



*Keeping in  
touch with the  
heart of the  
faith community  
of  
Gaylord  
United  
Church  
of  
Christ*

*A Welcoming  
Congregation*

# Parish Paper

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**“Once upon a time...” Rev. Hank Campbell and Eileen Campbell  
(Photo taken from Campbell photo archives!)**

**Again, a special welcome to Pastor Hank as he begins shared  
ministry with Gaylord UCC!**

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**Come join us at Gaylord UCC on Sunday, March 21  
after worship for a Meet-n-Greet Lunch with  
our friends from New Ulm UCC**

**Menu:**

**Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup  
Corn bread, cheesy bread and crackers  
beverages and dessert.**

**Cost:**

**Free will offering which will go to the  
Sibley County Food Shelf.**

**Ushers:** Howard and Fran Armstrong  
Rueben Meyer

**Greeters:** Darrel and Diane Mosel  
3-7, 3-14  
Gary and Susan Schmidt  
3-21, 3-28

**Acolyte:** Sam Thies

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**Fellowship Hour:**

March 7 ..... Thies Family  
March 14 ..... open  
March 21 ..... Camp Committee  
March 28 ..... open



**Readings for the Month March**

**Mar. 7, 2010: Third Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13,  
Luke 13:1-9. UCC Theme: Open Invitation.

**Mar. 14, 2010: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14,  
John 12:1-8. UCC Theme: Embracing Love.

**Mar. 21, 2010: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14,  
John 12:1-8. UCC Theme: Something New.

**Mar., 28, 2010: Palm/Passion Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40,  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29.

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,  
Luke 22:14–23:56. UCC Theme: Into Jerusalem.

**Remember in prayer**

Continue to pray for those who have lost a loved one,  
others who have been ill or are home bound.

Pray for Randy Pauly, Mark’s brother; and Ben  
Huonder, grandson to Eunice and Alex Gasow along  
with others serving in our military services.

**Girl Scout Sunday**

Sunday March 7 is Girl Scout Sunday and is a great time to recognize an organization that aims to build “girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.” Since Girl Scouts was founded in March 1912, more than 43 million young people have participated in the program. Those participating in Girl Scouts from our church include: Sue Keithahn, Denise Tourtellott, Abby Tourtellott and Jaci Tourtellott.



**Camp Sunday**

**Sunday, March 21st is Camp Sunday**

The camp brochures are here and it’s time to think about going to church camp. Applications for Pilgrim Point Camp are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill them out and return by Sunday, April 11 so we can take advantage of the early registration discount. Scholarships are available so please contact one of the Camp Committee members for more information: Cindy Johnson, Deb Meyer, Karen Peterson and Abby Tourtellott.

**We will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes during coffee hour on the 21st and will be available to get you signed up for camp or just answer your questions.**

New Ulm UCC invites Gaylord UCC youth in grades 7-10 to bowl at Concordia Lanes in New Ulm, 2:30 p.m, Sunday, March 28. Please bring \$10 for shoe rental, 2 lines of bowling and to chip in for pizza.

**If you have questions, please contact Pastor Hank.**





I am truly appreciative of the enthusiasm and hopeful spirit of both Gaylord UCC and New Ulm UCC for our new co-operative ministry. My thanks to the many good and trusting members of both faith communities who have been willing to make some compromises and changes in order to make this “new thing” happen! We will be trying the best we can to communicate changes or happenings of common interest to both churches in the newsletters, bulletins, etc. May God’s grace and truth be with us!!!

For the benefit of Gaylord folks, and for newer New Ulmers, I would share some background and interests from my faith and life journey. (D.O.B. - September 18, 1953)

**PROFESSIONALLY:** My Ordination was in January of 1984 which means I am beginning my 26<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in the UCC, having served churches in Bradford, VT., Jamestown, N.Y., and New Ulm, MN. (the past 14 years). Graduated – Ames, Iowa High School in 1971, MSU Moorhead in 1976 (B.S. in Mass Communications), and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 1983. Areas of special interest in my ministry have included work involving peace and reconciliation, and in particular relations with Native Americans; stewardship of Creation; and Church vitality for all ages.

**PERSONALLY:** My wife Eileen (whose roots are in the North East) is a Physical Therapist working at New Ulm Medical Center and also the Riverbend Education District which includes Gaylord schools. A special occasion for us this year is the celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - June 15, 1985. We have recently become empty nesters now that all three sons – Tim, Brian and Colin -- have finished high school and are seeking further education and their own careers. Actually, the nest is not completely empty if you count our 7 year old Pug named Rocky. Some of my favorite hobbies or interests include such things as tennis, cross country skiing, fishing (summer and winter), playing guitar, music, movies, reading, and spending quality time with family. I do support all of the Minnesota teams, and on the local level will now be supporting teams from both Sibley East and New Ulm.

A 2010 LENTEN CHALLENGE -- Making 11:00 a.m. Worship a regular discipline for Lent! As well as the other opportunities we have to make this a special season in our faith lives.

On the Lenten Journey,  
Pastor Hank Campbell

Pastor Hank plans to have office hours or be visiting during the week on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 4:30pm and Thursdays from 9am – 12pm and 1-4:30pm. If you need to reach him call the church office 237-2595 or New Ulm UCC at 507-354-4242 or his cell 507-217-9848.

Please do not hesitate to stop by or call if you need to speak with him.

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*No matter who you are or where you are in life’s journey, you are welcome here,*

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Our Gaylord UCC has crossed a major bridge in the life of our congregation. On Feb. 10, 2010 the church council at its regular meeting signed the final document joining with New Ulm UCC and Pastor Hank Campbell in a cooperative ministry. His first Sunday was Feb. 14th. It was a great service! It was exciting to see our church so well attended, fellowship hour and Sunday School preceded the service and even though this was a new experience, I think people genuinely enjoyed it.

The Church Council has started the new year with one new member. Sylvia Turbett will replace Joanne Kollstad to represent the Mission Board. Returning members are Gail Estenson-Vice President and CC&O, Beth Wilson-Secretary, Phil Keithahn - Treasurer, Bill Cowell-Education, Deb Meyer-Deacons and Dale Johnson-Trustees. Please keep these Council members in your prayers and remember to contact them or myself if you have questions or concerns.

The Trustees have decided to purchase four headsets to aid in hearing. These will be available to anyone who wishes to use them during a regular service or other event in the church. The Trustees will keep us informed when these are ready.

Sue Keithahn will continue to lead the confirmation program this spring. As part of the confirmation program she has proposed an idea to serve a meal to the Minneapolis men's shelter in June. This would involve the members of the confirmation program as well as members of our church and possibly the New Ulm church. The Council was very supportive of this idea and looks forward to helping Sue with planning this event.

At next month's Council meeting we will be discussing the idea of adding Justice and Witness offering to our goals for Mission and Ministry 2010. The purpose of the Justice and Witness ministry is to seek justice, seek peace and build community through public witness, policy advocacy, issue education and grassroots empowerment to build a more just, compassionate and inclusive world. If you have ideas or thoughts for this Ministry contact Pastor Campbell, the Mission Board or a member of the Council.

We are planning a welcome event for Pastor Campbell on April 18th 2010. Associate Conference Minister Elena Larssen is planning to attend. There will be a meal following the service. Please plan to attend this wonderful celebration of our new minister!

Gaylord UCC and the New Ulm UCC will have a joint Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC). Deb Meyer, Beth Wilson and Gail Estenson will represent our church for this Committee. Please let me know if you would like to serve on this Committee. They will be meeting quarterly.

This year's Minnesota Conference UCC Annual meeting will be held June 11-13, 2010 at the St. Benedicts' College St. Joseph, Minnesota. I plan to attend this meeting. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Hank or me know if you need more information or registration materials.

Next Council meeting will be March 10, 2010.

Darrel Mosel, Council President



Women's Groups



**Women's Fellowship** will meet at 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 8**. Bring a sack lunch and join us.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on **Thursday, March 18** at 2:00 p.m.

in the Fireside Room. Fran Armstrong will be serving lunch.

### Update from the Mission Board

The Mission Board would like to thank Pauline and the young people of our church for collecting for the Food Shelf during our From the Heart offering for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Feb. 7. You did a terrific job of marching in the light of God and \$292.90 was collected in your soup pots. Good work!

March is our Food Shelf campaign month where gifts of money and food automatically become larger thanks to the Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation. Visits to the food shelves in Minnesota increased more than 25 percent in 2009 so the need continues. **Our From the Heart collection for the Food Shelf will be taken on March 14th. We also encourage you to fill the grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall to overflowing.**

#### **Some items needed include:**

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| baby food     | beef stew      | canned fruit    |
| cereal        | cooking oil    | dried beans     |
| juice         | mac and cheese | pancake mix     |
| peanut butter | jelly          | sugar           |
| canned meats  | pasta          | spaghetti sauce |
| crackers      | flour          | canned veggies  |
| rice          | soups          | syrup           |

Fresh meats, fruits and vegetables are also needed.



**We thank all of you for your continuing generosity.**

### CC&O COMMUNICATION

The Board of Congregational Care and Outreach held an organizational meeting on Sunday, February 14 during Fellowship Hour. Howard Armstrong agreed to lead the meetings and we discussed meeting every two weeks in order to review the current job description and revise if needed.

The first order of business was to begin organizing a Meet-n-Greet luncheon to invite our New Ulm sisters and brothers to enjoy. It was suggested that we plan a chili and soup meal to be served after church, with a free will offering to go to the Food Shelf. The date was set for March 21st to ensure the proceeds would be matched during March Food Shelf month. This will provide an opportunity to invite members of the New Ulm congregation to join us either for worship and/or lunch following worship. We hope to meet and get to know New Ulm members and we look forward to future gatherings with them.

The menu for the March 21st Meet-n-Greet event will be chili and chicken noodle soup with corn bread, cheesy bread and crackers. We will also have beverages and dessert. Volunteers are being recruited to help with the preparation. If you want to help with this event, please contact a CC&O member. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins.

CC&O updates will be provided in future Parish Paper articles. We are looking forward to working with our congregation members as we seek to provide opportunities to serve and care for each other and, ultimately, minister to the community and beyond.

Members of CC&O are: Howard Armstrong, Nancy Cowell, Pauline Marlinski, Jane Peterson, Kevin Thies and Gail Estenson. Please contact any of us with suggestions, questions or to volunteer to help with projects and events. We will also refer to the volunteer lists to solicit help when needed.



**Working Together**

## Lenten Gatherings continue at Gaylord UCC

"By His Stripes: Healing Wounded Relationships" a series of special services will be offered on Wednesdays during Lent. The remaining weekly worship messages will address a vital relationship issue which relates to the biblical journey of Jesus to the cross. The next topics include Negative Interpretation, Withdrawal, Unrealistic Expectations and Forgiveness/Absolution. There are also weekly "Take Home Exercises" for practical application.

May this unique Lenten journey renew our faith and our gratitude in the everlasting promises of God's restoring love. We will gather together on Wednesdays for supper, fellowship and worship.

Our schedule is: **5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Supper**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship**  
**Choir and clean up follow**

**The theme of this years Men's Lenten Breakfasts will be "The Sign of Jonah."**

**The schedule is: Thursday's at 7:00 a.m.**

Thurs., March 4 - "Our providing God" (Jonah 1:17) at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Thurs., March 11 - "Praying in the belly of the great big fish" (Jonah 2:1-10) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Thurs., March 18 - "The God of the second chance" (Jonah 3:1-4) at United Church of Christ.

Thurs., March 25 - "About face" (Jonah 3:5-10) at American Lutheran Church.



*Come Join us for*

**World Day of Prayer, Friday March 5, 2010  
1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.**

This year's theme, "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God," takes its cue from Psalm 150 and begins the way the Psalm does, "Praise God." Through this invocation, God is called up as "...our refuge and strength, ever ready to help, strengthen, guide and enlighten us in times of joy and sadness."

Wherever we find ourselves in life, we also find God's unconditional love. Blessed with great cultural wealth, this perspective of God's unconditional love is at the very core of the Cameroonian capacity to praise God.

On March 5, 2010 we will join with people all over the earth and with all of creation. Together we will fulfill the call of Psalm 150: Let everything that has breath praise God. We anticipate yet another wonderful service which the World Day of Prayer Committee in Cameroon has prepared for us. Let's turn our prayers into action!



## Holy Week Schedule

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

**Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:00 AM**

Share in the procession of palm branches.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 1, 2010 5:30 PM**

Service with Holy Communion and a "Cross Nailing Ritual" at Gaylord UCC

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday, April 2, 2010 7:00 PM**

Ecumenical Service at American Lutheran Church

### EASTER SUNRISE

**Sunday, April 4, 2010 9:00 AM**

Youth-led worship followed by

### BREAKFAST

**TRADITIONAL EASTER Worship 11:00 AM**

No Fellowship Hour or Sunday School



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 Return service requested



Daylight Saving time begins  
 Sunday, March 14

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 United Church of Christ, Gaylord.  
 Coffee-Fellowship Hour 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Sept.—May  
 Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.  
 Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month  
 Pastor - Hank Campbell  
 Council President - Darrel Mosel  
 Church Secretary - Cindy Johnson

### March Birthdays

01 ..... Christopher Frauendienst  
 12 ..... Jamie Turbett  
 13 ..... Sylvia Turbett  
 17 ..... Chuck Klimmek  
 20 ..... Lois Frauendienst  
 21 ..... Dayle Troidahl  
 23 ..... Ryan Wolverton  
 28 ..... Stephen Carlson  
 28 ..... Cindy Johnson