



NOVEMBER, 2008 ISSUE 1

# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ COMMUNION

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

## Sunday Morning

### November 9

**9 am** Education  
**10 am** Worship, Winton  
Boyd preaching  
Stewardship Sunday  
Handbells

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## Newsletters

**November 19**  
**December 3**

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

## Church Emails

Debbie Bauerkemper  
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Rev. Tammy Martens  
tmartens@orucc.org  
Winton Boyd  
winton@orucc.org



## Stewardship Sunday, November 9th

2009 Orchard Ridge UCC Stewardship Appeal

This is Stewardship Season at Orchard Ridge UCC. We are a very generous congregation and hope that the financial giving to our ministry will continue to be done in a spirit of gratitude and joy. We know that many of us contribute financially to other organizations as well as other initiatives here at church. While these are financially uncertain times for many of us, there is no doubt about the need for our work within the congregation and outside our walls and community. Unlike some churches, we are not beholden to one or two very large givers. Compared to many other churches, our giving is more “democratic”. We hope that you will prayerfully consider a pledge increase for 2009. We will collect pledges in worship on November 9. You may also mail it into the church office before that time. To date, we have received 63 pledges totaling \$171,804.



## ORUCC Fair-Trade Sale

### Volunteers Needed

On Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 8:30 to 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall, ORUCC is sponsoring its annual Fair Trade Christmas Sale. Plan on browsing gift items from around the world brought to us by fourteen vendors. This is a wonderful opportunity to help small entrepreneurs in third world countries while doing our Christmas shopping. All participating organizations offer fair trade merchandise or raise money to fight poverty or support social and economic progress. We want to invite members and friends of ORUCC to come and enjoy the opportunity to purchase a variety of fair trade gift and holiday items. There will be many handcrafted items from developing regions of the world. Participants include SERRV (previously called A Greater Gift), DOERS, Chiripa, Terra Experience, Rhumy Wara, Allied Drive Eviction Prevention and many others. The event is open to the public. Flyers are available on the table in the lounge.

**Volunteers** are needed to help with the set up, welcoming people at the door, relieving vendors so they may have a short break, and with taking down after the sale. Sign-up sheets are located in the lounge, if you can help. You may contact Marilyn Arnold at 274-9139 or at [mjaut76@tds.net](mailto:mjaut76@tds.net) about volunteering. You may also contact Jan Christian, Dianne Stevens, Bev Nelson or Peggy Anderson if you have questions.

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

- For Ellen Fluck, who is recovering from back surgery at home.
- For Rhonda Heise, who is recovering from hip surgery on November 7.
- For Mary Bucknell and family on the death of her father, Roger Bucknell.
- For Tammy Martens struggling with a health issue.
- For Bev Nelson's nephew, Kris, who had two surgeries, and will have a long recovery.
- For Sue Painter, who fell and has a brain injury.
- For our nation in these post election days.
- For Jane & Bob Anderson after Jane's move to Sunnyhill Heath Care Center.

**Prayer of Joy:**

- Joy and Joe's house in New Orleans is almost ready for them to move in. Our youth who participated in the Youth Mission Trip this past July worked on this house.

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

***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.

- Robert & Judith Boeck
- Pat Borchardt & Family
- Kathy Borkowski & Chris Glad

**Thank you from the Myers Family**

We want to thank the church community for all the support we have received over the last 10 weeks and the support we continue to receive: those who were with us the first days after Dan was killed; those who helped with the funeral service; those who pray for us; those who communicated with us and invited us to spend time with them; and those who contributed to the Daniel Gregg Myers endowment fund. At this most difficult time of our lives, we are blessed to be a part of such a loving community. Again, thank you.

Beth and Dave Myers

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

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

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

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

**Heart and Soul in Room 12****CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE**

At 9:00 a.m. the next 2 Sundays (Nov. 9 & 16) ORUCC member Pam Oliver will lead a discussion on Conversations about Race in America.

This new Sunday "Heart & Soul" series will continue (but not duplicate) the greatly appreciated sessions on the topic of Race facilitated last spring at Orchard Ridge by Pam.

As a noted UW-Madison faculty member in the Department of Sociology, Professor Pamela Oliver is frequently interviewed and quoted. Most recently she was chosen to be one of the keynote speakers at Madison's YWCA Summit on Racism.

**Looking for a Quiet Space?**

Have you found the **MEDITATION ROOM** downstairs? 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.

We are in need of 2 or 3 floor pillows for sitting on for our meditation room. If you have one you would like to donate for the meditation room please contact Linda Hitchman at 845-8879.

**Free yoga class November 12<sup>th</sup>**

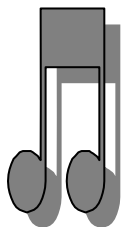
**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

A restorative style of yoga to soothe the soul and accessible to most everyone, taught by Pat Nicolet, a Certified Svaroopa Yoga Teacher with over 700 hours of training. If you have a health concern, please talk to Pat prior to class (577-5521). Dress comfortably, in layers. Some of the practices will be done on the floor, so a mat and/or blanket are strongly recommended. Pat will provide blocks and blankets for propping.

### Spellbinding IHN Presentation November 16

Okay, maybe “spellbinding” is a bit over-the-top. BUT, we will have some very good food and childcare available! Alas, we will also offer some short and snappy info bits about our involvement in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a Madison shelter program for homeless families. We will introduce a new concept to volunteering for IHN at ORUCC. Please join us as a returning volunteer, or as “rookie” volunteer. Our hope is to re-ignite your interest and support for this wonderful mission here at ORUCC. Please join us, Sunday, **November 16** at 11:10 to 11:50 in the Friendship Hall.

### The Gospellers of the Wisconsin Conference UCC will perform



On Sunday, **November 23** at 4:00 PM The Gospellers, a gospel choir of the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ, which toured Germany this past June, will perform at Madison Christian Community, Hope United Church of Christ, 7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison, Wisconsin. A freewill offering will be taken. Before the concert at 3:15 PM there will be a video of the tour. Following the concert ‘light refreshments’ will be served.

The Gospellers were organized to go on tour this past June in Germany, on invitation of the church in Berlin-Brandenburg. Hosted by the Westend Gospelsingers in Eberswalde, Germany, the thirty-five members of the choir from Wisconsin always performed with local gospel, choirs, experiencing the joy of choir fellowship with our German sisters and brothers.

### Dates for your calendar

- December 24th - Two Christmas Eve services at 5 and 10 p.m.
- Interfaith Hospitality Hosting week - December 21-28th
- Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society Concert and Dessert at church - Friday, January 9th, 2009
- Tentative date for Annual Meeting of Congregation - January 25th, 2009
- Partygras Celebration (our version of a pre-Lenten party) - Feb. 24th, 2009
- Ash Wednesday Service - February 25th, 2009
- Adult Urban Immersion to Milwaukee - February 28-March 1, 2009

### 2008/2009 IHN Hosting Schedule

Please post on your refrigerator or bulletin board

**December 21—28, 2008**

**May 10—17, 2009**

**July 19—26, 2009**

**September 20—27, 2009**

**December 6—13, 2009**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
November		
Friday 7	8:30 a.m.	Church Women United Conference
	8:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Copper Top
	2:00 p.m.	Liturgical Arts/Space Mission Team
Sunday 9	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 10	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 11	11:45 a.m.	OVER 55
Wednesday 12	6:00 p.m.	Yoga with Pat
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 16	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00 a.m.	IHN coffee and informational Mtg.
Monday 17	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 18	6:00 p.m.	Supper/programming to follow
	6:15 p.m.	OWL
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday 19	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service Mtg
Thursday 20	5:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Mtg
Sunday 23	8:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Christmas Sale
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



**COMMUNION**

**Ushers—Need 3 each Sunday unless specified**

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| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Pat Hale, John Pray, Laurie Irwin                |
| <b>Nov 16</b> | Carolyn Carlson, Paul Patenaude, Pat Fellows     |
| <b>Nov 23</b> | Pat Hale, Jack Christian, Vern Reed              |
| <b>Nov 30</b> | Rosemary Stare, Kathy Paulson, Jon Blanchard     |
| <b>Dec 7</b>  | Dick Rossmiller ©, Lois Rossmiller, Laurie Irwin |
| <b>Dec 14</b> | Bernie & Jim Treichel, Jerry Nelson              |

**Welcomers**

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|---------------|---|
| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Cheryl Diermyer, Ruth Ley, Jean Rush                |
| <b>Nov 16</b> | Helen Atz, Steve Sheets, Marilyn Arnold             |
| <b>Nov 23</b> | Barbara Stretchberry, Amy Fewel, Charlene Gallagher |
| <b>Nov 30</b> | Carol & Robert Prugh, Dianne Stevens                |
| <b>Dec 7</b>  | Hope Soroos, Jack Schairer, Lynn Roethe             |
| <b>Dec 14</b> | John Lemke, Joyce Pohl, Lorraine Dellmann           |

**Sound**

**Coffee**

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|---------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <b>Nov 9</b>  | Paul Hedges  | Bob Ansheles           |
| <b>Nov 16</b> | Ken Psyck    | Annette Porter         |
| <b>Nov 23</b> | J. McLellan  | J. McLellan            |
| <b>Nov 30</b> | Helen Horn   | Doug Hendrix           |
| <b>Dec 7</b>  | Mike Walsh   | Brian & Rachael Lancor |
| <b>Dec 14</b> | John Gilbert | Deanna Blanchard       |

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