, her advice was right on.

For a long time, I’ve had a notion in my head of what a good Christian church should be – one in which Jesus himself would not feel alienated. Up until the time I joined ORUCC, I had never found such a church.

The first time I walked in the door of ORUCC and was handed a worship guide, I read the mission statement, “Spiritually Alive, Joyfully Inclusive, Committed to Justice” and thought, “What a wonderful mission statement....I wonder how real it is?”

Then I attended a “Java and Jesus” session and realized just how real and alive the mission is. It was an incredible experience. A room filled with intelligent people – or at least inquiring minds willing to probe tough questions, examine their consciences (without going to Confession), hear and be heard, be vulnerable in their openness and respectfully accepting of others even when they disagreed. For the first time in my church experience, disagreement was okay. Actually, it was more than okay. It was accepted and encouraged as part of our unique humanity and perspective of the world, of who God is, and what Christianity means to each of us as it helps guide our way. It was a safe, non-judgmental place where I could say something naïve or brutally honest about my faith journey without fear of ostracism. I love “Java and Jesus.”

Shortly after joining Orchard Ridge UCC, I dealt with some life challenges that had me “down in the mouth” for a while. This community was incredible in its support. I’ve never experienced anything like it. Genuinely caring people, willing to go out of their way to help. Whether it was getting a ride to a doctor’s appointment or being allowed to cry, or getting a hug, this loving and supportive community was there and when I didn’t see two sets of footprints in the snow, it was because they were carrying me.

Now, I am thrilled to be part of the “Green Team,” committed to becoming more sensitive myself and encouraging others at ORUCC to find more ways to honor Mother Earth, reduce our carbon footprint and conserve – reduce, reuse, recycle - wherever we can. It is a way of life that respects life – something that we, as Christians, are called to do.

I am so grateful to be part of this congregation. I MUST support its continued growth in being spiritually alive, joyfully inclusive and committed to justice – for this generation and the next.

Tree of Life



Prayers:

- For Jack Pepples in the loss of his mother, Mary from cancer.
- For Debbie and Dale Bauerkemper (and their daughter Rian and son in law Brian), whose daughter Jamie died recently.
- For Jan Christian, who had a hip replacement Monday.
- For Tom Bast, who had foot surgery Monday.
- For Charlene Gallagher hospitalized recently.
- For Dave Wennen, son of Marge & Brad, hospitalized in New Jersey.

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



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.

- Paul & Brenda Hinahara
- Linda Hitchman & Family
- Dennis & Wanda Hoefle & Family

Interested in learning more about Orchard Ridge UCC?

New Member and Inquirer’s Class
Sunday, November 15 and 22
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Interested in learning more about the congregation and its ministries, history and future? Join with others who are curious for two evenings of sharing, learning, and dessert! Those who are interested in becoming members are asked to attend these sessions. Attending the class, however, does not commit you to joining. A Sunday to receive new members will be held shortly after the class.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing either office@orucc.org or winton@orucc.org. Please plan to attend both sessions.

November 15 will be at the Boyd’s home (41 Black Oak Circle)

November 22 - TBA

SUNDAYS

Java and Jesus-Room 13 Genesis: A Living Conversation

We are working our way through an engaging DVD series by Bill Moyers on significant stories in the book of Genesis. The DVD gathers thoughtful and articulate people—scholars, writers, artists, psychotherapists, teachers, scientists, composers, lawyers, journalists, translators. Join us for discussion and coffee.

What is an Orff instrument-Friendship Hall on Sunday, November 1

What are the children learning in music movement time with Julie Mazer each Sunday? All adults, parents and others, are invited to join a guided demonstration with Julie. You’ll actively experience rhythm, movement and instrument play, as well as receive information about the Orff Schulwerk approach to music making/learning and why it is important for the ORUCC community. Julie will have a collection of xylophones to share on this day. Please come ready to move, sing, and create.

Come and See!

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.

October offering is the CROP Walk

CROP, an arm of interdenominational Church World Service, helps people develop self-sufficiency through programs at the local, national, and international levels. In Madison the support is primarily to supply local food pantries.

67 groups participated in the 34th Madison Area Wisconsin Walks With the World CROP Hunger Walk-Rock Event (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) We walk because some walk miles for food!

Looking for a Quiet Space?

If you have not found the **MEDITATION ROOM** downstairs, check it out. It is open for your use when you would like a quiet place to think or pray. Come to the stairs near the Education wing.

Near the Sunday morning Coffee Cart you will now find a **Meditation Resources Cart**. You are welcome to use, borrow, keep until you are finished with, and bring any book of meditation pieces that you would offer for others to use.

The Russett Road Habitat is a Go and we have more dates!



The enthusiasm for the Russett Road Habitat project is fantastic! We have filled the November 11th date, but don't despair! We now have dates reserved for January and February. You may sign up by emailing or calling Sally Allen (saralynn1033@yahoo.com or 836-3007) for either construction or providing lunch on **January 23rd** and/or **February 13th**. There are also ways to volunteer on days that are not specifically designated for our church, so if you are interested in other dates please contact Mary Smith at 255-1549 ext. 104.

Porchlight, Inc. Needs Twin-Sized Bedding

Porchlight is preparing two new facilities for single individuals, and they desperately need bedding for twin beds. If you have any sheets or blankets of this size to donate, please contact Ruth at 258-4840 (the Porchlight warehouse) to make arrangements.

A Way to Share Your Blessings

It has become a tradition for our church to fund Thanksgiving baskets for some less fortunate families in our area, and we are beginning to make arrangements for this year. This is a "heads up" if you are thinking about your November budget. Although each basket is expected to cost around \$30, any amount of donation will help. Details will follow.

Thanks for Your Signatures

There was great concern in the neighborhood when it seemed likely that the 2010 budget for Dane County would eliminate a social work position at the Southwest Resource Center. Knowing how effective the current worker (Mike Bruce) is in helping the less fortunate in our area, it would have been devastating to lose that position.

Efforts were made by ORUCC people on two fronts. Winton spoke at a public meeting on the topic, later putting his comments in writing to Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk and the County Board of Supervisors. After church on two recent Sundays, the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service circulated letters—one to Kathleen Falk and one to the members of the County Board of Supervisors—asking them to keep that position in the budget. *We thank the more than 100 of you who signed the letters.*

The good news is that when Kathleen Falk submitted her budget to the Board, the position was included. The next hurdle is for the Board to pass a budget that includes it.

FEED THE CHILDREN CHRISTAIN FOLK BENEFIT CONCERT

Seven o'clock Thursday evening, November 12th, Margaret Trost and Bryan Sirchio will be at Lake Edge UCC giving a concert in the sanctuary. Margaret will be telling us thru words and pictures about feeding over 5,000 children weekly in Haiti. Bryan, a UCC minister, is also involved in Haiti thru Haiti Partners will offer his uplifting and inspiring music. With these two dynamic persons, the evening should be a truly wonderful one. **Tickets will be on sale at your church on Sunday, November 8th.** Adults are \$10.50 (the cost of feeding 15 meals to Haitian children) and young people and children \$7.00 (the cost of 10 meals). For more information visit the Lake Edge web site or Margaret's What If Foundation or Bryan's Crosswind Music Ministries. Contact Nancy Schultz at 222-6335 for further information.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration—Sunday, November 22nd

Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd., at the corner of Northport and Mandrake

We will meet at 2:30 p.m. for music and the program at 3:00 p.m. followed by social sharing of food and beverages. Listen, learn, enjoy and share music, meditation, prayers, readings, and other sacred expressions of Thanksgiving from a variety of spiritual traditions and communities in the greater Madison area.

Keynote Speaker: Joe Elder presenting "Cross Cultural Perspectives on Thanksgiving," he is a Professor at UW-Madison in the departments of Sociology, and Language and Cultures of Asia and member of the Madison Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

This celebration is sponsored by: Greater Madison Interreligious Association (GMIA). Visit www.madison.com/communities/GMIA-Greater Madison Interreligious Association for additional sponsors.

BRING CANNED GOODS OR CASH DONATION FOR DANE COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES. **Please bring appetizers, desserts or finger foods to share. Free childcare for ages birth through age 10 will be provided.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
October		
Sunday 25	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Harvest Brunch
	4:00 p.m.	Dominican Republic Info Mtg
Monday 26	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 27	9:30 a.m.	AARP Driver Safety
Wednesday 28	3:00 p.m.	Farmers Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 31	9:00 a.m.	Vegetable Village Meeting
November		
Sunday 1	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Yth Mission Trip Parents fundraising meeting for 2010
Monday 2	1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 3	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Programs to follow
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 4	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Farmers Market
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 6	8:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Copper Top
Sunday 8	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

Oct 25 Pat Fellows, Laurie Irwin, Barb Wolter
Nov 1 Bob Ansheles©, Marilyn Arnold, Lyn Laurion
Nov 8 Phil & Judy Winkel, Vern Reed
Nov 15 Carolyn Carlson, Paul Patenaude, Lyn Laurion
Nov 22 Pat Hale, Jack Christian, Vern Reed
Nov 29 Rosemary Stare, Kathy Paulson, Jon Blanchard

Welcomers

Oct 25 Helen Atz, Bobbi Sonntag, Jan Christian
Nov 1 Dick & Lois Rossmiller, Rachael & Brian Lancor
Nov 8 Cheryl Diermyer, Ellen Fluck, Jean Rush
Nov 15 Carol & Robert Prugh, Marilyn Arnold
Nov 22 Barbara Stretchberry, Jan Christian, Charlene Gallagher
Nov 29 Steve Sheets, Dianne & Heather Stevens

Sound

Coffee

Oct 25 Mike Walsh	Leah Narans
Nov 1 John Gilbert	Tom Klossner
Nov 8 Paul Hedges	Bob Ansheles
Nov 15 Ken Psyck	Annette Porter
Nov 22 J. McLellan	J. McLellan
Nov 29 Helen Horn	Doug Hendrix

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

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Welcome to the Green Corner

“Fall into Faith”

GREEN THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: How do the sights, sounds, smells and harvests of fall invite us into deep faith and more faithful living?

Fall is a good time to remember that the harvest of “now” reflects the planting, seeding, watering and weeding of gardeners before us, guided by the Master Gardener. It’s also a reminder of our call to continue to nourish the soil that gives life, and to generate seeds for future life, with God’s help.

ORUCC’s Green Team recently enjoyed a cool autumn day together at Holy Wisdom Monastery, planning future “green activities” for our church. At the Monastery, it’s easy to see God’s abundant and beautiful gifts in nature – and the long-time faithfulness of a religious community that has cared for creation and continues to invest in a more sustainable future for all. Our team remembered with gratitude the long-time and present-day faithfulness of many ORUCC members who have led us on a “green way.”

GREEN ACTION IDEAS: Celebrate fall’s beauty and bounty. Let it nourish you in every way: body and mind and spirit. Perhaps you might: (1) Attend the ORUCC harvest brunch - celebrating food, faith and care for the earth together. (2) Find soul rest in a nature walk, treasuring the beautiful days that we are given this season. (3) Take time to bake an apple crisp, or a hearty stew of root vegetables, enjoying the time you spend and the delight in sharing this fall harvest food with others. (4) Remember to say “thank you” to God and to people who’ve helped us find abundant life in the past and in the present – as we seek our way into full life in the future.

Welcomers

WELCOMERS are usually the first people you see when you enter Orchard Ridge UCC for worship on Sunday morning. They stand at the Parking Lot and Gilbert Rd entrances to welcome visitors and members. For visitors, they are ready to answer questions, give directions, and introduce them to other church members. If possible, they accompany them to coffee hour in Friendship Hall. After worship, they are also responsible for gathering the pages from the Friendship pads and documenting first time and repeat visitors. According to the number of new visitors, **WELCOMERS** divide up the delivery of our special note and packet of popcorn that express our appreciation for their “popping in” to worship with us. Have you appreciated being greeted at the door or receiving a visit in your home? Do you have a deep desire to help newcomers connect with the people and ministries of the church? Would you like to serve as a **WELCOMER**? Call 271-7212, or email Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org by October 31st.

How important is an usher?

It seems like a rather simple and unspectacular task here at church. Yet, our ushers are among the first and most important people to us on Sunday mornings. Of course they hand out bulletins, take the offering, serve communion and help clean up after worship. More importantly, however, they 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. Long before worship starts or a sermon is preached! Welcomers and ushers are key in our ministry of hospitality.

Would you like to be a part of this ministry? We are scheduling ushers for 2010. We could use a few more. Please contact Pat Fellows oregon1@tds.net if you have interest.

Coffee and Sound Volunteers Needed for 2010

If you are interested in possibly being added to the list of volunteers who help out during the coffee hour, or work with our sound system during worship, please give Ken Pennings a call at the church office for more information.



Do You Notice Changes in Your Driving Abilities?

Orchard Ridge UCC is hosting a Driver Safety Program for drivers over the age of 50 on October 27th, 9:30-2:00. This program is facilitated by ORUCC member Steve Sheets. Pre-registration is required, contact Debbie Bauerkemper at 271-7212. The DSP cost is: \$12 for AARP members (bring your AARP membership number), \$14 for non-members.

OUR COMMON LIFE TOGETHER

Tuesday Evenings Programs continue on the 1st/3rd Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. meal with Programs to follow

6:30 - For Elementary and Middle School youth

We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30

6:30-8:00 The Way of Prayer – Room 11

7:30 Adult Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet in room 16 from 7:30-9:00 pm. We will be reading the book of Ruth. We read aloud together the assigned verses at the start of the meeting and then take turns commenting on the reading. We feel it is important to respect each others ideas. No one is an expert. Please join us and learn more about this group. If you have questions call Sandra Dyar (271-2409) or Judy Winkel (271-0481).



Next session for all the above activities is Tuesday, November 3rd.

Quilting Group

The Quilting Group will meet on Wednesday, **November 4th**. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesday from 9:30 to 12 Noon in the Friendship Hall. New members are welcome to join. Over the past years, the comforters have been donated to various agencies. Most recently they have been given to The Road Home. For more information, please contact Dorothy Peterson at 845-8412.



The Quilting Group will be raffling off a quilt on November 1

Would you like to own a comforter (60" x 90") made by the ORUCC Quilting Group? Tickets will be sold October 25 and November 1. Tickets will be \$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00.

The drawing will be held November 1st. The proceeds will be used to purchase batting and backing for future comforters. This year two comforters have been given to the Road Home and others will be given as needed.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, **November 4th** at 12:30 p.m. in room 13. The discussion will be "The Mystery Discriminates" Mark 3:13-35. The discussion will be led by Mary Lou Peterson. We welcome new members. If you have any questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will meet on **November 2nd** at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge. The group welcomes anyone who would like to do handwork of any sort while participating in pleasant conversation. Bring whatever you are working on. If you have any questions please contact Sandra Dyar at 271-2409 or Karen Falkner at 833-9703.

Movie Group Gathers! You're Invited!

It's your lucky Friday, **November 13**. Attend a movie in the Madison area and come to Jim & Bernie Treichel's home for desert, lively movie reviews and other likely conversations, around 8:30 pm/after your movie credits have run. The lights will be on at 372 E. Lincoln St., Oregon. Email jbtreichel@chartermi.net or call 835-5228 for directions. Looking forward to seeing you.

Women's Book Group

On Thursday, **November 12** a 7 p.m., join us at the home of Ellen Maurer, 2657 Fitchrona Rd. Please let Ellen know if you can come, 845-7164.

The book we'll discuss is the novel *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. You've heard of this one, and you know you want to read it; now the trick is to get a copy. You might be able to get this book through the library system; some branches currently have it in special displays. It's available in paperback, or you might even find it second-hand. Those who have read it say it's worth the effort. All women are welcome to join us.



ORUCC Fall Harvest Brunch
Sunday, October 25th, 2009—11:15 a.m.



ORUCC members and friends are invited to our annual fall feast celebrating the best of what our local farmers and our very own Vegetable Village gardeners have to offer. The menu will include local turkey, ham, seasonal vegetables and dairy products from happy Wisconsin cows. Over 90% of the meal will come from local sources! There will again be a brief program during the brunch, this year featuring heartwarming stories and images from the Vegetable Village.

Suggested Donation:

- Adults and teens: \$8.00
- Children 12 and under: Free

There are a few tickets left. Contact the office if you would like to join us.

If you would like to contribute a local dish for this event please contact Leslie Linser at lflinser@gmail.com. Proceeds from this event will go to the Community Action Coalition of South Central Wisconsin, an organization committed to providing the resources and guidance necessary to establish and maintain community gardens.

OVER 55 Group

The next meeting of the OVER 55 Group will be on Tuesday, **November 10th** at 11:30 am with lunch at 12:00. Dick and Lois Rossmiller will present the program showing highlights of their trip to China, including Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai, Suzhou (the silk city), the Yangtze River and the Three Gorges Dam, Xian and the terra cotta army, Guilin and Hong Kong.

Unless more people sign up to bring either a salad or a dessert, it will be a very sparse meal. We need 5 more salads and 3 more desserts. Please call Lois or Dick (238-8797) and let them know if you can bring a salad or dessert. Your item should be large enough to serve 10. You may want to bring a sandwich to go along with the salads. Beverages and tableware are provided.

We welcome guests. Please let Dick or Lois know if you plan to bring guests so that luncheon arrangements can be made.

Travel to the Dominican Republic to work with Habitat for Humanity

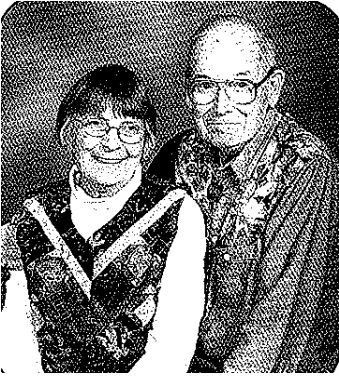
Informational meeting: October 25 at 4:00 pm. In 2007 and 2008, ORUCC combined with Good Shepherd and Madison Menonite churches and took work crews to the Dominican Republic to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. We are exploring the interest for a return trip in the spring of 2010. Come here information, ask questions, and explore fundraising ideas. The trip will be intergenerational and cost approximately \$1200 for one week. If you have questions, please contact Winton at winton@orucc.org.

Pictorial Church Directory Picture sign-up

Olan Mills will be photographing church members on **October 26, 27 and November 13, 14** for a new church directory. If you have questions please contact Gene Dyar, 271-2409. You may go to www.orucc.org to sign up online. We are also looking for volunteers to serve as hosts for the picture taking dates. If you can help with this, please contact Gene Dyar at 271-2409 for more information. **Register for pictures by going to www.orucc.org, or by calling 1-800-866-2263 (contract #45759). Olan Mills will be contacting those who have not signed up.**

Pictures Needed for Directory

If you have church-related photos you would like us to consider for the “activities pages” of our new pictorial directory, please give them to Paul Hedges in one of the following ways: 1) Drop off a compact disc (CD) of the photo(s) to the church office; 2) Place the paper photo(s) in an envelope, label the envelope “pictorial directory,” include your name and address on the envelope so that we can return the photo(s) to you, and drop off to the church office; or 3) email the photo to pehedges@gmail.com.



Meet Deane & Edith Army

Deane and Edith Army live in the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood in the home they built on an acre of land they bought in 1950. Later they were among the pilgrims sent forth from First Congregational Church to form a new congregation in what was then “country.” With other Charter Members, they figured out how to become a church – Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ. Deane served on the committee that called Norman Jackson to be the first pastor. The Arnys taught Sunday School in their basement, and later in the basement of the parsonage.

Five children grew up on that acre where raspberry and blueberry bushes hint today of the extensive gardening during earlier decades. On a recent October day, two red foxes were observed in the yard, and frequently deer can be spotted.

Today Margaret runs an *in vitro* fertilization laboratory in Massachusetts. Peggy’s twin Barbara is a Madison homemaker, mother and employee in her brother Michael’s Leonardo Academy which provides sustainability services including LEED consulting. Carol teaches high school biology in Ohio. In Seattle Philip has been a librarian, and he’s also a former technology employee of a non-profit organization.

Between 1966 and 1968, the Army family spent two years in Nigeria. As a UW-Madison agronomist, Deane served on the staff of the University of Ife; the twins started college in Ibadan; and Edith managed the home and worked with Girl Scouts. At another time Deane & Edith spent six months in Indonesia, while Deane worked in agronomy and plant pathology at Andalas University in Padang. They lived near enough to the ocean to walk there regularly. Today the Army’s home reflects their international experiences.

Although Edith was born in Williston, North Dakota, her childhood was filled with moves due to her father’s transfers as an insurance agent, and her mother’s sharp eye for a better house to live in – even in the same town. Edith grew up Methodist and graduated from Coe College, a liberal arts college where she developed a strong interest in Science. According to her advisor, Home Economics should be the field for Edith’s graduate studies. So she came to the University of Wisconsin, where she earned a graduate degree in Home Economics. But it was also where she and Deane met, because grad students were very “social” then.

Deane grew up in St. Paul, and earned an undergrad degree in Plant Science at the University of Minnesota where his father was on the Ag School faculty. Deane graduated on a Saturday, and on the next morning he was on a bus to Madison. He immediately began a summer job associated with his UW Agronomy scholarship where he worked for a professor who was studying plant breeding related to wheat, oats and barley.

The Arnys married in 1948 and lived at first in a second story duplex apartment on Allen Street in Madison where the landlord had admonished them not to have children. But when their twins were born, the people downstairs just loved the babies, and so there was never a problem.

Perhaps you’ve seen Deane and Edith walking hand-in-hand to or from church on a Sunday morning. Every day they walk a mile in their neighborhood in all seasons. On some days they also walk to the public library which is “only four blocks farther than the church.” In addition to expressing their affection for each other, Edith claims that over the years, she has held Deane’s hand because otherwise his long strides might have left her behind.

Nothing has left either of the Arnys “behind.” Even though they’ve downscaled their former extensive garden, and even though Edith no longer makes caramel sticky buns for SAFE dinners, and even though Deane’s concluded 70 years as a bass in church choirs, they remain busy. Edith is working on cross-stitch handwork. Deane is reading a book about Charles Darwin. TV? Usually only news. Movies? Rarely, but they did see “An Inconvenient Truth.” During their annual family camping trip last summer, Deane & Edith slept in a tent on air mattresses right on the ground. Maybe next summer they’ll “camp” at a resort!

The Arnys enjoy “Over 55,” and they’ve been involved in ORUCC’s SAFE group ever since our congregation voted to become Open and Affirming. They brim over with appreciation for the long-time friends and new acquaintances so important to them in our congregation. “This is our community!” Edith exclaims.

We might all reply to Deane & Edith, “Thank you for all you’ve done to create and sustain such a strong experience of community for us to enjoy at ORUCC today!”

...Ginny Moore Kruse

A Martens' Moment

The Journey of Loss...and Gain

My topic is not about weight fluctuations but that certainly is part of my journey.

What I am thinking about are conversations I have had over the past couple of weeks with some of you. And those conversations have to do with transitions. Some families have just recently sent their youngest child off to college and they are now experiencing the empty nest syndrome. Others I know are moving their aging parents into care facilities because of Alzheimer's Disease or other issues that make it difficult for their parents to live on their own. In my own family we just sent our youngest child off to kindergarten. How did that happen? Tis the journey of loss and transition.

It wasn't easy to watch Lily walk into her kindergarten classroom on the first day of school. Don't get me wrong. I was happy for her and her increased sense of independence. And she was so happy to finally arrive at the kindergarten doorstep. Yet, I knew that we were closing a chapter in our lives and that to me brought mixed feelings. I felt sadness (loss) but also joy (gain) for Lily arriving "successfully" to this new beginning.

In a lot of life's transitions we experience this mixture of loss and gain. We experience sadness and joy as we journey through life closing chapters but also opening new ones. Yet there are transitions that we walk through where only loss is felt; where the loss feels so great that no joy can be found. In these types of transitions, I find the words from one of the psalms soothing to my soul. In Psalm 121:8 we read "the Lord will keep your coming in and going out both now and forevermore." As we pass through different transitions (coming in and going out), I find the promise of God's presence enormously helpful. This promise is also comforting to me because I believe in it for my children and for all who are going through transition.

The journey of loss, the journey of gain, the journey of transition--wherever we are on our journey, may God's promise to keep us penetrate deep within our souls and bring us comfort and hope.

YOUTH NEWS

The Spirituality of Young Children: An Ongoing Conversation

Children are spiritual beings who come to us as gifts from God. This is something we believe in at Orchard Ridge and it helps to guide the programming and spiritual formation experiences we offer to children and their families.

One aspect of a child's spirituality is his/her capacity to give and receive love. Both Maria Montessori and Sofia Cavalletti documented this in their research with children.

In her book *The Secret of Childhood*, Montessori shares that "we should remember that a child loves us and wants to obey. A child loves an adult beyond everything else."

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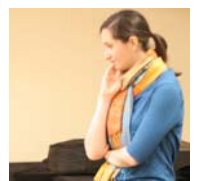
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A Martens' Moment

The Journey of Loss...and Gain

My topic is not about weight fluctuations but that certainly is part of my journey. What I am thinking about are conversations I have had over the past couple of weeks with some of you. And those conversations have to do with transitions. Some families have just recently sent their youngest child off to college and they are now experiencing the empty nest syndrome. Others I know are moving their aging parents into care facilities because of Alzheimer's Disease or other issues that make it difficult for their parents to live on their own. In my own family we just sent our youngest child off to kindergarten. How did that happen? Tis the journey of loss and transition.

It wasn't easy to watch Lily walk into her kindergarten classroom on the first day of school. Don't get me wrong. I was happy for her and her increased sense of independence. And she was so happy to finally arrive at the kindergarten doorstep. Yet, I knew that we were closing a chapter in our lives and that to me brought mixed feelings. I felt sadness (loss) but also joy (gain) for Lily arriving "successfully" to this new beginning.

In a lot of life's transitions we experience this mixture of loss and gain. We experience sadness and joy as we journey through life closing chapters but also opening new ones. Yet there are transitions that we walk through where only loss is felt; where the loss feels so great that no joy can be found. In these types of transitions, I find the words from one of the psalms soothing to my soul. In Psalm 121:8 we read "the Lord will keep your coming in and going out both now and forevermore." As we pass through different transitions (coming in and going out), I find the promise of God's presence enormously helpful. This promise is also comforting to me because I believe in it for my children and for all who are going through transition.

The journey of loss, the journey of gain, the journey of transition--wherever we are on our journey, may God's promise to keep us penetrate deep within our souls and bring us comfort and hope.

YOUTH NEWS

The Spirituality of Young Children: An Ongoing Conversation

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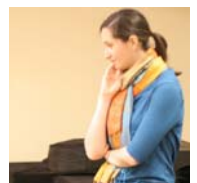
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