

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SOUTHWEST FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday from
3– 7 p.m. in our church parking
lot. This is a great way to support
local farmers and vendors.

ALL CHURCH GATHERINGS IN THE SUMMER

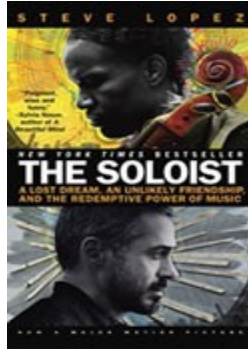
Families, singles, couples, and friends are invited to join in some simple fun. Bring your own supper at 6:00 p.m. and join other church friends on the following days this summer:

- Monday, June 21: McKee Farms Park, Hwy PD, Fitchburg
- Wednesday, July 21: Garner Park, Rosa Road and Mineral Point Road, Madison
- Thursday, August 19: Lakeview Splash Park, Allen Blvd., Middleton



THE SOLOIST

Orchard Ridge is joining in a community wide “Community Read” and movie discussion with Porchlight, Inc. of *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez.



The Soloist is a remarkable story of the bond between a journalist and a mentally ill, homeless, classically trained musician in Los Angeles. The book was turned into a major motion picture starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx.

You are encouraged to read the book, watch the movie and join in discussion. We'll join with others in the community and we'll host our own.

July 3 - 17th - The movie version of *The Soloist* will be available for loan to ORUCC folks.

Wednesday, July 14, 7 p.m. at the Central Library—ORUCC folks who are interested are invited to attend this community wide discussion.

Wednesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. We'll host a discussion of the movie here at church.

Children in the Garden

In ORUCC's Vegetable Village we have a Children's Garden Plot that the children are invited to work in all summer. Meg Stevens, Brian and Rachel Lancor are the coordinators and have already worked with the kids to dig up the soil, to spread compost, plant seeds, and water the plants. **Every Sunday during worship**, children will be invited to tend to their Garden plot which includes weeding, laying down hay, watering, harvesting, and eating the vegetables. On some Sundays, there will be a Bible story/lesson and prayer that will be shared that helps the children and adults understand the connection between our garden tending and our spirituality. By the end of the summer and into the fall, we hope to be making some wonderful salsa, pesto, and pickles with all of the ingredients coming from the Children's Garden plot and other plots.

Join our annual Summer Sundaes Sunday after worship on June 13. Enjoy ice cream and music outside!

Summer Worship Themes: The Phoenix Affirmations

A number of years ago, a group of clergy in the Phoenix AZ area put together a set of affirmations that they felt better represented their understanding of the Christian faith than some of the public pronouncements typically heard when a “Christian” voice is presented. We’ll explore these affirmations this summer in hopes that together we might find useful and thoughtful ways to express our vibrant, joyfully alive faith! We’ll explore one of the 12 affirmations each Sunday.

As people who are joyfully and unapologetically Christian, we pledge ourselves completely to the way of Love. We work to express our love, as Jesus teaches us, in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self. This includes the following affirmations:

- June 13:** *Walking fully in the path of Jesus, without denying the legitimacy of other paths God may provide humanity* (Winton Boyd)
- June 20:** *Basing our lives on the faith that, in Christ, all things are made new, and that we, and all people, are loved beyond our wildest imagination – for eternity* (Tammy Martens)
- June 27:** *Celebrating the God whose Spirit pervades and whose glory is reflected in all of God’s Creation, including the earth and its ecosystems, the sacred and secular, the Christian and non-Christian, the human and non-human* (Winton Boyd)
- July 4:** *Listening for God’s Word which comes through daily prayer and meditation, through studying the ancient testimonies which we call Scripture, and through attending to God’s present activity in the world* (Ken Pennings)
- July 11:** *Expressing our love in worship that is as sincere, vibrant, and artful as it is scriptural* (Winton Boyd)
- July 18:** *Engaging people authentically, as Jesus did, treating all as creations made in God’s very image, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality, or economic class* (Winton Boyd)
- July 25:** *Standing, as Jesus does, with the outcast and oppressed, the denigrated and afflicted, seeking peace and justice with or without the support of others* (Winton Boyd)
- August 1:** *Walking humbly with God, acknowledging our own shortcomings while honestly seeking to understand and call forth the best in others, including those who consider us their enemies* (Ken Pennings)
- August 8:** *Preserving religious freedom and the Church’s ability to speak prophetically to government by resisting the commingling of Church and State* (Winton Boyd)
- August 15:** **ORUCC Youth Mission Trip** participants lead worship
- August 22:** *Claiming the sacredness of both our minds and our hearts, recognizing that faith and science, doubt and belief serve the pursuit of truth* (Winton Boyd)
- August 29:** *Acting on the faith that we are born with a meaning and purpose; a vocation and ministry that serves to strengthen and extend God’s realm of love* (Tammy Martens)
- September 5:** *Caring for our bodies, and insisting on taking time to enjoy the benefits of prayer, reflection, worship and recreation in addition to work* (Winton Boyd)