



*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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## Congregational Meeting

**Gaylord United Church of Christ  
Continuing the Conversation.....  
....And Continuing to Take Action!**

**October 27, 2013**

**9:00 AM**

*“We want to connect the ministries of  
Gaylord UCC  
with the needs of the Gaylord community,  
so we can faithfully use our collective resources  
of time, talent and treasure.”*

### AGENDA

- Brunch in the Fellowship Hall - 9 a.m.
- Review of initiatives chosen on June 12.
- Report of actions taken and progress made.
- Decisions on the NEXT STEPS.
- Volunteer opportunities
- Summary and Thank You.

*Come join us!*

- Ushers:** Mark Pauly, Dylan Pauly  
Don Swenson
- Greeters:** Marion Pfarr Saxton, Ruby Keller  
10-6, 10-13  
Jane Peterson, Sylvia Turbett  
10-20, 10-27
- Acolyte:** Dylan Pauly

**Fellowship Hour:**

- October 6.....open  
October 13.....open  
October 20.....open  
October 27..... Brunch @ 9am - Church Council

**Lectionary Readings for the Month of  
October**

**Oct. 6, 2013:** Lam 1:16; Ps 137, 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10. UCC Theme: Free to Grieve.

**Oct. 13, 2013:** Jer 29:1-7; Ps 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19. UCC Theme: Planting Life.

**Oct. 20, 2013:** Jer 31:27-34; Ps 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8. UCC Theme: Ask Boldly, Live Justly.

**Oct. 27, 2013:** Joel 2:23-32, Ps 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14. UCC Theme: Just Worship.

**PRAYER CONCERNS - Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month:** Helen Van Brunt, Gail Estenson, Cal Schrupp, our Sunday school students, teachers, music leaders, Confirmation students and mentors, our schools, all God's creatures, those who have been ill or are home bound and those at Oak Terrace. Pray for Brit Keithahn, Alex Thoele, Mark Thoele, May and Raymond Ysasaga and others serving in the military.

**Our sympathy and prayers** are with Jenni and Chip Wolverton on the passing of Jenni's Grandfather in September.

**Thanks for all the thoughts and prayers,** which are greatly appreciated. Although what I'm dealing with is not life threatening, it is certainly disruptive and annoying. I continue to work on getting the issues resolved and hope to be symptom free in the near future. In the meantime, your continued prayers are a blessing. Gail Estenson.

**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 or you would like a visit from the Pastor. When your group plans to hold a meeting, so it can be placed on the church calendar. Thank you.

**UCC Happenings:**

- ◆ **Choir Practice** - Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Church Council** - Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Pastor Hank will be away Oct. 19 - 20.**  
Emergency Pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons Harriet Troidahl or Dale Johnson.  
**Thanks to Rev. Connie McCallister for leading our service on October 20th.**
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** - Our congregation will be delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of October.
- ◆ **Confirmation Class** will meet Wednesday, October 9 and 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Access Sunday is Oct. 13** and begins Disabilities Awareness week.
- ◆ **Congregational Meeting Sunday, Oct. 27 beginning at 9 a.m. with brunch.**

If anyone has a favorite song you've heard me play that you enjoyed, or a song you heard on the radio, or a favorite choir song you would like to hear the choir sing again, please let Sandy know and I'll do my best to make your wishes come true and play the song(s) you request. Sometimes it's difficult to pick out the music and it helps if I know what you like. Any suggestions are welcome and appreciated. Call me at 237-2275 or leave a note on the organ for me. Sandy Wentzloff.

**Wider Community Happenings:**

- ◆ **Zuhrah Shriners Pancake Breakfast - Oct. 6** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arlington Community Center. Serving pancakes, potato pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverages.
- ◆ **Sibley East Music Booster Fall Brunch - Sun. Oct. 13** serving from 9am to 1 pm in the High School Cafeteria in Arlington. Menu: eggs, ham, sausage, potatoes, rolls, juice and coffee.
- ◆ **Sibley Masonic Lodge is again selling poinsettias** for the holiday season. See the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to place your order by Nov. 3. Plants will be delivered in late November. Thanks.

## “Sharing and Celebrating”

It has been special for our 2 Shared Ministry churches to host “Beads On One String” this past year in Gaylord and New Ulm. And thanks to Dennis Warner for his presentation of the concrete, hope-filled concept – that we all have special things in common that connect us as God’s children.

The idea of the string or cord or bond that holds all of us together with things we have in common is certainly an image that resonates with our Christian faith. When we are together we are made stronger for the sake of love and peace and justice. With Christ as our spiritual vine and we as the branches, there is a sacred and abiding strength (John’s Gospel). Or as Proverbs says, “a three-fold cord cannot be broken.” God being a vital partner in the relationship!

The recent edition of “Kinship Link” a monthly newsletter for the Pro Kinship for Kids agency tells this story to help bring the idea home:

*A young boy was walking with an adult along a river bank. When they came across a huge rock in their path, the boy asked, “Do you think I could move the rock?” The adult answered, “If you use all your strength, I’m sure you can.” The boy tried mightily to lift, pull and push the rock... but he couldn’t budge it.*

*Discouraged, he said, “Hey you were wrong. I can’t do it.” The adult said, “Try again.” This time as the boy struggled with the rock, the adult joined him and together they pushed the rock aside. Together they cleared the path to their destination. The adult observed, “The first time you didn’t use all your strength – you didn’t ask me to help.”*

We have many connections that can give us help in achieving our goals or reaching a destination – family, friends, mentors, faith communities and God. God connects us to our inner, spiritual strengths of humility, patience, courage and hope. Sometimes we fail to ask for help because of pride or stubbornness. Sometimes we think it’s a sign of weakness to admit we need a hand. And yet, in the times when we’re asked to lend a helping hand, we’ll rediscover that the blessings of life are found in both the giving and receiving.

***Pastor Hank***

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

## OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Please reserve Sunday morning, October 27<sup>th</sup>, to attend a 9:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting and brunch hosted by Church Council. As a church, we are working on the ministries and initiatives selected at our action meeting in June. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be coming together to discuss what actions have been taken and plan where to go in the future. Please join us!

Prior to this meeting, please feel free to start up a conversation with any council member and give them your feedback, too. Council members are Pauline Marlinski, Beth Wilson, Phil Keithahn, Harriet Troidahl, Mike Walsh, Kathy Tourtellott and Stacy Pauly. We value your input!

We're off to a great start for the new school year with both junior high and grade school level Sunday School classes. Please thank Phil Keithahn, Gail Estenson and Deb Meyer for their willingness to teach our kids again this year. Sunday School music also started in September. Anyone who would like to help with some fun music activities is welcome to join me. Three confirmation students started studies on September 25. Keep them, as well as their parents and mentors, in your prayers as they explore their faith and learn more about what it means to be a Christian in the United Church of Christ.

Here's a preview of a congregational meeting item: This council likes to look ahead and plan for the future. Based on positives reviews from this spring, it was decided to once again hold our Wednesday Lenten supper and service at the Oak Terrace Health Care Center. Rather than asking boards/committees to host the supper, council would like to see families sign up for hosting instead. Start thinking about what delicious food we'd like to share with the Oak Terrace residents! Ash Wednesday will be here before you know it!

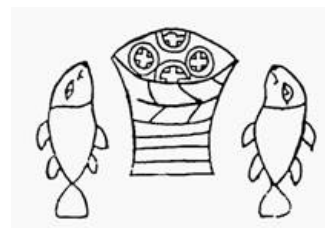
One item of old business that continues to remain on the Council agenda is that of filling the Vice-President slot. ***Just a reminder that my term is over at the annual meeting in January.*** I would love for someone to step up now so that you'll have this last quarter of 2013 to prepare for your presidency in 2014. Our church needs your leadership!

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wed., October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us! Pauline Marlinski, Council President.

## SHARED MINISTRIES OUTDOOR WORSHIP

### "Picnic - Farm Sunday on Sept 22"

Thanks to Dave Linn and Sharon Hurley for hosting this Outdoor Ministry event for both Gaylord and New Ulm UCC churches. Thanks also to Barb and John Olson of New Ulm for the use of their cider press. Good weather, good food, good fellowship and good Spirit were shared by all! We hope to continue opportunities for our churches to worship, serve and to break bread together.



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## Come join us for "Celebrating the Harvest"

A cross-cultural event with  
Friends from Lower Sioux Community

Sat. Oct. 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Meet at New Ulm UCC (10:45 a.m.)

or head straight to

"A-peeling Acres" Orchard

Cider-pressing for all ages, sharing time on  
"Harvest Traditions" by Dakota teachers from the  
Historic Site Center, Traditional Dakota food samples,

**Lunch for all, *Invite a friend!***

Sponsored by New Ulm UCC Missions.

If interested contact Pastor Hank.



## Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on  
**Monday, October 14th at 12:00 p.m.**  
Come join us, all are welcome.

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## Priscilla Circle

will meet Thursday, October 17 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: Sylvia Turbett and Ruby Keller



### **Future Fourth Thursdays:**

October 24, January 23, February 27, March 27 and April 24.

Join faith formation leaders of children and youth from the MN Conference UCC on the 4th Thursday of the month to eat together, share resources and learn fresh ways to engage our ministries.

**Where:** MN UCC Church Center -  
122 W Franklin Ave. Mpls, MN 55404 Room 2

**Who:** Clergy, Staff and Volunteer Leaders of Children, Youth and Faith Formation Ministry.

**Cost:** Free (lunch & resources included)

**Registration:** online at [www.uccmn.org](http://www.uccmn.org)

**Questions:** contact Zac at [zacn@uccmn.org](mailto:zacn@uccmn.org)

Phone: 612-871-0351

## **PILGRIM POINT** camps & retreats,

- ◆ Middle School Fall CYE October 4-6, 2013  
"Follow Me."
- ◆ High School Youth Event: October 18-20, 2013  
"God's Big Table: Conversations on Race."

Scholarship money is available to help pay your fee. More information and sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## Update from the Mission Board

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to our September From the Heart offering for the PET Project. We collected \$118.

Our next From The Heart Offering will be October 13th for Neighbors in Need. Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Please take the time to read the inserts which will be in the upcoming bulletins. Neighbors In Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.

Thank you to those who contributed school supplies for Sibley East students.

Thank you to those bringing and buying the vegetables that are provided Sunday mornings. The food shelf will take any extra garden produce you may have. A special thanks to Chuck Klimmek for taking our extra produce to the food shelf.

**If you would like to donate any extra produce the Food Shelf is open Mondays from 6 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 3 - 7:00 p.m. and every first and third Friday from 9 - 11:00 a.m.**

### Meals on Wheels for October:

Oct. 1 - 4	Ewald Keller and Dick Estenson
Oct. 7 - 11	Fran & Howard Armstrong
Oct. 14 - 18	open
Oct. 21 - 25	open
Oct. 28 - 31	Candy & Ruby

## **Singers Welcome!**



### **UCC Choir Sings Weekly**

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*Come for the music, stay for the fun!*

**Sue Keithahn, Choir Director**



## **“Football & Faith - - You Make the Call”**

Pre-game - Organ Prelude

Game Plan - Excitement.

Offside - Sitting in someone else’s pew.

Squeeze Play - Cramming twelve people into a ten person pew.

End Zone - the back pews.

Cheerleaders - Children’s Sunday School teachers.

Bench Warmers - Inactive church members.

Hand-off - Passing the offering plate down the row.

Fumble - Usher drops the offering place.

Defensive Foul - Talking during the Sermon.

Special Team - The Choir.

Two-minute warning - When Pauline points to her watch.

Illegal Motion - Leaving before the Benediction.

Overtime - Fellowship hour.

- Source unknown



## **Pilgrim Point Camp “Status Update”**

As the 2013 camping season comes to a close, we are at the end of a three-year period where the Conference has been trying to innovate and transform our Pilgrim Point ministry. Looking ahead, the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee will receive a final report from our camp consultant, Kaleidoscope, Inc., in late October and present the report, with preliminary recommendations for future action, to the Board of Directors on November 2nd. The Board will consider the report and initial recommendations, solicit input broadly around the Conference, receive any final recommendations from the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee by December 15th, and vote on next steps for Pilgrim Point at its January 4th meeting. As we finished our meeting earlier this month, the joint session affirmed our gratitude for the dynamic growth at Pilgrim Point in recent years due to the passion and commitment of excellent staff and an increasing number of churches in the Conference. The Board of Directors is committed to proactive communication throughout the Conference and requests your prayers during the discernment of these coming months.

With gratitude, Rev. Oby Ballinger, MN Conference Board of Directors



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Coffee-Fellowship Hour 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President, Pauline Marlinski

Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson

### October Birthdays

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