

# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

# COMMUNION



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

## Sunday Morning

### January 28

**9 am** Introduction of Heart Room  
(see inside)

**10 am** Tammy Martens preaching  
TRU Gumption

### February 4

**9 am** Java & Jesus

**10 am** Winton Boyd preaching  
ORUCC Choir

### February 11

**9 am** Java & Jesus

**10 am** Winton Boyd preaching  
Handbell Choir

### February 18

**9 am** Java & Jesus

**10 am**  
ORUCC Choir

### Newsletters:

February 6 & 20

### 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](mailto:office@orucc.org), or drop them off at the office.

### Church Emails

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## Heart Room - New Affordable Housing Initiative to be introduced on January 28th

The gospel calls us to assist people needing shelter and housing. Over our history, ORUCC has responded in many ways to this gospel call. This Sunday we celebrate our long-time ministry of providing shelter to homeless families through Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is coming to a close.

Looking forward, ORUCC and partners will focus on helping families obtain and maintain stable housing. Come learn more about the new direction on January 28!

9:00 - An ORUCC mission team and Mike Bruce, JFF Social Worker, will present an education program, provide briefer information during 10 a.m. worship, and staff an information table after worship.

10:00 - Helene Nelson and Mike Bruce will offer a Mission Moment, followed by information tables in the Friendship Hall after worship.

Information table will also be staffed before worship on February 4.

## PartyGras 2018

Fun for all ages! Don your beads and wear your masks for our annual PartyGras celebration Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30-7:30 pm! Great supper of pizza, red beans & rice, cajun gumbo, and cajun jambalaya! (donations accepted). But we need your help with the supper! Please bring the following according to the first letter of your last name: A-H dessert, I-P fresh cut fruit, R-Z fresh cut veggies. We could use a few folks to arrive at 4 pm to decorate Friendship Hall. Our evening will include table games, dancing, "O When the Saints" parade, and a closing ritual in which we burn last year's palm branches. What a great way to kick up our heals and have some fun as we enter the holy season of Lent and Easter! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

## Coming Up @ ORUCC

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday, February 4 after worship.

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, February 14 in the Friendship Hall at 7 p.m.

## Ken's Pennings – Winter

I struggle with winter for obvious reasons. At the top of the list is my fear of falling on the ice. That must go back to when I was 9 years old, and I slipped on the ice and broke my collar bone.

For the most part, I'm in an emotional slump all winter long until I hear someone say, "I just love winter! It's my favorite season of the year." This gets my attention – and starts me thinking, "Clearly I'm missing something! How can I pay better attention to the blessings of this season?!" I begin to embrace the darkness, hold it close as a friend. I marvel how so much of life is in dormancy in the frozen ground. I express gratitude for time away from the activities, hubbub and commotion of the other seasons of the year, inside my nice warm home. I light more candles!

And since learning about a 2009 Dutch study of over 345,000 medical records which concluded that those who live close to greenery suffer less from anxiety and depression, I try to take an annual winter trip to Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Monona, to luxuriate in the tropical sights and smells of the indoor jungle.

Yes, I always seem to find a way to make it through the winter, even if a trip to the Caribbean is out of the question.

In the spirit of "making it through the winter," I offer you some beautiful poetry I think you'll enjoy:

Blue Winter, by Robert Francis

Winter uses all the blues there are.  
 One shade of blue for water, one for ice,  
 Another blue for shadows over snow.  
 The clear or cloudy sky uses blue twice-  
 Both different blues. And hills row after row  
 Are colored blue according to how far.  
 You know the bluejay's double-blur device  
 Shows best when there are no green leaves to show.  
 And Sirius is a winterbluegreen star.

Winter – Time, by Robert Louis Stevenson

Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
 A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
 Blinks but an hour or two; and then,  
 A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies,  
 At morning in the dark I rise;  
 And shivering in my nakedness,  
 By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

Close by the jolly fire I sit  
 To warm my frozen bones a bit;  
 Or with a reindeer-sled, explore  
 The colder countries round the door.

When to go out, my nurse doth wrap  
 Me in my comforter and cap;  
 The cold wind burns my face, and blows  
 Its frosty pepper up my nose.

Black are my steps on silver sod;  
 Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;  
 And tree and house, and hill and lake,  
 Are frosted like a wedding cake.

Winter continued...

To Winter, by Claude McKay

Stay, season of calm love and soulful snows!  
 There is a subtle sweetness in the sun,  
 The ripples on the stream's breast gaily run,  
 The wind more boisterously by me blows,  
 And each succeeding day now longer grows.  
 The birds a gladder music have begun,  
 The squirrel, full of mischief and of fun,  
 From maples' topmost branch the brown twig throws.  
 I read these pregnant signs, know what they mean:  
 I know that thou art making ready to go.  
 Oh stay! I fled a land where fields are green  
 Always, and palms wave gently to and fro,  
 And winds are balmy, blue brooks ever sheen,  
 To ease my heart of its impassioned woe.

Now Winter Nights Enlarge, by Thomas Campion

Now winter nights enlarge  
 This number of their hours;  
 And clouds their storms discharge  
 Upon the airy towers.  
 Let now the chimneys blaze  
 And cups o'erflow with wine,  
 Let well-tuned words amaze  
 With harmony divine.  
 Now yellow waxen lights  
 Shall wait on honey love  
 While youthful revels, masques, and courtly sights  
 Sleep's leaden spells remove.

This time doth well dispense  
 With lovers' long discourse;  
 Much speech hath some defense,  
 Though beauty no remorse.  
 All do not all things well:  
 Some measures comely tread,  
 Some knotted riddles tell,  
 Some poems smoothly read.  
 The summer hath his joys,  
 And winter his delights;  
 Though love and all his pleasures are but toys  
 They shorten tedious nights.

Sonnet 97: How Like A Winter Hath My Absence Been, by William Shakespeare

How like a winter hath my absence been  
 From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year!  
 What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen!  
 What old December's bareness everywhere!  
 And yet this time removed was summer's time,  
 The teeming autumn, big with rich increase,  
 Bearing the wanton burden of the prime,  
 Like widowed wombs after their lords' decease:  
 Yet this abundant issue seemed to me  
 But hope of orphans, and unfathered fruit,  
 For summer and his pleasures wait on thee,  
 And thou away, the very birds are mute.  
 Or, if they sing, 'tis with so dull a cheer,  
 That leaves look pale, dreading the winter's near.

*Ken Pennington*

## **Compassion offering for January is The Wisconsin Medical Project:**

WMP is a Madison-based all-volunteer organization that provides humanitarian aid to hospitals and clinics through the acquisition and redistribution of recyclable medical supplies and equipment. Established in 2003, WMP has distributed supplies to free clinics in the Madison area as well as to rural clinics as far away as Africa. A snapshot of the work of WMP in 2017:

**Overseas shipments** – Four 40-foot containers loaded with medical supplies were shipped to Senegal (2), Cuba and Ghana.

**Medical missions** – A small group travelled to Cuba to deliver a large supply of specialized medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in Camaguey.

**Volunteer activities** – Warehouse volunteers inventoried, sorted and packed over 2000 cartons of medical supplies for redistribution.

### **Where will your contribution go?**

Donations to WMP will be directed toward warehouse rental expenses, shipping fees and the purchase of specialized medical items.

### **Donations of medical supplies:**

If you have reusable medical supplies (excluding medications) or equipment that you wish to donate, please place in boxes labeled "WMP" in the Crossroads between January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. If questions, email Ann Haase Kehl at [achaasek@gmail.com](mailto:achaasek@gmail.com)

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** Stan Heffernan and family grieving the loss of Stan's daughter Kristine McGrew on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Service will be held on January 30th at 2:00 p.m. at ORUCC.

**For** John & Donna Lillethun's son Todd who will have surgery this Friday in Chicago for brain cancer.

**For** Liz Feagles who is having knee surgery this Thursday to re-do a previous surgery that went awry.

**For** Christine Pasinski Thomas who is having surgery today to evaluate a hematoma which she has lived with since her back surgery last March.

**For** Rein Boyd who is having hip surgery this Friday in Minneapolis.

**For** Helene Nelson's cousin, Bill, who has been in critical care for three weeks and is moving to a rehab hospital.

**For** baby Ella, niece to Amy Beckett's co-worker Kim Paul, who was born a little over a week ago, and has had many health complications, and may be facing heart surgery.

**For** Nancy Karls-Niehaus' colleague Tracy Rogers who lost her husband Bobby last week, for Tracy's three young children who lost their daddy.

**For** all those suffering from the flu outbreak and those with compromised immune systems as they seek to stay healthy.

**For** all those struggling with mental health issues, including depression and anxiety.

## **Prayers of Joy:**

**For** last Sunday's celebration of ORUCC's 18 years of participation in Interfaith Hospitality Network.

**For** last Sunday's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual chili cook-off which provided food, fun and fellowship for the entire congregation.

**For** the life of Sheila Bock, wife of Robert Bock, whose memorial service was held at ORUCC on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**For** the life of Mary Brinkerhoff, long-time member of ORUCC, whose memorial service will be held at the church on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**For** the birth of Christine Pasinski Thomas's great niece Kirsten.

**For** last week's shipment of medical supplies to The Gambia through the Wisconsin Medical Project.

## **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

Members of Orchard Ridge UCC are invited to apply for college scholarships for 2018-2019 from the Frank E. Page Scholarship Fund. Applicants should be planning to begin or continue education at any accredited 2- or 4-year college or university, and should have a record of academic achievement, service to church and community, and demonstrated financial need. The application deadline is February 15, 2018; contact [scholarships@firstcongmadison.org](mailto:scholarships@firstcongmadison.org) for an electronic application and information. Questions? Contact Peter Fabian, 236-9983, [fabian@edgewood.edu](mailto:fabian@edgewood.edu).

## **Gain Financial Peace Through a Series of Classes at ORUCC:**

What comes to mind when you think of your financial life and financial future?

If you feel more tension than optimism, you're not alone. Whether you need a tune-up or a turn-around, Financial Peace University offers the tools to learn to manage your money and prepare for the future. Classes will be held Monday nights at 7:00pm starting Jan 22nd at ORUCC, and will be facilitated by our own Jarrett Gersten. Information and materials can be found at: [fpu.com/1055942](http://fpu.com/1055942)

**Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be back at ORUCC March 19th:**

Life Line Screening will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ on 3/19/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

**Women's Book Group:**

On Thursday, February 1, Women's Book Group will meet in the Alfred Swan Room, adjacent to Friendship Hall, from 1:30-3:30. We will discuss "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold.

If you would like to come, please do! Call Jan Christian at 827-0500 with questions.

**OVER 55:**

The next meeting of OVER 55 will be held on Tuesday, February 13th. Our speakers will be Alison Prange, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Zoo, and Nikki Dario who is head of education for the zoo. I imagine that almost everyone has had contact with the zoo, either through their own children or grandchildren. There have been many changes over the years and we will hear about them. It should prove to be an interesting program. As usual, we gather at 11:30 and plan to eat at 11:45. The program will follow. We welcome everyone and encourage newcomers to attend.

**Progressive Christianity Discussion Group:**

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, next session February 14 at the church 11 a.m. to 12:00 pm. Bringing a bag lunch is optional. We are reading Marcus Borg's book Convictions. Questions contact Ken Pennings at [ken@orucc.org](mailto:ken@orucc.org).

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:47_5698@msn.com) or Helene Nelson 259-2546 or [helenemargaret@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

ORUCC's Care of Creation Mission Team  
invites you to our

## 2018 Winter Film Series on Climate Change

7:00pm February 1 & 8, 2018

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ  
1501 Gilbert Road, Madison

### February 1st – Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect



Narrated by WKOW anchor Greg Jeske, this episode of the Our Wisconsin documentary series examines the environmental, social and political impacts of climate change in Wisconsin and how the climate change effect is impacting our economy, from insurance rates to home construction to the state's important agriculture industry.

### February 8<sup>th</sup> – Global Weirding: Climate, Politics, and Religion with Katharine Hayhoe

Global Weirding is a series produced by KTTZ Texas Tech Public Media featuring Katharine Hayhoe, a authoritative scientist on climate change, gifted communicator and - wait for it - a Christian! In this series of videos, Dr. Hayhoe tackles climate change issues head on. She'll address all of our burning questions about global warming, and explain why everyone – yes, everyone – can care about this issue.



Movies start at 7:00pm and run 60 - 90 minutes  
with a short discussion to follow

FREE popcorn & lemonade!



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[www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org)

### **Church Email Lists:**

ORUCC has a few email lists that you may or may not know about. If you would like to be added to or removed from any of these, please send your email to [Ken@orucc.org](mailto:Ken@orucc.org) or [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org).

**Weekly Epost** which shares the events of the upcoming weekend

### **Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

(The Communion)

**Bi-monthly Eprayer** list which reminds us of prayers within the congregation

**Weekly Java and Jesus** email that includes reading for discussion on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.. Many receive without coming to the events of the upcoming weekend

**LGBTQ and allies** list which is used periodically to highlight community events or issues.

## **VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Ushers**

**Jan 28** Jerry Nelson,  
Larry & Sharon Goss  
**Feb 4** Peter Fabian,  
Larry & Sharon Goss  
**Feb 11** John Blanchard,  
Joyce Binder, Jim Treichel

### **Feb 14-Ash Wed**

Bob & Carol Prugh  
**Feb 18** Carolyn Carlson,  
Phil Judy Winkel

### **Welcomers**

**Jan 28** Helen Horn,  
Dick & Lois Rossmiller  
**Feb 4** Barb Hummel,  
Bob & Carol Prugh  
**Feb 11** Charlene Gallagher,  
Ruthanne Landsness, Mary  
Loving  
**Feb 18** Jack Schairer,  
Dick & Lois Rossmiller

### **Sound**

**Jan 28** Paul Hedges  
**Feb 4** Chuck Kaspar  
**Feb 11** Ken Psyck  
**Feb 14-Ash Wed**  
Paul Hedges  
**Feb 18** Andrew Beckett

### **Coffee**

**Jan 28** Annette & Brian  
Porter  
**Feb 4** 8:30-9:45 Phil &  
Judy Winkel  
9:45 Tom & Char  
Klossner  
**Feb 11** Annette & Brian  
Porter  
**Feb 18** Marty Bero,  
Jerry Hagen

### **Financial Secretary**

**Jan 28** Mary Bucknell  
**Feb 4** Marge Wennen  
**Feb 11** Gene Dyar  
**Feb 18** Marge Wennen

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **January**

Wednesday 24	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 25	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Care of Creation Film Fest
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Witness & Service Meeting
Saturday 27	11:00 a.m.	Mary Brinkenhoff Memorial Service
Sunday 28	9:00 a.m.	Introduction of Heart Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 29	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 30	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Mission Team Meeting
Wednesday 24	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 25	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	Care of Creation Film Fest
Sunday 28	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 29	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 30	2:00 p.m.	Stan Heffernan's daughter, Chris McGrew Memorial Service
Wednesday 31	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>February</u></b>		
Thursday 1	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
	1:30 p.m.	Women's Book Group at church
	7:00 p.m.	Care of Creation Film Fest
Friday 2	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at Pancake Café
	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Retreat
Sunday 4	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service