

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION

APRIL, 2018 ISSUE 1



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

Sunday Morning

April 15

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Ken Pennings preaching
ORUCC Choir

April 22

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
TRU Function

April 29

9 am Sanctuary Forum

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Julie Mazer and Children

May 6

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Tammy Martens preaching
ORUCC Choir

Pastoral Search Committee approved

The congregation approved a Pastoral Search Committee after worship on Sunday, April 8. The team will be chaired by Sara Roberts. Additional team members include Mary Bucknell, Dana Dobbins, Kim Kaspar, Brian Lancor, Doug Piper, Barbara Stretchberry, and Chris Thomas. Their charge is to lead the congregation through a UCC defined process to call a new Senior Pastor when Winton Boyd completes his tenure with us on January 6, 2019.

We will bless their work and their journey together in worship on April 22, and Sara Roberts will offer a mission moment to update you on how they are beginning their work.



Care of Creation

April 22nd Earth Day Fair at ORUCC

Mark your calendar for an intergenerational and interactive Earth Day Fair hosted by ORUCC's Care of Creation Action Team. Activities and information will be available to inform and inspire us on ways to connect with nature and care for our earth.

Sunday, April 22nd; 9am – Noon in the Friendship hall

Newsletters:

April 24 &

May 8 & 22

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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A Boydseye View

It was nice to get a report from moderator Susan Watson after Sunday's congregational meeting that a new search committee was approved; and to hear they met with Associate Conference Minister Joanne Thomsen on Monday. It is a great group with an important task, and Sara Roberts is an able and trusted leader who will make an excellent chair.

Those of you who were at the congregational meeting know I was not there; nor will I be at any forum and/or meeting called by the Search Committee in the coming months. My role, and the role of Ken Pennings and Tammy Martens, is to keep the wheels of ministry and service for the whole church moving forward. It is to work alongside and in support of our Moderator, Susan Jane Watson, the Leadership Team and each of our five Ministries as they organize, plan and implement various programs and initiatives. If the Search Committee needs pastoral support, they will be well served by the Rev. Thomsen. She will be their point person for the very well thought out UCC search process; and the pastoral support for them in their role throughout their period of work.

Over the course of the summer, we've invited three other pastors to preach here in July and August. These three are Sharon Goss (ORUCC member, retired UCC minister), Muriel Otto (a newly ordained UCC pastor serving Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Brookfield), Kerri Parker (former pastor at McFarland UCC, now Executive

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Boydseye view cont...

Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches). Their voices, their preaching styles, and their leadership will offer us alternative models to the three clergy you know best.

Administratively, Office Manager Debbie Bauerkemper has notified the Leadership Team that she will be retiring at the end of January 2019 (in all fairness, she told us this before I made my decision). A small mission team has been formed to work on replacing Debbie, including reviewing the structure of her position and the best use of our administrative dollars. The goal is to have a plan for a new position(s) by early fall in order to hire someone to shadow Debbie as she does the year-end financial work in December 2018 and January 2019. It goes without saying that there is also attention being given to capturing and documenting the 'institutional memory' that both Debbie and I currently carry in our heads.

While it is still taking shape, it is my hope that my preaching focus in the fall will offer me a chance to reflect back to you the blessings of this congregation, it's ministry and it's possibilities going forward. While I have left two previous congregations in my career as an ordained pastor, this departure process after 20 years of ministry is a new one to me; as it is for most of you. I hope we can walk this journey with appreciation, honesty, humility and hope. And let us do so as a people of prayer. Please pray for Tammy and me (and Kythie) as we pray for you throughout these months.



All Parents' Gathering, Sunday, April 15:

All parents of children 0-18 years of age are invited to an information/interactive gathering on Sunday, April 15 from 8:45 to 9:45 in Friendship Hall. This will be an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents and also learn more about the Christian Education roadmap and offerings for children and youth. This is hosted by the Youth Faith Formation Team (Kristin Muckian, Shannon Wieland, Dana Dobbins, Mike Bjork, Megan Piper, Brian Lancor).

Civil Rights Tour - Information Session, Sunday, April 15 after worship in sanctuary:

Winton Boyd will gather with those who might be interested in a multi-day road trip in the fall to visit historic Civil Rights landmarks. Possible cities to visit include Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery and Little Rock. This gathering is to gauge interest and explore ideas.

Welcome Brunch & New Members Series:

If you are brand new (or fairly new) to the church, please come to a Welcome Brunch on Sunday, April 29, at 8:45 am to become acquainted with others who are new to the church. RSVP to church office at office@orucc.org, or 271-7212.

You may also be interested in the New Members / Seekers Series with the Pastors and Leadership Team of ORUCC. Please attend at least three of the four informational classes at the church:

Sunday, May 6, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 13, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 20, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 27, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

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.

Culver's Eat Out—May 8:

Join us at Culver's on Mineral Point Road, Tuesday, May 8 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. and help raise money for our Youth Mission trip to Greensboro, North Carolina.

Compassion offering for April is The Crossing Campus Ministry:

A progressive campus ministry and student organization at UW-Madison. Foundational to the vision is nurturing a faith community of students that embodies the radical inclusiveness, extravagant welcome and compassionate living we find in the life and teachings of Jesus. As they welcome students of diverse spiritual, religious, and non-religious backgrounds, The Crossing strives to create a safe space where students can celebrate life's greatest joys as well as wrestle honestly and openly with their biggest questions and doubts. Much of what happens at the Crossing happens "in community"—from Sunday evening Vespers (worship) to Bible studies to delectable Slow Food – UW "Family Dinner Night's" to local service projects to global Quest trips, to name just a few.

Over the past decade, nearly 250 students have ventured out on over 25 QUEST trips around the world. QUESTS have traveled to Israel/Palestine, Costa Rica, Northern Ireland, Chiapas, the North Dakota Badlands, Kenya, Nepal, the Everglades, and Cambodia. It is hoped participants will grow deeper as spiritual beings and knowledgeable citizens of the earth because of their QUEST experience. We are currently exploring invites to the Ukraine (Friends of Chernobyl) and Liberia (working with our good friend, Dr. Bob Enright and his International Institute of Forgiveness). (www.crossingministries.org)

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 Second Congregational Church in Springfield, MA, hosting a person in sanctuary, dealing with antagonism from the community.

For Vicki May who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

For Chris Thomas' son Eric who was in a car accident and is having neck spasms.

For Monica Weiss' father who is having a procedure for an aneurism in the brain.

Prayers of Joy:

For Madison Mennonite Church who welcomed a new interim pastor last Sunday evening, Tim Peoples.

For two of our charter members celebrating birthdays this Saturday, Jeanne Garnett (95), and Edith Arny (99).

For Joyce & Victor Pohl who left last Tuesday to walk the El Camino in Spain.

Planning to Celebrate Winton and the Boyd Family:

A small mission team has been charged to plan and coordinate our celebration of Winton's ministry and our farewells to the Boyd family. We will plan how the ORUCC community can express our love, respect and appreciation to Winton and his family -- without overwhelming them or sidetracking the ongoing work of the church. In addition to one larger celebration, we envision a reasonable number of smaller, more personal occasions to share time, memories and thanks. If you have suggestions or questions, please share with any of the team members: Paul Hedges, Barb Hummel, Helene Nelson, Vicki Nonn, Doug Piper and Meg Stevens. The team will meet soon.

Dane Sanctuary Coalition Gathering at ORUCC Tuesday, April 24 from 7-8:30 p.m.:

This is a gathering for all DSC congregations. We'll explore with local immigration lawyers ways the coalition can be helpful to those seeking documentation while we are waiting to be

a host congregation. Questions - contact Baxter Richardson or Winton Boyd.

Interfaith March for Peace and Justice! April 29 at 3:30 p.m.:

This March, part of a nation-wide event, will celebrate the diversity and lift up the unity of our faith communities, as we affirm religious freedom and condemn all acts of violence and harassment against people based on race, color, beliefs, or place of origin.

April 29, 2018 at 3:30
The Catholic Multicultural Center
1862 Beld St, Madison, WI 53713

March from the Catholic Multicultural Center to South Park St, walking past Fountain of Life Covenant Church, Centro Hispano, The Boys and Girls Club, and back to the Catholic Multicultural Center by 4:15.

Movie Group Friday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.:

We usually recommend a specific film to view and focus our discussion. To date, no film has emerged as movie of the month, although "Paul, Apostle of Christ" is a possibility. It stars Jim Caviezel as Luke, who played Christ in the earlier Mel Gibson film. Evidently "Luke..." a much better film.

Baxter and Susan Jane recommend "Love, Simon" playing at AMC Hilldale. Powerful story of gay high school senior. May be especially relevant for those of us with gay children. Also relevant, like the "Never Again movement", raises questions about how we learn from our children.

For the foreign film folks, you might consider "Loveless" (Russian, playing at Hilldale) and "Happy Ending" (Austrian, French, also at Hilldale). Both directors, Zvyginstev and Haneke. Neither film will be here long.

Dan and Theresa Gibbons will provide a dessert with beverages. Dan and Baxter will facilitate our discussion. Please RSVP to Steve Sheets, im1042@tds.net, or 845-5667. All are welcome Friday, April 20th.

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 May 4, and June 1 (first Fridays). Drop in anytime between 6-8 pm. Contact Rachael Lancor (rachael.anderman@gmail.com) for details.

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.

Progressive Christianity Discussion Group:

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, next session May 9 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

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, May 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at church in the Alfred Swan Room.

We will discuss "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry" by Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History. Although this may seem to be a daunting topic, the book jacket of this best seller assures us that "Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling wit, in tasty chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day."

If you're a woman who likes to discuss what she has read, join us! Please let Mary Neuhaus know you plan to attend (233-8315).



OVER 55:

MAY 13TH--TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Come One! Come All! To the FIRST ANNUAL OVER 55

PICNIC AND BASEBALL GAME on May 13th in Friendship Hall. This will be casual so you can wear picnic clothes and bring your funny bone. We will be having picnic food and also some baseball concessions. There will be two teams, managed by Steve Sheets and Paul Gohdes. Tammy Martens will be the umpire and ultimate ruler in case of a dispute. The "baseball game" will test your mental strength regards to ORUCC history, church history and Christianity. But don't worry or fret about the game. Just come and have fun. As usual we will gather at 11:30 and begin our picnic around 11:45. The fun will begin after the meal. Baseball hats, shirts and other accessories are welcome. If you have never been to an Over 55 meeting, this would be a good one to come to.



Want to volunteer? Camp AweSum is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to participate in their Family Camp AweSum June 17-23, 2018!!:

Camp AweSum is a Not-For-Profit organization that is dedicated to providing summer camps and vacation for children on the Autism Spectrum and their families, and to vacation with other families that understand both the joy and complexity of raising a child on the Autism Spectrum. Camp is open to all kids on the autism spectrum, regardless of age and functioning level. All camps are held at Moon Beach Camp, one of the Wisconsin Conference's two outdoor ministry camps! Parents are given the chance to relax and rejuvenate in an idyllic Northwoods setting while enjoying the understanding and support provided by other families and by an organization and staff that embrace differences.

As volunteers, we provide daily respite for parents by engaging their children in a variety of activities from hiking, archery, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and sensory regulation. Volunteers receive a "crash-course" in the philosophy of Camp AweSum and are paired with a Camp AweSum staff member who has experience working with kids on the autism spectrum. Camp not only increases your own understanding of individuals on the autism spectrum but is a chance to engage with kids and families, build a community, and enjoy the opportunities that a camp environment has to offer!

Specifics: June 17-23, 2018, Moon Beach Camp
Suggested Donation - \$290.00 per volunteer (ages 15+)
Information, see or contact, Kythie Boyd, at kpboyd@gmail.com Or visit <https://ucci.org/camp-awesum/family-camp/>

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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ORUCC Camps? Brought to you by Care of Creation:

We have reserved a group campsite at Governor Dodge State Park for the weekend of July 20-22. Here is what you need to know if you plan to come.

Cost: \$5 per person to cover the camping fee. State park stickers are required and they now cost \$28 for an annual sticker, \$8.00 for the day and \$13 for an annual sticker if you are over 65 years of age.

There is a walk of about 280 feet from the parking lot to the campsites.

Campers will be on their own for meals except for a Saturday night communal meal followed by a short worship experience.

There are pit toilets and drinking water is available.

Activities at this park include hiking, biking (need a trail pass), swimming, boating (electric motors only), canoeing, kayaking (row boat, canoes for rent), and fishing.

Feel free to come for the day on Saturday if camping isn't your thing. And if you like, bring something for the communal meal that night. The only charge for coming for the day is the park fee.

There is room for 30 people for overnight camping. Please register through the office.

The deadline to sign up is June 30, 2018 or until 30 people have registered. If you have any questions, contact Sara Roberts at 608-332-1114.

ORUCC Camps! Governor Dodge State Park, July 20-22

Name(s): _____

Number of people: _____ Email: _____

_____ We are only coming for the day.

Make check payable to ORUCC. MEMO line add: ORUCC Camps Gov Dodge Park

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers

Apr 15 Jim Treichel,
Phil & Judy Winkel

Apr 22 Joyce Binder,
Larry & Sharon Goss

Apr 29 Jerry Nelson,
Phil & Judy Winkel

May 6 Jon Blanchard,
Joyce Binder, Jarrett Gersten

May 13 Carolyn Carlson,
Larry & Sharon Goss

Welcomers

Apr 15 Heather Stevens,
Barb Hummel, Leah Narans

Apr 22 Glenn Schaeffer,
Dick & Lois Rossmiller

Apr 29 Charlene Gallagher,
Barb McLeod, Jack Schairer

May 6 Ruthanne Landsness,
Dick & Lois Rossmiller

May 13 Heather Stevens,
Helen Horn, Jack Schairer

Sound

Apr 15 Paul Hedges

Apr 22 Jarrett Gersten

Apr 29 Ken Psyck

May 6 Chuck Kaspar

May 13 Andrew Beckett

Coffee

Apr 15 Racheal & Brian
Lancor

Apr 22 8:30-9:45 Brian &
Annette Porter

9:45 Tom & Char Klossner

Apr 29 Jane Glaze &
Randi Smith

May 6 Rich Hoard &
Dan Stevens

May 13 Phil & Judy
Winkel

Financial Secretary

Apr 15 Peter Hoff

Apr 22 Mary Bucknell

Apr 29 Marge Wennen

May 6 Peter Hoff

May 13 Nancy Wettersten

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

Thursday 12	8:30 a.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 15	8:45 a.m.	Yth Faith Formation Meeting
	8:45 a.m.	All Parents' Gathering 0-18
	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Civil Rights Tour information session
Monday 16	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Tuesday 17	5:30 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 18	6:00 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
Sunday 22	9:00 a.m.	Java & Jesus
	9:00 a.m.	Earth Day Fair
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 23	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Tuesday 24	7:00 p.m.	Dane Sanctuary Coalition Gathering
Wednesday 25	7:00 p.m.	ORUCC Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 26	8:30 p.m.	Meditation & Spirituality Discussion
	5:00 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
Sunday 29	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service