



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

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

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*The Gaylord United Church of Christ
will be hosting the
Blackwood Quartet
on
Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at church.*

**There will be a
free will offering taken during the concert.**

*Invite your friends to come for a
wonderful night of music!*

Ushers: Mark Pauly, Dylan Pauly
Don Swenson

Greeters: Marion Saxton, Ruby Keller
10-2, 10-9
Jane Peterson, Sylvia Turbett
10-16, 10-23, 10-30

Acolyte: Dylan Pauly

Fellowship Hour:

October 2..... Cal and Frieda (60th Anniversary)

October 9.....open

October 16.....open

October 23.....open

October 30.....open

Lectionary Readings for the Month of October

Oct. 2, 2011: Ex 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Ps 19, Phil 3:4b-14;
Matt 21:33-46. UCC Theme: God's Loving Wisdom.

Oct. 9, 2011: Ex 32:1-14; Ps 23; Phil 4:1-9, Matt 22:1-14. UCC Theme: God Matters.

Oct. 16, 2011: Ex 33:12-23; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22. UCC Theme: Willing Relationships.

Oct. 23, 2011: Deut 34:1-12, Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46. UCC Theme: God's Story, Our Stories.

Oct. 30, 2011: Josh 3:7-17, Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess 2:9,13; Matt 23:1-12. UCC Theme: God with Us.

In our prayers this month: Clayton Johnson, Lorraine Mueller, Pat Pinske, and our Sunday School teachers, music leaders and choir as we begin a new school year. Remember others who are homebound or have been ill.

All victims and all who have been affected by 9/11 for their healing, peace and hope.

Pray for Aaron Solomonson, Alex Thoele, Mark Thoele, May and Raymond Ysasaga, Colton Kroells (nephew to Sandy Wentzloff), Lee Dzubella (nephew to Pauline Marlinski) Jacob Krumwiede (nephew to Sandy Pomplun) and others serving in the military.

Please call the Church Office...

- ◆ **When your phone number, address or email address change so that church records can be updated.**
- ◆ When you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital.
- ◆ When your group plans to hold a meeting, so it can be placed on the church calendar.

The deadline for articles and information for the November Newsletter is Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

Thank You.

UCC Happenings:

- ◆ **Shared Ministry/PRC** will meet later in October. Questions or comments should be directed to a committee member: Darrel, Beth, Deb or Gail.
- ◆ **Choir Practice** - Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Come Join Us!
- ◆ **Blackwood Quartet Concert** Oct. 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Church Council** - Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** - Our congregation will be delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of October.
- ◆ **Pastor Hank will be away Oct. 21-24.** Emergency pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons Aggie Schue or Jim Peterson.

Thanks to Penny Entringer for leading Worship on Sunday, October 23.

- ◆ **Confirmation Class** will meet Wednesday, October 12 and 26 at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **All Youth Activity** Oct. 16 after church.
- ◆ **Head Start Halloween Party** - Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Urban Immersion Youth Retreat** - Oct. 28 - 30.

Wider Community Happenings:

- ◆ **Mankato Riverblenders** perform Oct. 9 at Sibley East Jr. High at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Women & Spirituality Conference** at MSU-Mankato - October 22-23 featuring Keynote

BREAD - STEWARDSHIP - GIVING - POVERTY - HUNGER

“You are under arrest,” the policeman said to the old man, caught for stealing a loaf of bread because he was starving. He had not eaten for several days. The policeman brought the hungry man before the judge. “Your honor, this man has broken the law. He has been arrested for stealing.”

Now it happened that that night the Mayor of the city, Fiorello La Guardia, was serving as judge in order to learn more about his people and their problems. He asked, “What did he steal?” “A loaf of bread, sir.”

The judge fined the old man ten dollars, saying, “I am sorry but the law is the law. Stealing is against the law.” But the Mayor reached into his pocket, took out his billfold, and paid the ten dollar fine for the old man. Then he stood up and said to the people in the courtroom, “I am fining each of you fifty cents for living in a city that does not feed its hungry people.” The Mayor passed an empty plate among the people. When he had collected almost fifty dollars, he turned to the old man, “This money is yours to buy bread. You are free to go.”

The old man left the courtroom with tears in his eyes, for he had experienced God’s love in people.

Author Unknown

BREAD has the two-fold meaning of fulfilling our hungers in body and in spirit. The physical hunger of bread has taken on crisis proportions in these times - the local food shelf serving record numbers, the poverty level in the wealthiest country in the world at its highest level in decades - nearly 15%; a famine in Africa that is causing hundreds of thousands to die of starvation. I John 3:16-18 reminds us that the call of God is to bring the Good News in word and in deed, in body and in spirit.

~ A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER ~

Gracious and Generous God, as you nourish our lives and refresh our spirits, we bring our gifts for today and our pledges for the future. Transform these gifts, given from our hearts, so that in turn they might work to nourish and transform the world through the ministry of this church and of the whole United Church of Christ. You have richly provided for this world and for your children. Make us more ready, we pray, to share generously so that each one might be filled with the good things of life. Stillspeaking God, we set our hopes now on you and your faithful and tender care, laying a firm foundation for the future, so that we might grasp and live fully the life that really is life. Amen.

** Gaylord UCC will be sponsoring a “Head Start Halloween Party” on October 31 at 9:30 a.m.. If you would like to help out contact Jane Peterson of CC&O. Thanks.



Blessings, Pastor Hank

Upcoming UCC Stewardship events will be part of that ministry in Jesus’ name!

- ◆ Neighbors-In-Need Offering - October 9th
- ◆ Sibley County Food Shelf (on going)
- ◆ Stewardship 2012 Planning
- ◆ “Mission One” special events in November

* **“NEW MEMBER WELCOME”** - If you are interested in formal membership in UCC, please contact Pastor Hank.

Pastor Hank will be on vacation Oct. 21 - 23th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care contact Deacons Aggie Schue or Jim Peterson. Pastor’s usual office hours or visiting hours during the week are Wednesdays from 1:30 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 him call the church office 237-2595; home 507-354-5738; or cell 507-217-9848.

OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As I sat at the joint service with New Ulm UCC at the Linn Hurley farm on September 18th, I felt blessed to join with our New Ulm friends on the beautiful farm setting to worship together. It brings a smile to my face as I recall the joy experienced, by each person present, through the music, the message and the delicious abundance of food. I heard several comments about having similar services more often. Thanks to everyone who shared in the planning, preparing, performing and serving to make it a very special "union service." A special thanks to our hosts and to Dick and Ian Kimmel for sharing their uplifting music with us.

Music is an important part of our lives at Gaylord UCC and we're blessed to have our choir return from summer break to sing for us each Sunday. Thanks, Arlen, for directing and encouraging members to share their musical talents. And thanks to the choir members for your dedication and for providing musical inspiration for all of us who appreciate the role you play in our Sunday services. For additional music enjoyment, you won't want to miss The Blackwood Quartet, performing on October 6th at 7:00 p.m.

There has been some interest expressed in forming an adult study/discussion group and Pastor Hank has provided three books to consider. Before proceeding, it makes sense to determine how many people want to participate and what day/time will work best. Through discussion at our last Council meeting, we wondered if Sunday evenings with pot luck would be enticing. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate. The books we're considering are: "Fidelity" book of short stories by Wendell Berry (fiction); "The Faith Club" about three women, Christian, Moslem, Jewish after 9/11; and "This I Believe" unique philosophies on belief by a diverse group.

Our Church Council is preparing to do budget planning for 2012 and we ask for your prayers as we make decisions for the future. Thank you for your generosity in giving throughout the year and for your thoughtful consideration for pledging next year. Thank you for sharing your time and talents in so many ways throughout the year, making it possible to accomplish great things in God's name.

Let us appreciate the gifts God has given each of us and be willing to share them willingly.

Our next Council meeting is Oct. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Gail Estenson, Council Chair - 2011

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Much requested warm Apple Bar recipe from picnic Sunday with New Ulm.

Apple Bars with Caramel Sauce

2 cups sugar	1/2 cup butter
2 eggs beaten	1/2 tsp nutmeg
2 tsp baking soda	2 cups flour
1 tsp cinnamon	1/2 tsp salt
4 cups finely chopped apples	

Cream the sugar and butter add eggs. Sift the dry ingredients together and add to butter mixture.

Add the apples. Stir. Grease 9x13 pan. Bake 50-60 minutes at 350.

Caramel Sauce topping:

1 cup butter	1 cup brown sugar
1 cup cream	1 cup white sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla	

Mix and cook hard for 5 minutes. Add vanilla.

Pour over warm bars as they are served. YUM!



In a nutshell.

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet on Monday,
October 10th at 12:00 p.m. Come join us, all are
welcome.

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Priscilla Circle

will meet Thursday, October 20 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

Children & Youth News - a youth activity is
being planned for Sunday, Oct 16. We'll start right
after church with pizza for lunch. We'll then be mak-
ing cookies and applesauce. All grades K-12 are in-
vited to attend. The Christian Education board is
sponsoring this activity. Students will be taken home
when the activity is finished. Contact Sue Keithahn or
Sandy Pomplun for more information.

Join the Discussion



Book options for UCC study/discussion groups.

- ◆ "This I Believe - The Personal Philosophies
of Remarkable Men & Women."
- ◆ "Fidelity" Short stories by Wendell Berry.
- ◆ "The Faith Club" A story of three women
Christian, Moslem and Jewish after 9/11.

Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you
are interested in any of these study groups.
There is a possibility of meeting Sundays for
lunch or supper and discussion in October on
the 2, 16 or 30th, or most Sundays in November.
Contact Pastor Hank for more information.

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
\$123.00. Our next From the Heart offering will be on
October 9 for Neighbors in Need.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offer-
ing of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and
compassion throughout the United States. One-third
of NIN funds support the Council for American In-
dian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is
used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries
(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, ad-
vocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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

Oct. 3 - 7	Fran & Howard Armstrong
Oct. 10 - 14	Barb & Arlen Sneltsjes
Oct. 17 - 21	Harriet & Dayle Troidahl
Oct. 24 - 28	Dick Estenson and Ewald Keller
Oct. 31	open

**Our next Mission Board meeting will be held on
October 9th at 10:00 a.m.**



**The trustees are scheduling a fall clean-up day
at church on Wednesday, October 12th,
from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 pm.**

**Hotdogs, beans, chips, etc. will be served to all
workers from 6:00 to 6:30.**

Come join us!

****Volunteers needed:**

**Volunteers are needed to help with the video sys-
tem during Worship Services. If you are inter-
ested in helping, contact Beth Wilson or Pastor
Hank. Thanks**

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Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Sept.—May

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President, Gail Estenson

Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson

October Birthdays

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