

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ZUMBROTA  
and  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORONOCO

August 2015 Newsletter

Joint Worship Service  
Sunday, August 16, 2015  
10:00 AM Community Service  
Goodhue County Fairgrounds, Zumbrota, MN



The annual OZ Joint Worship Service will be held on Sunday, August 16, at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds. This is the fifth year that the service has been held on the last day of the Fair. Again this year, lunch will be served at the Pork Producers booth. Salad ingredients will be provided for those who do not wish to have pork sandwiches.

A free will donation will be collected to cover the cost of the meal and special music, with Council and Session making up cost overrun if there is any.

Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. There is free parking and admission at the fairgrounds for the service if you arrive prior to 10:00 AM. The service will be held in the Entertainment Tent at the center of the fairgrounds. Coffee and non-coffee drinks will be available.

This year marks the 49th anniversary of our yoke.

Unfortunately, this year the joint worship service conflicts with Oronoco Gold Rush, but please come if you can and bring your friends. All are welcome.

## ***A Message from Our Pastor***

*Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.  
~Psalm 25:4 (New International Version)*

Sometimes it's easy to follow God's path.  
Sometimes the way is clear ...  
    before our eyes,  
    before our hearts,  
    before our feet.

Yeah.  
But sometimes it's not.

Sometimes it's takes a lot of twists and turns.  
Sometimes it takes some backtracking.  
Sometimes we find ourselves off the path entirely  
and have to wind our way back again.

Is anyone else hearing the Beatles?

*"The long and winding road  
That leads to your door  
Will never disappear.  
I've seen that road before.  
It always leads me here,  
Lead me to your door."  
~ The Long and Winding Road, 1970*

Now, we all have different ways of working out how  
best to follow God's path in our lives.

Do you journal?  
Do you have a devotional book that you read?  
Do you talk to someone?  
Do you meditate?  
Do you turn to music?

Or maybe you're still searching for the best way to  
seek out and connect to God's guidance in your life.  
Maybe you're the kind of person that works things  
out best in movement.

One way that people have been connecting to God  
and working out their faith throughout the centuries  
is by utilizing a labyrinth.



The use of labyrinths is first documented in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century C.E. in northern Africa, though it's assumed that they were being used even earlier. They were being incorporated into church structures themselves by the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, the most famous being the cathedral in Chartres, France (pictured above). Though labyrinths have also been used in Egyptian and Greek culture, in the Christian tradition, they signify a pilgrimage: "When Christian pilgrims could not travel to Jerusalem due to health or lack of money, they walked the labyrinth instead. Thus, it began to represent the soul's journey to Christ."

Just as everyone's path with God is different, there are a number of different labyrinth patterns that can be found – simple and complex, circle-shaped and other shapes. There are also lots of ways you can "walk the labyrinth" nowadays. Many spiritual places (churches, camps, retreat centers, etc.) now have a labyrinth on their grounds so you can literally walk it. You can also find printed versions in books or online and "walk the labyrinth" with a pen. You can also buy desktop labyrinths that come with a "walking stick" of sorts – a wood pointer designed to fit into the path.

*Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant  
from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my  
hand, I'm on the right way.  
~ Psalm 16:11 (The Message)*

Part of my calling as a pastor is to help people find new and different ways to experience and interact with their faith – new and different ways to glimpse that radiant and shining face of God. In that vein, I am happy and hopeful to introduce you to the labyrinth.

*Pastor Gina*

## (O/Z) Pastor Out

Pastor Lisa will be out of the office Fri., Aug. 21 – Sun., Aug. 23 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day and Tues., Aug. 25 – Fri., Aug. 28. I will not have my cell phone during the 3-Day walk, but I will have it the rest of the following week.

## (O/Z) Twins Game Outing



On Tues., Sept. 1, the yellow brick road will lead from OZ to Target Field! We're headed to a Twins game to watch the Twins take on the Chicago White Sox!

Date: **Tues., Sept. 1**

Time: **game time – 7:10 p.m.**

*\*\*We'll be carpooling up and parking somewhere to take the lightrail to the field. Leave time is TBD.\*\**

Ticket cost: **\$8** per person (For those interested, our tickets are in the Field Terrace section, 223-228. Check out a seating chart on the Twins' website: [http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/ballpark/seat\\_view.jsp](http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/ballpark/seat_view.jsp))

The more, the merrier, so invite family, friends, neighbors, or anyone you like. We've reserved 30 tickets but can get more if we need to (though they may be in another section from the first group of tickets), so **please add your name to the sign up list by Tues., Aug. 4 with the number of tickets you need.** Thank you.

## (O/Z) Blessing of the Backpacks – Aug. 30

Believe it or not, it's already time for our students (and teachers) to start thinking about heading back to school again. As they do that, we want them to go back knowing that we are holding them in prayer because there are a lot of things that they face at school each and every day. So if you're heading back to school in some capacity – as a student (elementary school, middle/high school, or college) or as a teach-

er (or support staff person), we want to pray for you. **Please remember to bring your backpack** (or something else that you take with you every day) **to the worship service on Sun., Aug. 30.**

## (O) National Night Out

Oronoco is hosting a National Night Out party at the Oronoco City Park on Tues., Aug. 4. National Night Out was started as a way to heighten awareness about safety and crime prevention and to enhance community relations. This year, the O church will have a table at National Night Out. Once again, we will be hosting a couple bean bag toss games and giving out church cups and candy for anyone interested.

Celebration starts at 6:00 p.m. at the park, so we'll be meeting at the church at 5:15 p.m. to transport what we need and get set up. If you'd like to come join us at our table, please contact Pastor Lisa, Brenda Longman, or Joy Bertsinger.

## (O/Z) All Around the Campfire



In an effort to have more opportunities for fellowship and laid-back outreach, we're starting something new this summer. On Sunday a month, we'll be gathering in the evening on the church lawn. There will be a campfire. There will be lawn games. There will be s'mores. This is a chance for us to spend some fun, relaxed, un-structured time together, and to invite people who may not be as comfortable coming through the church doors for the first time. It's also an opportunity for us to participate in the relationship of the yoke – O people can come to the campfire at Z, and Z people can come to the campfire at O. Bring your neighbors and friends. Bring kids. Let's have fun!

**Z dates – LAST CHANCE:**

- Aug. 9: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**O dates – LAST CHANCE:**

- Aug. 23: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## In Our Prayers

*Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.* Phil. 4:6-7

Dave Kaempfer, Kay Wilshusen, Joanne Schenck, Eunice Markham, Dick Wedge (Jim's brother), Virginia Wendt, Dorothy French, Karen Vallejo, Nick Pahl, Ann Hawkins and Joan Swarthout.

## (O/Z) Worship Advisory Team

### NEXT MEETING: TBD

Just a reminder that the Worship Advisory Team consists of:

Lance Sorensen (O)  
Linda Sorensen (O)  
Peter Johnson (O)  
Connie Hawley (Z)  
Hailey Vath (Z)  
Sue Wedge (Z)

We are continuing to discuss a number of different things, so if you have any ideas or feedback about worship, please feel free to share your thoughts with one of these people.

## Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush Days August 14, 15, 16

In order to continue the Food Shelf Connection with DOGR there will be coupons in the Ads for a gift if the participant brings a food shelf donation to the Information Booth. This year we will be volunteering at the Information Booth and ice cart. These are 2 hour shifts starting Friday morning and running through Sunday afternoon. I will have tubs for donation collection at the information booth. Please sign up for a shift at the information booth. Gold Rush as been generous to the food shelf over the last few years so it is a good place to offer some volunteer time. You can phone the gold rush phone 367-2111 or email [goldrush@bevcomm.net](mailto:goldrush@bevcomm.net) to reserve a time for volunteering.

I have always had a fun time at the Info booth so join me there. You can contact me if you have questions at [ezracooter@gmail.com](mailto:ezracooter@gmail.com) or you can call me at 507-421-0340. Thanks!

Lance

## (O/Z) Hymnsing Coming Up

On Sun., Aug. 30 (Labor Day weekend) we will be having another Service of Lessons and Songs ... basically, a hymnsing! We had so much fun last time that we decided to do it again. We'll read some Scripture and do some of the things that we normally do during worship, but our hymns will be chosen by you on the spot! Katha has been wonderful enough to agree to this, so we certainly want to thank her for her flexibility. So be thinking about what your very favorite hymn is, and hopefully we'll get a chance to sing it.

## (O) People of the Church News

We will once again be filling the busy bags for Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Shelter. Fleece material works best for the busy bags. Be watching for early school sales to pick up crayons, markers, notebooks, games, coloring books, cars, puzzles, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the fellowship room. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Schenck at 289-0093. Thank you!

## (O) POC Meeting

There will be a brief POC meeting after the 9am service on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> to decide disbursement of POC funds collected this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## (Z) Church Clean-up



Please join us at 6:30pm on Wed the 5th of August to tidy up the shrubs and clean windows at Z. We can use all the help we can muster so the work is easy and the fellowship strong. See you then!

## Readings for the Month of August

### Sunday, August 2

guest preacher, Rev. Julie Beck



### Sunday, August 9

Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

### Sunday, August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111

**\*\*Worship @ Goodhue County Fairgrounds**

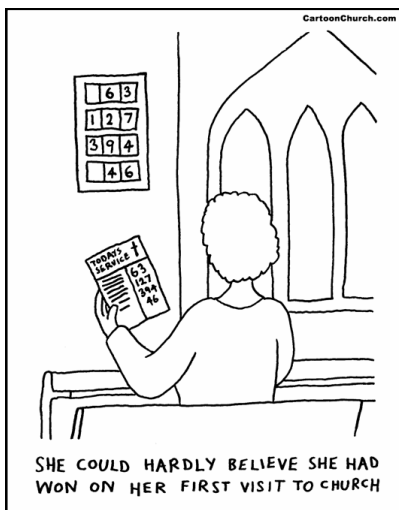
### Sunday, August 23

guest preacher, Rev. Tammy Rider

**Sunday, August 30 - HYMNSING**

## (O/Z) August Birthdays

- 8/1 Amy Pahl
- 8/2 Sandy Bowers
- 8/3 Katha Johnson  
Siddha Hunt
- 8/5 Mary Sapp
- 8/7 Don DeBlicek
- 8/11 Bob Hawley
- 8/12 Ardith Ottman
- 8/13 Nancy Tiedeman
- 8/18 Matthew Pahl
- 8/19 Craig Langbehn
- 8/20 Joanne Schenck  
Gary Ofstie
- 8/22 Cindy DeBlicek
- 8/27 Rachel Stanton



## Church Staff

Organist: Katha Johnson  
Secretary: Sue Johnson  
Custodians: (O) Sue Johnson  
(Z) Debbie Floan  
Pastor: Rev. Lisa Johnson

### UCC Leadership Team

Bob Hawley, Moderator  
Cindy DeBlicek, Clerk  
Amy Pahl, Financial Clerk  
Parker Quammen, Treasurer  
Connie Hawley, Trustee  
Rex Wiederanders, Trustee  
Arlen Kylo, Trustee  
Bruce Johnston, Deacon  
Nattalie Rolland-Vath, Deacon  
Hailey Vath, Deacon  
Bob/Bonnie Rolland, Deacon  
Coleen Johnston, Deacon  
Wendy Kylo, Deacon

### Presbyterian

#### Leadership Team

Mike Rand, Clerk  
Kay Erdahl, Treasurer  
Kim Stanton, Asst. Treasurer  
Lance Sorensen, Ruling Elder  
Ellen Simon, Ruling Elder  
Joy Bertsinger, Ruling Elder  
Mike Rand, Ruling Elder  
Brenda Longman, Ruling Elder  
Peter Johnson, Ruling Elder  
Sandy Bowers, Deacon  
Deb Nelson, Deacon  
Carol Tiede, Deacon  
Ted Midthun, Deacon  
Jenny Rand, Deacon  
Gail Rucker, Deacon

### People of the Church

Janice Ostrom Co-Moderator  
Joanne Schenck, Secretary

## Pastor Lisa's Office Hours

Mondays in Oronoco 1-4:00PM

## Secretary's Office Hours

Tuesdays in Oronoco 10am—3pm  
Thursdays in Oronoco 10am—3pm

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## August 2015 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **Saturday, August 1**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
2 Sam. 5:22–6:11  
Acts 17:16–34  
Mark 8:1–10

### **Sunday, August 2**

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
2 Sam. 6:12–23  
Rom. 14:7–12  
John 1:43–51

### **Monday, August 3**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
2 Sam. 7:1–17  
Acts 18:1–11  
Mark 8:11–21

### **Tuesday, August 4**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
2 Sam. 7:18–29  
Acts 18:12–28  
Mark 8:22–33

### **Wednesday, August 5**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
2 Sam. 9:1–13  
Acts 19:1–10  
Mark 8:34–9:1

### **Thursday, August 6**

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
2 Sam. 11:1–27  
Acts 19:11–20  
Mark 9:2–13

### **Friday, August 7**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
2 Sam. 12:1–14  
Acts 19:21–41  
Mark 9:14–29

### **Saturday, August 8**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
2 Sam. 12:15–31  
Acts 20:1–16  
Mark 9:30–41

### **Sunday, August 9**

11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
2 Sam. 13:1–22  
Rom. 15:1–13  
John 3:22–36

### **Monday, August 10**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
2 Sam. 13:23–39  
Acts 20:17–38  
Mark 9:42–50

### **Tuesday, August 11**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
2 Sam. 14:1–20  
Acts 21:1–14  
Mark 10:1–16

### **Wednesday, August 12**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
2 Sam. 14:21–33  
Acts 21:15–26  
Mark 10:17–31

### **Thursday, August 13**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
2 Sam. 15:1–18  
Acts 21:27–36  
Mark 10:32–45

### **Friday, August 14**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
2 Sam. 15:19–37  
Acts 21:37–22:16  
Mark 10:46–52

### **Saturday, August 15**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
2 Sam. 16:1–23  
Acts 22:17–29  
Mark 11:1–11

### **Sunday, August 16**

12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
2 Sam. 17:1–23  
Gal. 3:6–14  
John 5:30–47

### **Monday, August 17**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
2 Sam. 17:24–18:8  
Acts 22:30–23:11  
Mark 11:12–26

### **Tuesday, August 18**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
2 Sam. 18:9–18  
Acts 23:12–24  
Mark 11:27–12:12

**Wednesday, August 19**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 2 Sam. 18:19–33  
 Acts 23:23–35  
 Mark 12:13–27

**Thursday, August 20**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 2 Sam. 19:1–23  
 Acts 24:1–23  
 Mark 12:28–34

**Friday, August 21**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 2 Sam. 19:24–43  
 Acts 24:24–25:12  
 Mark 12:35–44

**Saturday, August 22**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17  
 Acts 25:13–27  
 Mark 13:1–13

**Sunday, August 23**

13th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25  
 Gal. 3:23–4:7  
 John 8:12–20

**Monday, August 24**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
 1 Kings 1:(1–4) 5–31  
 Acts 26:1–23  
 Mark 13:14–27

**Tuesday, August 25**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
 1 Kings 1:32–2:4 (5–46a) 46b  
 Acts 26:24–27:8  
 Mark 13:28–37

**Wednesday, August 26**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
 1 Kings 3:1–15  
 Acts 27:9–26  
 Mark 14:1–11

**Thursday, August 27**

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
 1 Kings 3:16–28  
 Acts 27:27–44  
 Mark 14:12–26

**Friday, August 28**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
 1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7  
 Acts 28:1–16  
 Mark 14:27–42

**Saturday, August 29**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
 1 Kings 7:51–8:21  
 Acts 28:17–31  
 Mark 14:43–52

**Sunday, August 30**

14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
 1 Kings 8:22–30 (31–40)  
 1 Tim. 4:7b–16  
 John 8:47–59

**Monday, August 31**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
 2 Chron. 6:32–7:7  
 James 2:1–13  
 Mark 14:53–65

**IN THE COMMUNITY****Chicken BBQ**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in West Concord is holding their 43rd Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday August 23, 2015. A Mass begins the festivities at 10 a.m. The BBQ chicken dinner, which includes potato salad, baked beans, roll, relishes, pie and beverage, will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The prices for dinners will be \$10.00 for ½ chicken dinner and \$9.00 for ¼ chicken dinner. Activities for the day include: Silent auction, and Country Store. Please join us!

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### **Worship Times for the Month of August 2015**



8/2	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)
8/9	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z) - Campfire at Z 7-8:00pm
8/16	Joint Worship at Fairgrounds at 10:00AM	
8/23	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z) - Campfire at O 7-8:00pm
8/30	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)

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