



***Gaylord
United
Church
of Christ***

***A Welcoming
Congregation***

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Congregational Care & Outreach Fundraising Event



MUSIC FROM THE HEART

**Mark your calendar for “Music from the Heart”
a musical event sponsored by the
Gaylord CC&O Committee.**

Saturday, February 15, 2014 starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Featuring the piano music of
Sandy Wentzloff and Stacy Pauly
Vocals by Pauline Marlinski and Shannon Hruska.**

**There will be wide variety of music and
audience participation!**

**Following the concert there will be coffee and dessert
available in the Fellowship Hall.**

**There will be a separate freewill donation taken for both.
Donations from the concert and the desserts will be used to
help pay for new audio/visual equipment for the church.**

Invite a friend – Everyone is Welcome!

Ushers: Dale and Cindy Johnson
Sylvia Turbett

Greeters: Ewald and Ruby Keller
2-2, 2-9
Kathy and Dale Tourtellott
2-16 2-23

Acolyte: Logan Wagenius
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Fellowship Hour:

February 2 Thies family
February 9 open
February 16 Klimmek family
February 23 open

Lectionary Readings for February

Feb. 2, 2014: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12.

Feb. 9, 2014: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isa 58:12, Psalm 112:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20.

Feb. 16, 2014: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Deut. 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37.

Feb., 23, 2014: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Lev 19:1-2,9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48.



Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month: Cal Schrupp, Rueben Meyer, Gaylord UCC Ministries for 2014 and beyond, Church Council Representatives, Boards and Committees. We remember all those who have been ill, are homebound and those at Oak Terrace. We also pray for those serving in the Military.

Thank You for your prayers.

A grateful thank you to all who send cards, letters, made visits, brought food called and for your street greetings during my treatments and recovery. Hopefully the future will be good news. Thanks again, Dayle Troidahl.

Thank You from PET MN - Twin Cities.

Thank you to every one for your monetary support, prayer support and physical support of our PET MN Project. We are currently building toward a shipment of 40 carts to Tanzania in April. We look forward to continued work with your church in Gaylord. You have a great church and we appreciate your generosity.

Jim Conn, Executive Director PET MN - Twin Cities

Thank You

Dear Priscilla Circle and members of Gaylord UCC, we can not thank you enough for your love, prayers and support for Pastor Deb Celly and her family. Please continue to keep Pastor Deb in your prayers as she continues her fight against lymphoma. Sincerely, First Congregational UCC Mankato Benefit Committee.

Thank you to Gloria Sinell for her donation of "Time Traveler" a children's book for our church library.

Upcoming:

- We will have the **Installation of Church Council Members** on February 2.
- The **regular Council** meeting will be Wed., February 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Women's Fellowship** will meet at 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 3** in the Fireside Room. Bring a bag lunch and come join us.
- **Priscilla Circle** will meet **Thursday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.
Hostesses: Liz Kuphal and Sylvia Turbett.
- **Pastor Hank is on Sabbatical leave Feb. 3 – March 3.** Emergency Pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons: Harriet Troidahl or Dale Johnson.
- **"Single Payer Health Plan/Minnesota Health Plan"** handouts from MLK event in New Ulm are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The Boy Scouts of America designate **Sunday, February 2 as Scout Sunday** this year to recognize the contributions of young people and adults in Scouting.

Thank 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.

February 2014

I'm looking forward to a time of rest and renewal, as well as an opportunity to use my hands a little more in mission work, as I travel to UCC Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS and The Catholic Mission at San Lucas, Guatemala. There will be the rich experience of two different faith communities and cultures. And, as in most service and mission work, the blessings of both giving and receiving. I plan to bring back some inspirational stories and learnings to share with you. I am grateful to UCC of New Ulm and UCC of Gaylord for this Sabbatical time, and to those who will assume extra leadership roles to help out in my absence. For emergency pastoral concerns, please contact Deacons Harriet Troidahl or Dale Johnson as well as the UCC Office.

Rev. Penny Entringer from Glencoe, is available to assist both churches in case of emergencies.

Blessings, Pastor Hank

Sunday Pulpit Schedule during Pastor Hank's Sabbatical is:

February 9 - Jodi Pfarr

February 16 - Rev. Penny Entringer

February 23 - Rev. Tim Berg

March 2 - Rev. Penny Entringer

Upcoming at Gaylord UCC:

- **Confirmation Program in February – Mentors and Confirmands** will be watching a major film – Amazing Grace or Invictus discussing issues of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation. **Parents and Confirmands** will be doing a project on “Saints” - HEADS UP -- Some of you may be asked to be interviewed!
- **CC&O Fundraising Event—Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. *Music from the Heart.***
- **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5.** Watch for more information about our Lenten Suppers and Services.

Here's a remarkable traveling story that was in a Mankato church newsletter, titled “*Flying by Faith and not by Sight*”

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name said, “Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?” The blind lady replied, “No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs.”

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines. A true story....

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

Council met on January 8th in part to prepare for the Annual Meeting. A meeting agenda was discussed, and the slate of boards and committees were reviewed. Thank you to all who volunteered. All of our Board positions are filled!

We heard a very good report from our treasurer. Pledges are on track, and a significant amount of money is being donated specifically for the audio-visual system. Council agreed with Pastor Hank on his idea to tie pledging for a mission project with pledging for a capital improvement. This type of fundraising effort will be used when the time comes to raise money to upgrade the sanctuary and fellowship hall lighting systems.

Lenten Services and suppers will again be held at Oak Terrace Retirement Center. This was well-received last year, and a good outreach program for our church. Camp Committee will be asking for sign-ups for providing dinner similar to hosting coffee hour. Individuals, families, or groups can sign up instead of assigning boards & committees the job.

Women's Council will again host the first supper on Ash Wednesday. Thanks, ladies! Board of Deacons is looking for one volunteer to conduct one of the Oak Terrace Services, when Pastor Hank is in New Ulm.

The next regular church council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Anyone is welcome to join us!

NOTE: Council will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 29th, at 5:30 p.m. for continuing and newly chosen Council Representatives.

Pauline Marlinski, Council President

Lenten Services - Our mid-week Lenten services begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 5** with a special service including the Imposition of Ashes led by Pastor Hank. We will again gather at the Oak Terrace Community room for supper, fellowship and worship.

Our schedule is:

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

Mission Board Update

Thanks to all who contributed \$145.00 to the From The Heart Offering for Salvation Army in January. We also took 8.5lbs of food to the local food shelf in January. May you be blessed as you are a blessing to others.

Our February 2, From The Heart Offering, the same day as Super Bowl Sunday, will be our Souper Bowl of Caring offering. This donation will go to the Sibley County Food Shelf. We also collected \$22.94 from the fellowship money from the Annual Meeting on January 19 that will also go to 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 \$98 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.

**Wear your football shirts on
Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2.**



2014 Annual Meeting SUMMARY

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 19th. A quorum was easily met, with 31 people in attendance. Board and committee reports were made available for review, as well as the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Pastor Hank's report included an update on his plans for sabbatical in February. He will travel to Mississippi to work at the Back Bay Mission and to San Lucas in Guatemala on a mission with the New Ulm Catholic Diocese. Pulpit supply will be Rev. Penny Entringer and Rev. Tim Berg. Penny and Pastor Kratzke from American Lutheran will also be available in the event of emergencies.

Pastor Hank was presented with a gift and cards in honor of the 30th anniversary of his ordination. UCC Gaylord will be donating a PET in his name. He hopes he can take it to Guatemala with him.

Council President reviewed all the giving and accomplishments of 2013. Many people did much work and donated much time, many talents and tithes. 2013 was a year of "taking action."

Phil summarized the high points of the 2013 budget. In essence, we balanced the budget in 2013 and received over \$14,000 in donations to help fund the audio-visual system improvements. UCC Gaylord's monetary gifts represent 12.5% of our annual revenue last year. Great job for a small congregation!

After discussion, it was decided to leave the funds realized from the sale of the 7th Street house in the operating fund to offset outgoing costs that occurred during church ownership before the sale.

Phil presented more information about the proposed audio-visual system improvements. The technology committee has continued to evaluate cost comparisons and found the bid to be competitive. Plans are to use the A/V system every Sunday to display hymns, scripture and announcements.

The slate of officers, boards and committees was approved.

The 2014 budget highlights were presented by Phil Keithahn. A balanced budget is anticipated, even with the additional financial costs associated with Pastor Hank's sabbatical, the street reconstruction assessments, and website expenses.

Pauline presented slides summarizing 2013 activities and 2014 goals in the 4 areas of Ministry, Programs, Music and Projects, as well as the central core of Prayer. Howard Armstrong reported on the PET welding project, and Kevin Thies shared new ideas from the CC&O board.

Last order of business was a hands-on review of the new proposed website. More content is still being loaded, but it is operational. Please look at the site between now and the end of March. Your comments and review are appreciated. Please provide feedback to Phil, Pauline, Cindy, Beth or Pastor Hank. Once the site is made public, it will be available with a UCC Gaylord site name. For now, please go to <http://listen2god.org> to access the site.

For those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, packets of the presentation and the treasurer's reports are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

PILGRIM POINT

camps & retreats,

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

Mark your calendar for these scheduled Camps and Retreats at Pilgrim Point Camp:

- Winter High School CYE 2014 | March 7-9 “Gifted and Called”
- July Family Camp | July 13-18, 2014
- August Family Camp August 3 - 8, 2014

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING UPCOMING WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH PILGRIM POINT SUMMER CAMPS 2014 INCLUDING: High School, Middle School and Children’s sessions.

Scholarship money is available to help pay for camp. For more information on Pilgrim Point Camp go to: www.pilgrimpoint.org

Mealtime as a family

Amid busy and varied schedules, many families find a way to sit down together for dinner regularly. Family-health advocates describe the benefits: an increased sense of unity, children sharing news and feeling listened to, and the physical perks of a planned, seated meal.

In Scripture, many great encounters between people and God happen around meals. Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for three guests who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). God instructs the Hebrew slaves to eat a special meal together before their delivery from Egypt (Exodus 12); every year since, Jews have celebrated the Passover feast. Elijah is strengthened with food served by an angel (1 Kings 19). Jesus shares meals not only with religious leaders but with “sinners” (e.g., Matthew 9). Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples before his death has become one of the church’s sacraments and a “foretaste” of the heavenly banquet

When Christian families eat together, it’s a holy time in God’s presence, just as when the church shares Holy Communion — a true fellowship dinner!

With Lent coming what will you give up?

During Lent, some Christians give up a luxury or vice 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?

Get Moving

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp.

- Frederick Buechner

Faith

Faith never knows where it is being led, or it would not be faith. True faith is content to travel under sealed orders.” -J Oswald Sanders

Actions Speak Loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

- C.S. Lewis

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Wednesday of the month.

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour - 10:00

Sunday School - 10:15 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
12 Mary Thoele
17 Candy Swenson
23..... Harriet Troidahl
26 Gloria Sinell