

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION



*"Spiritually Alive, Joyfully
Inclusive, Committed to
Justice."*

Sunday Morning**November 12**

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Handbell Choir**November 19**

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10 am Ken Pennings preaching
ORUCC Choir**November 26**

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10 am Tammy Martens preaching
TRU Function**December 3**

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OUR ACTION
OUR GOD IS STILL
SPEAKING THROUGH OUR
COMPASSION
OUR PRAYING
OUR GIVING

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ Stewardship Season October 2017

As the summer season ends and the daylight becomes shorter, we look to our goals and intentions for the coming year. Part of this evaluation involves examining our commitment and support for Orchard Ridge UCC. Our commitment can be viewed as a reflection of our compassion, our action, our prayer, and our giving within and beyond the walls of the church. The spirit demonstrated by each and every visitor, regular attendee, and member of the church touches all who touch the church.

As participants of this congregation, we feel a part of something larger than ourselves. This spirit carries us beyond church walls and into our communities. In a recent sermon, Ken Pennings shared- *'there is no such thing as life alone or life separated from others. To exist is necessarily to be rooted and entangled within places with a multitude of others'*. This season we are highlighting a few examples of this spirit at work by people of this church, in the values of this church.

Jarrett Gersten is leading this year's drive.

- By now you should have received a Stewardship Appeal letter outlining the goals for the coming year, sent out to all members of the congregation.
- Included in the letter was a Fair Share Giving guide as a tool for how to think about your pledge.
- If you did not receive the 2018 pledge information, and would like to consider a 2018 pledge, please contact the church office 271-7212 and the information will be sent to you.
- Stewardship Sunday is this Sunday November 12 in worship. If you haven't returned your pledge card before then, we'll invite you to bring it with you to worship.

Newsletters:

**November 21 and
December 5 & 19**

**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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Compassion offering for November is the Second Harvest Food Pantry of Southern Wisconsin:

Second Harvest is a hunger relief charity organization whose goal is to make sure everyone in southwestern Wisconsin has enough of the right kinds of food to live a happy and healthy life. They do that in three ways:

Food distribution - Millions of pounds of food are delivered each year through Second Harvest's network of partner agencies, fixed and mobile food pantries and programs.

Promotion of government programs – They assist people in our community to understand and apply for government programs like SNAP (known as FoodShare in Wisconsin). Through FoodShare Outreach they help thousands of people receive FoodShare benefits each year.

Promote hunger awareness – Second Harvest believes that building awareness of the thousands of people in southwestern Wisconsin who don't always know where their next meal will come from is the first step to ending hunger.

Where will your contribution go?

Second Harvest has built strong relationships with food industry donors and producers that allow them to obtain quality, nutritious food at reduced prices. For example, with \$1000 Second Harvest can provide for a week's worth of groceries for 430 families. With every dollar donated, Second Harvest has the purchasing power to provide 3 meals to those facing hunger in southwestern Wisconsin.

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 Char & Tom Klossner after the passing of Char's dad, Al Bach. A service will be held on Nov. 10th at Oakwood Village.

For Steve Sheets and family continuing to grieve the death of Steve's wife Marcia.

For Andrew Ericson who had some of his original art pieces stolen from his high school.

For Kristin Martin who is back home and resting well after being hospitalized for a heart blockage...this is separate from ongoing treatment for breast cancer.

For Liz Feagles who has significant pain in a knee replacement gone awry.

For Nancy Jackson who is unable to walk until hip replacement surgery is possible.

For Marilyn Arnold in hospice care in her home.

For Mary Connor whose sister Cathy is in hospice.

For Ann Kehl's mother in hospice care for Parkinson's.

For Don Holmen's wife Loretta in a memory care facility for dementia.

Prayers of Joy:

For the celebration last Sunday of Vicki Nonn's 45 years of employment with us.

For the birth of twin boys, Elliot and Oliver, to Jamie Sugarman and Tim Walton.

For Paul Patenaude's month-long pilgrimage walking El Camino, part of which was offering hospitality to other pilgrims.

For Judy Brauer's mother's 100th birthday.

For the birth of Ann & Mike Kehl's granddaughter Marta Rose.

For the article in last week's Isthmus Paper about The Sewing Machine Project, founded by our own Margaret Janowski.

For the positive spirit and energy of our Stewardship Campaign.

Thanksgiving Gifts Cards to our Neighbors:

Again this year, we'll be working with our nearby neighborhood centers and Joining Forces for Families to provide \$40 gift cards to Woodman's for the Thanksgiving season. You can contribute to this effort after worship on November 5th, 12th and 19th or online at www.orucc.org. ORUCC and Madison Mennonite are seeking to raise funds for 100 cards.

Labyrinth Walk:

A walk has been scheduled for November 14th from 6 to 7:30. This walk will be an opportunity to hold in gratitude the blessings of our life.

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, 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.

Come to Culver's, Monday, November 20:

We will be having another "Eat Out" at Culver's on Mineral Point Rd. on Monday, November 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our youth will be helping to serve the meals to the customers. Culver's will donate 10 percent of their sales to our Youth Mission Trip! Last year Culver's donated \$710 to our trip. Please come and support our trip by eating a meal at Culver's and bring your friends!

Progressive Christianity Discussion Group:

We will meet Wednesday, November 8 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.

November 12th Sanctuary Event, 9am, ORUCC:

Immigration Issues in the Madison Schools: Showing Symbolic and Pragmatic Support for Staff, Students, and their Families.

Joshua Forehand is principal of Nuestro Mundo Community School, a fully bilingual charter school grades kindergarten to 5 in Madison. Prior to his current role, Josh was Coordinator of the Office of Multilingual and Global Education for the Madison Metropolitan School District. Director Forehand, as he is called by the kids, believes that "there is no form of social justice higher than preparing all students to be successful in life regardless of racial, ethnic, linguistic, or socio-economic background." Josh will be talking with us about the symbolic and pragmatic support that Nuestro Mundo provides for staff, students, and their families, from legal workshops to passport fairs. Let's talk education!



The 2017 Fair Trade Sale is 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.

Jazz Piano Recital November 20, 7:00 pm at Oakwood University Woods, ARTS Auditorium:

ORUCC member David Allen, pianist for the philanthropic Chance Allies group, offers a solo piano performance of improvisations of familiar ballads and classic tunes. Featured composers include Oscar Peterson, Jerome Kern, and George Gershwin and selections include Over the Rainbow, Danny Boy, Autumn Leaves, and many others. The artist's honorarium and any contributions from ORUCC attendees will be donated to a new ORUCC initiative to promote housing stability for families with young children, in partnership with The Road Home, Joining Forces for Families and the Dane County Early Childhood Initiative.



The Green Corner—Care of Creation:

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Wisconsin reported 3,422 jobs related to energy generation using fossil fuels, such as coal or natural gas. The good news is that 7,362 Wisconsin jobs are in energy generation that uses new technologies, such as solar, wind and ethanol. Keep these statistics in mind when someone tells you that jobs will be lost if we abandon our dependence on fossil fuels.

Holiday Bake Sale:

The Youth will be sponsoring the Holiday Bake Sale on Sunday, December 10 after worship. There will be lots of lovely, tasty treats to purchase! The proceeds will go to support the 2018 Youth Mission Trip to Greensboro, North Carolina. The youth will be serving four non-profits: Greensboro Urban Ministry, Out of the Garden Project, Tiny Houses of Greensboro, and Peace Haven Farm. In addition they will be visiting The International and Civil Rights Museum and taking an Underground Railroad Walking Tour.

Thank you for all your support!

Future Plans to Address Homelessness and Housing Needs: Update 11/4/17

By Loretta McClure and Helene Nelson, on Behalf of Christian Witness and Service Ministry

Over the past year, ORUCC has discussed the best way for our church to respond to the call of the gospel to provide shelter and homes for people in need. Over many years, we have hosted the Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter (IHN), sponsored families in apartments, built homes with Habitat for Humanity, and done volunteer work in many other ways to help the homeless.

Recently, the Road Home Executive Director has announced the unanimous decision of their Board of Directors, following two years of study, to end IHN this spring. She explains, "This decision will allow us to focus on what's best for the families – we know stable housing is the foundation families need to meet other goals. Our vision remains the same – that every child deserves a home." ORUCC's last IHN rotation will occur November 26-December 3. We will bless and honor this long-time ministry in January, 2018.

We at ORUCC are also focusing on an effort to foster housing stability for families with young children. This new effort will be a partnership with The Road Home, Joining Forces for Families, and the Early Childhood Initiative. An ORUCC mission team attached to the Christian Witness and Service Ministry is working with partner agencies and neighbors on developing this new program. We envision that we will start the new effort about the same time that The Road Home will be phasing out IHN. We expect to offer opportunities for ORUCC members to share their time and talent, as well as help fund the new program. Stay tuned to hear more about the new directions early next year. If you want to learn more in the interim, feel free to contact us.

Prayer Shawl Dedication:

November 12th will be the prayer shawl dedication. We will also dedicate any of the baby blankets that might be finished.

OVER 55:

Join us on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**. Our speakers will be Tylor Paucek and Teri Erickson. They are each managers at the Banking Centers of the Old National Bank. The topic will be Money Safety for Seniors. They will talk about fraud, scams, identify theft and how to protect yourself from these things. As usual, we will gather at 11:30 and begin our meal at 11:45. The Catering Ministry really outdid themselves last month. What will they come up with this month? The program will begin around 12:30. If you haven't ever been to an Over 55, we would like to invite you to attend. Come and enjoy the company of the group. See you then.

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.

Women's Book Group:

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, November 9, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the home of Donna Lillethun, 2104 Westchester Road.

We will discuss the nonfiction book "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. Set in Africa, in this book the author describes the uncommon bond he has been able to form with animals he has rescued.

If you plan to attend the October 12 Women's Book Group discussion, we ask that you let Donna know that you are coming. You can reach her at dlillethun@charter.net or 230-6428.

**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. Join

Jeanne Garnett and others for a delicious breakfast and great conversation.

Many men have also been joining in at their "guys" table and are welcome as well.



Thanks for the cards, calls and stopping by the office to share your kind words in the passing of my mother.

A special thank you to Tammy Martens who led the memorial service for my mom. A donation on behalf of my family was given to the Youth Mission Trip.

Debbie Bauerkemper

Please make the following changes in the church directory:

Change phone for Mindy Huemmer to: 608-438-8899

Add daughter Sienna name to Marc & Jen Walker entry

Change address for Alex Wollangk to: 969 N. Gammon Rd. Apt 2, Madison 53717

Remove home phone for Pete & Alyssa Haskins and add cell for Pete 608-886-7271 and cell for Alyssa 608-358-3655

Change email for Beth Walsh to: bwalsh60ad@gmail.com
Add cell for Mike 608-220-0458

Christmas Eve Time Changes (Ushers Needed)

10:00 a.m. Service need 3 ushers

4:00 p.m. Service need 4 ushers

6:00 p.m. filled

If you can help out please contact the church office 271-7212.

Christmas Eve Sound person needed for 10 a.m. Service

If you can help out please contact the church office 271-7212.

All Church Retreat, January 12-14, 2018:

Our church will hold its 8th Annual Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Center (Green Lake, WI) January 12-14, 2018. Wonderful lodging, food, outdoor fun, crafts, music, conversations/sharing around the fireplace, and so much more is being planned for this weekend with the hope that our friendships and faith will be deepened and encouraged. There will be guided activities for all age groups on Saturday morning. We begin the retreat on Friday evening and finish around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Housing options for the retreat:

1. Pilgrim Center with a capacity of 50-55 people. Cost to stay at Pilgrim Center--\$115 (12 years and older), \$90 (4 to 11 years), \$20 (0 to 3 years). This includes two nights

lodging and four meals. Go to www.orucc.org to make payment.

2. Heidel House, just minutes away from Pilgrim Center. Cost at Heidel House per night for room with two double beds--\$79. In addition, cost for four meals at Pilgrim Center is \$30, three and under—free. There are two steps for payment if staying at Heidel House. First call and reserve with Heidel House, 1-800-444-2812. We have a block of rooms reserved under Orchard Ridge UCC. Second, go to our website, www.orucc.org and make a payment for the meals.

Every attendee's cost is subsidized \$20 by the church.

Due to limited space, we will attempt to honor lodging preferences on a first come first serve basis based on paid registration. Thank you for your understanding.

A Boydseye View

Advent and Christmas 2017 "Hope Was Heard Singing"

"Advent is close, expectation is holding its breath. The angels hover high above. On the hillsides, hope is heard singing unexpected Hallelujahs. In a Bethlehem backwater, hope hovered and love is born. And now, as the wise journey and the powerful start to pace the floor and mumble into sleepless nights, we gather - the light of the world is here. The job now is to keep it burning."

We'll be guided by material from the book "Hope Was Heard Singing" by Sally Foster Fulton. In addition, we'll be creating a daily devotional from this resource that will be available on the first Sunday of Advent.

November 26 – 1st Sunday of Advent – "On Waiting" (Tammy Martens)

December 3 – 2nd Sunday of Advent – "On the Prophets and Heralds" (Winton Boyd)

December 10- 3rd Sunday of Advent – "On Light" (Winton Boyd)

December 17- 4th Sunday of Advent – On the Infancnt (Winton Boyd)

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24 – "On the Star"

10 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

Featuring Choir, Ancient & Contemporary Readings, and Carols

4 p.m. Family Friendly Candlelight Service

Featuring children and Tru Function

6 p.m. Service of Carols, Stories and Candlelight

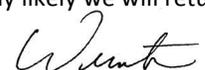
More informal, shared service with Madison Mennonite, in Friendship Hall

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31 – (Ken Pennings)

As we approach Advent, I'd like to highlight two things.

Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, we will begin the season of Advent one week earlier than normal (November 26). This will allow us to celebrate 4 Sundays of Advent while celebrating Christmas Eve at all three services on Sunday, December 24th. We adjusted the Advent calendar like this the Christmas Eve was on a Sunday in 2006.

We are changing the service times and foci for Christmas Eve evening. These changes were made in consultation with the pastoral and music staff, as well as the Mennonite pastor and our choir. Several factors play into this change; including the chance to share a service with the Mennonites and to explore some new forms of worshipping on this important day in the church year. Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, we can try three different services. Mostly likely we will return to 2 services in a more typical year, incorporating our learnings from this year's experimentation.



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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 please contact Ken at kpennings@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

Nov 12 Peter Fabian, Bob & Carol Prugh
Nov 19 Carolyn Carlson, Larry & Sharon Goss
Nov 26 Jarrett Gersten, Jim Treichel, Peter Fabian

Dec 3 Jon Blanchard, Phil & Judy Winkel

Dec 10 Jim Treichel, Larry & Sharon Goss

Welcomers

Nov 12 Glenn Schaeffer, Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Nov 19 Barb Hummel, Bob & Carol Prugh
Nov 26 Charlene Gallagher, Joyce Pohl, Helen Horn

Dec 3 Jack Schairer, Doug & Mary Loving

Dec 10 **NEED VOLUNTEER,** Dick & Lois Rossmiller

Sound

Nov 12 Paul Hedges
Nov 19 Jarrett Gersten
Nov 26 Chuck Kaspar
Dec 3 Ken Psyck
Dec 10 Jarrett Gersten

Coffee

Nov 12 Dolores & Paul Gohdes
Nov 19 Phil & Judy Winkel

Nov 26 Rachael & Brian Lancor

Dec 3 Rich Hoard, Chris Thomas

Dec 10 Chuck Kaspar, Jane Glaze

Financial Secretary

Nov 12 Mary Bucknell
Nov 19 Nancy Wettersten
Nov 26 Gene Dyar
Dec 3 Peter Hoff
Dec 10 Meg Stevens

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Tuesday 7	7:00 p.m.	Care of Creation Meeting
Wednesday 8	11:00 a.m.	Progressive Christianity Group
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 9	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 12	8:30 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Stewardship Sunday
Monday 13	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 15	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
	6:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service Meeting
Wednesday 16	5:30 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 17	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Friday 18	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at Church
Sunday 19	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	9:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Fair
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 20	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 21	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 22	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 23	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 26	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Host The Road Home Families