



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

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

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Congratulations Graduates!

Two graduates from Gaylord UCC will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m.

**Please note change in time for this service.*

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship and will be hosted by the Deacons for:

Lauren Keithahn, daughter of Sue and Phil, will be attending St. Olaf in Northfield to pursue a degree in chemistry or biology with the goal of attending medical school. While in high school Lauren participated in dance, volleyball, basketball, softball, golf, Jazz Band, Show Choir, held various class offices including Student Council President, and currently serves as First Princess for the Gaylord Royal Ambassadors.

Eric Schultz, son of Kristin and Denny, will be attending North Dakota State University and is undecided as to which major he will pursue. This past year he participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and National Honor Society.

**Plan on attending a Special Worship Service
on Sunday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Featuring Spanish music from
the group "Nueva Revelacion"**

**Refreshments will be served during
Fellowship Hour at 9:45 a.m.**



SPECIAL
Worship Service

Ushers: Chuck Klimmek, Pauline Marlinski
Arlen Sneltsjes

Greeters: Dick and Gail Estenson
6-6, 6-13

Agnes Schue, Beth Wilson
6-20, 6-27

Acolyte: Jaci Tourtellott

Fellowship Hour:

June 6 Baccalaureate Sunday/Deacons

June 13 open

June 20 Pastor Hank and Eileen Campbell

June 27 Diane Bias-Mosel

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Lectionary Readings for the Month of June

June 6, 2010: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5,
John 14:23-29. UCC Theme: Courageous Compassion.

June 13, 2010: Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8, Galatians 2:15-21,
Luke 7:36-8:3. UCC Theme: Choose Justice.

June 20, 2010: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42, Galatians 3:23-29,
Luke 8:26-39. UCC Theme: In God's Presence.

June 27, 2010: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1,
13-25, Luke 9:51-62. UCC Theme: Pick Up the Mantle.

In our prayers this past month: Alex Gasow, Ruth Klimmek, Gloria Sinell, Barb Sneltsjes, Calvin Schrupp and Aggie and Peter Schue.

Continue to pray for others who have been ill or are home bound.

Pray for Randy Pauly, Mark's brother and others serving in our military services.

The Acts Bible Study books are in and we will meet on Sunday, June 13 to set a day to begin the study. If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Hank, Gail Estenson or Jane Peterson.

Thank You to everyone for your cards, gifts and words of congratulations for my retirement, it was greatly appreciated. Ruby Keller

Thank you to all of you for your expressions of caring in these past weeks. Thank you for the food, all the cards, and especially all the prayers. It is so comforting to know that you have a "church family" that cares.

Barbara Sneltsjes

A warm thank you to all who expressed their sympathy in any way after the death of our grandson Alex. Your kind words, hugs and cards are much appreciated.

Aggie and Peter Schue

"New Member" Sunday

A new member Sunday is being planned for an upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in formal membership with the Gaylord United Church of Christ, please contact Pastor Hank.

Good News News:

- ◆ Congratulations to Liz (Reishus) and Michael Dunsmore who were married on Sat. May 15, 2010. Blessings on your life together.
- ◆ Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mike Walsh and Jan Makela on their upcoming wedding on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

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- ◆ Pastor Hank will be gone for Annual Meeting and time off June 12—15. Emergency pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons Deb Meyer or Candy Swenson.
 - ◆ Special Thanks to Rev. Guy Stone for leading Worship on Sunday, June 13.
 - ◆ Cindy Johnson will be on vacation May 31—June 6. She will be back in the office on June 9. Please get any time sensitive material for the bulletin or next newsletter to her as soon as possible.
 - ◆ May Council minutes are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Beginning Sunday, August 1 our Worship time will change to 9:00 a.m. with Fellowship



On Gardening and Pentecost

I had the recent privilege, along with several hundred other folks from around Minnesota, of attending a “Facing Race” event sponsored by the St. Paul Foundation to honor Dr. Herb Perkins and Margery Otto for their significant work around race and diversity issues. New Ulm UCC was blessed to have Herb lead a few “Diversity/Anti-racism” Workshops a couple of years ago when I was on Sabbatical.

A highlight of this year’s Facing Race event was hearing a stirring presentation from Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the key figures in South Africa’s movement to overcome the racist system of apartheid. Naomi reminded all of us of the continual need for conversation and transformation in the realm of race and racial injustice.

A key insight she shared was to caution us to speak in terms of being “color-blind,” of believing that we have reached a place where we do not notice racial difference. But a color-blind sameness is not really the goal of anti-racism. It’s like going out into your neighbor’s flower garden, and not being able to notice the multi-faceted beauty, and color, and tapestry of those diverse flowers. The true compliment to the gardener is to acknowledge the full array of the color, design and creativity of that garden.

In like manner, The Master Gardener has created a diverse and beautiful array of humanity. We are called to affirm all of the gifts of culture, color, race and language.

As a witness to our faithfulness in social justice, Gaylord UCC has made commitments to outreach to the Hispanic community, while New Ulm UCC has made commitments to outreach with the Native American community. May the Spirit of Christ continue to inspire and lead us in seeking racial harmony.

And thus it was affirmed on the great Day of Pentecost when all were heard in diverse tongues, and yet praising in one Spirit the living God.

In the Spirit of the Master Gardener,

Pastor Hank plans to have office hours or be visiting during the week on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1- 4:30 p.m. and Friday afternoons as needed. 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.

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! ,

Council President Notes

On Sunday May 16th we enjoyed having special music for our church service. Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers polka band played the music for our worship service. Pastor Hank provided us with a great message on the joy and value of diversity of music in our spiritual life. We had a number of visitors and after talking with them it was clear they had a great time! It has been over a week since the service and I still find myself tapping my toes to the music. Thank you to Deb Meyer and the Deacons for a wonderful job of arranging the special service.

A Congregational meeting was held May 2nd. Our church treasurer, Phil Keithahn, gave an overview of the church finances for the first quarter of the year. Expenses and income are mostly on schedule for this period. A copy of the treasurer's report is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We also discussed the possibility of purchasing a new hymnal with Memorial Funds. The New Century Hymnal is being considered; it was published in 1990. It would cost approximately \$14.00 each. There were a number of good comments and suggestions made during the meeting, some of them include:

- ◆ Use Memorial Funds for installing new lighting in the church rather than a new hymnal.
- ◆ Purchase the New Century Hymnal because it will provide a more contemporary selection of music.
- ◆ Look at other hymnals rather than the New Century Hymnal.
- ◆ Wait for a new publication rather than deciding on the New Century Hymnal.
- ◆ Use technology to project the hymns on the wall rather than purchasing the hardcover.
- ◆ Purchase the new hymnal as part of the effort to "revitalize the church."

The Council has decided to invite Arthur Clyde, one of the New Century Hymnal editors, to talk to our church about the hymnal. He will be here on July 11, 2010. The last item discussed was the process of church revitalization. Pastor Hank talked about an event being held by the MN Conference UCC on church revitalization. This event will be held at Christ the King Church in Buffalo, MN Sept.30-Oct.1, 2010. Scholarships will be available for those who would like to attend.

The Shared Ministry Committee is a joint committee of members from Gaylord UCC and New Ulm UCC. Gaylord Members include: Deb Meyer, Gail Estenson, Beth Wilson and myself. New Ulm members include: Amanda Forstrum--council chair, Bruce Kuelbs, Bruce Fenske and Donna Lembrecht. Pastor Campbell also attended the meeting. The committee met May 23 to discuss items and events that relate to our shared ministry. Items included: the "meet and greet" at the New Ulm Church scheduled for this fall, church start times, and pastor-parish relations. Starting August 1, the Gaylord UCC worship service will begin at 9:00 am with fellowship to follow. The New Ulm service will then begin at 11:00 am. The committee discussed possible changes to the 2011 start times. It was suggested to the committee that they consider a four month rotation instead of the current six month rotation. A four month rotation would allow for worship service start times to alternate for the fall, winter, spring and summer seasons for each church. Other suggestions were to keep the church start times permanent and not have a rotation schedule. Still another suggestion was to have an eight month rotation. The committee felt that in order to make this decision, a survey should be sent out to the members of Gaylord and New Ulm churches. The survey will be provided to you in September. Please watch the newsletter for details.

The Minnesota Conference UCC annual meeting is June 11-13, 2010, at St Benedict's College. Gail Estenson, Phil Keithahn, and I will be attending as delegates for our Church. Resolutions include:

1. The Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ officially affirms our partnership with the South East Mindanao Jurisdiction of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.
2. Clergy compensation guidelines for 2011.
3. A resolution for marriage equality supporting marriage for same gender couples.
4. Proposed changes to the conference bylaws.

Resolutions to be voted on are posted on the church bulletin board. The agenda and program for the annual meeting is available on the Minnesota Conference website -- www.uccmn.org.

The Trustees are planning to build a retaining wall around the new air conditioners. They are also putting new carpet in the Head Start room and Library. Please thank them for all the work they do.

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Sunday, May 23, was the last day of Sunday school for our youth. Chip Wolverton awarded certificates to Sunday school children and recognized the Sunday school teachers--Gail Estenson, Deb Meyer, Phil Keithahn and Pauline Marlinski, music director. A BIG thank you to Chip Wolverton and the Board of Christian Education for a great job!

On June 27, a Special Worship Service featuring Spanish music will be held at our church. The band, "Nueva Revelacion" will be providing the music. Pastor Campbell and the Deacons with the help of Shannon Hruska, Spanish teacher at Sibley East and a member of our choir, are planning the service. We are looking forward to this event as being an opportunity to reach out to community members as well as a way to enjoy music from other cultures. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event.

Council President, *Darrel Mosel*

Update from the Mission Board

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to our From the Heart offering in May for Strengthen the Church. The total received was \$256.00 This money is used by the conference to help establish new churches and to help churches that are struggling get a fresh start.

Our next offering will be on June 13th and is for the Sibley County Salvation Army.

We want to remind students that are going to college in the fall to turn in your scholarship application forms by July 15th. They are located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Recipients will be notified in mid August.

Everyone is welcome to attend a **Graduation Open House** for Eric Schultz on Saturday, May 29th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at our home 41237 300th Street, Arlington.

Everyone from church is invited to a **Graduation Open House** for Lauren Keithahn on Saturday, June 5 from 11a.m. – 3 p.m. at our home 1021 Harvey Drive.

SANCTUARY “SUMMER REDO” to explore a couple of different Worship space arrangements, partly for accommodating the use of visuals on the wall space, i.e. Song/Hymns; Video Clips and Backgrounds. Part of the gift of our Sanctuary’s movable chairs to is to help us explore new perspectives and possibilities as God’s people in Worship.

NEW HYMNAL exploration: Co-editor of the UCC New Century Hymnal, Arthur Clyde, has offered to come and help lead Worship and a Workshop on using the hymnal on Sunday, July 11. Arthur is currently the Music Director at Union UCC in St. Louis Park. We hope that all who have questions and ideas about a new hymnal can join us that day!

Gaylord UCC Library

In an effort to revitalize our church library and make it used by more people of all ages, a Library Committee has been formed. They will work together with the endorsement of the Pastor, Education Board, and Church Council. This committee will do the purchasing, arranging, and checking in and out of material. They encourage gifts of books and other materials and also monetary gifts. The Committee has set criteria for donated items that should be current, relevant, and in good condition. A policy is in place for dealing with unacceptable donations. If an item is not used they will see that it is disposed of in an appropriate manner such as donating them to another group, public library, or simply recycling the unusable ones without any hurt feelings. We will also try to purchase multimedia products (DVD, CD, videos, and tapes) for adults, children and families. We would like to include “What’s New in the Library” in the Newsletter to highlight something and would encourage library time during Sunday school again.

Some recent donations to the library include: The Shack, by W. Paul Young; A Girl’s Book: Stories, Poetry and Activities; and Fireproof, the movie. If you have any ideas of books, DVDs or other materials you would like to see in our library collection or have something you would like to donate, please write them down on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or talk to someone on the committee.

Cindy Johnson, Deb Meyer, Sandy Pomplun and Gloria Sinell.

Women's Fellowship News - Spring Outing

Women's Fellowship met on Sunday, May 9th to discuss plans for our spring outing. We decided to travel to **LOLA'S LAKEHOUSE**, 318 Lake Street East in Waconia for lunch on Wednesday, June 9th with a departure time from church of 9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle will also be joining us and anyone else interested in coming is welcome.

Pilgrim Point Camp

It's time to think about going to church camp. Applications for Pilgrim Point Camp are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending a camp this summer fill out an application and return it to any Camp Committee member or bring to the church office. Money is available to help pay for your camp registration.

Upcoming camps include:

Not so Extreme Make Over Camp	June 13-18
Tenderfoot Camp (K-1)	June 20-23
Junior Camp (4th-5th)	June 20-25
Junior High Adventure Camp (6th-8th)	June 27-July 2
Adult Craft Camp	June 25-27
Quilt Camp	June 25-27

CC&O News

The annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in Gaylord was held on May 8 at the Legion. Gloria Sinell, Fran and Howard Armstrong were involved in planning and decorating for the event. The event was sponsored by Community All Together (C.A.T.) and the Alliance of Friendship and featured ethnic foods, folkloric dancers, a mariachi band and dance. The Alliance of Friendship has been part of our Church's outreach since 1994 and remains a connection to the cultural diversity in our community.

We continue our CC&O goal of sponsoring an enjoyable event or project each quarter of the year. Plans include a youth woodworking project and we are looking at other ideas. Our considerations include Las Posadas which is a bilingual cultural celebration for Christmas and a New Year's celebration at our church.

We welcome your suggestions and input. Please let us know if you need transportation to and from church or know someone who would enjoy this service. Howard Armstrong, CC&O Chair.

Children and Intergenerational possibilities

this summer:

- ◆ **One-day Day Camp** on "Water" using a special Church World Service curriculum.
- ◆ **"Putting Green"** Environmental Theme Park outing to New Ulm for mini-golf and lunch mid-morning to early afternoon.

Please sign up for day/date choices that work so we can hopefully get a group together.

Kids ~ invite a friend and let's go!

"Shared Ministry Happenings"

- ◆ Brandon Bode, of rural Lafayette, will speak and give a Power Point presentation at New Ulm UCC, Sunday, July 18, at our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Brandon worked with "God's Littlest Angels" orphanage in Haiti. He is trying to raise money for a backhoe for the orphanage through donations.

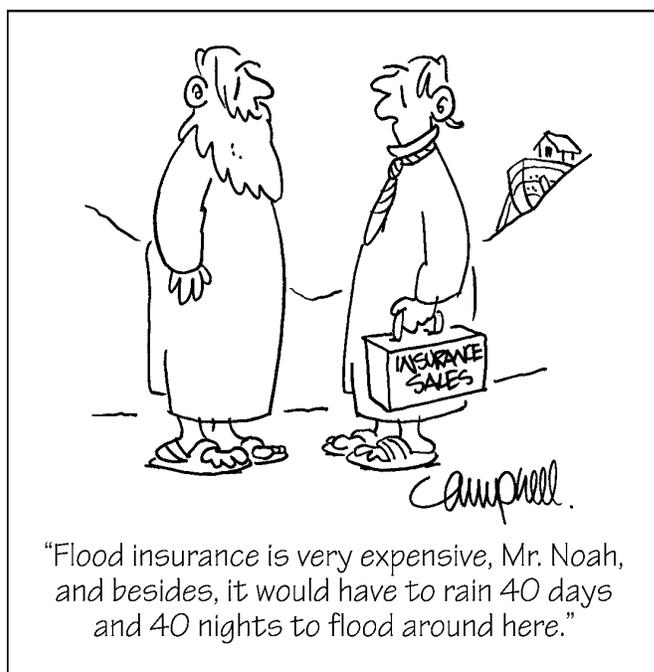
◆ *"Galactic Blast"*

Vacation Bible School - June 14-17, 2010

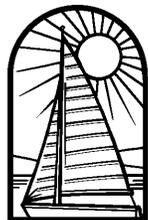
6-8:30 p.m. UCC of New Ulm and

First United Methodist (host location)

Gaylord UCC kids are welcome to join us any night.



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Happy Father's Day on June 20th

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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 - Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President - Darrel Mosel

Church Secretary - Cindy Johnson

June Birthdays

- 03 Kelly Pinske Hickles
- 05 Brandon Meyer
- 05 Ginger Ott
- 05 Tara Swenson
- 06 Jodi Pfarr
- 07 Meredith Johnson
- 10 Pauline Marlinski
- 10 Ron Max
- 10 Barb Sneltsjes
- 18 Tim Solomonson
- 19 Kenneth Bull
- 19 Cheryl Messner
- 23 Lynette Ott
- 28 Jason Meyer
- 29 Sue Keithahn
- 30 Ethan Pomplun