



# CROSS CONNECTION

The Newsletter of Cottage Grove United Church of Christ  
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## 150 Years and Going Strong

*No matter who you are  
or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you'll find a home here!*

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## 2013 Trash to Treasure Sale & Lunch

"One Person's Trash is Another's Treasure"

TWO DAY SALE!!

Friday, April 19, 9:00 – 4:00

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 – 2:00 is \$4. Bag Sale Day

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the Trash to Treasure Sale. Donating your unwanted household items to our church rummage sale will allow Women's Fellowship to continue to support the needs of the church. Come to the Trash to Treasure Sale to shop, find treasures, and have a great home cooked meal. We're serving sloppy joes, homemade chicken noodle soup, homemade potato soup, hot dogs, nachos, Rice Krispie bars and pie. We sell soup by the quart also. It's a fun time, don't miss it!

### DONATE YOUR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS – GO GREEN - REUSE!

It's time for spring cleaning. We will accept your donations beginning **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. We would like the majority of donated items dropped off by **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** but will continue to accept donations through Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> before 11 am. Please bring donations to the downstairs Fellowship Hall any time during the set up hours listed below or call the church to make sure someone is there to help you with your donations. (651-459-1501).

**Donations will be accepted no later than Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> by 11am.**



*Katie Weiby with a load of donations for the Trash to Treasure Sale*

### VOLUNTEER to SET UP

Men, women and youth – we can use everyone's help! Please come and help sort, organize and price. Even an hour or two is helpful. We have extended the volunteer set up hours to 8 pm on weekdays, plus we have added a Saturday to accommodate more people's schedules.

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm – first set up- lots of muscle needed!**

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12 noon and again 4 pm – 8 pm**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 12 noon**

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12 noon and again 4 pm – 8 pm**

**VOLUNTEER to WORK DURING THE SALE** – If you are available to work Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> please contact Barb Larson (651-459-4448). You can work all day or part of a day. Friday shifts are 9 – 12:30 and 12- 4:00. Saturday shift is 9 – 2:00. *(cont. on p.3)*



Pastor's Office Hours Mon—Thurs  
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Dear Members and Friends of Cottage Grove UCC,

Spring has arrived (almost)! The weather is warming (slowly), the grass is greening (well... browning may be a better description), and many plants, trees, and flowers will soon be in bloom. Spring is the season of renewal and new life. It is no accident that the Easter season of the church finds its home in the heart of springtime. Eastertide, the six weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, is in complete contrast to Lent. Lent is a time of confession, penance, and reflection while Eastertide is a season of hope, excitement, and possibility. Even though the Lenten season only encompasses 40 days, it seems so much longer because of the emotional and spiritual weight that accompanies it. That weight is lifted on Easter morning when, through the empty tomb, we are assured once again that life, not death, has the final word, and that Jesus Christ has guaranteed our salvation through his love and sacrifice. Through Christ's amazing act of love we are forgiven of our sins and set free to live life anew.

We talk a lot about spiritual disciplines in the church during Lent, but that seems to fade the rest of the year. During Lent we often deny ourselves certain luxuries or pleasures like chocolate or desserts. We may also refrain from doing specific activities during Lent, like smoking or watching television, and replace them with prayer and fasting to demonstrate our faithfulness to God. Once Lent is over, however, we often return to our "normal" mode of being.

Instead of slipping back into a normal, everyday, routine this Eastertide, let's try and do something each day that is life-giving to us, our families, our church, and our community. We can pray and read Scripture daily, cook a meal and share it with a neighbor or church member in need, volunteer at the local Humane Society walking dogs and cleaning kennels, enjoy a weekly game night with family and friends, or adopt a grandparent and visit them frequently. Even little things can bring new life to us and those around us this Eastertide. Smile more, be a good listener, or pray for a complete stranger. All of these things can help us show others that Christ is alive in our hearts and in our world today.

Peace to you all this Eastertide! Enjoy this blessed season! See you in worship.

Pastor Bryan



*Karen Banaszewski - Isabel Board - Jim Gregory - Ruby Hanson - Bob and Sue Howard and Family - Craig Meyer - Marion and Doug Nelson - Sandy Rabe - Amber Rasmussen - Jean Stoker*

*Sandy Abrahamson and Family - Brad Bender (son of Roxanne White) - Deb Bjorkstrand (friend of Jenn Lanz) - Tami Christianson (daughter of Russ and Kathy Trout) - Christopherson family (Elaine Mitchell's friends) - Jackie Diehl (Paul Wohler's sister) - Diane Hartung (Carole Biscoe's friend) - Kim Graff - Denise Heschke Krech and Donna (Marilyn Heschke's daughters) - Lisa Hill (friend of Lynn Ronn) - Obid Hofland - Inez Kohl's (Bette Meyer's sister-in-law) - Wendy Lassman - Deb and Lauren Lundwerner - Jack Marty - Family and friends of Jeff Oellerich (Traci Larsen's friend) - Andy Trahan (friend of Jenn's brother) - Steve Welter (Brian & Carma Wilkinson's friend) - Marsha Witikko (friend of Leona Perkins) - Midge Youngquist's grandmother - Sonja (friend of Amy Jo Corson) - Bob (Friend of Jim Stoker who has ALS) - Jim (Friend of the Bonneviere) - Renee Afdahl's brother - Friends of Hunter Wirkus - Grandparents of Dominick and Slena Silva - The Vradenburg Family (Pastor Bryan's friends) - Everyone who has been battling the cold/flu and other illness this winter - Gloria (friend of Karen Spicer) - Prayers for our earth that grows our food and for those who will soon be planting crops upon it - Jessica Carr's Grandmother - Dan Haki (friend of Bryan Hakkila) - Karen (friend of Midge Youngquist) - Katie (friend of Jill Richter)*

**To Add:** *If you have friends or loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, fill out one of the yellow prayer cards in the pews and put in the offering basket.*

**To Remove:** *If you have friends or loved ones who are doing well and can be removed from the church prayer list, please contact the church office.*

## NEWS...

5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stone Soup Soup-er Bowl"  
Saturday, May 5, 2013  
Park Grove Bowl (St. Paul Park)



This event is in support of the Stone Soup Thrift Shop. You can find more information about Stone Soup at [stonesoupthriftshop.org](http://stonesoupthriftshop.org). The "Stone Soup Soup-er Bowl" will be a fun filled day of bowling, eating and socializing. Let's get some teams together for CGUCC to raise money for Stone Soup.

If you have any questions or want to sign up, there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room or give Kristina Pribnow a call at 651-436-5457 (cell) 651-274-3051. We will have a donation container in the Gathering Room after church for you to support our local Stone Soup Thrift Shop. Thanks for your support.

### Just Eating

During this Lenten period small groups were formed and one of the issues was how can we make a difference locally and globally. I was led to an organization called Global Goods Partners. GGP is a nonprofit organization that sells handmade, fair trade products in order to improve the economic status of women in marginalized communities around the world. GGP works with nearly 40 artisan groups which collectively employ over 3,000 women in close to 20 countries. Their online store offers socially-conscious consumers a direct connection to artisan partners that are changing women's lives by helping them to build sustainable livelihoods.

[www.globalgoodspartners.org](http://www.globalgoodspartners.org). At the back of the sanctuary are flowers purchased from GGP, please enjoy.

Donna Perkins

*(Trash to Treasure cont. from p.1)*

**CLEAN UP and HAUL AWAY CREW** – Lots of help will be needed on Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm to box up the unsold items. We also need people with trucks, vans and trailers willing to haul loads of boxes to Stone Soup Thrift Store.

### **DONATE PIES and FOOD ITEMS for the LUNCH** -

Many pies are needed for both Friday and Saturday. **(We will not have a bake sale this year.)**

Look for a sign-up sheet during church, or contact Kristine Heuer if you are willing to donate pies or other food items for the lunch. Pies can be dropped off Friday and Saturday mornings before 9 am. Other food items should be dropped off downstairs in the church kitchen by Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.



*Sue Weiby (last year) making potato soup for the Trash to Treasure Sale*

## Member Helping Member Directory

The listings below offer you the opportunity to call a church member when you are looking for a business. Give them a try.

**Lori Fiedler, Chrysalis**, Handcrafted gifts, Massages & More 110 2nd Ave; Hastings MN 55033 -- next to Tavern on Main 651-319-0584  
12 local artists & designers, including Lori Fiedler

**Karen Fritze, Cake Cottage**, cakes for weddings or special occasions, (651) 459-4460,

**Ken Huber, Home Building Services Inc.**, architectural design, plans for new homes, additions, remodeling, kitchens and bathrooms, (651)459-7545, [homebuildings@aol.com](mailto:homebuildings@aol.com)

**Bill Larsen, Larsen Films**, video production of events, photo montages, and other video services, (651) 270-2730, [www.larsenfilms.com](http://www.larsenfilms.com)

**Jerry Perkins, JBPerkins Architect**. architectural services for commercial, retail, medical, and restaurant buildings, (651)436-6966, [jbperk@usfamily.net](mailto:jbperk@usfamily.net)

**Ramona Westerberg, The Healing Place**, massage for facilitating health naturally, pain management, and pain relief, (651) 206-7141, or [www.thehealingplacecg.com](http://www.thehealingplacecg.com)

**Wayne Westerberg, Four Seasons Outdoor Services**, tree removal, stump removal, trimming, snow removal and lawn maintenance, (651) 768-0833

**Erik, R & H Remodeling**, Concrete/sidewalks, driveways, waterproofing, retaining walls, landscaping, and tree service (651) 757-0440

**Charlie Eberspacher, E.C.E. Plumbing**, (651)746-9698

### Easter Sunday

We would like to thank **all** of the musicians and readers for the extra time and effort they put in to make Holy Week and Easter Sunday such a blessing. We would like to thank Midge Youngquist and Jan Huber for coordinating the memorial flowers and everybody who bought and brought flowers to remember and honor loved ones. See how beautifully filled the church was!



*Bruce Fiedler, Steve Scholl, Gary Afdahl, Gary Weiby, Tom Pechacek, Yvonne Bonngard, Patty Most, Amy Jo Corson*



#### Notes of Thanks...

♥ A big thank you to all who helped make the Palm Sunday Brunch a success. Thanks also for all the donations of baked goods and lastly thank you to Bonngard's Family Meats for donating all the meat for the egg bakes.

*Sue Weiby*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Emily Olson and Whole Life Worship

God has blessed me with many ecumenical opportunities to share my gifts of music and ministry. I have learned much about worship, music, and the unique missions of many congregations and individuals. In the last few years, I have felt a calling from the Lord to share my experiences with others, and help peoples of faith deepen their life of worship and ministry.

After many months of discernment and prayer, I am beginning a music and worship ministry called Whole Life Worship (WLW). The mission of WLW is to encourage, enrich, and equip people for the worship of God—as individuals, in congregations and as the whole body of Christ. Prayerfully, I see this ministry functioning in two ways: 1) to provide unique and meaningful worship experiences through concerts, workshops and shared monthly vespers; and 2) to offer worship and music consulting to congregations in conversation about and struggling with issues and identity in their worship life. As the ministry grows, I hope to partner with other musicians and ministers who share a calling to aid congregations and individuals in deepening and strengthening their worship life.

On Friday, May 3rd, at 6:30 pm, I will be sharing the inaugural concert for WLW at Cottage Grove United Church of Christ. I am so grateful to be launching this ministry, by the grace of Christ. Please come and invite others to share in music and story, as I follow God's call for this new chapter in my music ministry.

### MN Conference of UCC Annual Meeting

The Conference annual meeting is set for June 7-9, 2013 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. We would like to send two delegates along with Pastor Bryan to represent CGUCC. If you are interested, please let Pastor Bryan know. Registration needs to be completed by **May 1st**.

### Mission Trip Information Meeting—Sunday April 21st

Youth entering 6th-12th grades and parents are invited to an information meeting Sunday, April 21st following Worship (11:45 am) to learn more about the summer mission trip to Kansas City. The trip will be July 14-20th. We will be gleaning/harvesting organic produce at small family farms in the area as well as volunteering at local food pantries.

### Men's Club Breakfast

The men's club breakfast will be Saturday, April 13th at 9am. They are switching locations to American Motorsports Bar and Grill in Cottage Grove beside Rainbow Foods. All men are invited to come.

### Good Friday Collection

We collected \$713.50 during our Good Friday Service. The money will be sent to Friends in Need food shelf in St. Paul Park. We would like to **Thank** everybody for their generosity!



**Members' Birthdays**

04/01 Longtine, TROY  
 04/04 Biscoe, LYLE  
 04/04 Westerberg, WAYNE  
 04/05 Brown, SUE  
 04/05 Spicer, Chase  
 04/06 Manke, NORMA  
 04/08 Perkins, JERRY  
 04/08 Ries, Mitchell  
 04/09 Kruse, CRYSTAL  
 04/10 Utsch, BONNIE  
 04/10 Roberts, JAMIE  
 04/11 Gross, GINA  
 04/14 Dunbar, BILL  
 04/14 Hudlow, CANDY  
 04/14 Weiby, MICHAEL  
 04/14 Longtine, Ellie  
 04/17 Spicer, Dick  
 04/17 Vlcek, Dean  
 04/18 Radke, ROBERT  
 04/18 Jacobs, JEFF  
 04/25 Wright, ASHTON  
 04/25 Perkins, Kacie  
 04/27 Schneider, Kurt  
 04/27 Larson, SARA  
 04/28 Hayden-Hart, JANE  
 04/28 Herrmann, BRENDA  
 04/29 Bonnevier, JUDY  
 04/29 Janke, Alan  
 04/29 Schmidt, RACHEL  
 04/29 Marty, Alexander

**Stay Up-to-date on Facebook**

Keep up with all of the latest events, missions, and ministries of the church by becoming a "fan" of [CGUCC on Facebook](#).



**Needing to plan something?**

The most up to date version of the calendar is available on our website! <http://www.cgucc.org/>

**APRIL 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 T to T set-up (basement not available for use) 9:00 AM Middle School class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Coffee Time	1 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Lion Den 6:30 PM Music Team Mtg	3 Jenn Out 10:00 AM Gratitude Group 6:30 PM Choir practice 7:00 PM ACA Meetings (conference room) 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	4 7:00 PM PLC Mtg - Scouts & Leaders	5 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Bear Den	6 5:00 PM Faith & Family Night
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14 T to T set-up (basement not available for use) 9:00 AM Middle School class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship with Gideons and Welcoming New Members 11:15 AM Coffee Time	15 Pastor's Day Off T to T set-up (basement not available for use)	16 T to T set-up (basement not available for use)	17 T to T set-up (basement not available for use) 10:00 AM Gratitude Group 6:30 PM Choir practice 7:00 PM ACA Meetings (conference room) 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	18 T to T set-up (basement not available for use)	19 Trash to Treasure Sale	20 Trash to Treasure Sale
21 9:00 AM Middle School class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Time	22 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Webelos I 6:30 PM Farmers' Market Mtg	24 Pastor Bryan at Seminary 6:30 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - leaders mtg 7:00 PM ACA Meetings (conference room) 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	25 Pastor Bryan at Seminary 9:00 AM Cross Connection Articles/Announcements due to Jenn 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	26	27
28 9:00 AM Middle School class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Time	29 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30	1 10:00 AM Gratitude Group 6:30 PM Choir practice 7:00 PM ACA Meetings (conference room) 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	2 7:00 PM PLC Mtg - Scouts & Leaders	3 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Bear Den 6:30 PM Emily Olson Concert	4 5:00 PM Faith & Family Night

**Feed My Starving Children**

Below are the upcoming dates that CGUCC is signed up to help out at Feed My Starving Children. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Bobbi Jo Janicek [ujogirl@bitstream.net](mailto:ujogirl@bitstream.net) or Pastor Bryan.

Saturday May 18th - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday July 20th - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday September 21 - 2 pm - 4 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### New Member Sunday

On April 14th, we will be holding a New Member Sunday and welcoming 6 adults and 2 children to CGUCC: Megan & Dave Grieman and their children Bella and Jack, Ron Magone, John & Sheri Orazem, and Julie Wasley. Please plan on attending and helping to welcome these new members! So you can get to know them, information on the new members will be on display in the Gathering Room for the month of April.

### Gratitude Group

The Gratitude group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at church from 10:00-11:30. We are always open and encourage anyone to join us on our journey in gratitude together. Some of our activities include: making prayer shawls, adopting a family at Christmas, planning and manning the Kids Korner at the Farm Market or just holding each other in our daily prayers and encouraging one another in our joys and struggles. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life and we want to invite anyone who would like to join us on our journey of Gratitude to come to a meeting. See you in church!

Judy Bonnevier

### Faith & Family Nights

The next Faith & Family Night for pre-school thru 5th grade students and their families (parents, grandparents, etc.) will be held THIS Saturday, April 6th from 5-7pm. There will be games and activities, dinner, and Worship. The Worship will be from 6:30-7pm and will be open to anybody. RSVPs to Pastor Bryan [olsonbw@hotmail.com](mailto:olsonbw@hotmail.com) are needed to plan dinner.

**BRING  
THE  
FAMILY!**

The next one will be May 4th so mark your calendars and plan on attending.

### Hope for the Journey Home (HJH)

CGUCC has signed up to be a host at Hope for the Journey Home on May 12, 13, 14, and 15 (afternoon and dinner shifts only on the 15th). HJH is a Washington County overnight family shelter at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Oakdale. This is an opportunity to help out in our community.

There are three shifts which include: Afternoon Shift (2:45-5:15 pm), Dinner Shift (5:00-8:15 pm) and Overnight Shift (8:00 pm-9:15 am).

If you have not volunteered at HJH before, we will need to do a background check and you need to fill out a form to get the check done. The background check form can be obtained from the church office or call Donna or Barb and they will get one to you.

If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please contact Donna Perkins (651-247-4259) or Barb Larson (651-459-4448). We have shift details posted in the Gathering Room at church.

Thanks for helping to be a part of the journey home for homeless neighbors in our area.

## Coming Up in Worship

### Sunday, April 7

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
9:00 am Middle School Class  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship with  
Communion (N)  
11:15 am Coffee Time

### Sunday, April 14

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
9:00 am Middle School Class  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship with  
Gideons and Welcoming  
New Members (N)  
11:15 am Coffee Time

### Sunday, April 21

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
9:00 am Middle School Class  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship (N)  
11:15 am Coffee Time

### Sunday, April 28

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
9:00 am Middle School Class  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship (N)  
11:15 am Coffee Time

(N) - Nursery Care Available

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### **Participating in Worship in April**

Head Usher—Gary Thyren  
Altar Team—Midge  
Youngquist

Communion Preparation—  
Krisi & Jeff Jacobs

### **Participating in Worship in May**

Head Usher—Jerry Stratton  
Altar Team—Susan Berndt  
Communion Preparation—  
(open)



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**STOP!!**

If you are able to receive this newsletter via email or no longer wish to receive it, please let Jenn know. Thanks!

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**Oak Meadows celebrates 15 years!**

Open House Celebration Sunday, April 7th, 2013 1:00-4:00 pm. Join the staff, board, and tenants as they celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tour apartments, sample delicious food, and register for door prizes.

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**Caregiver Support Education Group—All Saints Lutheran**

A caregiver support and education group sponsored by Family Means will meet from 2:30-4pm Tuesday, April 16th at All Saints Lutheran church, 8100 Belden Blvd in Cottage Grove. They will return to their third Wednesday of the month in May. Their main goal is to provide support and education each month for caregivers and to bring awareness that they are not alone in their caregiving journey.

For details, call Jenny West at 651-789-4015 or Lisa Schiemann at 651-789-4004.

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**Always check the church Bulletin board for added events in the Community!**

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