Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ
COMMUNION

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

Sunday Morning

July 22
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Mike & Claire Bjork, guitar & vocals

July 29
9 am Java & Jesus
10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Paul Vash, piano

August 5
9 am Kerri Parker (Ex. Dir. of WI Council of Churches) preaching
Dave Allen, jazz piano

August 12
9 am Sharon Goss preaching
Judy Brauer & Steve & Ann Holmes, guitar & vocals

Newsletters:

August 14

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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Heart Room is underway! Six families with young children have been selected for housing assistance using funds ORUCC members contributed. Families were selected by the Heart Room partnership - The Road Home, Joining Forces for Families (JFF) and the Dane County Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) -- based on criteria agreed in advance with the church. Families will receive generous rental assistance and family-directed services with the goal of achieving long term housing stability.

Here is a snapshot of the families we will help:

A grandmother caring for 5 grandchildren age 2-13. Mom left the country for fear of deportation. Grandma is working, but hopes to improve her job situation. The family has eviction records and touched the homeless system in the past.

Mom and Dad of a 1 year old. Dad works two jobs, but due to an injury needs surgery which will significantly limit his ability to work for a period of time. Mom is learning English and hopes to get added education leading to full-time employment.

Mom and Dad with 2 children. Older boy will have lifelong disabilities due to being shaken as a baby; his father is in prison. Dad of the younger boy, Mom and children are currently homeless, looking for housing, and went to the Beacon Day Center for support.

A Mom with 3 children, age 8-21, known to a JFF worker for many years and barely squeaking by. The extra support of this program is very promising for the family achieving long term housing stability.

Two adults and two kids, 9 months old and 6 years old. They were accepted into housing by a landlord specifically because of the Heart Room support with the mutual commitment to work for their success as tenants.

A Mom of two who is pregnant with a third child. Her finances have been shaky since she separated from her partner. She just got a job but will need extra support to achieve her goals to provide for her family both short-term and long-term through employment.

Some of these families would welcome volunteers from ORUCC such as English language partners, rides, clothing for children, and other help. Stay tuned for more information!
July Compassion offering is Habitat for Humanity:

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabs safe, decent, affordable homes with the help of our partner families. Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit. Homes are available for partner families with low interest loans. Members can make mortgage payments without the usual down payment to Habitat and then those payments are used to build more Habitat houses.

In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, families invest their own labor — sweat equity — into building their Habitat house. Families are required to put in between 325 and 375 sweat equity hours. Each family must also attend educational courses on how to maintain a home, landscaping, budgeting, how to be a good neighbor and insurance.

The combination of holding down construction expenses with volunteer labor and low interest on a mortgage is what makes a Habitat home affordable. Including property taxes and insurance, the Habitat homeowner’s monthly mortgage payment is no more than 28-30 percent of their gross income.

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County also provides a home repair program to help homeowners struggling to maintain their home. Habitat Home Repair repairs homes in partnership with qualified, low-income homeowners, and a low-interest loan is provided to qualified families to cover the cost of larger repair projects.

For credit on your church statement, on your check write the ministry in the memo line. This will not count toward your annual pledge, we will acknowledge the contribution on your statement.

Prayers:

Gratitude that Doug Loving is home after being hospitalized for a few days last week with unexplained fevers and aches.

Prayers for Kerri Parker. Her mother has been diagnosed with Stage 4, untreatable cancer. At the same time, Kerri will be wed this Saturday to Shaun Drefahl in Cleveland, OH.

Gratitude for the many who showed for last weekend’s Anti Violence March in the Meadowood Neighborhood.

Prayers for Charlene Gallagher, who lost an aunt (Helen) and a brother in law (Larry) in the past week.

Prayers for the Saint Maria Goretti family whose 5 year old was killed after being run over by a car.

Care of Creation’s church camping trip at Gov. Dodge State Park is filled. If you’d like to come for the day on Sat, July 21 to hike, swim and join us for an evening potluck, watch future Green Corners for further information.

Wednesday Noon Discussion Group on the book of Romans:

You are invited to participate in a one-hour discussion group on the New Testament book of Romans, Wednesdays at noon in the Alfred Swan Room at ORUCC. Please contact Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org to let him know of your interest in the group. You will be invited to read a chapter or two from Romans from whatever version of the Bible you wish, in advance of the discussion. Feel free to bring a bag lunch. Lemonade provided.

July 18: Romans 4-5 (facilitated by Winton Boyd)
July 25: Romans 6-7 (facilitated by Ken Pennings)
August 1: Romans 8 (facilitated by Ken Pennings)
August 8: Romans 9-10 (facilitated by Ken Pennings)
August 15: Romans 11-12 (facilitated by Winton Boyd)
August 22: Romans 13-14 (facilitated by Ken Pennings)
August 29: Romans 15-16 (facilitated by Ken Pennings)

CARD proceeds support the Eviction Prevention Program:

The card box display has been taken home, at least for the summer. You may still purchase photo greeting cards by going to my website, dianneandpaul.net. Each photo has a number. Email your selection to dianne@dianneandpaul.net. The price is $4 each or 6 for $20. All proceeds go to eviction prevention. Thank you for all your support of this project over the past 15 years. Dianne Stevens

Allied Partners Anti-Eviction Fund:

We were able to help five families during May ($950.00). This included the following situations:

A single mother who fell behind on rent because of medical bills not covered by insurance.

A homeless couple whose husband will be receiving a kidney transplant. We helped with the deposit for an apartment.

A woman who fell behind on rent when her hours were cut in March and who is struggling with child care costs so she can continue working. A woman who fell behind on her utility bill because she was scammed by a phone caller who got access to her bank account and withdrew her money. The police are investigating.

A man who fell behind on his rent when his car broke down and he had to repair it to be able to continue to get to work.

Though I am not currently showing my cards at church, you may view them at my website: dianneandpaul.net. Then email your order to dianne@dianneandpaul.net.

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**Prayer Shawl Dedication:**
There will be a dedication of Prayer Shawls this Sunday July 22nd. Please bring finished Prayer Shawls to the office and leave your name with your shawl as Orchard Ridge UCC would like to have the name of all the shawl makers.

If you finish a shawl just before the dedication, bring it in on the 22nd. It will be included. Light summer shawls, heavy winter shawls, shawls for men, women and children of all ages. Everyone has joys and sorrows and it is wonderful that our church remembers all kinds of events.

**Women's Book Group:**
Our next gathering will be on Thursday, August 2, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Orchard Ridge UCC church in the Alfred Swan Room.

We will discuss “Ghost Hunters: William James and the Search for Scientific Proof of Life after Death” by Deborah Blum. The author was for merly on the UW faculty teaching scientific journalism. William James was a respected psychologist in the early 1900s who knew that much of the intrigue that seances and ouija boards held for much of the general public was a fraud, but there were some happenings he couldn’t explain. The library system has copies.

If you’re a woman who likes to discuss what she has read, join us! Please let Jan Christian know you plan to attend (827-0500 or jlchrist@wisc.edu).

**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.

**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 John Lemke at 829-3692 or jlemke1@charter.net.

**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.

**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.

**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 15th of each month.

**Search Committee Update:**
The first task before the Search Committee is to build a profile of our church, who we are now, upcoming trends we should be mindful of and what God is calling us to become.

**Our Progress So Far**
We have had meetings with two small groups from the congregation and four meetings with Ministries; Adult Faith Formation, Youth Faith Formation, Resources, and Christian Witness and Service, plus the Leadership Team. We have also met with Tammy for her input before she leaves on Sabbatical for the summer. We will soon be meeting with Ken. As we gather and summarize information from these groups, we will begin to display it in Friendship Hall, probably in August.

**Future Plans**
We have planned one more small congregational brainstorming group on July 29. We will not have any groups in August, but more will be scheduled in the fall. It’s important that you sign up ahead of time for the groups as we can only accommodate up to eight people per group in order to cover the content. There will be sign-up sheets available on July 22. We hope new members will participate as well. We look forward to your input.

The Search Committee will use the ideas generated in the small groups in composing the Church Profile. It is our goal to complete the Church Profile sometime in late fall. Once that is done it will be made available to clergy who may want to apply for the opening. ORUCC members will be able to view it online as well. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact Sara Roberts, Mary Bucknell, Dana Robbins, Brian Lancor, Doug Piper, Chris Thomas, Barbara Stretchberry or Kim Kasper.
There are some periods in my work as a pastor where the calendar itself reveals the beauty and preciousness of my work. Three days last week are a case in point. Friday began with a short meeting of leaders helping to plan for replacing Debbie Bauerkemper when she retires in January. I then sat with pastors from neighborhood churches to craft a joint, ecumenical statement in support of an anti-violence march happening the next day. I drove to visit one of our elders at Capitol Lakes and heard stories of marches and protests from the 1960’s. Back at church, I had a conference call with a young pastor I am mentoring through the Center for Courage and Renewal’s Facilitator Preparation program. Toward the end of the afternoon, I had a phone call with a minister at Christ the Solid Rock Church (a primarily African American church) to discuss a couple of their members joining our civil rights tour in October.

The following day, Saturday, I participated in the anti-violence breakfast and march. I enjoyed seeing a number of ORUCC folks there and connecting with neighbors. The breakfast was pretty awesome too. Later, while finishing up a sermon at a coffee shop, I ran into a member whose dog had been taken into the emergency room the night before. I was glad we connected and that I could give her a hug. I also had a conversation with a friend of the church about the language of our baptism ritual. Early evening included a conversation with Dane Sanctuary Coalition members and an undocumented woman considering coming into sanctuary. It was a precious, confusing, heart wrenching experience made more poignant by the fact that I was leaving the meeting to go to my safe home. The day ended with a simple picnic celebrating that a friend’s health has remained good in spite of an ongoing journey with cancer.

Sunday included a vibrant discussion of violence and original sin in Java and Jesus, and a precious baptism and beautiful music in worship. After worship our Leadership Team gave approval to welcome the woman into sanctuary (from the night before) if she requests it. En route to a baptismal lunch I processed a troubling micro aggression experienced by another community leader.

I can’t express enough the gratitude I feel to be involved with so many diverse and important dynamics in the life of our congregation and community. The movement of the Spirit happens in so many seen and unseen ways. I know that each of you reading this has your own experience of connection, sorrow, joy and wonder. In these days when we are scattered across the state and country, may we be ‘blessed by the ties that bind us.’

Welcome Our New Members

Kerri Parker is a native of the East Coast who has lived in Wisconsin for nearly 20 years and has mostly shaken the Rhode Island accent (except when she comes back from vacation). She stays in Wisconsin because of the cheese, the state parks, and the great relationships she’s built through the Wisconsin Conference UCC. She’s ordained clergy and serves as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Her prior work includes parish pastoring and nonprofit management. She just finished a term as board chair of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. She’s a fan of our UCC camps, having volunteered in Single Parent Family Camp at Pilgrim Center and MADD Camp at Moon Beach. She enjoys contemplative hikes, cooking, storytelling, and Broadway musicals. Kerri lives in McFarland with her daughter Becca (a rising high school senior) and their cat Moonlight. The house, already filled with books from two avid readers, will be a little fuller in August when her new husband Shaun Drefahl moves in with rescue cat Gus. Kerri and Shaun will be married in July and Shaun will be serving Congregational UCC in Evansville as its pastor.

New members continued on page 5...
Anna Schryver (left): I'm Izzy and Noah's mom and wife to Ryan. My family and I enjoy life in Madison, the best city in the world built on an isthmus. I'm a news junkie: my career has always been in public relations. I first got to know ORUCC through the amazing youth mission trips. My daughter recently completed her 4th service trip! We love the inclusivity of ORUCC and are proud to be members of this active congregation.

Isabel Schryver (right): I am 16 years old and I go to James Madison Memorial high school. I actively participate in many clubs at my school. My favorite club is the engineering club, I really enjoy messing around with machines and learning how they work. I am very interested in studying science and engineering in my future, I would eventually like to work with NASA or SpaceX on space travel and I'm currently taking ground training lessons. I am very glad to be a member of ORUCC and can't wait to help the amazing community this church has!

The Miller family recently joined ORUCC after learning more about the church through the Martens, who live in the same neighborhood. Kellie is a Speech Language Pathologist and a teacher in the Madison school district. Dan is a realtor and owner of Mad City Dream Homes on the west side of Madison. Kellie and Dan are the proud parents of three children: Maddie (16) has been on 3 youth group mission trips and attends Memorial High School. Joey (12) attends Jefferson Middle School. Lydia (8) is a third grader at Muir Elementary. The Millers appreciate the inclusive nature of ORUCC, and the Church's emphasis on community, service, and hope. They're looking forward to getting to know more of the membership and becoming more actively involved with the Church.

Michelle Johnson is a journalist, writer and multimedia producer who lives in the Orchard Ridge neighborhood and loves being able to walk to church. A relative newcomer to Madison, she’s a native Midwesterner who returned to the midlands a few years ago after living nearly 20 years in North Carolina. Her passions include cooking and sharing her creations with others. She also enjoys swimming, paddling, hiking and reading (especially poetry). Raised a Methodist, Michelle has gravitated to UCC churches in every city where she’s lived, but until now, never joined one.
Diep (pronounced "Ziep") Nguyen is a native of Vietnam. She came to the United States at the age of 15 as a refugee. Diep grew up in the Catholic Church and later joined the United Methodist Church where her late husband served as a pastor. Diep was active in ecumenical and interfaith groups when she lived in Illinois and she wishes to continue to make these connections here in Madison. Diep is an educator, specializing in bilingual/multicultural education. She is passionate about public education, language rights, refugee/immigration issues and social justice. She recently moved to Madison to work at UW-Madison. Diep has three adult children. Tim lives with his wife in DC, Dan lives with his partner in New York and Ian lives here in Madison. Diep loves to travel, and enjoys gardening and cooking when she has time. Even though she likes to sing, her children often gently remind her that she unfortunately has no sense of rhythm.

Joyce Dingman: I grew up in Detroit and moved to Madison 35 years ago to go to law school. I worked as a lawyer for the state for 25 years, most recently for 17 years at the Public Service Commission (the state agency that regulates utilities.) I retired 2 years ago and have been enjoying creating a new post-retirement life! I live in the Meadowood neighborhood with my husband/partner of 21 years, David, and our furbaby dog Peanut. David is a computer network administrator at UW-Extension. I do a wide variety of volunteer work as I love helping people and trying to help make the world a better place. I am a member of two bookclubs, including one solely dedicated to mysteries. David and I are both dedicated readers and I have begun relearning piano and guitar. I'm also enjoying having the time and energy to cook again. David and I love traveling, learning new things, and railroads (both model and real.) We are proud Packers fanatics who are owners that go to a couple of games each fall.

Dave Witte was born and raised in Monona, WI and attended Lake Edge UCC with his family until he started college at UW-Madison. Dave married the love of his life, Cristina Delgadillo, in 2007 and has been blessed with three energetic and loving daughters - Daniela (9), Gabriela (8), and Olivia (5) - who bring him joy and laughter every day. Larry, the family dog of almost three years, continues to fight for the attention of any and all family members and acts as a fourth child. Dave has been an educator for almost 20 years and has worked in education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director of student services in a variety of locations including Houston, Phoenix, Chicago, Los Angeles, the Bronx, and McFarland, Wisconsin. Dave currently works as an Assistant Director of Special Education for the Madison Metropolitan School District.
Kurt Jaehnig: I was born and raised in Wisconsin and have spent most of my adult life in Madison. I’m married to Karen and we have two grown children, Emily and Gregory. I am an engineering physicist at UW-Madison since 1989 and enjoy working on scientific projects in deserted areas of New Mexico, Arizona, Chile and soon South Africa. I’m an avid bicycle commuter, enjoy hiking, communing with nature and spending quality time with our dog, Bernie.

Karen Jaehnig: My family includes my husband Kurt and our two grown children Emily and Greg. I have spent most of my life in Madison, graduating from Memorial HS and UW-Madison. I was a social worker at Dane Co Human Services, Badger Prairie HCC, and the Dane Co Sheriff’s Office. Retirement has given me the opportunity to volunteer at Memorial HS and more recently at Toki Middle School. I enjoy running, hiking, walking my dog, studying Spanish and traveling.

Jeanne Moberly: I have now lived in Madison for a year, having moved here from Gainesville, Florida, which was my home for over 40 years. I am a Badger, having received my undergraduate degree from UW. In Gainesville, I was a Licensed Psychologist in private practice for over 25 years. I have two adult children and two stepchildren. My daughter and her husband live here. My son and his family live in Lincoln, Nebraska. My two stepchildren and their families live in Nashville Tennessee.

Altogether, I have six grandchildren. My husband, who was a Law Professor, died four years ago. I belonged to a UCC Church in Gainesville (the United Church of Gainesville) for over 40 years. I was quite active, teaching Sunday School, doing adult seminars, chairing committees and being on the church board. I have so many things that I love to do! I started a group at UCG called Poetry and Potluck, where people brought their favorite poems and a potluck dish to share. We shared wine, food, and poems that enriched our lives. I love to read, especially mysteries. I walk, enjoy yoga, swim and work out. I am interested in spiritual growth, contemplative prayer, and learning more about how to age well. I would love to participate with a group of older adults who are interested in “growing younger as we age.”

Ellen Reuter and Phil Haslanger have been married for 35 years and live in Fitchburg. They have four children now scattered around the country with spouses and children and pets. Ellen, who grew up in Avoca, WI, worked for many years as a social worker/family therapist. More recently, she has worked as a spiritual director (now retired) and an artist. She is particularly interested in the practices of mindfulness.

Phil, who grew up in Marinette, WI, was a journalist for 34 years, working at The Capital Times. He was ordained a UCC minister in 2007 and served at Memorial UCC in Fitchburg until retiring in 2017. They are both looking forward to growing in to the life of the Orchard Ridge UCC community.
NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? Here are some opportunities at ORUCC (new schedules effective January 1, 2019):

How important is an Usher and Welcomer? Ushers and welcomers are among the first whom people meet on a Sunday morning. 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 our ministry of hospitality. 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 becoming a welcomer, please contact Ken Pennings, 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.

If you would like to be a part of any one of these ministries, we can add you to the rotation. Schedules run January through December.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers
July 22 Jarrett Gersten, Larry & Sharon Goss
July 29 Alex Wollangk, Sandra Dyar, Rick Daluge
Aug 5 Peter Fabian, Jerry Nelson, Jim Treichel
Aug 12 Rick Daluge, Phil & Judy Winkel
Aug 19 Alex Wollangk, Sandra Dyar, Carolyn Carlson

Welcomers
July 22 Charlene Gallagher, Mary Loving, Heather Stevens
July 29 Glenn Schaeffer, John & Donna Lillethun
Aug 5 Hope Soroos, Carol & Bob Prugh
Aug 12 Ruthanne, Landsness, Leah Narans, Barb McLeod
Aug 19 Charlene Gallagher, Dick & Lois Rossmiller

Sound
July 22 Andrew Beckett
July 29 Paul Hedges
Aug 5 Jarrett Gersten
Aug 12 Chuck Kaspar
Aug 19 Ken Psyck

Coffee
July 22 Jerry Hagen
July 29 Rich Hoard, Jane Glaze
Aug 5 Randi Smith, Dan Stevens
Aug 12 Phil & Judy Winkel
Aug 19 Jerry Hagen, Jane Glaze

Financial Secretary
July 22 Hope Soroos
July 29 Mary Bucknell
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