



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

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

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Rally Sunday

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9 with the Commissioning of our Sunday School teachers during our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. All teachers, substitute teachers and students are encouraged to be present for this special service. The Board of Christian Education will be serving Fellowship Hour! **Sunday School will begin at 10:00 with music, and class time begins at 10:15 a.m.**

Hope to see you there!!

Change in Worship Time at Gaylord UCC

September 2 – Dec. 30, 2012

(Unless otherwise stated)

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 16 Outdoor Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.



Rally Sunday will be “Name Tag” Sunday, as we renew our welcome with old-comers and new-comers alike! So come join us as we begin our fall programming and a new Sunday School year.



Voices Needed

Come join us

Wednesday, Sept. 5

at 6:45 p.m.

for our first
choir practice.

We will sing on

Rally Sunday, Sept. 9.

**Choir warm-ups are Sunday
mornings at 8:45 a.m.**

Ushers: Ted Pinske, Agnes Schue
Jane Peterson

Greeters: Harriet Troidahl
9-2, 9-9
Chip Wolverton, Cole and Ryan
9-16, 9-23, 9-30

Acolyte: Dylan Pauly



Fellowship Hour:

September 2 Kellers
September 9 Rally Sunday-Board of Ed.
September 16 Service at Armstrong Farm
September 23 open
September 30 open

PRAYER CONCERNS

Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month: Joanne Kolstad recovering from knee replacement surgery and Shannon Hruska's mother recovering from surgery

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

News and Notes:

- ◆ Pastor Hank will be away Sept. 3 - 4th. Emergency Pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons Aggie Schue.
 - ◆ Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson, will be out of the office Sept. 3 - 7th.
 - ◆ **September 2 Worship and Communion 9 a.m.**
 - ◆ **Sunday, September 9 is Rally Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Fellowship Time begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, including a time for music will begin at 10:00.
 - ◆ We will have a **shared Worship Service and potluck with New Ulm UCC on September 16 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Armstrong Farm.
- ***If you are interested in coming or would like to car pool please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Worship time will be at 9:00 a.m. September - December 2012** unless otherwise stated.

Come join us as our praise of God is more vibrant thanks to the presence of everyone at our Worship Service.

Clavinova has arrived!!

As you probably know by now, the Clavinova has arrived. We are trying to learn all the fun things this instrument has to offer. A representative from Schmidt Music came the end of August to give us helpful hints and teach us all there is to know about the Clavinova. Sue, Stacy and myself ask for lots of patience and feedback - both positive and not so positive. We hope to enhance our worship service with fun new music.

It was purchased with insurance money from the fallen chimes and the generosity of the Women's Fellowship. A great big thank you to everyone who supported this purchase and who helped with their generous donations.

Thank you very much. Sandy Wentzloff

This Sept. 22 I will participating the in the Made in the Shade Walk, Run, Roll, Benefiting People with Disabilities, and I am looking for sponsors. I first participated last year with my long-time friend, Bette, and we had such a great day, we are doing it again. CHOICE, Inc. is one of the many non-profits that benefit from Made in the Shade. CHOICE (Carver Hennepin Options for Innovative Employment), Inc. provides services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. If you are interested in sponsoring me in the walk (I don't run), please let me know (507-327-4371). Thank you in advance and on behalf of the special people who benefit from your generosity. - Liz Reishus

Congratulations to Ted Pinske on Hiram Award

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota Hiram Award is a once-in-a-lifetime recognition presented to a brother as an earned tribute for outstanding service to Freemasonry. It is presented by the Lodge at the discretion of the Grand Master of the Lodge, who may present one Hiram Award per year. It is intended to reward Ted for his lifetime of service to the community and to the Masonry and all people are invited to the celebration. There will be a dinner on the evening of September 22nd. The cost of the tickets will be \$15 per person and may be obtained from Masonic members, including Bill Cowell, Pete Schue, Dayle Troidahl and Ewald Keller. Contact Bill Cowell for more information.



Summer is still humming along, but fall is beginning to drop a few hints of its coming. In the life of most churches, September is renewal time in Worship, Education, Mission and Fellowship! As you read this newsletter take note of upcoming special days and events as we gather in the Spirit of Christ!!

Looking back, despite the Summer R&R, August is a lively time here at UCC. Heard great reports about our Gaylord UCC presence with a special float in the Eggstravaganza Parade! (a good photo op in the Hub as well!!) And then, the UCC Pie Social at the church and UCC Christian Education Vendor Table in the Park. Heard the corn was great at the Men’s Fellowship corn and bologna feed! Thanks to all of our UCCer’s who have helped share our witness in these ways!

Looking ahead, we’ll have a special opportunity to lift up the importance of the 150th Anniversary year of the U.S. – Dakota War. A date is being planned in October for a program here at UCC to be lead by two Winona State history professors (both of whom I am pleased to say are family members of mine). I have also heard stories of various Gaylord family ancestors involved in that time of conflict. Southern Minnesota was the epicenter of this tragic time in our history. And its implications are still felt today. This will be a public event. Time and Date TBD.

Other related events include:

U.S.—DAKOTA WAR 150th ANNIVERSARY

- Sunday, September 30 - Annual UCC American Indian Ministry Sunday.
- September in Mankato - Annual Wacipi/Pow Wow, to “Honor the Dakota 38” Fri.—Sun., Sept. 21-23, Land of Memories Park All are welcome!

Finally, our church has also been working hard at visioning and planning recently – even during these summer months Church Council has been focusing on this – and trying to include everyone in the process. We had a teleconference with Associate Conference Minister Elena Larssen in July. Elena reminded us to be in prayer as we seek to cultivate a vision – God’s vision - for our future Gaylord UCC ministries. And with that the vital reminder that even folks who are not active in a project or activity still do have a part to play even if it is only in offering the vital support of prayer! I’ve always appreciated the “Missionary” and “Institutional” Church definitions in helping churches form their ministries. I’ve included this on page 6.

Blessings, Hank

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; cell 507-217-9848; home 507-354-5738.

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

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**Children’s Time** - We invite volunteers to help with this part of our Sunday Worship. Please contact Pastor Hank if you would like to help do “Children’s Time” on Sunday.

Godspeed to UCC Chaplain Tim Berg! Tim will be retiring next June as long time Chaplain of United Campus Ministry at MSU Mankato. Many of us have known Tim as an active leader in our wider church ministries of the Minnesota Conference. We wish him well! And offer prayers for this transition time at MSU in the vital ministry of UCM. Thanks as well to the women’s groups of UCC Gaylord and UCC New Ulm for their ongoing financial support of UCM!

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Church Council meeting for August was held on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Hank was welcomed back, fresh from vacation.

Highlights of the meeting include:

The switch to Century Link is complete, and the new email is in use. As a result of the switch, a new phone had to be installed in the kitchen. Two items on the Memorial List have been purchased: a camera and an HDTV.

The Board of Education presented a new idea on how to connect with the community. The council will be apprised as details on their plan are worked out.

Thank you to those who joined the new Sanctuary Workgroup. A date for a second meeting will be held later in September. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.

The CC&O Board was commended for the fun float and friendly participants in the Egg-stravaganza parade. Great job!

Congregational input on the vision & mission of the church will continue to be solicited. More details to follow.

Next Council meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 pm. Respectfully submitted by Vice-President Pauline Marlinski.



Joint Worship  
on the Farm

### UCC Outdoor Worship and Picnic

#### Sunday with New Ulm UCC

Sept. 16 ~ Rain or shine

10:00 a.m. at the

#### Fran and Howard Armstrong Farm.

Music by Dick Kimmel

Worship, Potluck Lunch,

Children's Activities, Hay Rides

Everyone is invited - Bring a Friend!!

**\*\*Bring a dish to pass, your own dishes  
and a lawn chair.**

### Pilgrim Point Upcoming Camps

#### - Middle School Fall CYE Youth Event

(grades 6—8) Confirmation groups welcome.  
September 28-30, 2012 (\$75/youth, \$50/adult)

#### - Fall High School CYE 2012 Progressive Christianity 101 October 19-21

Join conference high school youth with our weekend keynote speaker, Lizann Bassham, for a weekend retreat at Pilgrim Point Camp for Progressive Christianity 101.

### Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Point

September 21-23, 2012

*"Celtic Spirituality"*

Join the women of the Minnesota Conference UCC for a weekend of faith as you explore Celtic Spirituality with the guidance of our keynoter, **Diane Gardner**. Diane recently has traveled to Ireland and will be sharing with us stories, histories, legends, and her **love of all things Celtic!** It will surely be a weekend for **personal growth** and exploration. A weekend of **renewing old friendships** – and creating new ones. And a weekend to **cherish the beauty and tranquility** of Pilgrim Point Camps in Alexandria, Minnesota.

**Scholarship money is available to help  
pay your fee.**



Church Choir Director Denzel Brainard  
knew how to recruit choir participants.

## Women's Fellowship

Our Eggstravaganza Pie and Ice Cream Social was well attended and appreciated by all who enjoyed the delicious BBQ's and homemade desserts.

A special **thank you** is extended to all the women, men and youth who helped with the planning, purchasing, preparing and baking, serving and cleanup. **At last count Women's Fellowship reports that approximately \$1150.00 was raised and there still may be a couple of people who have not yet turned in the money pledged in lieu of baking. Please get your check to Harriet Troidahl if you have not turned yours in. Thank You.**

**\*\*Women's Fellowship will meet  
Monday, September 10 at noon.  
Come join us!**

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## **News from Priscilla Circle**

Our quilt, dishcloth, and misc. sale at the Ice Cream social was a success. We made \$103 and sold one quilt, three cross stitched aprons that were made in the 1950's by members of Priscilla Circle, several doll quilts, and a number of dishcloths. A big thank you to Liz Kuphal for sewing all of the quilts and doll quilts and thanks to Lorraine Mueller for giving us the aprons. We have two baby quilts, two aprons and a few dishcloths left. If you are interested in making a purchase please let Liz know.

**Our next meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at  
2:00 p.m. in the Fireside room -  
Hostesses are Aggie Schue and Gloria Sinell  
Come Join Us.**

**Members are encouraged to bring  
school supplies for Sibley East students.**

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## Confirmation Begins

Confirmation will be led by Pastor Hank and will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting will be Wed., Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. to go over expectations, scheduling and planning for the year. If you have any questions contact Pastor Hank.

## Update from the Mission Board

Thanks to everyone who donated \$138.55 to the food shelf. Our next From The Heart Offering will be September 9 and will be donated to the local food shelf. There is a need for food in our county, and all donations are very much appreciated.

Three of our college students received \$325.00 scholarships. They are Andrew Thies, Abby Tourtellott, and Megan Meyer. Your contributions and well wishes will remind these students of the kindness of the UCC congregation.

**There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall in September for anyone able to deliver Meals-On-Wheels in October.**

**During the month September we will continue to collect school supplies which will be given to Diane Mosel to be used at Sibley East for students in need. Supplies needed include:**

Crayons, pens, pencils, colored pencils, pencil boxes and bags, markers, glue sticks, glue, erasers, scissors, rulers, notebooks, and two-pocket folders. Put your items in the box in the Fellowship Hall by September 30. *Thank you.*

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Dear UCC Mission Board, thank you for choosing me to receive this scholarship, I greatly appreciate it. This will help me out with my books and I cannot thank you enough. This year I will be a senior and studying Exercise Physiology. After I graduate in the spring I will be continuing my education in Physical Therapy. I plan on attending St. Scholastica for graduate school and am excited to start. When I am done with graduate school I hope to receive a job working with youth in a sports setting. Thank you again for this scholarship, I am very grateful for this honor. Sincerely, Megan Meyer.

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Thank you so much for the scholarship money I received. It will be used to pay for books for my classes at St. Scholastica this coming school year. I also want to thank you all for your support over the years and continued support as I further my education. Sincerely, Abby Tourtellott

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Dear UCC, Thank you for the scholarship. It will go towards tuition at South Dakota State University. I am entering my second year there and am in the pre-pharmacy program. Thanks again. Andrew Thies.

## **“Institutional” Church**

**Is content with the status quo.**  
**Is concerned with safety and security.**  
**Is organized around committees.**  
**Produces rugged individualism.**  
**Satisfied with the tried and true.**  
**Produces self-sufficiency.**  
**Is out to survive.**  
**Views tradition as an anchor.**  
**Believes the best days were yesterday.**  
**Is building a constituency of introverts talking to themselves.**  
**Is Issues-oriented.**  
**Is organizationally rigid and inflexible.**  
**Asks “Why?”**  
**Stresses convenience and comfort.**  
**Believes the church people are the priority.**  
**Believes in win/lose.**

## **“Missionary” Church**

**Is committed to change and growth**  
**Is made up of risk takers.**  
**Is organized around commitments.**  
**Fosters and is committed to teamwork.**  
**Looks for the imaginative and new.**  
**Produces networking.**  
**Is out to thrive.**  
**Views tradition as a rudder or guide.**  
**Believes the best is yet to be.**

**Is made up of extroverts talking to the world.**  
**Is relationship-oriented.**  
**Is organizationally flexible and quickly adapts.**  
**Asks “Why not?”**  
**Stresses danger and risk.**  
**Believes nonchurched people are the priority.**  
**Believes in win/win.**

~ from “Changing Church”



**Thank you** to all who helped with the float in the Eggstravaganza parade. Howard and Fran Armstrong provided the vehicle and they, along with Kevin Thies, designed the set up. Ruby Keller, Candy Swenson, Joyce Weitzenkamp, Dale and Denise Tourtellott decorated the float. Michael Mosel agreed to drive the float in the parade and Cole Bruhn, Ethan Pomplun, Sam Thies and Abby Tourtellott did a great job of walking with the float to hand out pretzel packages, inviting parade goers to worship with us. Thanks again!

**Dear Dad,**

School i\$ really great. I’m making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can’t think of anything I need. \$o if you’d like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I’d love to hear from you. Love, Your \$on

Reply:

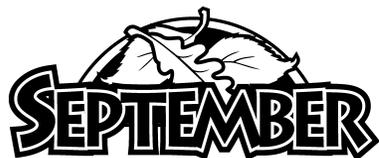
**Dear Son,**

I kNOW that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgra-  
phy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy.  
Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWledge is a  
NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Love, Dad



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**Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.**

**Coffee-Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School—10:15 a.m.**

**Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month**

Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell  
Council President, Mark Pauly  
Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson

### September Birthdays

01..... Les Meyer  
02..... Jeff Pomplun  
03..... Ted Pinske  
06..... Sandi Knoche  
09..... Nancy Cowell  
09..... William Pomplun  
11..... Lorraine Walsh  
15..... Darrel Mosel  
17..... Neyland Ott  
18..... Pastor Hank Campbell  
19..... Beth Wilson  
20..... Grace Farr  
21..... Fran Armstrong  
23..... Albert Meyer  
23..... Peter Schue  
26..... Howard Armstrong  
28..... Jim Peterson  
30..... Abby Tourtellott