

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION



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

Sunday Morning**October 22**

9 am Sanctuary Issues
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
TRU Function

October 29

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

November 5

9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
ORUCC Choir

November 12

9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Handbell Choir

Newsletters:**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.

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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. Over the coming weeks we will:

- Present short videos of church members describing the way God is Still Speaking in their lives. They will be reposted on our website and Facebook page.
- Send a Stewardship Appeal letter to all members of the congregation inviting a 2018 pledge. This letter will outline goals for the coming year.
- Offer a Fair Share Giving guide as a tool for how to think about your pledge.
- Celebrate Stewardship Sunday on 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.

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

Orchard Ridge is very excited to open a Family Resource Center this year. We have a Family Liaison and Bilingual Resource Specialist that support families in connecting with community resources regarding basic needs and advocacy. We are doing outreach to get mentors for our students, provide school supplies, provide connections to resources in the community to better meet our families basic needs.

Orchard Ridge Family Center serves 300 students attending Orchard Ridge Elementary School serving students in the Meadowood and Orchard Ridge Neighborhood. Funds will be utilized to meet families needs and provide students with the necessary resources they need at school daily.

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 Steve Sheets and family grieving the death of Steve's wife Marcia, who died early Tuesday morning.

For our office manager Debbie Bauerkemper and family grieving the death of Debbie's mother Barbara, who died on Oct. 7th.

For Ann Nelson and family grieving the death of Ann's husband Vance (ORUCC's former bell choir director), who died unexpectedly but quietly at home last week.

For Susan Cary who is recovering at home following successful intestinal surgery.

For Kristin Martin who has completed a second round of chemo for breast cancer.

For Mary Connor whose sister Cathy begins her journey with hospice.

For Marty Flynn, brother in law of Christine & Elaine Pasinski-Thomas, who has entered hospice due to brain cancer.

For Marilyn Arnold at home in hospice care.

For Nancy Jackson at St. Mary's Care Center with an infection in a hip.

For Stan Heffernan's daughter Kristine who has entered hospice because of deteriorating lung capacity.

For those suffering from hurricane and fire damage and devastation.

For the victims of the Las Vegas shooting in which 59 were killed and over 500 injured.

Prayers of Joy:

For the marriage on Oct. 6 of Joyce Nigbor to Sid Waldorf.

For Kathy Borkowski whose daughter Gretchen is expecting a baby.

For Bethany & Brock Shultz who are expecting their second baby.

For the 6th car donation/transfer to a neighbor in need of transportation. For Baxter Richardson who facilitated the low cost purchase of the car to Marcus, part of the Nehemiah Inmate Re-entry program.

For Jane Stedman's participation in a two-hour documentary about Queer History in MN, called "Out North," to be aired next week on TPT (Twin Cities Public Television).

For the successful event sponsored and hosted by our Care of Creation Team – "Really Free Market."

For the launch of our stewardship campaign guided by Jarrett Gersten, Mary Bucknell, Paul Hedges and Deb Josephs.

Thanks for Helping Us Celebrate:

Gene and Sandra Dyar thank their church family for the many expressions of Christian love and the beautiful cards as the Dyars celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. You made the occasion unforgettable!

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 japohl@gmail.com or call 608-206-5697.

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.

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*.

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.**

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.

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.

The theme of the October labyrinth walk was HOPE:

If you missed the scheduled time, the meditative poems and readings offered are on the table in the Crossroads for your own personal use, whether it's walking on the labyrinth, sitting quietly, taking a walk outside, or any of a number of other possibilities.

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 angeschoenek@gmail.com or by calling 608-333-2351.



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.



Celebrating Vicki Nonn!

On November 5th, we'll honor Vicki Nonn for her 45 years of music ministry at ORUCC! She joined us in the fall of 1972 as Vicki Smith, and has continued gracing us in all kinds of ways with her piano and organ music ever since.

The day will include a commissioned choral piece by John Stevens and a few other surprises. Please read your weekly email from the church for ways to help out. (Vicki is not getting these emails).

If you have ideas or questions, please contact Winton Boyd

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.

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.

FALL SCHEDULE AT ORUCC

Date	9 a.m.	Worship	Post Worship
October 22	Sanctuary Issues – Music Room New Member Class – Swan Room	Psalms of Reorientation (Winton Boyd) Tru Function	Youth Taco Bar - FH Create Your Own Psalm – Swan Room
October 29	Music workshop with THE MANY – Friendship Hall	Worship with guest musicians – THE MANY	Worship and Work
November 5	Java and Jesus – Music Room Create Your Own Psalm – Swan Room	Celebration of Vicki Nonn's 45 yrs @ ORUCC. (Winton Boyd)	
November 12	Java and Jesus – Music Room New Member Class – Swan Room	Stewardship Sunday Psalms of Reorientation (Winton Boyd) Bells	
November 19	New Member Class – Music Room	Living our Own Psalter (Ken Pennings)	Fair Trade Sale

Tammy's Time

Our second and third graders are going through a curriculum called *Science, God, and Christian Education*. During their time together, the children are engaged in science experiments and activities that focus on a concept in science. We are 5 weeks into the Sunday School season and the kids have studied air, water, light, sound, and electricity so far.

At the end of the class time, the children gather in a circle, turn the lights off, light candles and reflect on the topic in a different way. They listen to a scripture passage and then consider some wondering questions. For instance, when they studied air their faith conversation focused on the following:

Air

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a **wind** from God swept over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

Then Jesus took a deep breath and breathed into the disciples. "Receive the Holy Spirit," Jesus said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?" John 20:22-23

Wondering Questions

I wonder how the wind helped to form creation.

I wonder where we see the effects of the wind in creation today.

I wonder why Jesus had to breathe into the disciples the Holy Spirit.

I wonder how the Holy Spirit helps us to forgive others.

I wonder what the connection is between the Holy Spirit and forgiveness.

I wonder if we have this breath from God.

The conversations during the experiments and during the wondering time have been rich and enlightening. Soon they will study the science concept of energy. I love the passage they will be examining from scripture as they focus on energy.

Energy

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ **Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him**, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:25-34

Wondering Questions

I wonder why the woman was so scared to approach Jesus.

I wonder what it meant that power had gone forth from Jesus when the woman touched him.

I wonder what that felt like.

I wonder if the woman felt power and energy enter her body when she was being healed.

I wonder what it felt like to the woman for Jesus to call her daughter and pronounce her healed in front of the whole crowd.

I love that the children can hold these concepts side by side. They have an opportunity to think about them from a science perspective and from a faith perspective. I'm grateful to the teachers of the class—Monica Weiss, Rachael Lancor, and Brian Lancor. So far, so good!!

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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.



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

Oct 22 Joyce Binder, Jerry Nelson, Larry Goss
Oct 29 Peter Fabian, Phil & Judy Winkel
Nov 5 Joyce Binder, Peter Fabian, Larry Goss
Nov 12 Peter Fabian, Bob & Carol Prugh
Nov 19 Carolyn Carlson, Larry & Sharon Goss

Welcomers

Oct 22 Kim Kaspar, John & Donna Lillethun
Oct 29 Joyce Pohl, Doug & Mary Loving
Nov 5 Heather Stevens, Hope Soroos, Helen Horn
Nov 12 Glenn Schaeffer, Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Nov 19 Barb Hummel, Bob & Carol Prugh

Sound

Oct 22 Chuck Kaspar
Oct 29 Ken Psyck
Nov 5 Andrew Beckett
Nov 12 Paul Hedges
Nov 19 Jarrett Gersten

Coffee

Oct 22 Rachael & Brian Lancor
Oct 29 Chuck Kaspar & Jane Glaze
Nov 5 Greg & Barb Louden
Nov 12 Greg & Barb Louden
Nov 19 Phil & Judy Winkel

Financial Secretary

Oct 22 Gene Gyar
Oct 29 Peter Hoff
Nov 5 Meg Stevens
Nov 12 Mary Bucknell
Nov 19 Nancy Wettersten

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Thursday 19	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Friday 20	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at church
Sunday 22	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Issues/New Member Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 23	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Wednesday 25	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 26	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 29	9:00 a.m.	The Many Workshop
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Work day at church
Monday 30	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

November

Wednesday 1	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 2	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 5	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 6	1:30 p.m.	Knitting & Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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
Monday 13	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Sunday
	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
		ORUCC Men's Group