HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday Worship—April 14
Palm Sunday will feature a SPECIAL Worship Program on April 14 at 10:00am. Julie Mazer has been working with students to create a unique worship experience featuring drumming, singing, chanting, movement, and drama.

Good Friday—April 19
Labyrinth Walk 5:30-6:45pm On Good Friday, April 19, there will be a labyrinth walk planned between 5:30 and 6:45, just prior to the worship service. Consider taking 20 minutes to participate as a meditative time for spiritual reflection. If you haven’t walked the labyrinth before, members of the Labyrinth Team will be there to answer any questions you may have.

Worship 7:00-7:45pm Members of Orchard Ridge UCC and the Madison Mennonite Church will join in worship on April 19th at 7:00pm for Good Friday Worship. This service will be a meditation on Jesus’ last week, the people he interacted with in his final days, and the upheaval that comes in times of significant change.

Holy Saturday Vigil—April 20
Holy Saturday is often overlooked but there is a long and rich tradition of holding a vigil to commemorate the time Jesus spent in the tomb. On Saturday, April 20, people are invited to begin to gather at 5:00pm for an hour of individual quiet reflection in the sanctuary. There will be stations where you can create art or poetry or sit in meditation as you contemplate this holy “in-between” time.

Beginning at 6:06pm Saturday and repeating each hour through the night, we will welcome the sunrise as it makes its way across the globe. If you have friends, family, or prayers that you would like the church to lift up in different world areas, Laura Crow will be collecting those from now until Good Friday. Each hour we will light candles in each time zone and witness the Resurrection light and hope spread. All are welcome to come and go throughout the vigil, as you feel moved.

Easter Sunday—April 21
Sunrise Service 6:06am We will conclude our vigil at 6:06am Sunday morning with an Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, followed by a special Easter Breakfast!

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship with Communion at 10:00am will feature music by the ORUCC Choir and Tammy Martens will preach. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade following the 10:00am service.
Prayers of Concern
For victims and families of the mosque shootings in NZ
For farmers and all people affected by flooding throughout the Midwest.
For the people of Mozambique following cyclone Idai
For survivors of gun violence and the lasting trauma that remains.
For the ongoing work of racial equity and human flourishing here and across the globe.
For ORUCC member Paul Hinahara who had a massive heart attack while in Toronto, and is on life support. Recently, he has begun to show positive signs of response (blinking his eyes, trying to talk). For Brenda, his wife. For Jordan, his daughter.
For Joyce Binder whose Uncle Paul died March 29.
For Jesse Drury’s grandmother who is in hospice in Florida.
For the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery: a principle of law developed in a series of 15th century Papal documents and 16th century charters by Christian European monarchs that contained a theological justification for the colonization of the rest of the world. For more than 500 years, it is legal and “moral” to seize the lands and resources of originally free and independent people, and to undermine their sovereignty.

Prayers of Joy
For Alma Perry Boyd, grand-daughter of Winton & Tammy Boyd, born March 27, 5 lbs., 18.5” long.
For Bethany Schultz’ Nana who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 31 and for Edith Arny who turns 100 on April 14.
For Mary Bubenzer who came through back surgery well, and is recovering at home.
For the creation of a Java & Jesus Mission Team which is forging the way forward for this important adult discussion group.

April Compassion Offering
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.

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.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers
This year’s Mission Trip will be June 22-29 to Colorado. Here are great ways you can support our youth!
EAT OUT April 16 @ Culvers
On Tuesday, April 16 from 4pm-8pm, Culvers on Mineral Point Road will generously donate a percentage of ALL SALES to our Youth Mission Trip.

Spring Clean-Up Crews Will Work For You!
We will be offering clean-up crews who will come to your home to get your house/lawn ready for spring! Teams of 4-5 youth and one adult will be able to offer you three hours of work. The weekends the youth will be available are the end of April and early May.

Any donation you make will go towards our Youth Mission Trip. More details to come!

Run Madtown Volunteers
If you are free over Memorial Day weekend, and would like to volunteer at Run Madtown events check out their website: http://runmadtown.com/volunteer/
Volunteers are paid $8.00 an hour with that money going towards a charity group. When you register, click on “Orchard Ridge UCC Youth Group” and we will receive your contribution.

Sunday, June 2nd Church Picnic
We will celebrate the end of our programming year with an all church picnic after worship on Sunday, June 2nd. The youth and their families are hosting this event. It will be a grill-out with lots of tasty side dishes. There will be games for the kids led by our youth.
Donations will go to support the Youth Mission Trip.

Birthday Cards
Edith Arny will celebrate her 100th birthday April 14th.
Edith and her husband Dean were founding members of ORUCC.
Please honor her by sending cards to:
Edith Arny
5401 Whitcomb Drive
Madison, WI 53711
LENT continues through April 20...

LENTEN Book Groups... We will have an all-church discussion on Sunday May 5, 11:30am-1:30pm. Whether you were able to attend one of the study groups in homes or on-line, ALL are invited to come on May 5 as we share insights, reactions, and questions arising from our Lenten journey with Austin Channing Brown’s book, *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. Those in worship on March 24 also had an opportunity to see a video clip of Austin speaking about white supremacy, repentance, and hope. Together we our Lenten experience with the issue of racial equity as it is manifest in our lives and in our community. Contact Ken Pennings at 271-7212 or ken@orucc.org for information.

LENTEN Worship & Devotions... We have shared a variety of devotional resources this Lent and have touched on some BIG social justice issues in Sunday Worship and in our education offerings in the hopes that each person is able to “find their own path” through this important season of reflection. As we pass the halfway mark, let us know what has resonated with YOU this Lent—send an email to pastorlaura@orucc.org or post a comment to the church’s Facebook group “Members & Friends of ORUCC.” Below is an excerpt of Laura Crow’s reflection on “Covenant” at First Congregational UCC, Madison on March 27...

“Come and See” - a Reflection on Covenant from John 1:35-39

“Covenant” is a churchy word that describes how we relate to one another, both as individuals in the church, and how different settings of the church relate to one another. In the UCC, we say that we speak “to” and not “for” other people or settings of the church. What often goes unsaid is that covenant also means that we are always LISTENING to one another and for the voice of the Spirit in the expressions of others. ... In this passage from John’s gospel, Jesus is calling his first disciples and he invites them to “come and see.” Jesus relates to others not just in pretty words and stories but by his actions, how he lives, where he chooses to go. ... When I think about “covenant” I think of those people who have embodied the Christian faith for me and I wonder what others learn from how I live MY life? Am I fulfilling MY part of that covenantal relationship? Certainly I do a lot of talking “to” others in my work. Am I listening also? Do others see gratitude and hope? Do I remain open and teachable? Is there visible evidence of transformation, even resurrection in my life? How about in YOUR life? Do we, like Jesus, invite others into true relationship, to “come and see” or hold people at arms length with our words and actions?

Greeting Cards

Are you dreaming of Daffodils and tulips? A spring selection of Secrets From the Garden photo greeting cards will be back in the Crossroads starting Sunday, March 10. The whole cost of the cards goes to eviction prevention for needy neighbors.

- A woman who provides daycare as her means of income lost two families and fell behind on her rent.
- A woman working at Penny’s had her hours cut to one day a week and fell behind on her rent.
- A homeless woman with two children living in a car got a job and a landlord offered her an apartment. We helped her with the deposit.

Cards are $4 each or 6 for $20. Checks can be made out to ORUCC with “cards in the memo line”, cash in envelope in card basket.

Welcome Brunch & New Members Series:

You are invited to attend a Welcome Brunch on Sunday, April 14th at 8:45 a.m., at the church, to become acquainted with other newcomers! RSVP to Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org.

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

- Sunday, April 28, 9:00-9:50 a.m.
- Sunday, May 5, 9:00-9:50 a.m.
- Sunday, May 12, 9:00-9:50 a.m.
- Sunday, May 19, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

At the Informational Classes, you will 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 Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org, or 271-7212.
Madison Urban Ministry’s Annual Partner’s 4 Change Luncheon
This year’s event will be on Tuesday, April 23rd from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Concourse Hotel. We are thrilled to welcome Retired Appellate Court Judge Paul Higginbotham as our Keynote Speaker and to welcome back the Honorable Everett Mitchell as our Emcee. Tickets may be purchased through the MUM website: www.emum.org and are $50.

PURCHASE YOUR SIGN TODAY!
Signs are $25 and will be available to pick up at church SOON!
Ramadan begins May 5

May 2 @ Holy Wisdom: “Sacred Citizenship” Becoming a Better Ally to the African American Community:
Are you ready to collaborate with others to dismantle systemic racism? Do you have the skills to be an effective ally to people of color? Are your well intentioned comments sometimes perceived as insults to black folks? Come to a day-long event on this topic at Holy Wisdom Monastery to increase your awareness of racism, deepen your understanding of the African American and Anglo-American Communities.
The day will be led by Rev. Joan Crawford. Rev Crawford is a Spiritual Director, Deacon and Benedictine Oblate with an ecumenical background and ministry to promote interracial healing and dialogue.
Event details: 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 2 at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. Register by April 18 on the Holy Wisdom Monastery website. Cost $75/person.
Note: Rev. Crawford is also leading a weekend retreat May 3-5 on Howard Thurman, African American Mystic and Prophet. See HWM website https://benedictinewomen.org/.

Java and Jesus
Java & Jesus returns at the 9:00am Education hour on March 24!
Java & Jesus is a 45-50 minute, facilitated discussion held on most Sunday mornings at 9:00am. And open to all. Topics vary, but typically center on faith and progressive Christian values. The discussion is often based on a reading, which is provided in advance. Hard copies of the readings are also available at the sessions. Sometimes, discussions center around a brief video clip played at the beginning of the session.
Java & Jesus often meets in the Haynes Music Room. Check the sign board at the parking lot entrance for the exact location. If you wish to be on the email list to get articles early, let Ken Prett know (ken@orucc.org).

Women’s (and Men’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. THERE IS ALSO A TABLE FOR MEN, so know ALL are invited to enjoy a time of food and fellowship!

Interfaith Ramadan Iftar
Join with our Muslim community and people of all faiths for a Ramadan Iftar (Break-the-Fast). This year’s event will be on Saturday, May 11th from 7:45pm-10:00pm at Edgewood College Edgedome. Learn about Islam and Ramadan, and bring a vegetarian/vegan dish to share. PLEASE NO PORK PRODUCTS, SHELLFISH, OR ALCOHOL.

RSVP to volunteer or bring food at: http://evite.me/jtRZxfn6XV
This event is FREE and open to the public. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank will be accepted at the event.
The Iftar is sponsored by Edgewood College, WI Faith Voices for Justice, Muslim Women United for Peace, and many local faith communities, including Orchard Ridge UCC!

Men’s Group
The ORUCC Men’s Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, from 7:15pm-8:45pm in the Romero Room. Contact John Lemke at jlemke1@charter.net or 829-3692 if you are interested in joining this group.

Women’s Book Group
Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 4, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at church in the Alfred Swan Room.
We will discuss The Excellent Lombards by Jane Hamilton. Set in Wisconsin, this novel is in the voice of Mary Frances “Frankie” Lombard during her childhood on the family farm/orchard. Through Frankie’s eyes, we see the joys and sorrows of family, love, and loss. The author knows the setting well—her husband owns an apple orchard and business in SE Wisconsin.
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 jchrist@wisc.edu).
**Family Game Nights**
Do you enjoy board games, word games, cards, Pokemon, or Legos? All are invited to join us for game nights the first Friday of the month, February through May. Bring a game and a snack to share. We'll meet in Friendship Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm. Questions? Contact Rachael.anderman@gmail.com

**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.

**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 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 10:00am downstairs 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.

**Sign up for Auto-Pay**
No more checks to write, or worries if you paid each month, and no more relying on snail mail delivery. Here is a simplified option to pay your operating pledge on a monthly basis, by auto deduction through your bank. **Pink auto deduction forms are on the table in The Crossroads.**

Please contact Julie Wombacher in the church office 271-7212 for more information. Deductions are taken out the 15th of each month.

**Pastoral Search**
**Committee March Update**
The Search Committee has received a number of Ministerial Profiles and continues to receive new ones each week. The committee has been meeting weekly and reviewing some of the profiles each time and deciding which ones will be retained for a more in-depth review. It is exciting to be in this phase of the search and call process. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek the guidance of God’s spirit as to discern who we will call to ORUCC.

If you have any questions about the process, you can contact any member of the Search Committee: Mary Bucknell, Chris Thomas, Dana Dobbins, Doug Piper, Barbara Stretchberry, Brian Lancer, Kim Kasper, and Sara Roberts.

**Camping at Governor Dodge State Park**
Mark your calendars for August 2-4 and reserve your campsite now! Care of Creation is sponsoring our 2nd annual camping trip. Join us for a weekend of hiking, swimming, kayaking and campfires at Governor Dodge State Park. We will be setting up our tents in the Cox Hollow section of the park.

This year, we ask that you make your own reservations, but please do it quickly as the sites fill up early. Please contact Jill Westberg, jillwestberg@gmail.com, with questions, information regarding sites and to add your name to the roster.

**Liturgists Needed**
We have had a wonderful array of people volunteer in the last several weeks as Liturgists on Sunday mornings!

A reminder that ALL AGES are welcome, and NO EXPERIENCE is necessary. Laura Crow has posted a paper Sign Up on the table in the Crossroads. You can also visit the Sign Up Genius page at https://www.orucc.org/volunteer/

Liturgy is the “work of the people”! Let your voice be heard!
In just four months we in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ will host General Synod 32! This bi-annual national UCC gathering will take place in Milwaukee, June 21-25 at the Wisconsin Center. We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide warm Midwestern hospitality, and for the diligent planning efforts of our Local Arrangements Leadership Team.

On February 14, a group of ORUCC members attended an information session about General Synod. These are some of the things we learned...

1. **YOU are needed!** Approximately 500 volunteers are needed to make GS run smoothly and provide the kind of extravagant hospitality that we in the UCC strive for.

2. **Volunteers get cool SWAG!** Volunteers will get a T-shirt, pin, and other cool SWAG to identify you and commemorate this exciting experience.

3. **Volunteers get a HUGE DISCOUNT!** Volunteers can register for General Synod for $60—a 75% savings! You can even volunteer WITHOUT registering for General Synod (e.g., provide hospitality at the airport and train station)

4. **You can Volunteer as a GROUP!** Volunteering alone is scary; volunteering with friends is a blast! Commit to going and we will sign you up for shifts together! Find all the volunteer info and sign up at wcucc.org/synodvolunteer or talk to Laura Crow.

5. **Experience General Synod FIRST HAND!** The whole General Synod is 5 days, but anyone can "sample" some of General Synod at free, open-to-the-public events on **Sunday, June 23**:
   - **Afternoon worship service**, featuring the dynamic preaching of our Justice and Local Church Ministries Executive, the Rev. Traci Blackmon.
   - **Wisconsin-style Outdoor Festival** at nearby Zeidler Union Square Park, featuring live music and art and food trucks. Visit with UCC folks from around the country as they get a taste of Wisconsin.

Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned attendee, General Synod is a unique opportunity to see the church gathered and alive in new and inspiring ways.

*Find info about General Synod at wcucc.org/synod and ucc.org/synod*

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**Volunteers**

**Financial Secretary**
- Apr 7 Nancy Wettersten
- Apr 14 Peter Hoff
- Apr 21 Mary Bucknell
- Apr 28 Marge Wennen

**Ushers**
- Apr 7 Peter Fabian
  - Jerry Nelson
  - Dorothy Peterson
- Apr 14 Judy Winkel
  - Phil Winkel
  - Jon Blanchard
- Apr 21 Joyce Binder
  - Jerry Nelson
  - Dorothy Peterson
- Apr 28 Jarrett Gersten
  - Carol Prugh
  - Robert Prugh

**Welcomers**
- Apr 7 Joyce Pohl
  - John & Donna Lillethun
- Apr 14 Barbara McLeod
  - Helen Horn
  - Jack Schairer
- Apr 21 Barb Hummel
  - Donna Lillethun
  - John Lillethun
- Apr 28 Dianne & Heather Stevens
  - Joyce Dingman
  - Dick Rossmiller

**Sunday Coffee**
- Apr 7 Jerry Hagen
  - Chris Thomas
- Apr 14 Annette & Brian Porter
  - Chuck Kasper
- Apr 21 Sunrise Breakfast—
  - Ken Pennings
  - John Leonard
- Apr 21 Easter—no Coffee
- Apr 28 Judy Winkel
  - Phil Winkel

**Liturgists**
- Apr 7 OPEN
- Apr 14 OPEN
- Apr 21 Sunrise—OPEN
  - 10am—David Myers
- Apr 28 OPEN

**AV Team**
- Apr 7 Charles Kasper
- Apr 14 Paul Hedges
- Apr 21 Paul Hedges
- Apr 28 Ken Psyck

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Use Sign Up Genius for these and other great opportunities! Contact Ken Pennings, Tammy Martens, or Laura Crow with any questions.

https://www.orucc.org/volunteer/
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—April 2019

| April 1       | 1:30 p.m. | Knitting Group |
|              | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal |
| April 4      | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation Group |
|              | 1:30 p.m. | Women’s Book Group |
| April 5      | 8:30 a.m. | Women’s (and Men’s) Breakfast |
|              | 6:00 p.m. | Family Game Night |
| April 7      | 9:00 a.m. | Education Hour |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | TRU Function Rehearsal |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | Worship & Communion |
| April 8      | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Hand Bell Rehearsal |
|              | 7:15 p.m. | Men’s Group |
| April 9      | 10:00 a.m. | Friendship Circle |
|              | 11:30 a.m. | Over 55 Lunch and Program |
|              | 6:30 p.m. | Care of Creation |
| April 10     | 5:00 p.m. | Resource Ministry Meeting |
|              | 6:00 p.m. | Adult Faith Formation |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| April 11     | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation |
| April 14     | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | TRU Function Rehearsal |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| April 15     | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Hand Bell Rehearsal |
| April 16     | 4:00 –8:00pm | EAT OUT AT CULVERS |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Leadership Team |
| April 17     | 6:30 p.m. | Congregational Life Ministry Meeting |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| April 18     | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation Group |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Witness & Service Ministry Meeting |
| April 19     | 5:30 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Worship |
| April 20     | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Saturday |
| April 21     | 6:06 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | Easter Sunday Worship |
| April 22     | 5:00 p.m. | Search Committee |
|              | 7:00 p.m. | Hand Bell Rehearsal |
|              | 7:15 p.m. | Men’s Group |
| April 23     | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Mission Team Meeting |
| April 24     | 7:00 p.m. | ORUCC Choir Rehearsal |
| April 25     | 8:30 a.m. | Meditation |
| April 28     | 9:00 a.m. | Education Hour |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | TRU Function Rehearsal |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a Sanctuary Training on Sunday, May 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm at Temple Beth El. If you have not yet attended a training, this is an opportunity to learn about your rights related to immigration issues.

Get Connected!
Be the first to get updates and reminders of events happening at ORUCC!

EMAIL: To be added to or removed from any of these email lists, please contact office@orucc.org.
Weekly E-post shares the events of the upcoming week
Monthly E-prayer reminds us of prayers within the congregation

FACEBOOK:
Follow the church on Facebook at “Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.” We also have a NEW private FB Group “Members & Friends of ORUCC”! This is a great way to share prayer concerns & updates, events, photos, and announcements with our church family

Also check out the NEW “Madison Labyrinth Walks” FB group for announcements of labyrinth walks at ORUCC & throughout the Madison area.