



NOVEMBER, 2009 ISSUE 1

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

November 8

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev.

Winton Boyd preaching

November 15

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev.

Winton Boyd preaching

November 22

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev.

Winton Boyd preaching

November 29

9 am Education

10 am Worship, Rev.

Winton Boyd preaching

Newsletters

November 18

December 2 & 16

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.”
Our Annual Stewardship Drive

This is the time of year we at Orchard Ridge UCC set aside for our stewardship campaign to raise funds for the operation of our church. We take the time to reflect on Orchard Ridge Church, its mission and its people and to prayerfully consider how we can support the church’s ongoing work.

We know that our accomplishments at Orchard Ridge UCC speak not just to our progress but to our blessings as well. It is the reason that John 1:16 was chosen for this year’s stewardship theme: **“From Jesus’ fullness we have all received grace upon grace.”**

Recently a letter with a pledge card was mailed to you. We ask that you consider a pledge to ORUCC. If possible, please mail your pledge card back to ORUCC by November 6 or bring it with you on Sunday, November 8, when we as a congregation will dedicate our pledge cards during worship. As we come towards the conclusion of our Stewardship Season, we are grateful to those have responded with generosity. To date we have 60 pledges totaling \$172,380. If you need another pledge card or have questions, please call the church office (271-7212).

If you have questions about the stewardship campaign please contact: Bob Ansheles 271-3973 or Ken Psyck 233-3139



Thanksgiving Baskets for others in need

As in recent years, we are cooperating with Joining Forces for Families (JFF) at the Southwest Resource Center to provide Thanksgiving dinner fixings for some of our less fortunate neighbors. Can you help out?

After the church services of November 8 and 15, a representative of the Ministry of Christian Witness and Service will be in the lounge to accept your donations toward the cost of a turkey dinner. Even though we do not yet know the exact cost of the dinner ingredients, we anticipate that it will be approximately \$30. We will be delighted to receive whatever amount you can contribute, whether part of a basket or one or more full baskets. Thank you for helping as you can.

Leadership Team calls for Congregational Meeting on December 13, 2009 at 11:15

Our Facility Improvement Team (FIT) has met for months with Strang, Inc and met twice with the congregation to present building remodeling plans. The Leadership Team unanimously recommends that the congregation a) embrace adoption the building plans as presented and b) authorize the hiring of a fundraising consultant to help with a winter/spring 2010 Capital Appeal Campaign to raise the money for such a project. These decisions require the support and a vote from the congregation as a whole. More information and details about the meeting and specific motions is forthcoming. Please save the date.

Tree of Life



Prayers:

- For Mindy Huemmer and her sons Andy and Eric, after the death of Mindy's father, Don, in Florida.
- For Sara Waddell and Vaunce Ashby, after the death of Sara's grandfather, Ted.
- For Jan Christian and Tom Bast recovering from surgeries.
- For John Lemke's father struggling with gall bladder problems.
- For Ralph Petersen's sister, Peggy, now in hospice care.
- For Beth and Jon Audhya and their new born daughter, Sophie Grace, born October 27th, weighing in at 7lbs, 7 oz and 19.5" long, Beth and baby Sophie are doing well.
- For Vicki and Marv Nonn, visiting their daughter Kari in Shanghai.
- For Carolyn Carlson and Sara Roberts, celebrating 30 years together (they'll provide cake to the congregation on the 15th after worship!). We continue to pray that all unions like theirs might one day be legal across this country.

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.

- Andy & Robin Hoenisch
- Peter Hoff & Paul Patenaude
- Deborah Holbrook

**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-9:00 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.

Heart & Soul—Room 14

The **Green Team** Presents Composting 101: Have you ever wondered how and what to compost? Well this Sunday's Heart and Soul is for you. Paul Patenaude will tell us how to do it, what its benefits are to the environment and the soil. Whether you are new to gardening, a seasoned gardener, or just curious, come and share in this hour.

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.

November Compassion Offering Is the Neighborhood Joining Forces for Families (JFF) Program

The JFF program has been in the news recently, because some of its social worker positions--including the one in our area held by Mike Bruce at the Southwest Resource Center--might have been eliminated from the 2010 Dane County budget. Fortunately, this did not occur. But preserving this social work position in itself does not help our needy neighbors.

Although office space and Mike's salary are provided by local agencies, most of the money to help our less fortunate neighbors is not. Our church, the Madison Mennonite Church, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have been the primary donors of money to provide neighborhood services. With the dollars we contribute, the JFF social workers network with a wide variety of service providers, such a school social workers, public health workers, the police, employers, and local businesses, to leverage those dollars into many times their face value.



Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for healing after Jan's hip replacement surgery. Your support has been a great lift.

Jan and Jack Christian



Meet Mary Lou Peterson

Mary Lou Peterson was born into a family heritage of education, public service and just plain gumption. Although her mother had taught in town for three years before marriage, local school board members convened a meeting to decide if they would permit her to continue. Why? At that time married women weren't allowed to teach. The decision? She taught. Mary Lou's father was the U.S. postmaster in Ridgeway. After being diagnosed with a terminal illness he realized that his wife would require a more substantial way to support herself and their three children, so he campaigned for her to win a seat on the Iowa County Board. She won, and after gaining public visibility, she was elected to a full-time position of Iowa County Register of Deeds. Mary Lou was six when her father died. The family moved to Dodgeville to end her mother's commute, where her work often involved locating documents requested in person by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Her mother believed that "education is everything," so Mary Lou knew that after high school graduation at age sixteen, she would go to college. For one year she was a Platteville freshman, but then romance intervened. Mary Lou's new stepfather's brother was Doug Peterson, the older brother of ORUCC's own Byron Peterson. In 1952 the newlyweds honeymooned in Yellowstone National Park and moved to Madison where Doug earned an Engineering degree at the UW. Mary Lou was in the first class to graduate from a new UW School of Education program for prospective elementary & middle school teachers. Between 1955 and 1960 she taught 3rd grade at Crestwood Elementary School. After Mary Lou and Doug became expectant parents, her principal wanted her to teach as long as possible. By this time married women were allowed to teach only if they weren't pregnant. The principal told Mary Lou to hide if school authorities showed up, and it worked! Douglas Joseph was born in 1960, but it was only one year until Mary Lou was invited back to sub. After this Mary Lou continued to respond to her vocational calling to be an educator. Because her sister-in-law, our own Dorothy Peterson, cared for little "Joe," Mary Lou could resume her career. It flourished.

In 1963 the young family moved to the Regent Street home Doug designed and built and where Mary Lou still lives. Because Byron and Dorothy were members here, Doug & Mary Lou joined Orchard Ridge Church where Mary Lou also discovered church members she knew as a teacher. She sang in the choir and taught Sunday School classes. Vacations were family trips to National Parks. Much time was also spent much time at the Peterson Family farm near Governor Dodge State Park; Doug enjoyed working with his father, Mary Lou helped her mother, and Joe loved being there with his horse and collie pups.

Mary Lou taught 6th grade at Crestwood until 1965 when she moved to the administration building to develop a federally funded curriculum titled *Local Materials*. Subsequently she traveled across the state presenting this new curriculum to Wisconsin teachers. In 1972 she returned to the classroom and she taught 5th grade at Van Hise Elementary School until 1995. During that time she co-authored the book *Inquiring about Communities* with Professor Robert Tabachnick. Throughout her 38 years as a teacher, Mary Lou had mentored 30 student teachers by the time she took early retirement.

During the decade after he retired in 1989, Doug's avocation was running the family farm. He lived there, so Mary Lou drove to Dodgeville during school vacations and weekends. Fortunately she hadn't left yet for Madison on the Sunday night when a cow – Doug's favorite cow! – fell on top of him in the barn. Doug somehow crawled back to the farmhouse, but he never completely regained his health, and he died in 2002. Mary Lou "trusts in the Lord" who has been with her in surprising ways after something bad has happened.

The farm is where Mary Lou continues to sense Doug's presence. Whenever you see her, she might have just returned from Dodgeville where in 2003 she, Byron and Dorothy staged a huge family reunion at the farm home they worked hard to renovate. "Grandma Lou" stays close to her son and his family who live in Omaha. She socializes with teacher friends in Madison, and she enjoys seeing former students who turn up here or there unexpectedly.

Mary Lou is the current leader of the ORUCC Women's Bible Study Group. After adjourning, they help fold the church newsletter. She's a regular at the monthly Over-55 gatherings. ORUCC is where she experiences the "warm friendship of the people who make the church." After 56 years within this community of faith, Mary Lou continues to contribute to the life of our congregation where she claims "you can always find a friend no matter where you sit."

...Ginny Moore Kruse

Usher, Welcomer, Sound and Coffee Schedules for 2010 will be sent out early December

If you have a desire to be added to the list of volunteers for one of the above important ministries, please contact Debbie or Ken Pennings at the office, 271-7212. Don't miss out on having the chance to serve, we are always looking for new people to help out.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
November		
Sunday 8	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 9	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 10	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
Wednesday 11	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 13	3:00 p.m.	Pictorial Directory Picture taking
Saturday 14	10:00 a.m.	Pictorial Directory Picture taking
Sunday 15	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 16	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 17	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Programs to follow
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 18	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 20		Knock Knock Retreat
Saturday 21		Knock Knock Retreat
Sunday 22	8:30 a.m.	Fair Trade Christmas Sale
	9:00 a.m.	Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



COMMUNION

Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified

- Nov 8** Jim & Bernie Treichel, 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
Dec 6 Joyce Binder ©, Vern Reed, Paul Hedges
Dec 13 Judy & Phil Winkel, Jerry Nelson
Dec 20 Laurie Irwin, LuAnn Greiner, Jon Blanchard

Welcomers

- 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
Dec 6 Hope Soroos, Jack Schairer, Jan Christian
Dec 13 Joyce Pohl, Lorraine Dellmann, Mary Connor
Dec 20 Brian & Rachael Lancor, Rosemary Stare, Char Klossner

Sound

Coffee

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| Nov 8 Paul Hedges | Tom Klossner |
| Nov 15 Ken Psyck | Annette Porter |
| Nov 22 J. McLellan | J. McLellan |
| Nov 29 Helen Horn | Doug Hendrix |
| Dec 6 Mike Walsh | Brian & Rachael Lancor |
| Dec 13 J. McLellan | Deanna Blanchard |
| Dec 20 Paul Hedges | Joyce Binder |

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.

Are you still interested in receiving our newsletter? If not, please mail the back (which includes your name and address), call the church office at (608) 271-7212, or contact office@orucc.org requesting us to remove you from our mailing list.

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A Boydsye View

There is something wonderfully chaotic about this neighborhood right now. Because of so many wonderful trees, the stages of “leaf falling” are numerous. Chinese Maples let go almost a month ago, while the Black Oaks may hang on til spring. At home, we wait to rake until November because raking earlier is simply for naught. One day last week, many of our neighbors had raked all of their leaves while 90% of ours had yet to fall. Walking the streets reveals all kinds of piles – on the boulevard and on the street, large and small, next to clean yards and next to un-raked yards, and even leaves blowing from one yard to another. All waiting for the unannounced city trucks to come and take them to make compost. As one with dozens of trees in my yard, I give thanks every year for the blessing of city trucks taking yard waste away. It is a beautiful kind of chaos out there right now, but it is chaos.

As I walked to church today, it seemed like a great metaphor for the church. All kinds of people and ages with all kinds of interests. All kinds of expectations and hopes fueled by diverse experiences in and out of the church. In the world of simple religion and easy answers, we are a beautifully chaotic church that thrives on the mystery of grace. However, it is not without its bumps. We like different kinds of music and most of our opinions are shaped by our past experiences. We expect different things from worship, a sermon, a kids program, a youth program, and in outreach. I love the diversity and would not have it any other way. I love working with staff and lay leaders who are willing to try things knowing they may not work, but knowing they are worth trying. In a community like this, listening is as important as talking, and the more transparent and open we can be about it, the better. It is the way community should be.

I’m grateful for Ken Pennings, coming with new ideas, new language, new energy and relish his perspective as a new member of our community. We both value discussion and discernment, which means we talk a lot. I am learning. He is learning. I think we will all learn from his leadership as it continues to unfold. I am grateful for Tammy Marten’s courage in rolling out new programs and ideas for our kids. To be honest, she inherited a program in disarray (not the beautiful chaos of a autumn street, and has persistently and consistently worked at developing new leaders with new visions for new children. While you may notice it in worship on Sunday, I would encourage you to go out of your way to walk the education hallway to see it firsthand. I value our lay and paid music staff, office manager Debbie Bauerkemper, custodian Tim Rotar, and our Leadership Team. Approaching 11 years as your senior pastor, I am aware that complacency is the biggest threat to a community led by a long-term pastorate. I value the challenges the come from expected and unexpected places. It helps clarify my own goals and dreams for my work, for us as a congregation, for the future of this evolving congregation. [The annual goals for both Tammy and me are posted on the website under “pastoral columns” if you are interested in seeing more- www.orucc.org]

As we celebrate **Stewardship Sunday** this Sunday, we have the chance to take stock of our own connection and commitment to this mysterious community and the more mysterious nature of God’s grace in our own lives. We have received “grace upon grace”. I invite you to live with generosity of spirit and generosity of resources so that you, and others, may be steeped even more deeply in that beautiful and chaotic Spirit of God.

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YOUTH NEWS

For information, contact Rev. Tammy Martens at tmartens@orucc.org or 271-7212

The 2010 Youth Group Mission Trip will be to Alamosa, Colorado. We will work with La Puente Home and San Luis Habitat for Humanity. The dates are **July 31- August 7, 2010.**

La Puente: La Puente endeavors to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity. La Puente provides emergency shelter, food assistance, transitional housing and self-sufficiency services. Volunteers will work on a number of tasks including cooking a meal at the shelter, stocking shelves at the Food Bank, building and painting fences, and glean- ing vegetables from local fields. Maximum group size: 15.

San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers will help to build adobe homes in the valley. With over 320 days of sunshine year-round, SLV Habitat is concentrating on building passive solar design homes. Maximum group size: 20.

About the San Luis Valley:

Alamosa is located at 7,500 feet at the center of the San Luis Valley, the world’s largest alpine valley. The Valley is surrounded by the San Juan Mountains (to the west) and Sangre de Cristo Mountains (to the east). The headwaters of the Rio Grande River are located in the San Juan Mountains, and the river runs through Alamosa.

The valley has a population of 46,190 residents and it remains the poorest region of Colorado. 19.6% of the valley’s population lives below the poverty line compared to the state average of 9%.

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Mission Trip: Let the Fundraising Begin!

The cost per person to attend the mission trip is \$700.00. A group of families met this past Sunday and came up with a number of fundraisers for this 2009-2010 to help get us to Alamosa, Colorado next summer.

They include:

December: Orchard Ridge Post Office (Jackie Eveland-Psyck organizing)

January: T-shirt, sweatshirt sale (Chris Riese organizing)

February: Valentine's Bake Sale (Gail Ansheles organizing)

March: Pizza Sale (need organizer)

May: Bratfest (Tammy Martens organizing)

June: Golf Outing (Jon Blanchard, Tammy Boyd organizing)

Next High School Youth Group Gathering: Saturday, December 12, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

The youth are invited to a Christmas party. We will go caroling, exchange white elephant gifts, and have supper together.

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 17th**.

Quilting Group

The Quilting Group will meet on Wednesday, **November 18th**. 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.

Quilt Raffle Update

The Quilting Group wishes to sincerely thank all those who so generously contributed to the quilt raffle. The proceeds will pay for the batts and backing sheets purchased for the quilts which will be sewn this winter season. The raffle drawing took place after the worship service on Sunday, November 1, and the winner was Pam Oliver! She selected a quilt from the seven already sewn; the other six will be donated to The Road Home. As a reminder, fabric and yarn donations are gladly accepted.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, **November 18th** at 12:30 p.m. in room 13. The discussion will be "The Mystery Discloses" Mark 4:1-34. The discussion will be led by Sandra Dyar. We welcome new members. If you have any questions call Mary Lou Peterson at 238-2380.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will meet on **December 7th** 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 13th**. Attend a movie in the Madison area and come to Jim & Bernie Treichel's home for dessert, 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 12th** 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

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.

SAFE Group (Spiritually Affirming Friends Everywhere)

The SAFE meeting will be hosted by Mary Connor, 149 Jenna Dr. in Verona, on Monday, **November 16th** at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, beverages will be provided. Call Mary at 845-8610, or email her at mconnor7@tds.net for directions and to let them know you'll be there. Our topic will be Domestic Partnerships in WI.

All gay and straight ORUCC members and friends are always welcome. SAFE is an informal gathering of Christian lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gendered and questioning individuals and their families and ORUCC friends. Questions about SAFE? Ask the current planning team: Mary Connor, Jude Stevens and Tim Johnson. Want to receive regular e-mail announcements about SAFE programs, projects, gatherings and occasional news of interest? Give your e-mail address to Rev. Winton Boyd winton@orucc.org indicating you want to be added to the SAFE e-mail list.

Pictorial Church Directory Phase 2

Olan Mills will be photographing church members on November 13 & 14. If you haven't signed up to have your picture taken, go to www.orucc.org, or call 1-800-866-2263 (contract #45759). Many have expressed being able to put names and faces together with a directory.

Anyone planning to submit a non-copy written digital picture should call Debbie at the office 271-7212 for details. We will need these pictures by November 22. Any questions contact Gene Dyar at 271-2409.

Fair Trade Christmas Sale (see flyer)



The annual Fair Trade Christmas Sale will be held on Sunday, November 22 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Come and shop for Christmas gifts and enjoy fellowship with the community. All proceeds go to them and their organizations to help them gain sustainability. Please post a copy of the flyer at your place of work or neighborhood shop. The more folks who attend, the more help we can offer those in need. Merry Christmas!

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.

Directory Updates

Change address for Cheryl Diermyer to: 1708 Waunona Way, Madison 53713

Change address and phone number for Rosemary Stare to: 6225 Mineral Point Rd., #B31, Madison 53705 608-230-3998

Change email address for Jim & Jennifer Jaqua to: Jaquajj@charter.net

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 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](http://www.madison.com/communities/GMIA-Greater%20Madison%20Interreligious%20Association) 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.



Welcome to the Green Corner

Shoppers Guide to Pesticides

GREEN THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "In a perfect world all your food purchases would be organic... (But) Given limited resources, how can green consumers get the most from their shopping dollars?" (*Sierra Club Magazine*, May/June 2009, 'Organic on a Budget.')

"The "Shopper's Guide to Pesticides" (foodnews.org), by the nonprofit environmental Working Group, distills 87,000 government studies into two simple lists. The "dirty dozen" are the foods most important to buy in organic form, because conventional versions are so laden with pesticides. The "don't worry" list is for those you don't have to fret about – they either face few pest threats (and thus avoid pesticides) or have impermeable skins that are customarily removed prior to eating." (*Organic on a Budget.*)

GREEN ACTION IDEAS: Consider increasing our purchases of organic produce – healthier for us, healthier for the earth. (1) Consider organic produce to avoid **THE DIRTY DOZEN:** Peaches, apples, bell peppers, celery, nectarines, strawberries, cherries, kale, lettuce, grapes, carrots and pears. (2) And if money's a concern and we need to prioritize our organic choices, take into account the **DON'T WORRY** list: Onions, avocados, frozen sweet corn, pineapples, mangoes, asparagus, frozen sweet peas, kiwis, cabbage, eggplant, papayas, and watermelons. (3) Remember also that when we garden ourselves or know our local farmer, we can often save money and have healthier food, sustainably produced, whether it's formally called 'organic' or not.