



February

*Gaylord
United Church
of Christ*

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

Upcoming at UCC:

*-Season of Lent
begins with Ash
Wednesday, Feb. 13.
More details on page 6.*

*-Installation of
Church Council
Members: Feb. 10.*

*-Dedication of New
Century Hymnals
February 17.*

Parish Paper

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Come join us to hear guest speaker & musician

Dennis Warner

singer, songwriter and author of
"Beads on One String"
as he delights, entertains and teaches his
positive message of our
"connectedness" in the world.

Sunday, March 3, 2013

at Gaylord UCC during our 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service.

Food Shelf



**Following our Worship Service we will host a
fundraiser for the Sibley County Food Shelf.**

**Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle & Bean Soup
with all the fixings.**

Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation with

100% going to the Sibley County Food Shelf.

Everyone is invited to participate in some way for this event.

Please check the sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact: Kevin Thies or Phil Keithahn.

Ushers: Dale and Cindy Johnson
Sylvia Turbett

Greeters: Ewald and Ruby Keller
2-3, 2-10
Kathy and Dale Tourtellott
2-17, 2-24

Acolyte: Logan Wagenius
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Prayer Chain - Reaching Out . . . Lifting Up

Call: Jan Carlson at 237-2246 or
Barb Sneltjes at 237-2208

Congratulations and best wishes to Adam and Sarah Cowell on the birth of Henry Otto Cowell born on Thursday, January 3, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. Grandparents are Nancy and Bill Cowell.

Lectionary Readings for February

Feb. 3, 2013: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Jer 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 20c, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13,
Luke 4:21-30. UCC Theme: Prophet on the Edge.

Feb. 10, 2013: Transfiguration
Ex 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke
9:28-36. UCC Theme: Astounding Glory.

Feb. 17, 2013: First Sunday in lent
Deut 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13,
Luke 4:1-13. UCC Theme: Wilderness Companions.

Feb., 24, 2013: Second Sunday in Lent
Gen 15:1-12, Psalm 27, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35.
UCC Theme: Strong and Tender.

Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month: Albert Meyer; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18 – 25; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Pilgrim Point Camp in 2013 Also pray for those who have been ill, are homebound and those at Oak Terrace. Brit Keithahn, Alex Thoele, Mark Thoele, May and Raymond Ysasaga, Sam von Wald (Stacy Pauly's nephew), Lee Dzubella (nephew to Pauline Marlinski) and others in the military.

Thank You for your prayers. Pauline Marlinski's sister, Mary, says **THANK YOU!** for all the prayers for her son, Lee Dzubella, who was stationed in Afghanistan. He returned stateside on Jan. 15th. Lee's unit was disbanded and they are now stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Our sympathy and prayers go to Ruby and Ewald Keller on the passing of Ruby's sister Ruth this past week.

Thank you for your prayers, cards and flowers for my sister, Ruth Wiederhoeft. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated. Ruby and Ewald Keller.

Fellowship Hour:

February 3.....Thies
February 10.....Turbett
February 17.....open
February 24.....Tourtellott

Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 4** in the Fireside Room. Bring a bag lunch and come join us.

Priscilla Circle will meet **Thursday, February 14 at 2:00** p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Hostesses: Liz Kuphal and Sylvia Turbett.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Boy Scout Sunday, February 3, 2013

The Boy Scouts of America designate Sunday, February 3 as Scout Sunday this year to recognize the contributions of young people and adults in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts have a rich history of helping to shape and mold the values and character of youth. We have identified the need for caring and nurturing relationships with parents, other adults, and peers as a critical element of healthy youth development through comprehensive programs for our members.

We take this day to honor our Scouts, Scouting leaders and their families and thank the special people who help them every day.

Thank you to everyone who currently or over the years, has in some way contributed to the lives of boys and young men in our area through leadership, volunteerism and through your financial support.

On Ash Wednesday, February 13, the season of Lent begins in the year 2013 CE (Common Era). This penitential season of self-examination, prayer and fasting consists of 40 days excluding Sundays. The term Lent is derived from roots that mean to lengthen. The Lenten season points to the spring of the years and lengthening of days. Lent has been referenced in the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325). However, the practice of a pre-Easter period of discipline goes back nearly a hundred years earlier, sometimes as an intensive preparation period for Baptism on Easter Day, as was customary for early Christians. Holy Week marks the final week of Lent. Easter will be Sunday, March 31.

As this unique season of our Christian journey begins, I share this meditation from Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland.

*Spirit of darkness, and of light of daybreak and of the setting of the sun
If I ignore your sunset or sleep through the hope of your dawn
or rush past your signposts on the way be patient with me.*

(pause in reflection)

*Spirit of peace, still my fear
that I may pass beyond my pain, to be the person that only I can be.*

(pause in reflection)

*Spirit of truth, walk with me, meet me in the silence deep within,
challenge me, touch me and be my way.*

(pause in reflection)

*Spirit of renewal, forgive me and set me free
lift and carry me on your wings
bring me safely where you will
set me gently on your way.*

(pause in reflection)

... set me gently

on your way.



Blessings, Hank

- ◆ **Cancellations Reminder:** UCC meetings and events are cancelled if school is closed early or cancelled that day. Also listen to KNUJ for closings. If our Worship Service is cancelled because of bad weather the calling tree will be activated and you will receive a call from a Council member.

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!

Notes from Council President

January 9th Council meeting highlights.

The following items were discussed.

- ◆ We discussed our financial condition for 2012. We had a number of contributions to our Extra Mile campaign. Phil will discuss this at the annual meeting.
- ◆ Pastor Hank gave us an update which can be found in his report.
- ◆ We continue to work on a master schedule that hopefully would make it easier to plan and schedule going forward.
- ◆ We continue to work on creating a web site. We are trying to find the correct package for our needs/goals.
- ◆ We discussed the Food Shelf fundraiser set for Sunday March 3rd. We will have planning meetings soon. Everyone is welcome and needed to make this a successful event.
- ◆ Annual meeting will be at 9:30 Sunday, January 20th. Topics to discuss are:
 1. Reaffirming commitment to our Shared Ministry with New Ulm.
 2. What to do with the proceeds of the 7th street house, approximately \$13,700.
 3. Lenten suppers and services will be held at Oak Terrace starting on Wed., February 13.

Mark Pauly, Council President

Thank you to Jane Peterson for the wonderful job she did on the Centennial Scrapbook. If you have not seen it take a look. It is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. *Thanks again Jane.*

Thank You to Gloria Sinell for her donation of the book, *The Boy Who Met Jesus*, for our church library. Gloria donates a new book every year. Check it out! **Thanks Glo.**

“There is no remedy for love but to love more.”
- Henry David Thoreau

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”
- Charles M. Schulz

Annual Meeting Highlights

A brief recap of the January 20th Annual meeting.

Board and committee reports were made available on January 12th and copies were handed out at the meeting.

- ◆ Pastor Hank gave his report.
- ◆ The slate of officers, boards and committees was approved. **We are still in need of someone to serve as Vice-President.**
- ◆ Phil gave a detailed presentation on the financial position of the church. Copies of his report and presentation are available at church.
- ◆ We reaffirmed our commitment to the shared ministries with New Ulm.
- ◆ Discussed ideas for the proceeds from the 7th street house of approximately \$13,700; a few suggestions - put into the church building, furniture (Fireside room and narthex area), upgrade sound/video capability.
- ◆ If you have ideas talk to Pauline or any Council member.
- ◆ Lenten supper and service will be held at Oak Terrace this year starting on February 13.
- ◆ Jane put together a scrapbook from our Centennial celebration that is available to see at church.
- ◆ We are looking for one or two delegates to attend the MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting June 14 -16, if interested let Pauline know.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Council President this past year. It has been an uplifting experience. Mark Pauly

For those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, packets are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ ... into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

Mission Board Update

Thanks to all who contributed \$97.98 to the From The Heart Offering for Salvation Army in January. We also took 32lbs of food to the local food shelf in January. May you be blessed as you are a blessing to others.



On February 3, our From The Heart Offering, the same day as Super Bowl Sunday, will be the Souper Bowl of Caring for the Food Shelf. More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Please join us in this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday to our Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. A heartfelt thanks for your donations.

What will you give up?

During Lent, some Christians give up something as a form of self-denial or to practice self-control. Ultimately, such a sacrifice should benefit one's spiritual walk with Jesus, who gave everything.

A Missouri teenager decided to give up talking for Lent. Decklan Conway, 13, communicated through dry-erase boards, going through three markers in less than a week. Although he lost a few friends because he wouldn't talk, Decklan wrote, "I'm doing it for a greater purpose." He added, "God gave up his only Son for us. ... What are you willing to give up?"

A worthy corollary to that question is "What will you take on?" What can you do for God's kingdom during this season of reflection and recommitment?

Letting Go

Letting go does not mean to stop caring;
it means I can't do it for someone else.

Letting go is not to cut myself off;
it's the realization I can't control another.

Letting go is not to enable;
but to allow learning from natural consequences.

Letting go is to admit powerlessness;
which means the outcome is not in my hands.

Letting go is not to try to change or blame another;
it's to make the most of myself.

Letting go is not to care for;
but to care about.

Letting go is not to fix;
but to be supportive.

It's not to judge;
but to allow another to be a human being.

Letting go is not to be in the middle arranging the
outcome;
but to allow others to affect their own destinies.

Letting go is not to be protective;
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but to grow and live for the future.

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**Lenten services 2013 -
trying something new!
Gathering at Oak Terrace**

During the visioning meetings held at church last year, one of the ideas was to find ways to do more visible Community Service. The Church Council looked at implementing the idea of holding worship services at Oak Terrace as a way to serve UCC members living there, as well as share our faith with other Oak Terrace residents.

As a result, our weekly Wednesday Lenten Suppers and Services this year will be held at the Oak Terrace Retirement Community. Sign-up sheets will be used at Oak Terrace so that our volunteer servers will know how many people from the campus will be joining us for dinner and the service.

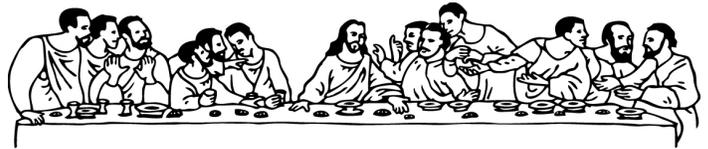
This year, free-will donations will be collected for the suppers, and will be donated to the work of the Mission Board. Camp Committee will be providing their usual supplies of peanut butter, jelly, bread, etc. Oak Terrace will be providing coffee, milk, ice water, plates, bowls, and eating utensils. Meals can be made either at church and brought over to Oak Terrace, or can be put together in the kitchenette area of the Oak Terrace dining room.

This idea was very well-received when discussed with Oak Terrace management, as well as a number of residents. They are thrilled for us to share food, fellowship and worship with them. Thank you to Women's Fellowship for being the first to participate in this exciting new outreach! -- Church Council

Our mid-week Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 13 with a special service including the Imposition of Ashes led by Pastor Penny Entringer. We will gather together each Wednesday until March 20 for supper, fellowship and worship in the Oak Terrace Community Room. Our theme this year will be "Rediscovering Christian Values."

Our schedule is:

Supper 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
Worship 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Choir follows



**Wanted: Disciples for the
"Last Supper Tableau"**

We are planning to do a "Living Last Supper" on Palm Sunday, March 23rd this year and we will need 11 disciples to read (or memorize if desired) a short part about the personality, ministry and relationship each one had with our Lord. We are inviting both men and women to take the parts and dress in "period" attire. Pastor Hank has already volunteered to be Judas. This will be a special way to begin our Holy Week journey in anticipation of this sacred time in the life of Jesus.

SIGN UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Men's
Lenten Breakfast

Men's Lenten Breakfast schedule is:
Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
This year's theme is
"Rediscovering Christian Values"

Thurs., Feb. 14 - "Fasting & Idolatry" at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Thurs., Feb. 21 - "Transformation & Conversion" at Assembly of God Church.

Thurs., Feb. 28 - "Faith & Contentment" at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Thurs., March 7 - "Work & Vocation" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Thurs., March 14 - "Lament & Compassion" at United Church of Christ.

Thurs., March 21 - "Humility & Authority" at American Lutheran Church.

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Articles and announcements are due the third
Wednesday of the month.

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour - 9:45

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President - Pauline Marlinski

Church Secretary - Cindy Johnson

February Birthdays

01..... Brian Turbett
02..... Agnes Schue
08..... Tia Johnson
11..... Ruth Klimmek
17..... Candy Swenson
23..... Harriet Troidahl
26..... Gloria Sinell