



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

*A Welcoming  
Congregation*

# Parish Paper

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## UCC Happenings:

- ◆ **CC&O Hispanic Youth Activity Day** - Saturday, October 2.
- ◆ **The Acts Bible Study** will have their first meeting on Sunday, Oct 3 after church.
- ◆ **“Meet and Greet” Lunch with New Ulm on October 17** at 12:15 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit Outing** Possible dates to go are: Sat. Oct. 9 or Sun., Oct. 10. There is a group rate available if we have enough people going. Please sign up for the dates and times that work for you, *as soon as possible*, on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Hank for more information.
- ◆ **Choir Practice** - Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Come Join Us!
- ◆ **Church Council** - Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** - Our congregation will be delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of October.
- ◆ **Ropes Course Event with Youth Group, Grades 7-9 is Sunday October 17** - 1:30 p.m. at MSU Ropes Course. Carpool from Gaylord UCC or New Ulm UCC after Meet & Greet at 12:45. Leaving Mankato about 5:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Hank for more information.
- ◆ **Habitat For Humanity** speaker at Gaylord UCC on Wed. Oct. 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Pastor Hank will be away Oct. 23-25.** Emergency pastoral concerns should be directed to Deacon, Deb Meyer, at 320-864-8560. Thanks to Guy Stone for leading Worship on Sunday, October 24.
- ◆ **Confirmation Class** will meet Wednesday, October 13 and 27 at 5:30 p.m.

**Ushers:** Mark Pauly, Dylan Pauly  
Don Swenson

**Greeters:** Marion Saxton, Ruby Keller  
10-3, 10-10  
Jane Peterson, Sylvia Turbett  
10-17, 10-24, 10-31

**Acolyte:** Dylan Pauly



**Upcoming camps at Pilgrim Point include:**

Confirmation Camp	Oct. 8-10
Conference Youth Event (CYE)	Oct. 22-24
Sing the New Century	Oct. 16

**Fellowship Hour:**

October 3.....open  
October 10.....open  
October 17.....open  
October 24.....open  
October 31.....open

**Lectionary Readings for the Month of October**

**Oct. 3, 2010:** Ps 137, Ps 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-9. UCC Theme: Free to Grieve.

**Oct. 10, 2010:** Jer 29:1, 4-7, Ps 66:1-12, Ps 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19. UCC Theme: Planting Life.

**Oct. 17, 2010:** Ps 119:97-104, Ps 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8. UCC Theme: Ask Boldly, Live Justly.

**Oct. 24, 2010:** Ps 65, Ps 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14. UCC Theme: Just Worship.

**Oct. 31, 2010:** Ps 119:137-144, Ps 32:1-7, 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10. UCC Theme: Transforming Love.

**In our prayers this month:** Clayton Johnson, Meredith Johnson and Fran Werges at the Oak Terrace Nursing Home, Jill Schlichting, our Sunday School teachers, music leaders, Confirmation students and mentors, Native American Ministries and those serving in our military services.

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

Our sympathy and prayers are with Sandy Pomplun and her family as her Aunt, Aileen Albers, passed away on September 26.

**Sing the New Century**

**With Jill Warner**

**October 16, 2010 at Pilgrim Point Camp**

Jill will be sharing her gifts and songs  
from the

***Sing! Prayer and Praise Songbook***

The praise supplement to the  
New Century Hymnal

-Brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall-

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**“Keeping it Simple”**

**MN Conference Youth Event**

**October 22-24 at Pilgrim Point Camp**

A weekend retreat for high school youth focused around living simply and turning down the technology demands of life.

Registrations are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

- The “**Pilgrim Point 2011-2013 – Summary Plan**” is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

- **You are invited to attend the discussion sessions for Pilgrim Point Camp 2011 and beyond!** To register for one of the sessions or for more information contact Leah Springer at 800-684-1718 or [leahs@uccmn.org](mailto:leahs@uccmn.org). Sessions will be held at: First Congregational UCC, Alexandria - Saturday, October 2 @ 10:00 a.m.; Congregational Church UCC, Rochester, Sunday - October 10 @ 3:00 p.m. and Mizpah UCC, Hopkins, Sunday - October 17 @ 3:00p.m.

## **Shared Ministry - - Pastor's Report UPDATE**

Both Gaylord UCC and New Ulm UCC Shared Ministry Groups met Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns, ideas and plans as we approach the time to decide on renewing our churches contract for the year 2011. They will be scheduling some important informational/input opportunities in the upcoming weeks – and most likely including a special Congregational Meeting before year-end to continue in 2011.

In this Pastoral Report, my perception is that the vast majority of the responses from both churches to our “shared” arrangement have been positive with a willingness or hope to continue.

After 8 months, I feel confident that I am able to serve both churches faithfully and fairly according to the contract-covenant agreement. There has definitely been an increase in my work hours, and work load – mentally, physically and emotionally. But it is a positive challenge which I feel I can continue in order to be a benefit to both churches into the next year, 2011.

As I mentioned initially a year ago, we all needed to be aware of the need to be flexible in some areas of ministry which may change or lessen to some degree i.e. Sunday mornings; pastoral availability; visitation; and youth ministry. Sunday mornings have obviously meant a larger work load for me. I have missed the contacts with members/newcomers before or after Worship, but everyone seems to be getting along well just the same. (And again, please welcome newcomers!) The time changes are not a significant factor for me, personally. I hope you have been able to adapt as well.

In terms of availability, I am not in the office every day, however the fact that Office Secretary, Cindy Johnson, has flexible work hours has been a huge help. Furthermore, we have added the availability of a pastor's work cell phone 507-217-9848, which has been well utilized. I have been able to have a considerable number of Pastoral visits with members, either at home or at a restaurant. A few folks have asked to wait for a visit. If you would like a pastoral visit, please contact me, as I am still going down the membership list. I am grateful for the lay leadership support with youth and children's ministries. Furthermore, the joining of children and youth from both churches has already enhanced a few of our events.

I value the vital importance of these areas of ministry and am grateful for the extra support and patience which has been offered by our members this past year. I apologize if there have been glitches in communication or a lack of personal contact in these or other areas of our common ministry. I am still on some learning curves along the way. And again, please feel free to contact me or a member of Church Council or the Shared Ministry Team – Gail Estenson, Deb Meyer, Darrel Mosel, or Beth Wilson - if you have any hopes or concerns or ideas to help us improve or further benefit in the Shared Ministry.

In Faith, Pastor Hank Campbell

Pastor Hank will be on vacation Oct. 22-25th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care contact Deacon Deb Meyer at 320-894-5041. Pastor's usual office hours or visiting hours during the week are typically Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday afternoons as needed. If you need to reach Hank call the church office 237-2595 or his cell 507-217-9848.

**No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome here! 9**

## Council President's Notes:

A Congregational Meeting was held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion topics included a Treasurer's report, board updates, church start times and rotation schedule for the next year, the New Century Hymnal, Shared Ministry contract and the Habitat for Humanity program.

The Treasurer's report summarized the expenses and income for the first eight months of 2010. There were \$70,311.47 of income and \$74,805.57 of expenses. Expenses include building repairs of \$6,000.00 and a new laptop for \$1,150.00 to be paid by the Trust Fund. The full report is available on the table in the church entrance. Deb Meyer gave a update on the Deacons Board - they are planning for the One Voice Mixed Chorus that will perform on Nov. 14 at our church. Dale Johnson updated us on the Trustees projects which include landscaping, the chimes and the bat control. Sylvia Turbett talked about the Mission Board; there is currently a vacancy on the Mission Board.

A survey was handed out to the members of the congregation to get input on worship start times and rotation of the worship start times with New Ulm UCC for 2011. It was noted that a four month rotation would allow for each congregation to not be locked into the same start times for each season of the year. If you were unable to attend the Congregational meeting and would like to fill out a survey, clip out the survey included in this newsletter and turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. If you have questions about the survey, please feel free to contact Pastor Hank or member of the Council!

There was follow up discussion about the idea of purchasing the New Century Hymnal. Art Clyde, one of the editors for the New Century Hymnal, gave a presentation on the hymnal at our church this summer. If you were not able to attend that presentation a video tape is available on the table by the bulletin board. The Council is strongly in favor of purchasing this hymnal using memorial funds, however no decisions have been made at this point. They are continuing to gather input from the congregation and will discuss the idea at a congregational meeting in November. Please check your November newsletter for details on the date and time.

We are nearing the end of the first year of our shared ministry with New Ulm UCC. We will need to decide on a new contract for continuing this Ministry

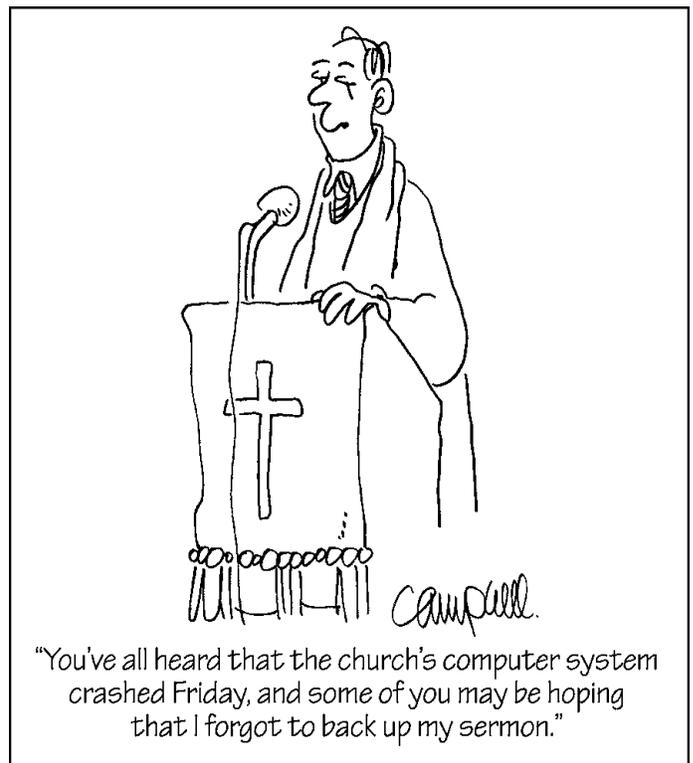
into 2011 and beyond. Members discussed the idea of a one year vs. a two or three year contract to continue our shared ministry with Pastor Hank and New Ulm UCC. It is thought that a two year vs. a one year contract would give the pastor and congregation more continuity in planning for the church. There is a survey in regard to our shared ministry and the times to have services start. Please contact a member of the council with input you may have on this.

A representative of the Habitat for Humanity organization will speak at our church on Oct. 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. They will discuss the idea of starting a Habitat for Humanity affiliate with our church. Everyone is invited to attend.



**Our next Council meeting is October 13 at 7:15 p.m.**

Council President, *Darrel Mosel*



## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. to clean the kitchens. We are also going to work on a policy for loaning out kitchen equipment and dishes. When we are finished we will have lunch together. Come join us, all are welcome.

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## Priscilla Circle

**will meet Thursday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m.**

**All the women of the church are invited to join us for our next meeting in the Fireside Room.**

**Hostesses are: Lorraine Mueller and**

**Frieda Schrupp**

At our Sept. 16 meeting we had a special program about the "Orphan Trains" that brought orphans from New York City to states in the mid-west. It was a very interesting DVD narrated by a Minnesota Orphan Train rider, Sister Justina Bieganek. The video gave us a first hand account of the historical era from 1854 to 1929 when the Children's Aid Society of NY City "placed out" over 150,000 children, many of whom were sent to live in rural communities in Minnesota.

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The **Forever Young Senior Center**, located at 425 Sibley Avenue in Gaylord, offers a full kitchen and ample space for any meeting needs including bridal or baby showers, graduation or confirmation parties and family gatherings. They have seating for 50 for a reasonable donation of \$30. Call 507-317-5519.

***Come see it today!*** Submitted by Gloria Sinell

### **Senior Dining Site is moving!**

Beginning October 1, the Senior Dining meal site and the Meals on Wheels program will move from Oak Terrace to the Forever Young Senior Center. Sharon White will take over the meal site management and coordination of the Meals on Wheels service. Sit-down senior dining meals will be served at 11:30 a.m. for anyone 60+ and is open to the public for a suggested donation of \$3.50 or what seniors can afford. Senior Dining meals or Meals on Wheels can be reserved with Sharon by calling 507-317-5519. Meals on Wheels will continue to be delivered between 11 a.m. and noon.

## Update from the Mission Board

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to our September From the Heart offering for the Sibley County Food Shelf. We collected \$199.30 which will get some matching funds from Hunger Solutions MN this month. Our next From the Heart offering will be on October 10 for Neighbors in Need. This is a special UCC offering that uses less than 6% of receipts for promotional costs making it a remarkable investment of UCC members' dollars. Your contribution goes toward Justice and Witness ministries, including hunger action programs, and the Council for American Indian Ministry.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone able to drive for Meals on Wheel during October - there is still one week open. We appreciate all who are willing to help with this worthy project.

Oct. 1 Dick Estenson and Ewald Keller  
Oct. 4 - 8 Dick Estenson and Ewald Keller  
Oct. 11 - 15 Aggie and Peter Schue  
Oct. 18 - 22 open  
Oct. 25 - 29 Dick Estenson and Ewald Keller

**Our next Mission Board meeting will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**



Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

*"With a mission of building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song."*

**Gaylord UCC will be hosting the musical group "One Voice" on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m.**

Watch for more information.

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"Immutable Right" is an excellent article on the "church and state" issues related to "The Mosque" proposal near ground zero. Copies of this article from the 9/7/10 issue of Christian Century are in the church Library.

## Congregational Care & Outreach

The Congregational Care and Outreach youth woodworking event is Saturday morning, October 2. The event includes breakfast for participants. The project is a toolbox or art/craft caddy and will involve youth in grades 1-3 and a parent or mentor. We will also include knot and rope information and practice as time permits. This is a somewhat different outreach project which, if successful, we may be able to add or modify similar events in the future.

CC&O October activity includes planning our Church's participation in Las Posadas, a bilingual community celebration at Christmas. Los Posadas is a traditional Mexican Christmas celebration that has quickly become a cherished custom of both Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike. The celebration tells the story of Mary and Joseph. Posadas means "inn or lodging".

Thank you to church members and friends who have suggested outreach activities to CC&O. We appreciate your help in developing activities for our Church and community.

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**Friedens UCC (County Line) Church** will be observing Pastor Joseph Clay's 50 years in the ministry and also Friedens 130th Anniversary on Sunday, November 7. There will be morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Karen Smith-Sellers speaking. Lunch will follow the service. If you plan on attending please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have question please call 952-467-2779.

Friedens UCC

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Norwood Young America, MN 55368

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### Congregational Survey:

1. **Shared Ministry:** 1 year, 2 year or 3 year contract renewal?

2. **Worship service start times:**

8:00am and 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_

8:30am and 10:30am \_\_\_\_\_

9:00am and 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Rotation Schedule:**

2 month \_\_\_\_\_

3 month \_\_\_\_\_

4 month \_\_\_\_\_

6 month \_\_\_\_\_

12 month \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

If you were not at our Congregational Meeting on September 19 and would like to weigh in on the above topics please fill in your response and return it to the church office, put it in the offering plate or mail by Sunday, October 17th. Thank You.

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  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Rotation Schedule:**
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  - 3 month \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 month \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 month \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12 month \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Name (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the times, rotation schedule and length for the renewal of our Shared Ministry contract and return to the church office, put in the offering plate or mail by Sunday, October 17th. Thank You.

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Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour Follows Worship

Sunday School—10:15 a.m. Sept.—May

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President, Darrel Mosel

Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson

**October Birthdays**

01 .....Kristin Schultz  
04 .....Doug Solomonson  
10 .....Andrew Thies  
11 .....Darin Meyer  
21 .....Denver Wentzloff  
22 .....Brenda Meyer  
24 .....Gail Estenson  
24 .....Wanda Mead  
24 .....Sarah Vos  
27 .....Jon Custalow  
27 .....Tim Custalow  
30 .....Chris Mosel