

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION



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

Sunday Morning

October 8

9 am Learning about Psalms
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Handbell Choir

October 15

9 am Psalm Working Session
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
ORUCC Choir

October 22

9 am Sanctuary Issues
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
ORUCC Choir

October 29

9 am THE MANY workshop
10 am Worship with guest
Musician THE MANY
Lunch & work day following
worship

Newsletters:

**October 18 and
November 7 & 21**

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.

Church Emails

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How do we respond?

Ironically, this coming Sunday's sermon Scripture is Psalm 69. This psalm of lament and complaint is a voice of one feeling disoriented amidst life's struggles. In the wake of this past Sunday's mass shooting in Las Vegas, we'll read this adaption that combines the words of the psalmist with our own prayers. With the psalmist, we'll seek to channel our anger, grief, confusion and powerlessness into both prayer and action. (Psalm is from *The Message*.
Compiled by Winton Boyd)

Psalm 69, adapted and interspersed with life

God, God, save us! We're in over our head, quicksand under us, swamp water over us; we are going down yet again. We are hoarse from calling for help, bleary-eyed from searching the sky for God.

Whereas we once prayed for victims, today we do that but pray more for courage. Whereas we once felt helpless, today we know that we choose inertia, status quo. Where as the psalmist prayed for himself, we pray for our nation.

We've got more enemies than hairs on our heads; sneaks and liars are out to knife us in the back. God, you know every sin we've committed; our collective life is a wide-open book before you.

We wonder, God, if we know the real enemy? Is it the NRA? Conservatives? Gun owners? Politicians? We the voters? We with short attention spans that jump from headline to headline, tweet to tweet? Others (Fill in the Blank)?

As we name the sins of others we see, help us explore the sins within us we choose not to see, cannot see, or will not acknowledge?

God, answer in love! Answer with your sure salvation! Rescue us from the swamp, don't let us go under for good, pull us out of the clutch of the enemy; this whirlpool is sucking us down.

All of us, God, are suffering. All of us look for courage, love, and kindness.

As children, we need kindness.

As activists and prophets, we need love.

As wise elders or those preoccupied with family and work or those studying or falling in love – we all need courage.

Save us from this swamp. For the sake of all victims of senseless violence; this week and every week. For the sake of all us; because we are all victims of this violence.

Compassion offering for October is for the Family Resource Centers (FRC) at both Orchard Ridge and Falk Elementary Schools:

Falk FRC is a school-based food pantry and parent resource center that aims to help Falk parents meet their families' basic and school-related needs of food, clothing, hygiene, shelter, backpacks and school supplies.

Falk FRC serves approximately 360 students attending Falk Elementary School on Madison's west side. Because 75% of Falk students are low income and 11% are homeless, many families struggle to meet their children's needs. Funding from this month's Compassion Offering will be used to purchase school supplies to support our Interactive Homework initiative, allowing equal access for all Falk families to support their children's learning at home.

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.

Prayers of Concern:

For the family of long-time ORUCC member Vern Reed who passed away last week. A private service was held.
For Bonnie Augusta who receives the 4th round of chemo this week for breast cancer.
For Brandon Starks who is recovering from an appendectomy.
For Betty Day who is recovering from foot surgery.
For Steve Yeazel's father Roy who is in the hospital with multiple health complications.
For Marcia & Andrew Beckett's 3 yr. old niece Gloria who is being treated for leukemia.
For Nancy Jackson at St. Mary's Care Center with an infection in a hip replacement.
For Ann & Dave Moyer grieving the death of Ann's mother.
For Marilyn Arnold who is now home and under the care of Hospice.

Prayers of Joy:

For the birth of Alyssa and Pete Haskins' 3rd child, Quinton (Quinn).
For the birth of Brittani Redfean's 3rd child, Maverick.
For the many ORUCC volunteers who served families living with homelessness last week with the Road Home (IHN).
For a number of ORUCC folks who attended "Adult Adventure Camp" last week at Moon Beach.
For Mary Bubenzer who had successful surgery on her spine last Thursday.

New Members Series

Might you be interested in a New Members / Seekers Series with the Pastors and Leadership Team of ORUCC?

Please attend our informational classes at the church from 9-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, October 22

Sunday, November 12

Sunday, November 19

RSVP to the church office at office@orucc.org, or 271-7212.

At the Informational Classes, you'll learn more about Orchard Ridge and the United Church of Christ (UCC). We'll discuss our history as a local church, ministries within the congregation and the wider community, and some of the church's views on important issues of faith. In preparation for this series, you may wish to browse ORUCC's website: www.orucc.org. You may participate in the New Member Classes even if you decide not to join the church at this time.

New and Improved Balance Exercise Class!

You are all invited to work on balance and leg strengthening exercises on Tuesday mornings, 10:30-11:15, October 10 through March 27, 2018. The class will be held in the Bonhoeffer Room located in the lower level of the church. The class will include evidence based exercises to reduce risk of falls, a little Tai Chi, a little yoga and some ankle weights or exercise bands, if you wish. Sign up is not required, drop in when you can. There is no fee, but suggest a donation to the Youth Mission trip in 2018. If you have questions, contact Joyce Pohl at ja-pohl@gmail.com or call 608-206-5697.

Creating our Own Psalms – offered by the Ministry of Adult Faith Formation:

The Adult Faith Formation team is coordinating a project to run in parallel with our fall worship theme on the Psalms called *Create Your Own Psalm*. This isn't about being a Biblical scholar; this isn't about using the perfect syntax to write a Psalm. What it is about is delving into what the Psalms evoke in you.

Each week in worship as we explore multiple Psalms, we'll include prompt/reflection questions intended to inspire, to evoke, to nestle into your heart and mind. That prompt might send you down unexpected roads, it might evoke new ideas. Whatever it does for you, we are asking that you explore it and reflect it in, oh, maybe your own Psalm, maybe a painting, maybe taking a photograph, maybe writing a song...however the expression moves in you.

We'll even be offering a couple of working sessions--times to work and reflect together, times to share what we've done, times to just be together around this idea. Later this fall we are hoping to collect your work and create a Psalter for the church. A community collection of reflections on the book of Psalms.

Each Sunday worship service will include 'prompt' questions designed to invite us to create our own contemporary psalm. You may choose to write, to draw, to share a photograph, to dance, etc. This workshop will be a brainstorming idea for participants to explore ideas and threads that will help them create their own psalms. **Workshop dates: October 15 and November 5th at 9:00 a.m.; October 22 after worship.**

Learning about the Psalms: Ken Pennings will continue an overview of this central book of our Hebrew Bible **on October 8th.**

WAIT—DON'T TOSS THAT!

On October 8th, Care of Creation will hold our fourth Really, Really Free Market. If you are ready to part with something that is usable—household items, books, media, tools, craft supplies, sports equipment, toys—please put them aside to share with others. A great way to recycle. (Unfortunately, this year we cannot accept clothing or footwear, furniture, flammable liquids, or baby equipment.)

Bring church on Sunday, October 8th, bring in what you have collected and put those items on the labeled tables in Friendship Hall. After church you and our neighbors are welcome to pick things you could use. No money will be exchanged. It's not necessary to have brought something to take something. No kidding. It's really, really free! Any questions, contact Jill Westberg at 630-254-0825 or jill-westberg@gmail.com.

Progressive Christianity Discussion Group:

We will meet Wednesday, October 11th at the church 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Bringing a bag lunch is optional.

Come prepared having read chapters 3 and 4 of Marcus Borg's book Convictions. Questions contact Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org.

Corn Maze, Bonfire Fun at Treinen Farm:

All are welcome to Treinen Farm in Lodi, Wisconsin on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a campfire, treats, and walk the maze if you'd like.

Check the website out for directions, cost, and corn maze information: <http://treinenfarm.com/>

We have a campfire site reserved from 7 to 10:00 p.m.

Stay for lunch on Sunday, October 22—Walking Taco Bar:

The youth are hosting a "walking taco bar" on Sunday, October 22 starting at 11:00 a.m.

They will serve bowls of meat or beans or both and then you add all the toppings you want!

We will also be showing pictures of our youth mission trip to Santa Fe during the luncheon.

Everyone is invited to stay for lunch, donations accepted.

OVER 55--Mark TUESDAY, October 10th on your calendar:

The next Over 55 meeting will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. Our program will feature BOB LINDMEIER, Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV. His topic will be "CLIMATE CHANGE--THE REAL STORY. He will be talking about the causes of climate change, its effects and what we can do about it. It promises to be a very informative program. As usual, we will gather at 11:30 and begin eating at 11:45. Our delicious meal costs \$7.00 and the program will follow. If you have never attended an Over 55 meeting, consider coming to this one. Everyone is welcome.

The 2017 Fair Trade Sale is a short 6 weeks away -- Sunday, November 19:

In anticipation of this great shopping event, do you have time in your schedule to help us prepare? We welcome PR and advertising support, help with event set-up and signage on Saturday, 11/18; and vendor support and clean up on 11/19. If cooking is more up your alley, you could contribute to the vendor lunch on the day of the sale. To add your name to the Fair Trade Sale team roster, please get in touch with Angie Schoenek ASAP at angelaschoenek@gmail.com or by calling 608-333-2351.

Women's Book Group:

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 12 from 7 - 9 p.m., at the home of Ann Avery, 5305 Whitcomb Drive.

We will discuss the nonfiction book "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis" by J. D. Vance. It is

this year's UW Go Big Read book, with various campus events to supplement what all UW students are reading this semester. Why is this book so important? According to the library website's summary, it "shares the story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle class life and the collective demons of the past." "The Economist" magazine says, "You will not read a more important book about America this year." One UW event that is open to the public is a panel discussion in the Memorial Union's big theater (Shannon Hall) on Monday, October 9, at 7 p.m. No tickets are required and it is free.

If you plan to attend the October 12 Women's Book Group Discussion, we ask that you let Ann know that you are coming. You can reach her at rareavery@msn.com or 298-7587.



The Green Corner—Care of Creation

The atmosphere itself may be changing the food we eat. In the

increasingly polarized debate about climate science, one thing that isn't up for debate is that the level of CO2 in the atmosphere is rising. Scientists predict that within the next 50 years we will likely reach twice the amount that was in the air when Americans started farming with tractors. It's true that a higher concentration of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere would aid photosynthesis, which in turn would contribute to increased plant growth. But... it also leads plants to pack in more carbohydrates like glucose while lowering other nutrients that we depend on, like protein, iron and zinc. Already there is an 8% difference, and increasing CO2 in the atmosphere means that over time food staples such as rice and wheat will be less able to sustain peoples' health and will lead to greater obesity. Food for thought, indeed.

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.

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. FMI— contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or 547_5698@msn.com.

Weekly Meditation Group:

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 47_5698@msn.com or Helene Nelson 259-2546 or helenemargaret@gmail.com for more information.

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.

FALL SCHEDULE AT ORUCC

| Date | 9 a.m. | Worship | Post Worship |
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| October 8 | Learning About the Psalms | Psalms of Disorientation (Winton Boyd) | Really, Really Free Market |
| October 15 | Creating our Own Psalms workshop – led by Adult Faith Formation | Psalms of Disorientation (Winton Boyd) | |
| October 22 | Sanctuary Issues | Psalms of Reorientation (Winton Boyd) | Youth Taco Bar Psalms Discussion – led |
| October 29 | Music workshop with THE MANY | Worship with guest musicians – THE MANY | Worship and Work |
| November 5 | Creating our Own Psalms workshop – led by Adult Faith Formation | Celebration of Vicki Nonn's 45 yrs @ ORUCC. (Winton Boyd) Choir | |
| November 12 | Java and Jesus | Stewardship Sunday Psalms of Reorientation (Winton Boyd) Bells | |
| November 19 | Java and Jesus | Living our Own Psalter (Winton Boyd) Choir | Fair Trade Sale |

Ken's Pennings – Autumn

In the fall at ORUCC, we shift into high gear with our planning and programming. Time to resume Sunday-School for Children, Music Ministries, and Adult Small Groups! Many of us may be ready for a break, a reprieve, a moment to pause and reflect on the many beauties and blessings of this season. Bite into a crisp red apple just picked from a tree. Get close enough to the purple asters to hear the bees buzzing around them. Don a sweater and kick through the leaves that have fallen to the ground. Smile, it's the red, orange, yellow and brown of fall!

How about some beautiful seasonal poetry?

Autumn Day - Rainer Maria Rilke

Lord: it is time. The summer was immense.
Lay your shadow on the sundials
and let loose the wind in the fields.

Bid the last fruits to be full;
give them another two more southerly days,
press them to ripeness, and chase
the last sweetness into the heavy wine.

Whoever has no house now will not build one anymore.
Whoever is alone now will remain so for a long time,
will stay up, read, write long letters,
and wander the avenues, up and down,
restlessly, while the leaves are blowing.

Autumn Fires - Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

The name -- of it -- is "Autumn" - Emily Dickinson

The name -- of it -- is "Autumn"
The hue -- of it -- is Blood
An Artery -- upon the Hill
A Vein -- along the Road

Great Globules -- in the Alleys
And Oh, the Shower of Stain
When Winds -- upset the Basin
And spill the Scarlet Rain

It sprinkles Bonnets -- far below
It gathers ruddy Pools
Then -- eddies like a Rose -- away
Upon Vermilion Wheels

Love In Autumn - Sara Teasdale

I sought among the drifting leaves,
The golden leaves that once were green,
To see if Love were hiding there
And peeping out between.

For thro' the silver showers of May
And thro' the summer's heavy heat,
In vain I sought his golden head
And light, fast-flying feet.

Perhaps when all the world is bare
And cruel winter holds the land,
The Love that finds no place to hide
Will run and catch my hand.

I shall not care to have him then,
I shall be bitter and a-cold --
It grows too late for frolicking
When all the world is old.

Then little hiding Love, come forth,
Come forth before the autumn goes,
And let us seek thro' ruined paths
The garden's last red rose.

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

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? Here are some opportunities at ORUCC (new schedules effective January 1, 2018)

How important is an Usher and Welcomer? Ushers and welcomers are among the first people and most important to us on Sunday mornings. Ushers hand out bulletins, take the offering, serve communion and help clean up after worship. Ushers and welcomers 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. **Ushers and Welcomers** are key in our ministry of hospitality. Would you like to be a part of either one of these ministries? If so, we can add you to the schedule that will come out in December. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Debbie at office@orucc.org or 271-7212 for more information. If you are interested in becoming a welcomer, please contact Ken Pennings, kpenning@orucc.org or 271-7212 for more information, or talk to the person who took care of the sound during worship, or the person in charge of the coffee hour after worship in the Friendship Hall. They will be more than happy to

tell you what the job involves. **Coffee and Sound** If you are interested in volunteering to be added to the coffee and/or sound system rotation, please contact Debbie at office@orucc.org or 271-7212 for more information.

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.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers

Oct 8 Jim Treichel, Peter Fabian, Jarrett Gersten
Oct 15 Phil & Judy Winkel, Joyce Binder
Oct 22 Carolyn Carlson, Jerry Nelson, Larry Goss
Oct 29 Peter Fabian, Phil & Judy Winkel
Nov 5 Joyce Binder, Peter Fabian, Larry Goss

Welcomers

Oct 8 Charlene Gallagher, Carol Prugh, Hope Soroos
Oct 15 Barb McLeod, Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Oct 22 Kim Kaspar, John & Donna Lillethun
Oct 29 Joyce Pohl, Doug & Mary Loving
Nov 5 Heather Stevens, Hope Soroos, Helen Horn

Sound

Oct 8 Paul Hedges
Oct 15 Jarrett Gersten
Oct 22 Chuck Kaspar
Oct 29 Ken Psych
Nov 5 Andrew Beckett

Coffee

Oct 8 Chris Thomas, Jerry Hagen
Oct 15 NEED VOL for 8:30-9:45
9:45-Tom & Char Klossner

Oct 22 Rachael & Brian Lancor
Oct 29 Chuck Kaspar & Jane Glaze
Nov 5 Greg & Barb Loudon

Financial Secretary

Oct 8 Hope Soroos
Oct 15 Nancy Wettersten
Oct 22 Gene Gyar
Oct 29 Peter Hoff
Nov 5 Meg Stevens

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

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| Wednesday 4 | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 5 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| Friday 6 | 8:30 a.m. | Women's Breakfast at Pancake Café |
| Sunday 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Learning About Psalms |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Really, Really, Free Market |
| Monday 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Choir |
| | 7:15 p.m. | ORUCC Men's Group |
| Tuesday 10 | 11:30 a.m. | OVER 55 |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Care of Creation Meeting |
| Wednesday 11 | 6:00 p.m. | Adult Faith Formation Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| Sunday 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Psalms –Disorientation #2 |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Monday 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Balance Exercise Class |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Leadership Team |
| Wednesday 18 | 11:00 a.m. | Progressive Christianity Discussion |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Congregational Life Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| Friday 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Movie Group at Church |