

# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

# COMMUNION



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

## Sunday Morning

### March 11

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
Handbell Choir

### March 18

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Helene Nelson preaching  
ORUCC Choir

### March 25

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
TRU Gumption

### March 30– Good Friday

7 pm Joint Service with  
Madison Mennonites

### April 1–Easter

6:30 am Sunrise Service

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
ORUCC Choir

### Newsletters:

March 19 April 3 & 17

### 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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This weekend

## From Winton Boyd

About a month ago, I began my comments at our Annual Meeting with these words, “At a recent New Member reception, I talked about what I call the “DNA” of this congregation. Since our founding, we’ve been a creative, experimental, open hearted, passionate, roll-up-the-sleeves, neighbor loving community. As one of your pastors, I stepped into this pool of grace, beauty, activism and love and have enjoyed nearly a generation of contributing to its unique progressive Christian expression in Madison. The Spirit we all feel, this DNA, long preceded you and me, and will continue on into new generations and new expressions of ministry after we are gone. At the end of 2018 I will be stepping down as your Senior Pastor, and stepping out to pursue other opportunities and ministries. In January 2019, I will complete 20 years here and turn 60 years old.

*I love being one of your pastors, and I always have. I love our shared ministry and our sense of passion, joy and care for each other and the world. My children, as well as Tammy and I, have been deeply shaped and powerfully loved by this community. Nothing will ever weave itself into our very beings as you have.”*

I’ve appreciated the support and questions that you’ve peppered me with since sharing this news. The long time between announcement and goodbye was done to allow for good conversation on the impact our lives have had on each other. Please don’t hesitate to reach out, please don’t think I’m too busy to chat. The full text of my announcement is at [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org). In addition, information about a beginning search process will also be updated regularly on that site. Thanks for our amazing lay leaders who have begun that important and precious work.

## Search Committee Needed to call a Senior Pastor to our Church

Who among our church family would make a good Search Committee member--to find and call a Senior Pastor to our church. Please have a conversation with them and tell them you think they'd be a good addition to the committee and tell them why you think so. Here are the characteristics we're looking for:

- ~ Faith-Filled ~ Time-Available ~ Able to Hold a Confidence ~ Open-Minded ~
- ~ Willing to Work for Consensus ~ Shown a Long-Term Commitment to our Church ~

If they agree to be considered, Nomination Forms are on the table in the Crossroads, on the church website, or call or email the church office with your nomination, or drop it in the box you'll find on the table in the Crossroads, or hand it to one of the moderators. (*The Nomination Form is one page of a whole packet of information. If you haven't already done so, please read the packet with some care; it contains details about the work of this Search Committee and about the commitments folks will take to serve.*)

**The Due Date is April 1st, Easter Sunday.**



## Tammy's Time

As we “march” through the year, now would be a good time to give you an update on what is happening with the children and youth programming.

At 9:00 on Sunday mornings, we offer Sunday School for preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Once a month (second Sunday of the month) our high school youth meet. Children are involved in lots of different activities throughout the morning including Music Connections with Julie Mazer, Craft/Play time for young children, and Tru Function rehearsal for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders started on a big project last fall and it is finally approaching completion. They are working on a mural for their Sunday School room. They spent a lot of time trying to work through ideas for the mural, designing it, and now they are painting it. We will celebrate its completion with

an “open house” at some point after Easter. The teachers, Kristin Muckian and Jenny Dobbins, have guided the project and Marcia Beckett (Art Teacher) has been incredibly helpful in the overall production of the project.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been focusing on climate change issues including natural disasters, weather, carbon cycling, and rocks. They also spend time reflecting on a passage from scripture that relates to these topics. For instance, when they studied rocks, they read the following passages:

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. Isaiah 44:8

And then wondered about the following statements:

1. I wonder what it means that God is thought of as a rock.
2. I wonder how this idea that God is my rock might help me in my faith.
3. I wonder how what protections the writer of this psalm feels as he thinks of God as his rock.
4. I wonder how this idea that God is like rock might help our faith.

Our second through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are also working on a project with Julie Mazer during their Music Connections time. They have organized a demonstration for their parents which they will lead this Sunday, March 11. They have created activities for parents to experience for themselves the African drums, the xylophones, singing, and movement.

Our middle school youth finished a unit on Christianity’s Family Tree and on Sunday, March 18 will visit Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on the east side of Madison. This will be a wonderful experience to visit one of the oldest Christian denominations.

If you ever want to learn more about these programs, I’d love to tell you more.



### **The Green Corner—Care of Creation**

**Keeping your carbon footprint to a minimum means putting less carbon into the atmosphere, which equals lowering your contribution to global warming.**

Here’s one way you can help: If you order from Amazon Prime and choose **free no rush shipping** (5 business days) or **free standard shipping** (3-5 business days) you will leave a carbon footprint that is smaller than if you drove to the store to purchase the item.

But if you opt for free two day shipping your carbon footprint will actually be greater than if you had driven to the store yourself. Here’s why: Your item gets picked off the shelf in the warehouse and placed on an airplane to quickly take it across the country. Then it’s put on a truck -- but because you selected the quicker shipping option, it’s likely to be put on a truck that’s only half-full in order to meet the deadline, and half-filled trucks mean more gas consumption for delivery vehicles. So if you’re not in dire need of a two day delivery, consider one of the other options. Small changes like this can make a big difference, so spread the word!

### **You’re Invited to a Celebration for Gerry Wettersten and Marv Beatty:**

Since they were born two days apart, since they are close friends and since they will be turning 90 the week of March 11th, Gerry Wettersten and Marv Beatty cordially invite all members of the congregation to join them from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11th for a celebration. The event will be in the Oaks Community Room at Oakwood Village on Mineral Point Road. After you turn in to Oakwood, just follow the line of balloons and park wherever you find a spot.

## **Compassion offering for March is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

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** Chloe & Andrew Erickson whose father Greg died unexpectedly last week. **For** Wendy Cooper, Greg's former spouse, who is seeking to know how best to support her children in their grief.

**For** the families & newborns impacted by an ongoing investigation of mistreatment of newborns in the NICU @ Meriter over the past several months, including a young family in our congregation.

**For** Henry Hahn who was hospitalized a couple of days last week for an infection, and is now recovering well at home.

**For** Christine & Elaine Pasinski Thomas whose Uncle Cal died last week after suffering with Alzheimer's.

**For** Todd Lillethun, son of Donna & John Lillethun, who had surgery last week to deal with a blood clot in one leg. Todd's vision and speech are still impaired following brain surgery.

**For** Sara Piper, Doug Piper's niece, who was hospitalized last week for an episode with MS.

**For** Kristin Martin who is receiving radiation treatments for breast cancer.

**For** Zee Lemke Oliver who is in her fourth month of pregnancy and is having a few health problems.

**For** Ellen Reuter's brother Ray having hip replacement surgery this week.

**For** members of our congregation struggling to get over the flu.

## **Prayers of Joy:**

**For** the birth of Lucian Sosa, newborn son of Gretchen & Pierre Sosa, grandson of Kathy Borkowski.

**For** last Sunday's baptism of Kaarin Bjork, daughter of Claire & Mike Bjork.

**For** the dedicated work of our moderators and Leadership Team who have developed a process for putting together a Search Committee to hire a new senior pastor.

**For** Jane Stedman who has reconnected with her sister after a separation of a number of years.

**For** Jane Stedman's girlfriend Carol's mother who will be moving closer to Jane and Carol's home where they can better support her.

**For** Liz Feagles who has made a good recovery from a knee replacement surgery, and is expressing gratitude to the congregation for its support.

**For** all those who came to Panera last Tuesday to help raise money for the Youth Mission Trip.

## **Labyrinth notice prior to the March 14 labyrinth walk:**

We hope that you read Winton's recent article in The Communion about our labyrinth. This ancient form of quieting ourselves and opening to the Spirit within will be available to all on Wed, March 14 from 5:30-7:00pm. Most people who walk the labyrinth find it a calming and contemplative 20 minutes in the midst of their harried lives. We invite you to set aside this little bit of time to walk the labyrinth as part of your Lenten journey.

## **Dane Sanctuary Volunteer Training: Coalition**

If you HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP, please go to [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org) - look for the large Sanctuary Movement picture on top and click!

The training for Dane Sanctuary volunteers who have agreed to provide in-person volunteer assistance with anyone who goes into sanctuary. While we do not yet have anyone in sanctuary, that could happen at any time and anyone who will provide this volunteer assistance needs to be trained.

### **March 14th 5:30 PM-7 PM**

(possibly until 7:30 for questions)  
Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, 1501 Gilbert Rd., Madison, RSVP [office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org) or 608-271-7212. Please try to make it so that you are eligible to provide in-person volunteer assistance if we host someone in sanctuary. After the session, we will review our volunteer list to see whether or not additional training sessions are necessary.

### **9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Session:**

The Sanctuary Mission Team has scheduled. A final program on March 11th. Tekla Wlondarczyk will be discussing immigrants' communication systems among themselves, the working conditions they face (often dangerous), and their methods of coping with current policies on immigration. Marv Beatty will facilitate.

Tekla is a Madison native with extensive knowledge of and experience with immigrant issues. Her husband is an immigrant, and Tekla is the owner and operator of a home cleaning company that employs immigrants.

### **Family Game Night!**

Join us for Family Game Night! Bring your family, your favorite games, and a snack to share. We'll meet at the church in Friendship Hall. Mark your calendars for April 6, May 4, and June 1 (first Fridays). Drop in anytime between 6-8 pm. Contact Rachael Lancor ([rachael.anderman@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.anderman@gmail.com)) for details.

### **Progressive Christianity Discussion Group:**

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, next session March 14 at the church 11 a.m. to 12:00 pm. Bringing a bag lunch is optional. To request this month's reading, 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.

### **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.

### **OVER 55:**

The next gathering will be Tuesday, March 13th. Our topic will be something near and dear to many of us - that would be COFFEE. Steve Yaezel, co-owner of True Coffee (the kind we drink at church) will be our speaker. We will certainly learn lots about coffee growing and roasting from the Singing Roaster. As usual, we will gather at 11:30 and begin to eat at 11:45. A delicious meal will be prepared for us by our Food Ministry at a cost of \$7.00. The program will follow. Even if you have never been to Over 55 before, we invite everyone to come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

### **Movie Group Friday, March 16th :**

Discuss the Oscar award winners and losers at the ORUCC Movie Group at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 16th. Jan and Jack Christian will facilitate the discussion and our vote tallies.

We will also take time to discuss some of the 2018 films. A dessert and beverage will be provided by Marilyn and Jack Schairer. All are welcome, you need not be a "regular". Please RSVP to Steve Sheets, [im1042@tds.net](mailto:im1042@tds.net).

### **Women's Book Group:**

On Thursday, April 5, Women's Book Group will meet in the Alfred Swan Room, adjacent to Friendship Hall, from 1:30-3:30. We will discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See.

This novel features the Akha ethnic minority in the Yunnan mountains of China. Tea picking is the grueling work that provides a living for many, including the main character Li-yan. But Li-yan struggles with her culture, and the readers accompany her on this journey, which ultimately connects her with the US couple that adopts her child.

All women who like to read and discuss books are welcome.

## RISING

### Spirit, Voice, Stirrings in the Movement for Justice

*Performance & Conversation with Regina M. Laroche*

Saturday, March 17, 2018



*Haines Photography*

### A LENTEN OFFERING

*By Orchard Ridge UCC & Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches*

**At Orchard Ridge UCC, 1501 Gilbert Road, Madison, WI**

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

\$20

For registration, more info, or scholarship request contact:  
[www.Gslewi.com](http://www.Gslewi.com) / 608-271-6633 OR [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org) / 608-271-7212

**RISING** is an invitation into encounters:  
**Encounter** the potential & torment of a country built at once upon a beautiful dream,  
as well as devastating injustice.  
**Encounter** narratives & strength of marginalized communities.  
**Encounter** society's trauma from untended wounds injustices, inequities, & divisions.  
**Encounter** complexities within ourselves.  
**Encounter** the power of connections, intersections; and the risks & gifts of relationship.  
**Encounter** the possibilities for the deep work of healing & change.

~ Story, song, dance and media excerpts  
~ Embodied community building for sacred conversation and connection  
~ Shared conversation and story for healing and action

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

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### Easter Flower Order Form

We will be decorating our sanctuary with many different kinds of flowers again this year. We invite you to donate to this in honor or memory of a loved one.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15 each Total \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_ I will collect my plant after worship on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_ My plant may be given away.

**Please return form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 18**

### Dialogue Partners for

**Muslim Students:** As part of the Christian-Muslim Dialogue class at Edgewood College, we are seeking Christian families to serve as "Dialogue Partners" for our Muslim background students. The families will meet with the students 3-4 times between now and May, with one of those meetings being a Christian worship service (Easter would be great!). The other meetings may be a shared meal, a coffee shop chat or a shared activity. The idea is for the Muslim students to get to know "real" Christian people in informal settings. Christian students are also matched with Muslim families. To participate, please contact Elaine Swartzentruber at [Eswartzentruber@edgewood.edu](mailto:Eswartzentruber@edgewood.edu) OR (336) 817-2218.

## **VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS**

### Ushers

**Mar 11** Jon Blanchard,  
Phil & Judy Winkel

**Mar 18** Jim Treichel,  
Joyce Binder, Jerry Nelson

**Mar 25** Jarrett Gersten, Peter  
Fabian, Carolyn Carlson

**Mar 30 Good Friday**  
**NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

**Apr 1-Easter** Jon Blanchard,  
Peter Fabian, Joyce Binder

**Apr 8** Larry & Sharon Goss,  
Jarrett Gersten

### Welcomers

**Mar 11** Charlene Gallagher,  
Mary Loving, Barb Hummel

**Mar 18** Jack Schiarer,  
Leah Narans, Helen Horn

**Mar 25** Ruthanne Landsness,  
Glenn Schaeffer, Heather  
Stevens

**Apr 1-Easter** Mary Loving,  
John & Donna Lillethun

**Apr 8** Jan Christian,  
Barb McLeod, Helen Horn

### Sound

**Mar 11** Ken Psyck

**Mar 18** Andrew Beckett

**Mar 25** Paul Hedges

**Mar 30-Good Friday**

Jarrett Gersten

**Apr 1-Easter** Chuck

Kaspar

**Apr 8** Andrew Beckett

### Coffee

**Mar 11** Greg & Barb

Louden

**Mar 18** Chris Thomas,

Jerry Hagen

**Mar 25** Phil & Judy

Winkel

**Apr 1-Easter** Jane Glaze,

Jerry Hagen

**Apr 8** Greg & Barb

Louden

### Financial Secretary

**Mar 11** Meg Stevens

**Mar 18** Marge Wennen

**Mar 25** Gene Dyar

**Apr 1-Easter** Peter Hoff

**Apr 8** Meg Stevens

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### March

Wednesday 7	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Partners Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 8	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 11	8:45 a.m.	Music Demonstration
	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 12	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 13	11:30 a.m.	OVER 55
Wednesday 14	11:00 a.m.	Progressive Christianity Discussion
	5:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Volunteer Training
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 15	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
March 16	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group
Saturday 17	8:30 a.m.	Rising Performance & Conversation
Sunday 18	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 19	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 20	Office Manager on vacation through March 28th	
Wednesday 21	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 22	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 25	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service