MINISTRY FAIR—October 6:
ORUCC is a church that strives to be Spiritually Alive, Joyfully Inclusive, and Committed to Justice – and we like to have FUN while we do it!

On Sunday, October 6, we invite you to attend a Ministry Fair after worship in Friendship Hall.

This is an opportunity to engage in conversation with the Leadership Team and ORUCC’s five ministries – Adult Faith Formation, Christian Witness & Service, Congregational Life, Resources, and Youth Faith Formation, and their numerous Mission Teams. Learn about the work they do and their meetings; connect names and faces; and share your interests and gifts. Don’t despair if you’re unable to be in worship this week. Please email the church at office@orucc.com about your interests, and we’ll follow-up with information.

Join us for this exciting event! Share your passions with one another and spread the JOY!

Welcome Brunch and New Member Series:
All who are new(ish) to the ORUCC faith community are invited to a Welcome Brunch on Sunday, October 13th at 8:45am. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with others who are new to the church, ask questions, and enjoy some good food and fellowship!

A New Members/Seekers Series with the Pastors and Leadership Team of Orchard Ridge UCC will run October 20—November 10 to explore in more depth who we are at 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.

Please RSVP to ken@orucc.org or 271-7212. We hope that you’ll attend the brunch even if you’re not available or ready to participate in the rest of the New Member Series, so we can get to know one another better.
Hospitality at ORUCC by Ken Pennings

“We have only one chance to make a positive first impression” is an important principle in Church-Life as well as in Marketing & Sales. When visitors drive into our parking lot, enter our building, and worship with us, what is their first impression?

Ultimately, we have to control over what happens with visitors on a Sunday morning, but we can certainly do our best to offer a sincere and genuine welcome to them. And this is a job for all members of our church, not only for those who have signed on as our WELCOMERS.

If we’re serious about making a positive impression on our visitors, we will want to give attention to the following questions:

- Is our website attractive, informative and user-friendly? Is our website designed with an inquirer or newcomer in mind?
- Do we have adequate and attractive signage both outside and inside our building? Are the building and grounds attractive, clean and inviting?
- Are visitors able to find a parking space as near as possible to the entrances of the building?
- Is our building wheelchair accessible?
- Are we keeping our rooms at a comfortable temperature?
- Is there a person welcoming folks at each entrance, offering a smile, a handshake, a greeting, directions, information, or a welcome packet?
- Is our nursery clean, accessible and attractive with adequate staff which is warm, welcoming and professional?
- Do we serve great beverages and treats?
- Is there an usher at each door of the worship hall offering a smile, a greeting and a bulletin?
- During worship, are visitors acknowledged and welcomed?
- Do we clarify terms and keep “in-speak” to a minimum?
- Do we learn names and call people by their names? Do we go out of our way to get to know newer folks outside of worship, during Friendship Hour, over coffee at a coffee shop, etc.?
- Do we actively follow up with visitors who provide their contact information, through an email, a note, or a phone call?
- Do we offer programming designed just for newcomers, such as a Welcome Brunch or a New Member Series? Do we find ways to open up the various groups, programs and activities of the church to newcomers?
- As good as it is to make public announcements of what’s happening in the life of the church, do we also offer newcomers a personal one-on-one invitation into the life of the church?
- When folks join the church, do we welcome them publically during and after worship in a way that is meaningful and affirming to them?
- Are we actively and creatively helping newcomers discover a path for faith formation, for discovering and using their gifts for ministry?

At ORUCC, we work hard at learning peoples’ names, listening to each other’s stories, sharing each other’s joys and concerns, widening our circle to include those who may feel on the outside of things. We marvel to watch a newcomer cross the mysterious and invisible line from “This is your church,” to “This is my church.” What a joy when this happens! We were all strangers once. But now we belong!

Wayfinding Fall Retreat “The Practice of Finding” - Wednesday, Oct. 23, 9:30am—3:00pm

Rev. Holly Whitcomb will lead a retreat called “The Practice of Finding: How Gratitude Leads the Way to Enough” on the beautiful facilities and grounds at Holy Wisdom Monastery. Rev. Whitcomb will introduce us to the spiritual practice of finding – an antidote to chronic seeking, while never attaining “enough.” Says Holly, as you go through this surprising journey of discovery, you will marvel at what you have already found and what you readily possess!

Deadline for Retreat Sign-up: Tuesday, Oct. 8 is the final date for registration for the retreat since the facility needs an advance lunch count. There are still a few open spaces, so if you want to join Orchard Ridge members for this event, contact the office asap and deliver a check for $40 per person. For more information, please contact Sharon Goss (sharongoss09@aol.com) or Ken Pennings (ken@orucc.org).
The Nourishment of Being in Touch with God by Tammy Martens

We are off to a good start with 9:00 Sunday School. Through activities, symbols, discussions, and Bible exploration, we are trying to create a space where children and youth can grow in their faith and religious development.

Our 2nd and 3rd graders are using a curriculum called Godly Play by Jerome Berryman. Using trays of materials, children see, touch, and hear the stories from the Bible. This fall the children are focusing on some of the rich and wonderful stories from the Old Testament. We begin with the story of Abraham (Genesis 12). Abraham is the father of three great religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The story of Abraham is our story—it’s part of our faith heritage. God promised that Abraham would have a “great family” with as many descendants as there are stars in the sky and grains of sand in the desert. We are part of Abraham’s descendants! He is the father of our religion—Christianity.

We followed the story of Abraham with the story of Sarah, the story of Jacob, and the story of Joseph (and his coat of many colors). In October we will learn of Moses, Ruth, and Samuel.

As the children are learning about Abraham’s family, they also are learning about their own families and learning the big idea—God blesses all of our families.

Not only are the children forming an image of God by hearing these stories, they are also learning about the people of God and their relationships with God. The stories of Abraham, Sarah, Jacob and Joseph are filled with hope, devotion, questioning, jealousy, separation, deceit, and longing. Children can relate to these very human experiences.

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Sign up ON-LINE!
Contact Ken Pennings, Tammy Martens, or Laura Crow with any questions.
https://www.orucc.org/volunteer/
IN THE INTERIM by Laura Crow

I have never before served a congregation that had its own labyrinth. I have walked a few but never had the opportunity to do so on a regular basis until now. Labyrinth walking in an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. I am finding it is an excellent practice in times of transition because it allows one time and space to pause, reflect, and be open.

A labyrinth is not a maze. It has only one path to the center and back out, which is called unicursal (one line). It has no blind alleys or dead ends as mazes have. The path twists and turns back on itself many times before reaching the center. Once at the center, there is only one way back out. As a person who can become frustrated with the mechanics of travel—preferring to just get to my destination—I find I can relax in the path of the labyrinth because I don’t have to think about or remember which way to turn.

In Christian usage, a labyrinth was constructed in stone in the floor of Chartres Cathedral near Paris, around the year 1200 A.D. The faithful could make a pilgrimage journey to the cathedral and complete it by walking the labyrinth. Today, there is no set ritual for walking a labyrinth, but in this fast-paced world, it can be a gift to ourselves to set aside 20 minutes to slowly walk this journey to our “center”.

When ORUCC remodeled its facilities the labyrinth in Friendship Hall was something people asked for. The Labyrinth Committee (Betty Day, Chris Thomas, and Susan Watson) offer occasional labyrinth walks throughout the year. The next one is on Wednesday, October 9 from 5:30-7 pm. Some walkers come to ponder a particular situation of their lives; some will want to focus on a short meditative handout that is offered; others simply come to set aside the cares of the world and settle into a time of quiet. Walking a labyrinth in this way can be surprisingly calming and clarifying for your thoughts. Even for people who don’t have a spiritual side, the slow, intentional walking in a quiet place on a set path allows for a level of focus that can be difficult to find in a busy life.

The path of the traditional Chartres design weaves back and forth, but also takes the walker seemingly close to the destination at the center, then sends you off on many more zig-zags away before you once again appear to be nearing the center. This can bring to mind expectations about goals and how unexpected tangents can appear in life. If there are others walking the labyrinth, you’ll at times approach them on your path and then be sent farther away. This can bring to mind how people enter and leave your life. This “in-between” time is a gift in the life of a congregation and I invite you to take advantage of this beautiful treasure right here in our church.

Search Committee Update:

Our new Conference Minister, Lorraine Ceniceros is a good support to us as we continue our search. As always, if you have questions about the process, you can contact any member of the Search Committee: Dana Dobbins, Chris Thomas, Doug Piper, Kim Kaspar, Brian Lancor, Mary Bucknell, Barbara Stretchberry, and Sara Roberts.

We appreciate your support and prayers.

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity:

October begins Stewardship season, a time when we are called to reflect upon our connections and commitments to one another and to the church. The Stewardship Team (Jennifer Eggerling-Boeck, Anna Schryver, and John Day) will be sending out information in the coming weeks focused on the life and impact of our faith community. Here are some questions to ponder as we enter this season...

- What do you value most about this worshiping community?
- Where do you see positive impacts in the wider community from the service of the church?
- What are the benefits of stillness in claiming and nurturing your relationship with God?
- How has the church helped you develop habits of discernment in your giving and growth in discipleship?

Beginning October 13, we will share reflections from members of each of the five Ministries in worship. Stewardship Sunday is November 10, 2019.
**Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others:**

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Brown Taylor has written a new book called, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, in which she explores what is opened and what is revealed when we investigate all the wonder before us in the faith of others. Taylor’s journey with people of other faith traditions has genuinely enriched and expanded her own faith in God.

ORUCC’s Ministry of Adult Faith Formation is launching four Home Groups, an on-line group, and an ALL CHURCH READ during the months of October and November. There will be four sessions for each Home Group, every other week beginning October 6. **Signup sheets for the Home Groups & ALL CHURCH READ are in the Crossroads.**

If it doesn’t work out for you to participate in a group, please consider reading *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* on your own during the months of October and November. Each week in worship and in our publications, we will feature quotes from the book for reflection. You may wish to read the book to coincide with the appearance of quotations:

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**Conversations on Anxiety (New Date!):**

How do we care for one another in our church community? How do we care for ourselves? Perhaps you or someone you care about is struggling with depression and/or anxiety. All are invited to join a circle of support on **Thursday, October 10, 7:00pm-8:15pm** at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.

Vicki May, who is a member of ORUCC and is a trained and licensed psychotherapist, will facilitate these caring and confidential conversations. Perhaps you will gain a few new insights on dealing with anxiety, but more importantly, you will have the opportunity to share your own experiences, as you wish.

No need to sign up. Simply show up promptly for either or both sessions. What’s shared in the room stays in the room! Questions? Contact Vicki May at vsmharmonia1@aol.com.

**Over 55 October 8th:**

Over 55 is a community at ORUCC that meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May for a wonderful luncheon, conversation, and a presentation of interest. We will meet on October 8th, gathering at 11:30am, with lunch served at 11:45am. The cost of the lunch is $8. The presentation will begin at 12:30, lasting about an hour.

This month, our own Julie Mazer will give us a hands-on lesson in the music she shares with the children each Sunday. Come prepared to drum and sing, laugh and share!

**All are welcome, join us at 11:30 on Tuesday the 10th.**

**Youth mission Trip to Alamosa, CO—Sharing in Word and in Church:**

The written reflections from the youth who went on the mission trip to Alamosa, CO this past summer have been added to our church’s website. Go to [www.orucc.org](http://www.orucc.org).

Select Youth and Families and then select Youth Mission Trip to Alamosa, CO to get to the reflections.

The youth will host a luncheon on **Sunday, October 13** thanking all of you who have supported the youth and this trip. The youth will share some of their experiences and we will also show a video of photos.

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from our youth about this faith– and life-affirming experience!
ORUCC Hosts Asylum-Seeking Family

The following communication was emailed to all ORUCC members on Wednesday, September 25, 2019...

Dear Church,

Since voting to become a sanctuary congregation, we knew a time might come when we would be asked to open our doors to our immigrant neighbors. That time has come. And, as often happens, the specific details that life presents are not exactly the same as the scenarios we might have pictured.

On Sunday, September 22, our moderator, Angie Schoeneck, called a special meeting of the ORUCC Leadership Team and ORUCC/MMenno Sanctuary Mission Team to discuss a request being made of ORUCC to provide crisis housing for an asylum seeking refugee family. Also present at the meeting was Rabbi Bonnie Margulis (WI Faith Voices for Justice and Dane Sanctuary Coalition). The family from Honduras – father, mother, and three children - arrived in Madison on September 15 and is currently being housed in a local hotel. They do not currently have a deportation order, but they are part of the highly vulnerable immigrant community, and any misstep in their legal proceedings could immediately trigger such an order.

After thoughtful discussion, a motion was presented and passed: “The Leadership Team approves the housing of the family with the timing and details to be worked out by the Sanctuary Mission Team.”

From a needs perspective, ORUCC and the Dane Sanctuary Coalition are treating this like a sanctuary case which means that the entirety of the amassed volunteer database and support structure that has been put in place for sanctuary is ready to be mobilized to support ORUCC in housing this family in our church.

The family will stay in the Frank room which we have already designated to house someone in sanctuary and the Brown room downstairs will also be used as designated space for the family. The family will be in and out during the day as the kids go to school and the parents go to their various appointments, etc. The church is not responsible for helping the family to find a job, permanent housing, etc. Our Coalition partners and Fabiola Hamdan (Dane County Immigration Resource Center) will provide these wrap-around support services.

We have a core of trained volunteers that can start right away. And we will be recruiting more both from our coalition partners and from the ORUCC/Madison Mennonite Church community. There is a training scheduled on October 6th and the Sanctuary Mission team is preparing a brief training and orientation to expedite the activation of volunteers. Because there are minor children, background checks of any volunteer applicants will remain a top priority.

The family is expected to move in on Saturday, September 28th. This is a lot of information under a very tight timeline, and we are doing our best to keep everyone in the loop as the situation develops. Many things may feel disrupted over the next days and weeks as we figure out how we live into this new reality that we have been preparing for and supporting in many tangible and intangible ways.

10/1/2019 UPDATE: The family did move in successfully on September 28 and were able to join us in worship the following Sunday. They are an absolutely delightful family and we hope that you have an opportunity to get to know them during their time with us. For more information on how to volunteer or support the family, please see page 10 of this newsletter.

We have had a number of challenges in the first few days—some bigger, some smaller. It is tough getting three kids to/from three different schools with three different modes of transportation, worry about how your passport applications are fairing, try to meet a bazillion new people most of whom don’t speak your language, etc. It is exhausting. And I honestly don’t know how ANYONE can navigate the current immigration system without LOTS of advocates and special knowledge.

We have also had amazing fellowship blossom in a short period of time—a hand drawn card, language translators willing to step in an offer assistance, the magical appearance of games and new pots and pans and clothes, neighbors delivering furniture who could share their own stories of being “at the frontier”, the smells of home cooking coming from the kitchen and laughter at the Laundromat! All reminders that this is indeed God’s work!

Many thanks to the members of the ORUCC/MMC Sanctuary Mission Team, Dane Sanctuary Coalition, and the Madison Mennonite Church for mobilizing and coordinating these efforts in such a short period of time!

REMEMBER—Out of respect for our family’s privacy and for all the groups internally and externally who use our building, ALL meetings, events, and programs going on in the building MUST be on the church calendar. If you have reserved the Alfred Swan Room, the reservation has probably been relocated to the Dorothy Day Room. Please check with Julie in the office if you have ANY questions.

THANK YOU!
**Monthly Compassion Offering Summary**

January—WI Council of Churches Statewide Youth Summit on Gun Violence: $1650.00
February—Madison Urban Ministries: $1927.22
March—One Great Hour of Sharing: $3478.00
April—The Crossing Campus Ministry: $1753.49
May—Thea’s Table: $2367.33
June—Dane County Immigration Assistance Collaborative: $2529.72
July—Habitat for Humanity: $1459
August—The Returning Citizens Resource Fund: $2793.12
September—FRC at Orchard Ridge and Falk Elementary: $2465.65

**Prayers of Concern**

For families and friends grieving the loss of Deb Heilert, who died last Tuesday night (memorial Service at ORUCC on Oct. 12 @ 11 am).
For Don & Bonnie Orr—Last week Bonnie transitioned to an assisted living facility.
For Jarred Erickson who was hit by a truck while biking. Gratefully he suffered only a broken arm and a few bruises.
For Char Klossner who is in palliative care.
For Phil Haslanger and Ellen Retuter’s grandson Clark who has serious health issues.
For Ree Hale recovering at home following triple bypass heart surgery.
For Joyce Binder grieving the death of her life partner David Beckfield.
For one of our nursery care providers, Hallie Fass, whose father died two weeks ago.
For Darren Schoer’s brother John who was recently diagnosed with ALS

**OCTOBER Compassion Offering**

The Thiotte Haiti Vulnerable Children Relief, Inc (THVCR):
The Thiotte Haiti Vulnerable Children Relief, Inc (THVCR) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed with the mission of supporting KoFAT, a Haitian organization, specifically in regards to their Compassion Project.

KoFAT, which stands for Komite des Femmes Artisanal de Thiotte, (Organization of Women Artists in Thiotte), is a legal entity in Haiti and was formed by a group of strong women in Thiotte, Haiti. The organization works to change the world - one child at a time.

The KoFAT Compassion Project includes a few different endeavors. It is an organization that provides support for 82 children and their families. The primary focus is to provide academic support for children to prepare for school and then to receive tutoring and homework support once in school. With scholarships from THVCR we currently have 45 children enrolled in schools. The Compassion Project also provides a meal each week and payment for necessary medical visits.

100% of your contributions to Thiotte Haiti Vulnerable Children’s Relief, Inc will be sent to the KoFAT Compassion Project to support their education, food and health programs.
For credit on your church statement, please write “Compassion Offering” in the memo line of your check. While this will not count toward your annual pledge, we will acknowledge the contribution on your giving statement.

**Prayers of Joy**

For last weekend’s middle school OWL retreat at Pilgrim Center (14 teens and 5 adult leaders).
For the asylum-seeking family of five from Honduras who will be living in our church building until they find more permanent housing.
For Bev Taylor’s marriage to Tony a few weeks ago.
For the faithfulness and commitment of our Pastoral Search Team.
For people around the world and here in Madison who participated in last week’s Climate Strike.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear ORUCC Friends,
Thank you so much for your support and prayers. And thank you for all the cards, visits, flowers, and wonderful food. I’ve progressed to attending the cardiac rehab at St. Mary’s and walk several times along Tokay when possible. I hope to be back at church within a couple of weeks.

With great appreciation,
Ree Hale
Women’s Book Group October 3:
Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 3, we’ll discuss *American Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee. Adapted from Syndetics: With novelistic detail, Nate Blakeslee tells the gripping true story of O-Six, a charismatic alpha female wolf named for the year of her birth. But as she raises her pups and protects her pack, O-Six is challenged on all fronts by multiple forces that are vying for control of the park’s stunningly beautiful Lamar Valley. This book tells the story.

The November 7 book is *A Gentleman in Moscow*, a novel by Amor Towles. The MPL site, in part, says this: Sentenced to house arrest in Moscow’s Metropol Hotel by a Bolshevik tribunal for writing a "revolutionist" poem, Count Alexander Rostov must adjust to life as a "former person". His conduct, his resolve, and his commitment to his home and to the hotel guests and staff form a triumph of the human spirit.

If you plan to attend, please let Jan Christian know (jlchrist@wisc.edu or 827-0500).

Women’s (and Men’s!) Breakfast October 4:
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!

Knitting & Crafts Group:
The group will meet on the October 7, 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.

Men’s Group October 14 & 28:
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.

Movie Group
Movie Group meets October 18 at 7:00 pm in Friendship Hall. Contact Steve Sheets for the topic.

Java and Jesus:
Java & Jesus is a 45-50 minute facilitated discussion held on most Sundays at 9:00am, and is open to everyone! Topics vary, but typically center on faith and progressive Christian values. Questions or suggestions? Please contact a member of the Java & Jesus Mission Team: Dan Rossmiller and Helene Nelson.

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 helenemargar@outlook.com with questions.

Worship Work & Potluck October 27:
This all-church activity has something for everyone – inside and outside! Many hands truly do make light work and inspirational results! Even if you haven’t signed up for any specific task, your help is appreciated! Our garden tenders and project leaders will help you find a place to serve.

The Congregational Life team invites you to an old fashioned potluck. If you need help deciding what to bring, we suggest the following: if your last name starts with A-L bring a side dish or salad, M-P bring a dessert, and Q-Z bring a main dish. Contributions should be left in the kitchen before Service.

Coffee Fund
Many of us enjoy a good cup of Fair Trade coffee after worship on Sunday mornings. ALL donations to the coffee fund are greatly appreciated!
Family Game Night:

Family Game Night meets on Friday, October 4, 6-8pm! Meet in the Friendship Hall for fun games, fellowship, and food.

FAQs: Do I have to have kids to attend? No! Everyone is welcome.

What kind of games do you play? Strategy games, word games, cards, legos, party games. No experience necessary. We’ll teach each other our favorite games.

Is there food? Yes, usually everyone brings something simple to share. To sign up to bring a main dish, contact Rachael Lancor.

When do you meet? First Fridays of the month. Questions? Contact Rachael Lancor (rachael.anderman@gmail.com)

Helping Hands:

Another way we care for one another as a community of faith is to share the ebb and flow of daily living together, to share our burdens and make the path easier for all. Sometimes there are tasks that might require an extra pair of hands and a small investment of time to accomplish.

Might you have your name added to an email list to be contacted when a practical need arises in the life of our congregation? Everyone on the list would be contacted with a particular need, and only those interested in meeting the need would reply.

It may be a request to assist with moving furniture, snow shoveling, pruning a tree, taking down holiday decorations, trouble-shooting a computer problem, driving someone to an appointment, donating a specific item, little but important things! To have your name added to the list, contact Ken Pennings at ken@orucc.org.

Senior Exercise Class:

Retirees are invited to join a low impact balance and strengthening exercise class at ORUCC at 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday classes will be in the lower level and Thursday classes will be in Friendship Hall. They can be adapted to all levels. There is no set fee for the class which will run 12-15 weeks, and a donation of $50-$60 to The Heart Room is requested. If you are interested please leave your name with Julie Wombacher, in the office or contact Joyce Pohl at 206-5697 or japohl@gmail.com with questions.

Lectionary Bible Study:

Come and explore the weekly scripture texts in a Lectionary Bible Study Group that meets on Mondays from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Together, we read through all four assigned texts for a given Sunday, explore their historical contexts, consider what common themes are present, and search for applications of these passages in our daily lives. All are welcome—feel free to bring your lunch—come as you are able! Contact Laura Crow at pastor-laura@orucc.org.

Greeting Card Sales Help Families in Need:

All proceeds from the sale of greeting cards go to help families in need in the Meadowood and Allied Drive neighborhoods. This summer we were able to send over $600 to Keeping Neighbors Connected.

Keeping Neighbors Connected (KNC) is a collaborative effort between Joining Forces for Families (JFF), ORUCC, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Maria Goretti and local school social workers. KNC provides small grant opportunities designed to help families on the southwest side stay in permanent housing. Referrals are made through school social workers to the JFF office. This process ensures there is a long-term relationship established with each family who participates in the program.

Cards are available in the Crossroads. $4 per card or 6 cards for $20. Place money in brown envelope with the cards. Autumn scenes now available.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS - Sept 30-Oct 5
(or possibly longer depending on weather)

Good News - our long anticipated ROOF project has begun!

Bad News - please refrain from parking in spots close to the building during the week. We will have access to the FULL parking lot on Sundays.
Asylum Family—HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are needed to staff Site Host positions 24/7 (one person per shift). A list of on-call Spanish language interpreters is available. The Google Translate app on a smart phone is also useful. Site Hosts are present primarily to help answer or log questions that may come up during the shift. We also have scheduled ties for shopping, laundry, and errands where the volunteer would participate in day-to-day activities with the parents in the community. These are not occasions for us to do tasks FOR the family, but opportunities for us to do them WITH the family so that the family can gain experience and confidence in navigating our community.

BE A VOLUNTEER: ALL Dane Sanctuary Coalition volunteers require the following: 1) Attend “Know Your Rights” training (see below); 2) Signed non-disclosure agreement; 3) Background check ($7 payable to “Dane Sanctuary Coalition”); and 4) Enrollment in the VSP volunteer software program. All of these will be covered at the KYR training.

There are TWO “KYR” TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES in October:

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Orchard Ridge UCC and Sunday, October 6, 12:30pm-2:00pm @ Madison Christian Community 7118 Old Sauk Rd Madison, 53711, 12:30pm-2:00pm. Light snacks will be provided. Open to anyone interested in learning about the rights of undocumented immigrants and how to protect those rights for a person in Sanctuary.

There is a SEPARATE training for people interested in driving immigrants to immigration hearings and appointments in Milwaukee and Chicago. This is something that will be needed by our family, and is also needed for others in our community:

Volunteer Driver Training – Oct. 7: First Baptist Church, 518 Franklin Avenue, Madison, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP by October 4 to Dorit Bergen at elanor3560@att.net. For anyone considering volunteering as a driver to give rides to immigrants to hearings and appointments.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: A segregated fund has been set up to cover ongoing costs for groceries, clothing, and other necessities. We will be working with the family to establish a budget and mechanisms to become more independent once the family is able to gain work permits and employment. To donate, please make checks to “ORUCC” and designate “Sanctuary” in the memo line.

PRAYERS: Please continue to support Carlos, Eva, Antonio, Nicol, and Angel Jose and all the volunteers and extensive support network of the Coalition as we seek to foster stability and wholeness in our community.
Fiber Arts Show at Arboretum thru October 30:

UW Arboretum’s art gallery is featuring a show with a nature them by the Madison Contemporary Fiber Artists. Several of the artists have work inspired by the poetry of Mary Oliver. The show runs through Oct. 30, and Chris Thomas, an exhibitor, extends a special invitation to all.

The gallery is located in the Visitor Center and regular hours are Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30 and Sat-Sun 12:30-4:00.

WAVE Meetings:

WAVE (Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort) meets 6:30pm-8:00pm on the third Tuesday of the month, until gun laws change. We will meet in Friendship Hall. For more information contact Joyce Pohl at 206-5697 or japo@pohl@gmail.com.

Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System:

The Nehemiah Center for Justice and Reconciliation is hosting an interactive, three part workshop series designed to educate the general public on mass incarceration and the criminal justice system in general. The presenter will be Karen Reece.

There is no charge to attend, no registration necessary. The workshops will be held at Fountain of Life Church, 633 West Badger Road from 6-8 pm on the following Tuesdays:
- October 8th: “What the Problem? Mass Incarceration defined”
- October 22nd: “Community Corrections: Life After Prison”

Justified Anger Potluck and Update—3-6 p.m. October 13—James Madison High School:

Justified Anger is hosting a community potluck to reflect where we are at with eradicating racism in Dane County to create a stronger Madison for all. Rev. Dr. Alex Gee will speak about the continued need for the Justified Anger initiative and new developments.

Justified Anger continues to create a safe place for white people to talk about racism, while also being resourced and mobilized to take action in the community. Besides hearing the update, attendees can connect with other that are passionate about racial equity and learn about practical steps and resources for individuals. If you want the email describing the event with the link to register on Event Brite, contact Helene Nelson at helenemargaret@gmail.com.

Racial Justice Documentaries & Discussion:

Movies to Move Us Toward Racial Justice, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, through October 30, Madison Christian Community, 7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison.

October 2—The Way Home: women Talk about Race in America;
October 9—Light in the Shadows: Staying at the Table When the Conversation about Race Gets Hard;
October 16—The Color of Fear;
October 23—Cracking the Codes;
October 30—Healing Justice.

Attend the whole series or come to as many as you’re able. For information, contact Pastor Sonja at Sonja@theMCC.net
## Calendar of Events—September 2019

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### Open Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### Upcoming Newsletters:

**November 1**

Information to be included in the September Newsletter is due Monday, Oct. 21 by 9:00am

### Weekly Bulletin & E-Post:

Information to be included in the Weekly Bulletin & E-Post is due on Wednesdays by 9:00am

### Church Emails

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