



*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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## **UCC Happenings:**

“Head Start Halloween Party” - Monday, October 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the families and children of Head Start and our UCC folks.

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*Please join us Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the  
Hanging of the Greens.*

We will be singing Christmas carols, decorating the sanctuary, and telling the Christmas story. Youth of the congregation will once again be leading the service and our Choir will be singing. A light lunch will be served after the program.

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**Gaylord UCC will be working with Life Touch on a new photo directory.** Professional portraits will be taken at church on Monday, November 28 and Tuesday, November 29, from 2:30PM - 9PM each day. To accommodate as many members as possible, the directory will remain "open" for one month. Life Touch has a studio in New Ulm, and anyone who is not able to make it to one of the photo sessions has the option of traveling to New Ulm to have their professional photo taken. You can even take your pet with you to New Ulm and include him or her in the photo! Instructions on setting up appointments with the studio will be forth coming. If you have any questions, please call Jane Peterson at 507-237-5326 Home, or 507-380-7808 Cell.

*“Ladies Creative*

*Christmas*

*Celebration”*

**December 4, 2011 at 2:30- 4:30 p.m.**

**In the Gaylord UCC Fellowship Hall**

**Bring your friends and come join us!**

**Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to either  
host a table or attend.**



**Ushers:** Ewald and Ruby Keller  
Calvin Schrupp

**Greeters:** Dale and Cindy Johnson  
11-6, 11-13  
Bonnie and Rueben Meyer  
11-20, 11-27

**Acolyte:** Jaci Tourtellott

**Fellowship Hour:**

November 6.....Aggie Schue  
November 13.....Armstrongs  
November 20.....Jane Peterson  
November 27.....open

**Lectionary Readings for the Month of  
November**

**Nov. 6, 2011: All Saints Sunday**  
Ps 78:1-7, Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13. UCC Theme: Ready to Shine.

**Nov. 13, 2011: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost** Judg 4:1-7, Ps 123, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matt 25:14-30. UCC Theme: Abundant Possibilities.

**Nov. 20, 2011: Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday**  
Ezek 34:11-16,20-24, Eph 1:15-23, Ps 100, Matt 25:31-46. UCC Theme: Reign of Christ.

**Nov. 27, 2011: First Sunday of Advent**  
Isa 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7,17-19, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37. UCC Theme: Longing.

**In our prayers recently:** Clayton Johnson, Pat Pinske, our farmers during fall harvest, those who are affected by substance abuse or addiction, and those with disabilities. Remember those who have been ill or are homebound.

Our sympathy is with Dayle and Harriet Troidahl on the passing of Dayle's brother Oather Troidahl.

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), Daniel Britt 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. Thank You.

**Thank You**

We want to thank you all for the Anniversary wishes and beautiful cards that were given to us for our "60th" Wedding Anniversary. God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Calvin and Freda Schrupp.

We would like to thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers after the loss of Dayle's brother, Oather Troidahl. Your support was appreciated. Dayle and Harriet Troidahl.

Priscilla Circle would like to thank the person who donated the box of flannel. It will be used to make quilts.

- ◆ **Shared Ministries /Pastoral Relations Committee** met in October and will meet with New Ulm UCC on November 6th in anticipation of 2012. If you have any comments or concerns please contact Gail Estenson, Deb Meyer, Darrel Mosel or Beth Wilson.



**Poinsettia  
Sale**

**Poinsettias will again be available to purchase from the Sibley Masonic Lodge. The order blank is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Place your order by Nov. 15. Delivery will be Dec. 1 or 2. Thank you.**



Thanksgiving Service

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Come join us Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. at American Lutheran Church for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship service. The offering will go to the Sibley County Food Shelf.**



## FROM THE PASTOR

ALL SAINTS TIME – Sunday, November 6, is a day we are invited to come forward during the Worship Service to light a small candle in memory of a special saint who has blessed our faith journey. We will also be lighting special Candles of Memorial for our UCC Parishioners who have died since last year.

STEWARDSHIP TIME -- Thank you to all who share so faithfully in time, talent, and treasure and for the unique and vital ministry of Gaylord U.C.C. “Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35. The ingathering of Pledges will be on Sunday December, 2nd.

WELCOMING TIME - “TIEMPO BIENVENIDA ” -- We have a special opportunity on Monday, Oct. 31, 9:30—11:00 a.m. to offer a special welcome to the Head Start families who are served in our building. Many of their families represent our Hispanic neighbors in Gaylord. Last fall, on a Saturday morning, we shared a wonderful woodworking activity with a focus to welcome Hispanic neighbors. I believe this to be one of the most important kind of ministries we can share at Gaylord UCC. It follows in the steps of the special faith-based ministry of the Alliance of Friendship. Come join us on Oct. 31st! “Bienvenida - Welcome!”

THANKSGIVING TIME – Our nation lifts up one of the great Christian themes - that of thanksgiving. Our United Church of Christ heritage has a special connection to the “First Thanksgiving” in Massachusetts Bay Colony, in the year 1621, when our denomination’s ancestors - the Pilgrims – joined with Native Americans in that mythic communal meal we celebrate every year. May our prayers extend especially for all who hunger in body and spirit. American Lutheran Church will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>th</sup>. The offering collected that night will be for the Sibley County Food Shelf.

ADVENT TIME -- On Sunday, November 27th the Church Calendar turns the page on a new year (not the same as our secular new year) with the time of preparation for the coming of Christ’s birth into our world and into our hearts. We will light Advent candles each Sunday in Advent and I may invite a family to do a short reading and light the special candle for that week. Each candle announces one of the great gifts that Jesus Christ brings to us! We also celebrate the Advent season with our Hanging of the Greens program on the 27th at 7:00 p.m. Come join us.

These are special opportunities to live out our Christian faith!

Blessings and Thanksgivings, *Pastor Hank*

Pastor Hank’s usual office hours or visiting hours during the week are typically 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 or his cell 507-217-9848.

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

# NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

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## **Update from the Mission Board**

Our October *From the Heart* collection was for Neighbors in Need and \$151 was collected. We thank all of you for your donations. Our next collection will be for the Sibley County Food Shelf on November 13<sup>th</sup>. **A special thank you to the people who delivered Meals on Wheels in October.** You are a blessing to those who received and an example to the rest of us.



**A mitten tree will be put up in the Fellowship Hall in November to start collecting items for Santa's Helpers.** Last year the workshop served 248 families with a total of 557 children. Santa's Helpers are looking for donations of new toys, games, mittens, hats, quilts, money and wrapping paper to meet their goal to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate. Donations will be accepted until Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are also looking for volunteers to wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. If you have any questions, call 237-4000 (Sibley County Human Services). Thank you for your generosity.

### **Mission: 1**

The first 11 days of November (11-1-11 through 11-11-11) United Church of Christ congregations will join together in a collective mission campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks, raise \$111,111 in online donations for Neighbors in Need and \$111,111 for east Africa famine relief, and write 11,111 letters to Congress asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world's poorest people.

**At Gaylord UCC our goal is to collect 111 items for our Sibley County Food Shelf. Please help if you are able.**

The Salvation Army has asked for volunteers for **Bell Ringers for the 2011 Red Kettle Campaign** starting Nov. 18 through Christmas Day. The kettle is located at Jerry's Home Quality Foods in Gaylord and in Arlington. They are also looking for cash donations with checks made out to the Salvation Army of Sibley County. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Our December From the Heart Offering will be the Christmas Fund. **The next Mission Board meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

## **News from CC&O**

Periodically, the Board of Congregational Care & Outreach will be highlighting UCC Gaylord members in the Parish Paper. This month we will be presenting Wade & Sara Evers and their son, Alex.

The Evers family is one of our newest members. Wade's hometown is Gaylord, while Sarah comes to us from Green Isle. She is a cousin to Sandy Pomplun. Wade and Sara are both connected with Michael Foods. Wade provides electrical work at the Golden Egg division in Dryden Township. Sara is a machine operator at the Michael Foods processing plant in Gaylord.

Alex is in 8th grade at Sibley East Junior High School. He is in his second year of confirmation at UCC. Alex's favorite class is agriculture, and he enjoys riding four-wheelers and snowmobiles. In their spare time, Wade & Sara participate in demolition derbies and antiques shopping. Can you guess which parent enjoys which pastime? Please continue to welcome Wade, Sara & Alex Evers to the UCC family!

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## **Women's Fellowship News**

**Women's Fellowship will have their regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 7 at noon.** They will have their annual Christmas Party/Potluck and decorate the church on Monday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and an \$8-10 gift to exchange. All women of the church are invited to come.

We are planning a fun, inspiring evening for the ladies of our church and our friends on Sunday, December 4. The afternoon will begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue until about 4:30. We are looking for ladies to hostess a table, complete with a Christmas theme. You could pair up with someone to help you hostess. Further details will follow in future bulletins and in the December Newsletter.

**Priscilla Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Hostesses: Eunice Gasow and Harriet Troidahl.**



## Sesame Street Stewardship

Just like adults, children are fascinated by money. So, many educators believe, it's never too early to start teaching them financial literacy. Apparently the folks at "Sesame Street" agree. Episodes of the award-winning children's television show are presenting "For Me, for You, for Later," a series that will teach some of the fundamentals of money management.

Among other things, the programs are intended to explain to preschoolers how we make choices about money, and to help them learn to make sound financial decisions. In one segment, for example, kids are asked to divide their money among three jars: one each for spending, saving, and sharing. That could be a lesson in family financial management for all of us.

The producers of "Sesame Street" recognize that many parents watch the programs with their children and hope that the lessons the Muppets teach are not lost on adults. All of us appreciate that, as a teaching tool, television can only go so far, and nothing can surpass the impact of the home in the forming of children's values. Getting adults to think of the family budget in terms of three pockets—one for spending money, one for saving, and one for giving—could make a difference in their lives, and in those of their children.

Churches and charities cannot help but celebrate "Sesame Street's" emphasis upon giving money—or "sharing" - as the programs put it. But, for Grover, the furry blue Muppet, sharing goes even farther than giving money. As he says, "I sometimes like to share my money with people who might need it. But I also share other things, too! I share my time, and my energy, because those are very worthwhile too."

Grover's words, and their order, may be a little different, but the three kinds of sharing he mentions are the same as we teach in the United Church of Christ when we preach about Christian stewardship—the proverbial Time, Talent and Treasure.

So God really is still speaking today, even on children's daytime TV!

-A special intergenerational note from a recent bulletin cover.

- ◆ **Stewardship Sunday—November 20th** with the ingathering and dedication of our Time our Talents and our Treasures.
- ◆ **Potluck Lunch** will follow our 11:00 a.m. worship Service.
- ◆ **A Congregational Meeting** will follow the potluck.

Please plan on attending this very important day.

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**Daylight Saving time ends Nov. 6**

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

**November Birthdays**

- 05.....Roy Farr
- 05.....Hayden Ott
- 10.....Marshall Messner
- 10.....Diane Bias-Mosel
- 12.....Michael Mosel
- 14.....Marian Pfarr-Saxton
- 15.....Kathy Tourtellott
- 18.....Kevin Thies
- 20.....Chenelle Messner
- 20 .....Allen Meyer
- 20.....Cornie Yock
- 25.....Aaron Solomonson
- 25 .....Ewald Keller
- 26.....Deb Meyer