JULY, 2017 ISSUE 1

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

July 16
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Music Julie Mazer

July 23
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Tammy Martens preaching
Music Mike & Claire Bjork

July 30
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Music Kythie Boyd

August 6
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Ken Pennings preaching
Music Steve Yeazel

Explore the Psalms: We will be using the Psalms of the Hebrew Bible as our focus for worship this fall. Winton Boyd is offering a series of discussions about the psalms over the summer. While it is coordinate with the Ministry of Adult Faith Formation, it is open to any who would like to learn more. We’ll read together, react and do a bit of discussion about the intent and themes of the Psalms. Three more conversations will be offered:

- Thursday, July 13th from 5:30-7:00
- Thursday, August 10 from 5:30-7:00
- Thursday, August 24 from 5:30-7:00

If you have questions, please contact Winton Boyd.

Labyrinth Walk, July 20: Come enter the woods during a labyrinth walk on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. With a Wendell Berry Sabbath poem as invitation our Friendship Hall labyrinth will be open, lit by candlelight, and guided by prayer stations. Walk, wander, listen, reflect. Let go, commit. Breathe. Find welcome space...

Summer Focus on ACTS: This summer, we’ll be exploring the book of ACTS in the New Testament in at least three ways: 1) Sunday Sermons; 2) a weekly Wednesday noon discussion group, and 3) reading ACTS on your own, or with your family. Come to as many Wednesday noon discussions as work for you (only one, or all fourteen)! At 12 noon, in the Alfred Swan Room, off Friendship Hall. Most of the discussions will be facilitated by Ken Pennings, but a few by Winton Boyd. Bring a bag lunch, if you wish. Cold beverage provided. The discussion will begin promptly at noon and will conclude at 1 pm. For those who work close to the church, might you take your lunch break with us? Please sign up in the Friendship Hall each Sunday if you think you may want to join that week’s discussion, or simply show up! (SEE ORUCC.ORG FOR READING SCHEDULE)

We’re urging the congregation to read through the entire book of ACTS individually and/or with families, using any version you wish. Feel free to borrow a Bible from the church. Bibles are stored on a cart near the east coat-closet, off the Crossroads.

As we read, study, discuss, and preach the book of ACTS, remember that there is great value not only in what the text brings to us, but in what we bring to the text. Let’s discover together how our lives intersect with the book of ACTS!

ORUCC joins Dane Sanctuary coalition: Moderator Ruthanne Landsness represented ORUCC at a July 6 press conference announcing the Dane County Sanctuary Coalition. You can watch a video of the statements by several congregations, including Ruthanne’s. It is available on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5SOlmGialQ) or on the ORUCC website (www.orucc.org) or ORUCC Facebook page.

The coalition has been developing guidelines for hosting. ORUCC will now be creating a sanctuary mission team. If you are interested in serving, please contact either Winton Boyd or Ruthanne Landsness.

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Newsletter:
August 15
Articles due the Monday before
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.

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Ken’s Pennings – Summer

Can it really be summer?! We’ve waited such a long time for it to arrive!! Indeed, it is here, and if you’re like me, you’re loving it! Despite the humidity and mosquitoes, I’m outside every day picking raspberries, working in my vegetable garden, and walking the bike trails. Can’t wait for the trip to the U.P. where my family and I will stay in a cabin on Lake Superior – swimming, kayaking, fishing, hiking, flying kites, and grilling out!

And this summer at ORUCC is a very special time. Slower pace, in-depth conversations, weekly sermons and discussions on the book of ACTS, a variety of musicians in worship, children preparing veggie treats they’ve harvested from the Veggie Village!

I hope you enjoy these poems about summer:

Bed in Summer
by Robert Louis Stevenson
In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people’s feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight
by Emily Bronte
’Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

Would You Like Summer? Taste of Ours
by Emily Dickinson
Would you like summer? Taste of ours. Spices? Buy here!
Ill! We have berries, for the parching! Weary! Furloughs of down!
Perplexed! Estates of violet trouble ne’er looked on!
Captive! We bring reprieve of roses! Fainting! Flasks of air!
Even for Death, a fairy medicine.
But, which is it, sir?

From My Porch, by Elaine George
After the end of a long hot day
At the end of my rope - with nerves all frayed
I sat on the porch...to rest a spell
As the sun slipped...slowly behind the hill

Calmed...by the lingering...after glow
I watched...the summer night unfold

Crimson streaks...on a sky of blue
Melted...in a thousand...different hues
Got lost...in the dark...without the light
Leaving...just their shadows...in the night

And in fields...of clover...across the way
The crickets...began...their serenade
As fireflies danced...with sheer delight
Glowing...in love...with this summer night

And there...ahead...at the end of the road
Above the bridge...where the river flows
It rose - like magic - before my eyes
An orange moon...so big...it filled the sky

Summer, by Tim Smith
Oh summer what have you done to me
so many flirtatious winks teasingly undressing me with every wisp of a welcomed heat filled breath

Oh summer, oh how you melt me
with those gazing sunrise eyes blinking
and those sweet high noon kisses swimming fogging up another afternoon aviator sky

Oh summer your warm touches caress and I’m a mess blushing into a golden bronze affair wondering when you’re not there if you will ever come back again

Oh summer your nights delight with fire
and a backyard breeze harmony underneath
a blanket of stars and a lemonade moon hushed I swoon knowing I’m in love

ORUCC joined Good Shepherd ELCA and Madison Mennonite and Justified Anger for MOSAIC, a 5 week cross cultural learning class.

For 5 Tuesday nights in May and early June, about 15 people from ORUCC joined about 20 others from Good Shepherd ELCA and Madison Mennonite for a pilot program/class with Justified Anger. Titled MOSAIC, it was designed to help us reflect on our cultural competency with a specific focus on black/white issues. The class arose out of conversation among the pastors and

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Compassion offering for July is Madison Urban Ministry:  MUM is an interfaith social justice organization that serves as a prophetic voice for justice, spurring social change in and about Dane County for over forty years. MUM’s mission statement is “standing with the poor and hurting of Dane County, neighbors working together for social change.” MUM invites and facilitates avenues for individuals to engage in social action with an emphasis on outreach and support to the incarcerated, the homeless and the disenfranchised. Orchard Ridge has been a supporter for these entire 40 years. 

A sampling of MUM’s guiding values in action:

Journey Home – The focus of this program is to assess the needs, potential barriers and strengths facing individuals newly released from prison and assist those individuals in making a successful transition back home.

Circles of Support – This is a reentry program that matches formerly incarcerated individuals with volunteers in the community to provide positive community support during their transition.

Healing House – Fundraising is currently underway for this 8-bed facility that will provide 24/7 recuperative care for a homeless child or family member after surgery.

Just Bakery – A 16-week vocational and educational training program for individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment and who have an interest in baking or culinary arts as a career pathway.

MUM’s vision is of a community that welcomes the stranger, that believes in forgiveness and redemption, in second chances, and need to confront head on the systemic injustices that lead to oppression and inequality.

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.

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Prayers of Joy:
For the 50+ people who attended Family Camp last week at Moon Beach Camp.
For the birth of Kari & Nick Nonn-Buer’s daughter, Rosie Mae.
For twin boys born to Nicole & Mark Liederbach, Henry and Liam.
For the leadership of our Moderator, Ruthanne Landsness, who represented ORUCC at last week’s public press release announcing the formation of the Dane County Sanctuary Coalition.
For Lois & Dick Rossmiller’s 65th wedding anniversary.
For Ree Hale and Peter Fabian’s 40th wedding anniversary.

Prayers of Concern:
For Mary White who is being treated for an infection.
For Bonnie Augusta who had surgery last week for breast cancer.
For the Liederbach’s newborn, Liam, who had multiple health issues at birth.
For Lisa Benitez’ father Edward who is in rehab following an episode with sepsis.
For Peter Hoff’s brother Paul struggling with a chronic condition.
For Donna & John Lilleythun’s son Todd who has an MRI this week following treatment for brain cancer.

Women’s Breakfast:  We meet at the Pancake Café at 728 S. Gammon Rd. (near Watts Rd) at 8:30 on the first Friday of the month. This is an informal gathering to chat on many subjects and interests. Many men have also been joining in at their “guys” table and are welcome as well.

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.

Women’s Book Group:  Our next gathering will be on Thursday, July 13, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the home of Jill Westberg, 7806 Copper Leaf Trail.

We will discuss the nonfiction book “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown. This number one NY Times bestseller tells the tale of how nine working-class boys from the American West took the 1936 Olympics in Berlin by storm. As the crew team from the University of Washington, they shocked elite teams from the East coast of the U.S. and around the world with their grit and determination. The book is hailed as a story of “American can-do-ism.”

If you plan to come, please let Jill know at jillwestberg@gmail.com or 630-254-0825. Any woman who enjoys discussing books she has read, or this one in particular, is welcome to join us.

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! Questions, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409. NOTE: As you plan your knitting and crocheting projects that include prayer shawls, please plan most of your shawls to be rectangles. Think in terms of 16 to 20 inches wide and 60 to 72 inches long. These are the most used shawls and would be most helpful.

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Weekly Meditation Group:  We meet at the church on Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 am, for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys. Contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or 547_5698@msn.com or Helene Nelson 259-2546 or helenemargaret@gmail.com for more information.

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ACTIVE ADULT ADVENTURE RETREAT
MOON BEACH CAMP
SEPTEMBER 25-29

The beautiful colors of fall in the Northwoods make the perfect setting for all kinds of adventures, and we invite you to come and join in the beauty of the natural world, the hospitality of Moon Beach Camp, and the joy and encouragement of community. Join us for the Active Adult Adventure Retreat (formerly called the Baby Boomer Camp).

Adventure in conversation with Jean Feraca, former Wisconsin Public Radio host as she shares with us three evening programs:
- Spirituality for Aging: Cultivating a lively, joyful, and grateful simplicity
- Teaching Plato in Prison: Finding structure, meaning and commitment in retirement
- Writing as a Spiritual Exercise: Being present to abundance, perspective, and legacy

Adventure in understanding and care of creation with a knowledgeable Northwoods naturalist and with the biologist who supervised the Moon Beach and area-wide shoreline restoration projects

Adventure with a morning start with our yoga instructor who will help the beginner and the experienced with gentle and helpful exercises

Adventure with a personal fishing guide or on a tour of a cranberry harvest or a unique and local planetarium

Adventure in your own way with biking, hiking, canoeing/kayaking, reading your favorite book, playing cards, visiting St. Germain or Eagle River or just sitting and watching the lake

Adventure in worship and prayer in morning and evening and in enjoying meals and conversation in an open and accepting community

Our leader for this retreat is Rev. David Moyer, the retired Conference Minister of the Wisconsin Conference. For further information and to register, please see the United Church Camps, Inc. website and check out the Moon Beach schedule.

Looking forward to welcoming you to adventures in the beauty of God’s Creation this fall.

Camp AweSum bench at church

Approximately 50 ORUCC’ers went to Moon Beach Family Camp this past week and we came home with an Aldo Leopold bench made by participants in a previous camp called Camp AweSum. These camps support children who are on the autism spectrum. We ‘bid’ $320 for the bench at an auction to support scholarships for camps at both Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center (The UCC’s two Wisconsin camps). If you’d like to help us toward the ‘cost’ of this bench, please make a check to ORUCC with ‘bench’ in the memo line. Each year, members of ORUCC tap both the UCCI scholarship fund as well as Memorial Funds from ORUCC. We want to do all we can to ensure that finances do not prevent anyone from going to camp. If you have more questions, please contact Winton Boyd.

SPECIAL SENIOR EVENT, OCT. 21—SAVE THE DATE!

Come away to relax, reflect, and grow at our next Wayfinding for Seniors event this fall, as we immerse ourselves in the spiritual practice of Conscious Aging. This all-day program will be led by experienced retreat leader Rev. Holly Whitcomb, who understands the challenges of navigating our youth-obsessed culture as we age. Relax, meet friends, enjoy lunch together, and take in stimulating presentations, along with enjoying ample quiet time for pondering and personal reflection.

Holly’s Conscious Aging retreats are designed to cultivate new tools for aging confidently and well. The morning program will focus on Strategies for Coping with Change, recognizing that change is a constant aspect of aging. (It’s been said that the secret of successful aging is to learn how to adapt to change.) The afternoon session will focus on “The Practice of Wholeheartedness,” which helps us navigate Conscious Aging with authenticity and passion.

More program details will follow.

Mark the date now so you can join us for this special day, Saturday, October 21, here at ORUCC. (To cover Holly’s services, there will be a small fee for this program.) A bit longer than usual, this program will begin at 9:30 and end at 2:30. Lunch will be provided. Anyone past mid-life is welcome.

Rev. Holly Whitcomb of Milwaukee is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ who graduated from Yale Divinity School and served churches in New England and the Midwest. She also graduated from the program on spiritual direction at the highly regarded Shalem Institute in Washington D.C. and now heads Kettlewood Retreats. Besides leading retreats, she is both a spiritual director and a writer who has published widely on spirituality. Her books include Feasting with God, Practicing Your Path, and Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting.

Compassion Offerings

January-The Crossing $2584.50
February-Rape Crisis Center $2041.55
March-One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) $3371.62
April-Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin $3508.67
May-The Catalyst Project of Madison $2035.87
June-Millennium Soccer Club $2035.96

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.
Welcome To Our New Members

Page and Jane Danley: Page and Jane met when they were undergraduates at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. They had many common interests: Spanish, literature, history, physical and cultural anthropology, art, music, and theater. They were married in the UCC church in Milwaukee, WI. Page received a Master’s degree in Business and Management from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI and Jane received her Master’s degree in Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language from the University of WI Madison. Page currently works for Name Badge Productions, Inc. and Jane is a Bilingual teacher and works at Nuestro Mundo Community School which is part of the Madison school district. They have lived in Madison for 27 years. Their son Colin and daughter-in-law Diane (who live in Lake Bluff, IL) are expecting their first child in July. Both Page and Jane continue to share many interests. They attend classes and lectures, travel, read, take music lessons, regularly visit art/cultural exhibits, attend the symphony, opera, theater, dance and many other performances. They love cooking, gardening, biking, walking, nature, and other outdoor activities. Their core values include family, friendship, community, commitment to education and the arts, ecological / social justice, compassion and spirituality. Both have been Christians since childhood. They are returning members of this church and are glad to be back and to reconnect with the congregation. They appreciate how welcoming everyone has been.

Jill Westberg: Years ago Jill was on a committee to start a new church, and wanted to name it First Church of the Sincerely Cynical. The name reflected how she approached spirituality/theology: with sincere questions. She has lived much of her adult life through questions. Early on she struggled with Christianity’s meaning, but also its relationship to health so she worked in the field of faith and health. Several years later she questioned whether or not it was always best for children with disabilities to be included. This led her to work as a special-ed assistant in a grade school. From that job she moved to working with the “gifted”. How could she challenge them in the early grades? Then her husband decided to work in Connecticut, her response was, “Fine, I’m going to pursue my questions about the diverse history of the Lake Geneva area.” She began with the camps, which led to women, which led to the domestic help from the grand estates, etc. Her current adventure involves living near her children in a progressive small city with so much to explore. She feels lucky indeed! Karin Drury moved to Madison with her husband (Jesse) and her son (Jamie) in 2015 from Los Angeles, CA where she worked at a camp for children with chronic illnesses. Karin currently works as a trainer at Epic and recently dusted off her theatre degree in a production with Strollers Theatre here in Madison. Karin joined Orchard Ridge UCC along with her mom (Jill Westberg McNamara) and is excited to get involved with this great congregation.

Pat Foersterling: I attended UW and married my high school sweetheart, Fred the summer of 1963. He had just graduated from Lawrence. Fred was working for Sears, I worked for the phone company. We have 3 children, Karen, Jim and John. Fred was hired as a pilot for Eastern Airlines which he loved. We lived on Long Island for 2 years, Atlanta 1 year and then back to Barrington, a Chicago suburb. We lived out in the country and raised sheep which was a lot of fun and a great 4H project. We joined Community Church and were very active in the church. I brought baby lambs into church near the Easter holidays which the children loved. I worked in sales in senior housing and found that to be very rewarding. We loved our roles as Mommo and Poppo to 8 grandchildren, but in Oct of 2008 my dear husband was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. He handled it with much grace and beat the odds and lived almost 6 more years. After his death, I moved to Madison to be near my daughter and her family. I am delighted to be joining ORUCC, and look forward to meeting new friends.

Brittani Redfearn lives in Fitchburg with her boyfriend Will and two kids Beckem (2 ½) and Vivien (1 ½). The family will welcome a third baby (boy) in September! Brittani enjoys spending free time outdoors with the family and is an amateur gardener. She is the General Manger at Buffalo Wild Wings in Fitchburg and has been with the company for seven years. Brittani chose to join ORUCC because of the progressive congregation and is excited to be able to watch her family’s faith grow in this community!
Joanna Beilman Dulin and George Gillis have two children, Clara and Neil. They’ve been married since 2010 and live on the west side of Madison. They both work in politics, and George serves on the Dane County Board. Joanna grew up on the West Coast and was raised in the UCC, as her mother is a retired UCC pastor. George grew up largely agnostic in Shawano, WI. George is a graduate of Lawrence University and is an aficionado of the NFL draft and many nerdy things such as comic books and board games. Joanna is a graduate of UW-Madison, and enjoys drinking coffee, binge-watching television shows after the kids go to sleep, and noting out loud every time a bassoon can be heard in television or movie soundtracks. Clara loves tutus, twirling, and dancing and playing with her brother. Neil loves anything that “vrooms,” and enjoys making animal noises and playing with his sister. They are all very excited to be joining ORUCC.

Matthew Westfox, with a Christian mother and a Jewish father, was neither baptized nor bar mitzvahed but instead was exposed to both traditions, and allowed to find his own way. He was baptized at the age of 17, and has been a proud UCC member since college, but continues to hold a strong reverence for the Judaism of his family. A former pastor and non-profit activist, today Matthew makes his living in a number of ways, including writing, consulting for non-profits and new businesses, driving Uber, playing poker, and running the blog and podcast, Superhero Ethics. The podcast explores ethical questions raised by superhero and related movies and TV shows, ranging from sexism and racism in media to the ethics of vigilantism to the role of violence in combating oppression. Matthew also works as a judge and tournament organizer for the card game Magic the Gathering. Matthew has a love of community, especially bringing people together to share food, games, or music. He is excited to become part of the Orchard Ridge community, having been drawn in by the melding of social justice with a desire to explore the divine mysteries that under-gird that quest for justice.

Paul and Francesca Vash moved from Milwaukee to Madison in 2011 and live on the Southwest side of Madison with their two sons Desmond (7) and Daniel (4). Paul works as a software trainer and Francesca is a family nurse practitioner with a pediatric focus. They had been curious about the ORUCC for several years, as they are members of the nearby Ridgewood pool, and despite not knowing any other members or having a past affiliation with the UCC decided to attend a service in mid-February. They appreciated the warmth and immediate contact members of ORUCC made with them during their first few visits, but what impressed them most was the open-minded discussion surrounding faith and the purpose of church. Other languages, interpretations, and cultures are regularly incorporated into the worship service and it is very refreshing! They are happy to belong to a church that encourages differing views and seeks to identify unifying themes of truth, love, and faith.

James Berndt was born in San Jose, CA, but grew up in Cottage Grove, MN. He attended Carnegie Mellon University where he received a BA in Creative Writing and a MA in Professional Writing. He now works at Epic in Quality Assurance and spends most of his day trying to find flaws in the software. James has been a member of the UCC since he moved to Minnesota. During his college years, he participated in Bible studies with his peers and learned how to engage with the larger Christian community on topics regarding social justice. In terms of hobbies, James is interested in almost anything that is related to technology. He considers himself a hobbyist programmer and is working to learn how to create applications. He also writes personal essays in his spare time and might want to get his work published one day.
Marty Bero: Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ is a very nice church that is supportive of its members, but is also involved and caring of the community in general. I am grateful to become part of the congregation. I have a degree in design, but wanted to do something involved with helping people. I then obtained a Master's Degree in Education where I was able to worked as job trainer and skill trainer for Developmentally Disabled adults for Good Will and Agape of Appleton. I taught middle school special education in inner city Milwaukee. At present, I am volunteering with the patients at the Hospice Center. I moved to Madison to be closer to my daughter and my grandsons Grayson and Harrison. My son lives in Florida with his family and once a year I am treated to warm weather and family fun. I like to cook and do craft projects. I have no musical ability so you don't want me in the choir.

Erin & Brandon Starks: In 2013 Team Starks was completed with the addition of Cooper Starks to parents Erin and Brandon Starks. Erin hails from Salina, Kansas while Brandon is a local, having grown up in Waunakee. Comprised of home bodies, Team Starks enjoys nearly everything that can be done at home whether it be cooking, reading, writing, or crafting. The entire family has been known, on occasion, to color together at the kitchen table.

Carol Karls: An Army brat growing up, Edgewood College then brought me to Madison. Marrying an Edgewood High School grad kept me here! After teaching kids for a short time, I then had three and became a stay-at-home mom. Working with older adults soon interested me and I began volunteering for hospice, working in long-term health care activities, and teaching adaptive tai chi. And now here I am—an older adult myself! Always a stitcher, I’ve enjoyed fiber arts, knit and crochet, quilting, other arts/crafts, most recently having fun with Zentangle. I enjoy reading and being part of a book club. Being out in nature, including travel to national parks has always drawn me, ever since spending time in early childhood on West Coast beaches. It’s led me to enjoy nature photograph and sometimes attempting haiku. In recent years, I have enjoyed having one and now two of our kids near by. And my life has been greatly blessed by having our two local granddaughters near by. Who else could I get to cook and play board games with me? Religiously/spiritually, I’ve always been a seeker.

Dick Karls: Madison is where I was born and has been home for my entire life. Little League baseball, hunting and fishing captivated my interest as a teenager. While pursuing my undergraduate and graduate degrees from the UW Madison, my time was consumed by school and my family. However, I always took time to follow Wisconsin’s teams, the Badgers and the Green Bay Packers. In our middle years, Carol and I enjoyed many trips in this country and abroad. Now in my late 70’s, I stay active by being employed, enjoying nature (Pope Farm Conservancy) and reading mostly financial materials. Soon set to celebrate our 54th wedding anniversary, we have been fortunate enough to have most of our close family living near us where we all can enjoy and support one another.

Mark and Nicole Liederbach have lived and worked in Madison since 2014. Originally from Greendale, WI, Mark and Nicole met in high school, and have been together through college and ever since. They were married in 2015, and now reside on Madison’s west side. Nicole is in Human Resources, and Mark is a Software Engineer. They both enjoy traveling, hiking and cooking together. Last month, they became first-time parents to twin boys, Henry & Liam.
Carts For Community Neighborhood Meals have begun!
Don’t miss out on the food and fun this summer. Every week, different local Food Cart operators will be coming to select neighborhoods (Meadowood Park, Thursdays) to serve their finest dishes for your dining pleasure. In addition to great food, many meals will also feature music, kid’s activities and even free produce! This year we’ve worked with cart operators to ensure their offerings are not only delicious but also affordable for the whole family! Each location will feature three different carts all offering menu items costing $5 or less! If things are really tight, and you’re seriously low on cash, we’ll even have $5 vouchers for at least 100 people every night while supplies last! THURSDAYS, MEADOWOOD PARK, 5808 Thrush Lane, June 7 – August 3, 5:30-7:30.

Convenient Option to Pay Your Operating Pledge Monthly:
No more checks to write, or worries if you paid each month, and no more relying on snail mail delivery. A simplified option to pay your operating pledge on a monthly basis, by auto deduction from your bank account. Please contact Debbie at the church office 271-7212 for the auto deduction form, or for more information. Deductions are taken out the 15th of each month.

Please make the following changes in the church directory:
Change address for Julie Mazer to: 7209 Iris Bloom Dr, Madison 53719
Change address for Marcia & Andrew Beckett to: 5210 Summer Trail Rd., McFarland, WI 53558