

Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

COMMUNION



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

Sunday Morning

October 14

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching
Handbell Choir

October 21

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ORUCC Choir

October 28

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TRU Function

Newsletters:

**October 23 and
November 6 & 20**

Announcements 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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New Members Series:

Might you be interested in a **New Members Series** with the Pastors and Leadership Team of ORUCC, RSVP to Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org. Please attend at least three of the four informational classes at the church:

Sunday, October 14, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, October 21, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Sunday, October 28, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

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 Series even if you decide not to join the church at this time. If interested, RSVP to the Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org, or 271-7212.

October Search Committee Update:

The Search Committee has completed our round of brainstorming/listening sessions, answering the questions; What attracts you and keeps you coming to ORUCC? What major societal trends do you see over the next few years and how should our church respond to them? What do you think God is calling our church to become over the next few years? We talked to 94 adult members of the congregation including small group brainstorming sessions and meetings with members of the various church ministries. We also met with 11 high school and four middle school youth. In addition, we have met with most staff members and those meetings will be completed this month. Thank you to all who have participated in this process as it has been a very rich experience hearing from you about what's important to you about the faith community of ORUCC and your hopes for the future.

Our next task is to review what we have learned and describe it in various narrative sections of the Church Profile. In addition to describing who we are, what the future may bring and God's presence in all this, your input has helped us create a vision of the type of leadership we are looking for.

We are also gathering information for the financial and salary parts of the profile. We will be working on completing the profile through October and November and perhaps into December.

If you were not able to participate in any of the small group sessions, we would still value your input on these questions or other information you would like us to have. Or if you have any other questions, contact any of the members of the Search Committee below. Mary Bucknell, Dana Robbins, Barbara Stretchberry, Brian Lancor, Chris Thomas, Doug Piper, Kim Kaspar and Sara Roberts.

Upcoming Event

October 28: Worship and Work Sunday. We'll offer a lunch and invite all who can to help with close of the season yard work.

Compassion offering for October will be for the Community Immigration Law Center, Inc.

(CILC): CILC provides information, support, and attorney referrals to low income, undocumented immigrants. CILC is based at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison and is an initiative sponsored by a coalition of legal, social, and faith-based organizations.

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 Marty Bero who had knee replacement surgery on Monday and is at St. Mary's Hospital.

For Darcy Luoma's mother Carol who has untreatable cancer and is now experiencing lots of pain.

For Julie Horst and her extended family in the death of her aunt.

For 514 homeless students in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Prayer of Joy:

For Tammy Martens' return from sabbatical.

For Barbara Stretchberry's work with children and teens during Tammy's absence.

For our fourteen Sunday School teachers and youth leaders who give thoughtful attention and care to our children & youth.

For Tim Andrews who was able to attend worship last Sunday after months of recovery from lung surgeries.

For Joanna Beilman-Dulin whose sister has finally found employment.

For Sheray Wallace, a leader in the Meadowood neighborhood, who is being honored by the Urban League of Greater Madison at their 50th Anniversary Celebration with a President's award.

Labyrinth Walk:

The October labyrinth walk will be held on Thursday October 11 from 5:30-7:00pm. Our theme will be "the ordinary things of life," but you can walk with any intention or focus – or none at all. Come. Relax. Reflect. Renew your spirit.

Information for ORUCC Communications for Sunday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m.:

The Sanctuary Mission Team invites you to come and talk with Ralph Gaber, Assistant Chief of the Madison Police Department (MPD) this coming Sunday, October 14, 9am. We have asked Asst. Chief Gaber to speak with us about the communication protocols and coordination policies between MPD and the federal government for purposes of immigration enforcement in general, and regarding the recent ICE activity in the Madison area in particular.

October 14 Mission Trip Luncheon:

Our youth are hosting a luncheon in the Friendship Hall to show photos and tell stories of their trip to Greensboro, NC. Thank you for all your support of the youth--we look forward to sharing about the 2018 mission trip.

Movie Group Friday, October 19th:

The ORUCC Movie Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19th in Friendship Hall. Bernie and Jim Treichel are hosting.

The suggested movie for this month's discussion is "A Star is Born". That is the newest remake starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga.

The Treichels and Jane Ilgen will provide a dessert with beverages. Whether you are a regular attendee or an occasional or have never attended, all are welcome Friday, October 19th. Our discussions are wide ranging and often spirited. Please RSVP to Jim or Bernie Treichel at jbtreichel@charter.net or 835-5228.



Sunday, October 21st is our Really, Really Free Market:

All free, all the time. This is your chance to take home an immersion blender, bathroom towels, a cd or a toy. Free! It's also a time to get rid of those gently used items. So start putting them off to the side. (No clothing or large electronics such as TVs or microwaves) Here's how it works.

On Sunday, October 21st, when you arrive, drop off your items in Friendship Hall. Then after worship take home anything you like. No need to have contributed. This is also open to the neighborhood. The ultimate swap.

For more information, contact Jill Westberg at jill-westberg@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by our Care of Creation Mission Team.

ORUCC Fair Trade Sale:

The 2018 ORUCC Fair Trade Sale is planned for Sunday, 11/18. We could use some help with advertising and promotion of the event. For the weekend of the event, we will also need help with set up on Saturday, and teardown. A Facebook event has been created, so please express your interest, invite your friends and share it. If you'd like to become involved with this event, please contact Angie Schoeneck at angelaschoeneck@gmail.com or 608-333-2351.

Please make the following changes in the church directory:

Change address for Elaine and Christine Pasinski Thomas to: 8501 Old Sauk Rd. #216, Middleton 53562

Change address for Mary Bucknell to: 5573 Cheryl Dr., Fitchburg 53711 and delete home phone

Add email for Sue Dixon: suedix@charter.net

Care Packages for College Students:

If your son or daughter is in college and would enjoy receiving a care package from the church the week of December 2nd, please email Ken Pennings (ken@orucc.org) with a current address and any food allergies. If you'd like to provide fresh baked goods for the care packages, please bring 18-20 individually wrapped and sealed baggies of baked goods to the church on the morning of December 2nd. Many thanks to the Eveland-Psyck family who will be heading up this project this year!

Bible Discussion:

As your time and schedule permits, come join a one-hour discussion on the book of JOB in the Hebrew Bible, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2 pm, facilitated by Matthew Westfox and Ken Pennings. We currently have a core of 12 people who attend, but are happy for more! Please contact Ken at ken@orucc.org to be added to our email list!

Women's Book Group:

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, November 1, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., at church in the Alfred Swan Room.

We will discuss "The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" by David McCullough. The library's site describes this non-fiction book: "The Greater Journey focuses on the period between 1830 and 1900, when hundreds of Americans--many of them future household names like Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mark Twain, Samuel Morse, John Singer Sargent and Harriet Beecher Stowe--migrated to Paris. McCullough shows first how the City of Light affected each of them in turn, and how they later moved back to America to help shape American art, medicine, writing, science, and politics in profound ways. McCullough mixes famous and obscure names and delivers capsule biographies of everyone to produce a colorful parade

of educated, Victorian-era American travelers and their life-changing experiences in Paris." The library has many available copies. They are in traditional print, large print, or as a sound recording or an e-book.

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).

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.

Exercise Class at ORUCC:

The class activities can be adapted to all levels and are designed to help reduce risk of falls and injuries. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Bonhoeffer Room. If you are unable to make all classes, please come when you can.

There is no charge for the class but a donation to the Heart Room of \$2-\$5 per class is recommended. Contact Joyce Pohl at japohl@gmail.com or 206-5697 if you have questions.

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 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.

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.

Monthly Compassion Offerings:

January—The Wisconsin Medical Project \$2106.65
February—Theas-Table \$1847.07
March—One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) \$3640.47
April—The Crossing \$2140.65
May—Madison Urban Ministry (MUM) \$1253.25
June—Community Health Initiative in Haiti (CHI Haiti) \$3214.16
July—Habitat for Humanity \$1885.56
August—Book & Breakfast (Freedom Inc.) \$2015.00
September—Hurricane Harvey & Irma \$6780.23

Thank you for your generosity.

Secrets From the Garden Greeting Cards:

Autumn themed and general blank photo greeting cards are available in the Crossroads. All proceeds go to Eviction Prevention for needy neighbors. To order specific photo cards go to dianneandpaul.net. Price: \$4 per card or \$20 for 6. Place \$ in envelope with display. Checks to ORUCC/cards in memo.

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Fall Sermon Series (Winton Boyd)

Throughout the fall, we'll have a sermon series titled *The Puzzle We Call Faith: Stories to Guide Us*. As I come down to the final months of my time as your senior pastor, I will be drawing on stories from my experiences here at Orchard Ridge over the last 20 years. I hope to use these stories as a way of putting some of the frame around the often confusing journey of faith (i.e. the puzzle). Some of the stories will be familiar to many of you, some will be new to all of you. By the time I finish the series, just before Advent, the puzzle of faith won't be complete. It never is. But I hope it will help me, and you, make sense of the faith I've tried to live and share as your pastor. I am looking forward to it. I hope you will enjoy it too. And maybe even see yourself in the stories.

- October 14: What We Need is Here.
October 21: Disagreement and Conflict are Inevitable. Love is a Choice
November 4: Stepping into the Stream of Faith
November 11: Grace Redefined Again and Again
November 18: Experiencing Our Mortality Opens Us to Transcendence

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers

- Oct 14** Jim Treichel,
Larry & Sharon Goss
Oct 21 Joyce Binder,
Phil & Judy Winkel
Oct 28 Jarrett Gersten,
Jerry Nelson, Carolyn Carlson
Nov 4 Joyce Binder,
Peter Fabian, Jon Blanchard

Welcomers

- Oct 14** Hope Soroos,
John & Donna Lillethun
Oct 21 Jack Schairer,
Dick & Lois Rossmiller
Oct 28 Glenn Schaeffer,
John & Donna Lillethun
Nov 4 Heather Stevens,
Hope Soroos, Helen Horn

Sound

- Oct 14** Paul Hedges
Oct 21 Jarrett Gersten
Oct 28 Ken Psyck
Nov 4 Andrew Beckett

Coffee

- Oct 14** Phil & Judy Winkel
Oct 21 8:30-9:35
Dan Stevens
9:45 Tom & Char Klossner
Oct 28 Brian & Rachael Lancor
Nov 4 Rich Hoard, Chris Thomas

Financial Secretary

- Oct 14** Gene Dyar
Oct 21 Marge Wennen
Oct 28 Mary Bucknell
Nov 4 Meg Stevens

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

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| Thursday 11 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk |
| Sunday 14 | 9:00 a.m. | Java & Jesus |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Luncheon/Yth Mission Trip Sharing |
| Monday 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee Mtg |
| Tuesday 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Civil Rights Small Group Meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Leadership Team Meeting |
| Wednesday 17 | 6:00 p.m. | Congregational Life Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 18 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| Friday 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Movie Group at church |
| Sunday 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Java & Jesus |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Really, Really Free Market |
| Monday 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 7:15 p.m. | ORUCC Men's Group |
| Tuesday 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Mission Team Meeting |
| Wednesday 24 | 2:00 p.m. | Bible Discussion Group |
| | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 25 | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation & Spirituality Discussion |
| Sunday 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Java & Jesus |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship & Work Sunday with lunch |
| Monday 29 | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal |