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of
Gaylord
United
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*A Welcoming
Congregation*

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Lenten Gatherings at UCC

“The Truth Will Set You Free” is the theme for the series of special services that will be offered on Wednesdays during Lent. The Scriptures and Jesus lift up the value of God’s Truth for a life of blessing and meaning. It is for us to seek and be open to the place/s of Truth. Thanks to Phil Keithahn for helping lead some of these services with Pastor Hank. We will gather together on Wednesdays for supper, fellowship and worship. Our schedule is: **5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Serving supper**

6:30 p.m.

Worship

7:00 p.m.

Choir and clean up

Schedule of those serving the Lenten Suppers in March:

March 7: Trustees and Men’s Fellowship

March 14: Congregational Care and Outreach

March 21: Christian Education and Youth

March 28: Missions and Choir

Men’s Lenten Breakfast

Gaylord area churches will be hosting the annual **Men’s Lenten Breakfast and Devotional** gatherings again this year. They will begin at 7 a.m. and end at approximately 7:45 on the Thursday mornings of Lent at various churches. This year’s theme is “For All the Faithful Women.” All men and boys are welcome to attend this special time of food and fellowship in the spirit of Christ!

The schedule is:

March 1 - Assembly of God Church on “Ruth.”

March 8 - St. Michael’s Catholic Church on “Mary, Mother of Our Lord.”

March 15 - St. Paul’s and Trinity Church on “Martha and Mary.”

March 22 - United Church of Christ on “The Woman at the Well.”

March 29 - American Lutheran Church on “Mary Magdalene.”

Ushers: Rueben Meyer
Howard and Fran Armstrong

Greeters: Darrel and Diane Mosel
3-4, 3-11
Kevin and Kathleen Thies
3-18, 3-25

Acolyte: Logan Wagenius

Fellowship Hour:

March 4Priscilla Circle
March 11Camp Sunday
March 18Girl Scout Sunday—Liz Reishus
March 25open
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Lectionary Readings for March

Mar. 4, 2012: Second Sunday in Lent

Gen 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 2, 23-31; Rom4:13-25;
Mark 18:31-38. UCC Theme: Always Close.

Mar. 11, 2012: Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 20:1-17; Psalm 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22. UCC Theme: Beautiful Law.

Mar. 18, 2012: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Num21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Eph 2:1-10; John
3:14-21. UCC Theme: No Matter What.

Mar., 25, 2012: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-
33. UCC Theme: Deep in our Hearts.

Remembered in prayer last month:

Joanne Kolstad, Bill Walsh, Nancy Cowell, Cal Schrupp
and Sandy Reishus (Liz Reishus' mother). Pray for our
Church Council as we begin a new church year. Also
remember those who have been ill or are home bound.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Clayton Johnson who passed away on Feb. 16. A Memorial Service is being planned for March 30.

Pray for: Aaron Solomonson, Alex Thoele, Mark Thoele, May and Raymond Ysasaga, Tom Bartz (son-in-law to Sandy Wentzloff), Lee Dzubella (nephew to Pauline Marlinski), Jacob Krumwiede (nephew to Sandy Pomplun) Daniel Britt and others serving in the military.



Girl Scout Sunday

Girl Scout Sunday will be March 18 and it commemorates the day in March 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. During Girl Scout week we 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 1912, more than 43 million young people have participated in the program.

We thank everyone who has given of their time, talents and financial donations to the Girl Scouts so they can continue their legacy of service to others.

Those participating in Girl Scouts from our church include: Abby Tourtellott; Jaci Tourtellott; Ginger Ott; Lynette Ott; Denise Tourtellott - Troop Leader; Liz Reishus - Troop Leader and Sue Keithahn - Service Unit Treasurer.

*You are invited to an
Open House Bridal Shower Luncheon
Honoring Catherine (Kati) Klimmek,
bride-to-be of Jesse Miller,
on Saturday, March 10, 2012
11:00 a.m. – 1:30p.m.,
at the United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall,
Registered at:
Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target*

Wider Community News:

Come for the Sibley East Wrestling Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale on Monday, March 5. Serving from 4 – 6:30 p.m. at the Sibley East High School Cafeteria. Serving: spaghetti - garlic toast - salad and beverage. Bring the family!



FROM THE PASTOR

Lenten greetings! Lent is often a time for sacrifice, giving up, or turning away from something. It is a way of emptying ourselves of many things so that we may in turn be filled with things that truly matter. Or, I like the idea that we “fast” in order that we may “feast.” Sometimes it is helpful to make such contrasts in order to clarify that which is fulfilling. Here is a Lenten Litany of ways we might fast and feast, as individuals or as a faith community, during this sacred season of Lent.

Fast from Pessimism	Feast on Optimism
Fast from Criticism	Feast on Praise
Fast from Self-Pity	Feast on Joy
Fast from Bitterness	Feast on Forgiveness
Fast from Gossip	Feast on Prayer
Fast from Jealousy	Feast on Love
Fast from Despair	Feast on Hope
Fast from Complaint	Feast on Appreciation
Fast from Selfishness	Feast on Service
Fast from Fear	Feast on Faith
Fast from Anger	Feast on Patience
Fast from Self-absorption	Feast on Compassion
Fast from Resentment	Feast on Gratitude

Are there others that you would add to the list?
May the God who brings life out of death make a way for the fast to become a feast!

Sunday, February 26 was Labyrinth Sunday and the Labyrinth will be available in the Sanctuary for a few more weeks for those who would like to walk it. Please remove shoes so as to keep it clean. I will return it to New Ulm sometime in mid-March.

Lenten Blessings, Hank

Pastor Hank plans to have office hours or be visiting during the week on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm and Thursdays from 9am – 12pm and 1-4:30pm. Friday as needed. Contact numbers for Pastor: Gaylord UCC 507-237-2595; New Ulm UCC 507-354-4242; Cell 507-217-9848.

“IMMIGRATION 101 AND UP” SUNDAY

with guest Rev. John Guttermann,
Sunday, March 18 at Gaylord UCC.

What does it mean to be a “neighbor?” We don’t need to look very far to see that there are historic and current challenges that can exist between neighbors. “Immigration Sunday” on March 18 will provide unique opportunities for us to explore some of those pressing issues of being “neighbors” in our time. Jesus posed the question once upon a time, and it is still a profound question for us today; “which one of these proved to be a neighbor?” May this be a question of self-examination for us on our Lenten journey this year. As a church we have a role to play in the areas of welcome and justice for the stranger and foreigner.

John Guttermann has served in a leadership role with the Minnesota Conference UCC Justice and Witness Team and Immigration Task Force. He has also served on the staff of Church World Service in the area of Immigration Ministries. He is currently a Policy Advocate with the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration.

Youth News

Confirmation schedule for March:

March 14 - 5:30 Meeting with Pastor -
UCC Identity and Firsts.

March 28 - 5:30 Meeting Mentors -
Preparing Faith Statements.

Lock-in

A lock-in is being planned for Friday, March 23rd, with a start time of 7:30 p.m. and end time of 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Students grades 6 – 9 of the church are invited to attend and may bring up to 10 friends each. The evening will include games, food, and movies. The cost is unknown at this time. If there is a charge, it will only be for bowling.

Easter

The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 8th. The youth will be serving our traditional Easter Breakfast following the service with serving ending at 8:45. An Easter Egg Hunt is included as well.

Practice and set-up for the Sunrise Service will be Saturday, April 7th at 9:00 a.m. All youth grades 6 and above are encouraged to attend.

MARCH PRESIDENT'S NOTES

February council meeting was held on Wednesday the 8th. New council members were welcomed. I look forward to working with the new council.

The following items were discussed.

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the annual meeting.

- ◆ New Ulm church is doing a Kids Against Hunger event on March 18th; we referred this to the Board of Education.
- ◆ 7th street house update – I will contact Rachael for an update for next board meeting.
- ◆ Mediacom – Phil and Cindy are working with Mediacom to finalize an agreement for phone and internet service.
- ◆ We discussed the Mendota Heights UCC Church visit with the members who went. We will be discussing this further at the March meeting on the best way to proceed.
- ◆ Lenten soup suppers start on February 22nd.
- ◆ We are continuing to work on options to develop a Gaylord UCC place mat.
- ◆ We are considering purchasing a digital camera that can be available at the church. We appreciate Jane taking so many pictures; we just thought it would be nice to have a camera available if someone wants to take pictures.
- ◆ Minnesota Conference UCC Annual Meeting will be June 8th-11th. We will get information out as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. Council President, Mark Pauly

“A LAND TWICE PROMISED” with Storyteller-Artist, Noa Baum. Israeli storyteller Noa Baum, began a heartfelt dialogue with a Palestinian woman while living the united States. She weaves together their memories and their mother’s stories, to create a moving testimony that illuminates the complex and contradictory history and emotions surrounding Jerusalem, for Israelis and Palestinians alike. Noa Baum takes us behind the rhetoric and headlines to hear the true stories of four women, 2 Israelis and 2 Palestinians. In the process we experience the most precious ingredient for the resolution of any major conflict: “mutual compassion. **March 31, 7:30 p.m. at New Ulm UCC. Tickets, Adults: \$5, Students: \$3.**



“Get to the Point - A place to meet Jesus!”

Plan on attending one of the camps at Pilgrim Point this summer. Camp will provide activities, vespers, meals & hospitality; and you will still have plenty of time for relaxing, playing at the beach or ball field and creating your own experiences. Work weekends are also being planned in May to get the camp ready for the summer.

Mark your calendar for some scheduled

Camps & Retreats:

Middle School Service Days:

Saturday, March 10 at Anoka UCC

Saturday, May 12 at Pilgrim Point

Winter Senior High CYE: March 2-4, 2012 @Camp Koinonia

Middle School Camp: July 22-27, 2012

Senior High Camp: July 29- August 4, 2012

Bring your church friends with you for a week or weekend to experience Pilgrim Point!

August 5-10, 2012 (Sunday-Friday) is Family Camp Week, sponsored by Mayflower UCC and St. Anthony Park UCC, and is open to EVERYONE!

Wayzata Community Church Summer Camps are open to EVERYONE!

Registration for Summer Camps to open soon!



Camp Sunday

**Come for Camp Sunday, March 11 and
signup to attend a Camp!**

- Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Fellowship Hour -

We will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes.

Wear your Camp or UCC T-shirt!

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

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Thursday, March 15** at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Fran Armstrong will be serving lunch.

The Women of Malaysia invite us to join them Friday, March 2, for World Day of Prayer 2012.

This year's theme, "Let Justice Prevail" was developed out of their experience of life as Christian women within their multicultural, multireligious society.

Through **World Day of Prayer**, women around the world:

- affirm their faith in Jesus Christ.
- share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs.

Through **World Day of Prayer**, women are encouraged:

- to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation.
- to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures.
- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them.
- to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

This year's service will be at American Lutheran Church March 2 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Come join us.



The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.

Update from the Mission Board

Our Mission Board for 2012 are Stacy Pauly, Chairman, Marian Pfarr-Saxton, Secretary, Sylvia Turbett, and Deb Meyer.

On Super Bowl Sunday, our Souper Bowl of Caring From the Heart Offering was \$125.23 which will go to the food shelf.

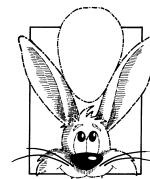
Our March 11 From The Heart Offering will also be going to the Sibley County Food Shelf as all money and food contributed during the month of March will be counted, weighed, and reported to the Minnesota Food Bank. The Minnesota Food Bank will match a percentage of the total amount to give even more to our food shelf.

The Mission Board and Choir will be serving a Wednesday night Lenten supper March 28, 2012. All Lenten midweek offerings will go into the scholarship fund.

We also encourage you to fill the grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall to overflowing during the month of March. Thank You.

Some items needed include:

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



Easter Party with Gaylord Head Start.

CC&O has tentatively scheduled an Easter Party with Gaylord Head Start on Monday, March 26. Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Kevin Thies or Kathy Tourtellott.



Glimpses

This Glimpses column is written to recognize the women of the Congregational/UCC Church who have performed many acts of community service through the years. Some are named here, but many are not.

That is not to say that the unnamed are any less important, as they all gave and some still give of their time and talent.

Early in our Church's history in March 1909, some women from the Congregational Church organized a local chapter of the W.C.T.U. or Women's Christian Temperance Union. The women were as follows: Mrs. J.L. Chambard, President; Mrs. Lydia Strobel, Vice-President; Mrs. W.H. Dunwell, Treasurer; Miss Gertrude Eisle (later Mrs. Robert Mathwich), Secretary. Temperance lectures were given at the meetings in an attempt to abolish the social problems of alcoholism. It is not known how long this group was active.

Some of our church women joined the League of Women Voters that was organized in Gaylord about 1931 with Mrs. Vivian Nelson as President. She was at one time State President of the League's Department of Child Welfare. The League is a non-partisan group with the purpose of making its members aware of political issues. I don't believe it exists locally at this time.

The Red Cross blood bank is another public service in our community where our church women have served faithfully. Margaret Thompson held the position of Chairperson for many years. Gail Estenson now shares that position. Women from the Congregational Church were active in the Red Cross Society. They gave their assistance during the periods of World Wars I and II by knitting, sewing and making comfort items for the American troops.

Some of our Gaylord U.C.C. women have been involved on the Gaylord Ambulance Service. Some of them included: Harriet Troidahl, Karen Peterson, Renate Nelson, Cindy Johnson, Candy Swenson, Tara Swenson, and Lisa Pioske who gave of their time to this vital community organization for many years. Karen Peterson and Lisa Pioske also assisted in teaching CPR.

A Gaylord Chapter of the Gray Ladies and Gray Men was organized in 1959. Mrs. Grace Peterson chaired this group and some of our members were

volunteers at the Good Samaritan Home before Lakeview Nursing Home opened. U.C.C. women still help at Oak Terrace with things like washing and setting hair, helping with bingo and the monthly Birthday Party that make its residents lives more pleasant.

Women of the U.C.C. have given their services to the Combined Charities organization and supported the Meals On Wheels program. They have cheerfully taken their turn delivering meals to shut-ins since it began in 1975.

The Girl Scouts of America is another organization that our women have provided support and leadership for through the years. They have served as Den Mothers and Troop Leaders and have helped with the Boy Scouts as well.

At one time or another U.C.C women have been helpers at the Sibley County Food Shelf and have given donations of food and money to keep the shelves stocked so that the people in the county who are in need can feed their families.

Other Community Service organizations in Gaylord where U.C.C. women have been or are currently members are Sertoma, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Jaycee Women and the American Legion Auxiliary.

All of these civic-minded, dedicated women from our church who served in the past or are currently serving deserve our gratitude for doing their part in making the Gaylord community a place where people can live comfortable and productive lives.

Submitted by Gloria Sinell, U.C.C Archives member.



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Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School—10:15 a.m. Sept.—May

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor - Hank Campbell

Council President - Mark Pauly

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