

# Gaylord UCC Parish Paper

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## Worship Service on the Farm

Join us for our  
**Shared Ministry Outdoor Worship Service  
and potluck with New Ulm UCC on  
Sept. 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**at the Fran and Howard Armstrong farm  
6 miles South of Gaylord on Highway 22.**

**- Worship - Special Music by Dick Kimmel & Co.  
- Children's Activities - Potluck Lunch**

**\*In case of rain, we'll gather in the barn!**

**\*\*Bring a dish to pass, your own dishes and a lawn chair.  
*Everyone is invited - Bring a Friend!!***

**\*\*\*If you are interested in coming and would like  
to car pool please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.**

## Change in Worship Time at Gaylord UCC

**September 1 – Dec. 29, 2013 (Unless otherwise stated)**

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

**Fellowship Hour - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.**

**Sept. 14 Outdoor Worship at Armstrong Farm begins at 10:00 a.m.**

### In the Newsletter:

- ◆ Pastor Hank resignation and transition information.
- ◆ "Rally Sunday" news!

**Ushers:** Ted Pinske, Agnes Schue

**Greeters:** Harriet Troidahl  
9-7, 9-14  
Chip Wolverton family  
9-21, 9-28

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**Fellowship Hour:**

September 7 ..... open  
September 14 ..... Worship at Armstrong Farm  
September 21 ..... Board of Education  
September 28 ..... open

**Lectionary Readings for September**

**Sept. 7, 2014: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ex 12:1-14, Ps 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matt. 18:15-20

**Sept. 14, 2014: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ex 14:19-31, Ps 114, Romans 14:1-12, Matt. 18:21-35.

**Sept. 21, 2014: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ex 16:2-15, Ps 145:1-8, Phil. 1:21-30, Matt 20:1-16.

**Sept. 28, 2014: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ex. 17:1-7, Ps 25:1-9, Phil. 2:1-13, Matt. 21:23-32.

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**News and Notes:**

- ◆ **Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson**, will be out of the office Sept. 2 - 5th.
- ◆ **Sun. Sept. 7 Worship with Communion 9 a.m. with fellowship hour following.**
- ◆ We will have a **Shared Ministry Worship Service and potluck with New Ulm UCC on September 14 at 10:00 a. m.** at the Armstrong Farm with a potluck lunch following. Sign up if you want to carpool.
- ◆ **Sunday, September 21 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.

**Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month:** Grace Farr recuperating at home, Alex Gasow; others who have been ill or are homebound and those at Oak Terrace. We continue to pray for those serving in the Military.

**Sympathy and prayers** for the family of Lois Frauendienst who passed away on July 28.

**Sympathy and prayers** for the family of Cindy and Dale Johnson. Cindy's mother passed away August 13.

**Sympathy and prayers** to the family of Shannon Hruska, whose grandfather passed away.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Rev. Keith Purscell and his family on the recent passing of his wife Helen.

**Our sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Donald Hadfield**, a retired minister in the Minnesota Conference UCC and long-time member of Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis, who died on August 25th. During his ministry career, Rev. Hadfield served Gaylord UCC from 1956-1963 and Clark Memorial UCC in South St. Paul from 1963-1967. Services are pending. Our prayers and sympathies are with Rev. Hadfield's wife, Martine and his family.

**Congratulations to Ruby and Ewald Keller on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**

**Thank you** to our church family for remembering and helping us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary during coffee hour on August 3. Thanks for all the cards and gifts and thoughtfulness, it was greatly appreciated. Ruby and Ewald Keller

**Thank You** to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food following the passing of my mother. It has been a comfort during this difficult time.  
Cindy & Dale Johnson

**Congratulations to Cindy and Dale Johnson** on the birth of a new grandson, Jack Johnson, born July 13 to Matthew and Andrea Johnson and a new granddaughter, Peyton Johnson, born to Brian and Jackie Johnson July 27.

## Sharing and Celebrating

Again, I would like to offer my heart-felt thanks to UCC Gaylord for the opportunity to share in ministry with you these past years! Even if I have not shared with folks in person, my special thoughts of appreciation are there. If any member or friend of our church did not receive my letter of resignation and retirement from full-time pastoral ministry, please let me know so that I may send it to you.

The life of our church will continue on, in a different way during this transition time. I will continue with my basic duties as Pastor until the end of October, as well as offer positive ground-work for the important “interim time.” In August, the Church Councils of Gaylord and New Ulm met with MN. Conference UCC Associate Minister, Rev. Rick Wagner, for beginning a healthy process of moving forward.

It is natural to have some extra anxiety and stress during this time, but our God is ever with us -- the One who “calms the storm” and “brings forth a new creation!”

*Blessings, Pastor Hank*

### **Reminder:**

**Beginning Sunday, September 7**

**WORSHIP time in Gaylord begins at 9:00 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hour at 10:00 a.m.**

Pastor Hank’s usual office hours or time of visiting are Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1- 4:30 p.m. and Friday afternoons as needed. If you need to reach him call the church office 237-2595 or New Ulm UCC at 507-354-4242 or his cell 507-217-9848.



## **Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 21**

with the Commissioning of our Sunday School teachers during our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. All teachers and students are encouraged to be present for this special service. The Board of Christian Education will be serving Fellowship Hour!

**Hope to see you there!!**

**Families will be getting a calendar with all activities including Sunday School kick off information.**

**This Sunday will also be Bible Gift Sunday.**



- ◆ Middle School Fall CYE October 3-5, 2014 “Extravagant Welcome.” Grades 6 - 8.
- ◆ High School Youth Event: October 17-19, 2014 “Courageous Conversations.” Grades 9 - 12.

### **Upcoming Retreat:**

“Leading Through It—Transforming Conflict for Constructive Change” Sept. 25 - 26 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN.

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

**More information and sign up sheets are on the  
table in the Fellowship Hall.**

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By now, I hope everyone reading this has been made aware of Pastor Hank Campbell's decision to retire from the ministry effective October 31, 2014. I know it was not an easy decision for him. Much prayer and thought went into it. Our job as a congregation is to support him in that decision, and to be open to guidance on how to identify our next minister.

Your Church Council met with Rev. Rick Wagner, Associate Conference Minister, on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, during the regular council meeting time. Rev. Wagner had also met with the New Ulm UCC council that previous Monday. He did a good job sharing his insights about the current process for selecting a new minister. He is asking for your thoughts before we move forward. Thank you to everyone for contributing their comments and reflections on what is important to you about our next pastoral search. If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire asking for those comments and would like to contribute, please contact the UCC Gaylord church office and one will be sent to you.

At our next council meeting, we will look at those comments and have further conversation about the next course of action to be taken. Everyone is welcome to attend. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to me or the church office so we make sure we have enough food for everyone. The next regular church council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Finally, please look forward to your October calendar and reserve October 26<sup>th</sup>. A congregational meeting was already scheduled for that day to review successes and look to the future. That visioning as a congregation is even more important now. Please plan to attend.

Pauline Marlinski, Council President



**It's a great new season for the  
UCC Choir!**

**Choir will begin practice on  
September 17 starting at 6:30 p.m.  
We are hoping to sing on September 21.**

**Hope you can join us!**



## 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 \$1100 was raised. **If you have not yet turned in the money pledged in lieu of baking or would like to make a donation you still have time!! Checks can be turned into Harriet Troidahl. Thank You.**

**Our next meeting will be**

**Monday, September 8 at noon.**

***Come join us!***

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## **News from Priscilla Circle**

During our Ice Cream social we sold one baby quilt, a doll quilt, Swiffer refills, burp cloths and many dishcloths. If you are interested in purchasing dish cloths or Swiffer refills please contact Liz Kuphal.

Sandy Wentzloff sold music CD's and donated \$30 of her proceeds to the Priscilla Circle. Thanks Sandy. If you are interested in a CD contact Sandy.

**Our next meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside room.**

**Hostess is Aggie Schue.**

***All women are invited to join us.***

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

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**Plan on attending the 2014**

**Women's Retreat at**

**Pilgrim Point Camp in Alexandria, MN  
September 19 – 21.**

**See the brochures on the table in the  
Fellowship Hall.**

***Laugh, share, pray, grow, splash, climb,  
relax, renew...***

**“Stir up the gift of God, which is in you.”**

**2 Timothy 1:6.**

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## **Update from the Mission Board**

The Ecumenical Church Service held August 10 donated \$438 to the Sibley County Food Shelf. It was a beautiful day with a beautiful setting and great fellowship among our area churches.

Our next From The Heart Offering will be September 14 and will be for the Pet Project.

Thanks to all our members that bring in extra garden produce, flowers, and other items. A container is conveniently located for your donation. These donations help provide scholarship money for our youth attending secondary education. Enjoy the fruits of their labor!

This year, we awarded three scholarships of \$325 each to:

- Andrew Thies, attending South Dakota State University and starting his fourth year of their pharmacy program.
- Abby Tourtellott, attending her second year at College of St. Scholastica.
- Megan Meyer attending St. Scholastica Graduate school for a doctoral degree in physical therapy.

Congratulations to these fine young members of Gaylord UCC! Kindly express your support to these three students and keep them in your prayers.

**During the month September we will continue collecting school supplies for students at Sibley East.** There has been a nice amount of supplies collected so far, and we thank you for your donations. We are helping our local children by donating crayons, pens, pencils, markers, glue sticks, erasers, scissors, rulers and notebooks. Start your back to school shopping now! God bless you in your generous support!

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

## Your Congregation: A Club or a Church?

1. When a new group at your church meets for the first time, people introduce themselves by...
  - a. Telling stories about the church's glory days fifty years ago.
  - b. Telling stories about the church's conflict and shrinkage over the last fifty years.
  - c. Sharing what God has been doing in their lives lately.
  - d. Saying "I've been a member here since 1948."
  
2. People in your congregation respond to an influx of guests and visitors by saying...
  - a) "Excuse me, but you're in my seat."
  - b) "If you're interested in a growing church, I hear that the big one on the other side of town is into that sort of thing."
  - c) "Wow, isn't it great to see all these new people!"
  - d) "influx of visitors? That would never happen in our church."
  
3. When three new families were at coffee hour on Sunday, regular members said...
  - a) "I'm sorry, but the Boy Scout pancake breakfast was yesterday."
  - b) "Those children are poorly behaved and are eating the adult's cookies."
  - c) "Isn't it fun to get to know so many different people!"
  - d) "These new people don't know the rules. One of them was trying to help and went into the kitchen. We had to discipline him with a wooden spoon."

If your answer to these questions was "C" then Praise God, you have a church; if, however, you answered "A," "B," or "D," well sorry, time to hang out the "Members Only" sign.

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## There's an app for that!

These days, there's a smartphone app for just about everything. But what about spiritual concerns? Where can you turn?

- Depressed? Try the joy app. Read Isaiah 51:11.
- Tired? Try the renewal app. Read Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Unsettled? Try the peace app. Read Philippians 4:7.
- Unloved? Try the love app. Read Romans 8:38-39.
- Worried? Try the refuge app. Read Psalm 46:1.
- Fearful? Try the power app. Read 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Guilty? Try the forgiveness app. Read Colossians 1:13-14.
- Praying? Try the prayer app. Read 1 John 5:14-15.

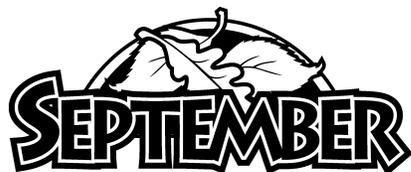
The Scriptures are God's storehouse of meaningful applications for what we face every day. Think of the Bible as the iTunes Store of spiritual apps. *Best of all, everything's free!*

- Timothy Merrill

# UCC ~ September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
			Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson, will be out of the office September 2 – 5.			
7 Communion Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am	8  Women's Fellowship 12 pm  Scouts 7 pm	9	10  Church Council meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	13  Scrapbooking at UCC 3 – 11 pm
14 Worship on the Armstrong Farm 10 am Potluck follows	15  Scouts 7 pm	16	17  Choir 6:30	18  Priscilla Circle 2pm	19	20
21 Rally Sunday Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School	22  Scouts 7 pm	23	24  Choir 6:30	25	26	27
28 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School	29  Scouts 7 pm	30				

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

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

**Sunday School - 10:00a.m.**

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

**Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell**

Council President, Pauline Marlinski

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  
21 ..... Fran Armstrong  
23 ..... Albert Meyer  
23 ..... Peter Schue  
26 ..... Howard Armstrong  
28 ..... Jim Peterson  
30 ..... Abby Tourtellott