

The Good Word

There is no doubt that something new is emerging in the religious landscape around the world. In her book, The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why, Phyllis Tickle notes that every 500 years the church holds a giant rummage sale and undergoes a major shift as part of a larger societal change. We are now, she asserts, in the midst of one of these 500 year sales. Previous shifts can be seen throughout the 2000 years of Christian History – The Great Protestant Reformation in the 15th and 16th centuries, The Great Schism in the 11th century, the emergence of monasticism and the council of Chalcedon in the 6th century and the birth of Christianity in the 1st century.

What exactly is emerging during this new historical and cultural shift is still very unclear. But it is crystal clear as we look around at what is happening in communities all over the world is that everything we have previously relied upon and thought to be true about faith and church life, about scripture and theology, about worship and even church structure and function is being re-examined, re-imagined and re-thought. There are many different types of churches and communities springing up in various areas and many varying views and ideas about what this emergence might mean for mainline congregations and for existing church communities.

I find this time of emergence incredibly hopeful and really exciting and I am looking forward to immersing myself in a small handful of communities that are calling themselves emerging during my sabbatical this summer. I am convinced that the life and ministry of the Madison Christian Community is part of this great emergence and that we cannot only learn from communities that are intentionally embracing the term

“emerging” but that we can also offer something to this conversation about what is emerging and what the future of Christianity might look like 100 years from now when what is emerging has emerged and we settle down for another 400 years of Christian life and discipleship.

If this question about what is emerging in Christianity is an interesting question to you, I encourage you to attend our Wednesday evening Lenten Worship services and the soup suppers and discussions that will precede them. For five Wednesday evenings beginning on February 24 we will engage in conversation around Eric Elnes’ book The Phoenix Affirmations: A New Vision for the Future of Christianity. In this book Elnes shares 12 affirmations developed in conversation with members & friends of Scottsdale Congregational, UCC. These affirmations seek to express the basic tenets of Christian belief that might form the core of what Progressive Christians in the 21st century can affirm. Five members of the MCC will each take one affirmation from this book and offer their thoughts on it in worship. That same affirmation will be our topic for conversation in the soup supper that precedes worship. These supper discussions will be led by members of the GEMS Men’s group that meets on Tuesday mornings. Copies of Elnes’ book are available for sale for \$10. Contact Tisha to get your copy.

These promise to be stimulating and interesting discussions. Come and join your voice to the ongoing conversation discerning what is emerging and giving shape to our faith now and in the years to come. With God’s peace,
Tisha

February, 2010

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Fellowship Groups & Activities

MCC COMMUNITY GROUP

On Friday, February 26, at 10 a.m. there will be a tour of the "Mechanical Sculptures" exhibit (some of them move!) at the Chazen Museum, led by Lori DeMeuse of Advent. We will go for lunch afterwards. Carpool from the MCC at 9:30 a.m. sharp!

MCC FILM GROUP — 2010

Lois Komai, coordinator

We meet on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 pm. Let the host know if you are going to come/or can't come. Bring a treat to share and the host will provide the beverage.

DATE

Hildy McGown will host our MCC Film Group on Friday Feb. 19. We'll watch "Spirited Away" an award-winning Japanese animated film.

Friday, March 19 Movie: *The Castle*, an Australian Comedy, McNatts host.

Friday, April 16—Wisconsin Film Festival

Friday, May 21 Movie in a theater and out for dinner.

MCC Women's Lunch Bunch

Every Wednesday at 11:30 a. at the Prairie Cafe in Middleton, across from Copps Grocery Store. Good fellowship and no agenda.

The UW-Madison Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity of Dane County will host its 14th annual **Souper Bowl fundraiser at Madison West High School, 30 Ash St, on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 3 to 8 p.m.** The community meal event is the largest fundraiser for the student chapter. The cost is \$15 for a bowl (meal provided) and/or \$35 for a family of four (two bowls, four meals). Souper Bowl is an evening of food, art, and entertainment, bringing the Madison community together to support Habitat for Humanity. Souper Bowl is sponsored by UW Credit Union.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY at MCC !! – February 7

The Super Bowl is a lot of fun, but with multi-million dollar TV ads and glitzy half-time shows, it can also be a celebration of excess. Counter-balance the greed by buying a bowl of tasty, youth-made soup after church. This soup-er lunch fundraiser will raise funds for *The Lussier Center Food Pantry*. Not to worry, we'll be done in plenty of time for the game.

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From Brad Spencer – CDs for Soldiers

I've been sending the CDs donated by Jackie Bradley to US troops in Afghanistan, selecting recipients from those listed in AnySoldier.com. While doing this I've noticed these things:

Many of the requests from those in Afghanistan are for coffee. Mt. Meru would be very welcome, I'm sure.

In general, the troops in Afghanistan have far less access to PX-style (basically, consumer goods) items than those in Iraq (which means they have far greater needs/wants than do the troops in Iraq.)

Some have requested already-viewed DVDs. If anyone at MCC has a DVD worth watching and that they are willing to give up I can make sure it reaches someone who will appreciate it.

I strongly suggest that the women of MCC take a look at the requests from female troops there (who, as mentioned above, have scant to no access to PX-style items.) We back home can make their lives much easier.

The total need is far greater than MCC can ever serve alone. AnySoldier.com makes it easy to find what is needed and to obtain an address to which to send it. The US Postal Service flat-rate boxes are a fairly economical way to send goods to the troops. If you have friends or family who might want to help (or might want to get their own churches involved in a similar effort), it would be very easy to let them know that they could check out AnySoldier.com and use the flat-rate boxes to send items to satisfy the needs. Whatever we back home do to increase the contentment level of the troops should reap dividends in how they respond to the people of Afghanistan. That's good for everyone.

Gifts to Haiti Partners collected by Candice Schneider at the Open House of her new business on January 17 totaled \$470.00.

Artistic Calligraphy by Kirsten Malcolm-Berry

Artistic calligraphy of Paul's most well-known passages will be displayed on the art wall in the Shalom Room in January and February. Our appreciation is extended to Fran Grugel for transporting the artwork from the artist's home in the Twin Cities to MCC.

Adult Education Hour in February Our Neighbor's Faith

More than seventy adults gathered as Michael Schuler, senior pastor of First Unitarian, provided an overview of the Eastern Religions on January 24. Ken Streit and Jeff Wild will explore the changing face of religion in the United States on January 31. Tisha Brown will lead two sessions on the topic of "Spiritual, Not Religious" on February 7 and 14.

We are looking forward to two sessions on Hymns on Sunday February 14 and 28. The first session is "Comfort and Joy: Hymns for Important Times in Our Lives." This will be an overview of hymns that carry us in baptism, weddings, and funerals. Emily Wixson will serve as the leader. Howard Kanetzke will lead the session on "Changing Times and Hymns." We will explore the unintended challenges of hymns in today's worship services.

The Road Home / Interfaith Hospitality Network – We are seeking **volunteers to help serve homeless families on March 1, 3, and 5.** Our volunteers will cook and serve dinner, host activities with the kids and spend the night at Orchard Ridge UCC. This provides a valuable, direct service to families in need and is a great way to get to know folks at MCC. A sign-up board is in the Shalom Room or you may contact Aaron Anding if you have any questions.

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Food Drive for Food Pantry—Sunday, February 21

Please make a special effort to bring food for the Lussier Food Pantry on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Suggested items include canned goods (fruit, vegetables, tuna, beef stew, fruit juice, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, cereal. We can especially use any large grocery bags. We do not have facilities to handle fresh produce. For those who prefer to donate money, checks can be made out to the Lussier Community Education Center and designated for the pantry.

Dobbin McNatt, Coordinator

Bring Your Recyclable Light Bulbs and Batteries to MCC

The place to deposit your recyclables is to the left of the library counter and Sonja's basket. There is a sign posted letting you know the cost of recycling the items. Please put your donation in the small container labeled *Donations*. There is a list of places in the Madison area that also accept these items.

Meeting Minutes are available in the book on the library counter in the Shalom Room.

If you are interested in minutes from Community of Hope, Advent and MCC meetings, you can find them in the large black book on the library counter in the Shalom Room.

Dear MCC Parents,

Please be reminded that the nursery is intended for use by kids **pre-school age and under only**. Lately we have had older kids and siblings using the nursery as well, and it has gotten a little too crowded and does not make the best environment for the younger kids. Please help us to provide the best possible care in the nursery by remembering the age limit. Feel free to contact Julie Krbec if you have any questions. Thanks!

DROP-IN SHELTER

The date is **Thursday, February 4**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Shalom Room. Four people are needed from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and two people are needed from 5:00 - 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Ken Johnson.

JAVA FOR JUSTICE: Order your Mt Meru Coffee, Sunday, February 7.

Place your order on the form in the Shalom Room. The order is faxed to Milwaukee on the first Sunday of every month and will be ready for pick-up on the coffee cart by the second Sunday of every month. You can order 12oz bags (\$9.00) or 4# bags (\$40) in regular or decaf, bean, drip or perk. Building relationships and sustainability is what this project is all about. Justice never tasted so good.

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MCC News

Big Questions
A seminar offered by
Jean and Charles Pfeifer
Saturdays February 20 and 27,
March 6 and 13, 2010

“One sticks one's finger into the soil to tell by the smell in what land one is: I stick my finger in existence—it smells of nothing.”

“Where am I? Who am I? How came I here? What is this thing called the world? What does this world mean? Who is it that has lured me into the world? Why was I not consulted, why not made acquainted with its manners and customs instead of throwing me into the ranks, as if I had been bought by a kidnapper, a dealer in souls? How did I obtain an interest in this big enterprise they call reality? Why should I have an interest in it? Is it not a voluntary concern? And if I am to be compelled to take part in it, where is the director? I should like to make a remark to him.”

Big Questions by Soren Kierkegaard

Whether you are one seeking personal life direction or an activist seeking renewal, this seminar, **Big Questions**, offers a unique opportunity to engage the questions raised by Kierkegaard. The seminar focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus as portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It incorporates dialogue and the insights of Jungian depth psychology complemented by art, sculpture, dance, and journaling. This is not a study of the Christ of Christianity. Rather it explores the humanity of Jesus as a means of exploring our own humanity and potential. Past participants state that the process is transformative. It provides a safe environment in which people from a variety of belief systems can struggle with profound personal and social issues while honoring the humanity and integrity of all present.

The seminar is offered on four Saturdays at Holy Wisdom Monastery. It's open to interested people from any religious tradition or from none. No previous psychological, Biblical, or religious knowledge is required. Noon meals are provided. Total Cost is \$225. To participate, send a registration fee of \$50 to Charles D. Pfeifer, 2154 West Lawn Avenue, Madison WI, 53711. For further information call 608.251.3125 or email cdpfeifer@tds.net.

Scholarship help is available.

MCC Women's Retreat March 5-7
Bethel Horizon's, Dodgeville, WI

Come for a relaxing weekend away with old and new friends. Hike in the woods, read a book, have a conversation, relax by the fireplace, take a nap....No agendas or schedules. The cost for two nights is \$56; cost for one night is \$40; cost for day visit is \$14. For more info contact Beth Falkos or Kris Knoepke

God Loves Science
Saturday February 13, at 1:00 p.
1609 University Ave, Madison

God Loves Science is intended to explore how Science has helped us reveal the mysteries and wonders of God's Creation, and to help open dialogue for families. This event will begin with a short worship service followed by a science fair. To date we have experts in the fields of Chemistry, Physics, Veterinary Medicine, Neurology, Optometry, Microbiology, Anthropology, Theology and Dinosaurs!

Co-sponsored by Middleton Community, UCC and First Congregational, UCC and open to all families with Elementary/Middle School-aged kids looking to bridge the gap between Science and Religion. Contact Jeff Rabe for more information, 233-9751 or jrabe@firstcongmadison.org

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Coming Events

Feb 14 MCC Worship planned by MCC Youth
Feb 17 Ash Wednesday

Wednesdays in Lent

Feb 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24
5:30 p. Soup and Discussion led by members of the GEMS
7:00 p. Lenten Service
March 1, 3 & 5 The Road Home Family Shelter
March 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 28 Palm Sunday

Observing Lent at the MCC, February 17-March 24, 2010

Lent is a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) during which we are invited on an inward journey to reflect on our faith, seek forgiveness and grow closer to God. One way to do this is by participating in our Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship services on Wednesday evenings. Soup suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. with discussion of The Phoenix Affirmations beginning at 6:00 p.m. Worship starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship -

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
(no soup supper)

Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Worship -

Soup is served at 5:30, worship begins at 7:00 on February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24

A schedule of speakers and the affirmations to be explored will be provided in early February. Check the MCC announcements for details.

Volunteers Needed for Lenten Soup Suppers

Please sign up in the Shalom Room to provide soup or bread and/or to help with set-up and clean-up for this year's Lenten Soup Suppers. Many hands make light work!

Our Website: www.madisonchristiancommunity.org.

- *Read or Listen* to Pastor Jeff and Pastor Tisha's **Sunday sermons** on the web!
- **Sunday texts** are on the monthly calendar.
- **COH and Advent** members find **Worship Assistant's Schedule** and Task Descriptions.



On the Home Page find **Weekly Announcements** and **the Newsletter**.

If you decide that you no longer need the newsletter delivered in the mail, please call the church office to let us know.

MCC Youth News

Friday, Feb 5, 5:30p - Sat, Feb 6, 10a **Overnight - HS**

Eat dinner or a big snack beforehand, because we're jumping right in with laser tag at Ultrazone. After that, we'll fit in a service project - baking Valentine's Day care packages for MCC's college students, a movie, and more! Bring \$15 and a snack or drink to share.

Sunday, February 7 **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! - MS/HS**

The Super Bowl is a lot of fun, but with multi-million dollar TV ads and glitzy half-time shows, it can also be a celebration of excess. Counter-balance the greed by helping with a soup-er lunch fundraiser for The Lussier Center Food Pantry. High Schoolers will make soup during Sunday School and Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers will help serve soup after church. Not to worry, we'll be done in plenty of time for the game.

Sunday, February 14 **Confirmation Service Project #2 11:30a-3:30p**

We will plan this LOVEly event at Game Night, the Fast Food Progressive, and at your Confirmation classes. It will either be a Parent's "Night" Out or a Family Game afternoon run by YOU - the Confirmation students.

Friday, February 19 **Movie Night - HS 7-10p**

Bring an adult - your choice: grandparent, parent, mentor, relative, or friend - and a snack or drink to share. We will be watching a powerful movie, so we'll want time to talk afterwards. More details to come. Anyone want to host?

Saturday, February 27 **Movie Night - MS 6-9p**

Enjoy pizza and a good movie. Bring a snack or drink to share. Anyone want to host?

Looking ahead...

Confirmation Service Project #3 - Saturday, April 24: 9am - noon

BWCA Trip - HS - June 14-21

Rafting Trip - MS - June 24-27

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The Book of Faith Initiative is an ELCA emphasis that encourages congregations and their members to “become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered and sent by the Word.” Members serving on the Book of Faith Task Force planned the Year of St. Paul as a way of engaging members of MCC in this initiative. 2010 as the Year of St. Paul was introduced in the January issue of the Good Word. Two adult education sessions in January were devoted to sharing more information and further discussing the Book of Faith Initiative at MCC. The response of those who attended one or both of the adult education sessions was very encouraging.

We will move from the planning to implementation stage of the Year of St. Paul in February. Please read through these pages and discover all the ways you can participate in the Year of St. Paul from February through May. I especially encourage you to attend the three lectures that will be presented by Dr. David Fredrickson, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday evening February 13 and Saturday morning on February 14. David and I were classmates in the seminary. He is an excellent scholar. I invited David to join us because I believe you will enjoy getting to know him and learning from him, and I think he will enjoy being with us, too.

It is important that you register to participate in the Year of St. Paul by Wednesday, February 10. There are two ways you can register. First, there will be a registration form in the bulletin that you can tear off and put in the offering plate as it is being passed during worship on Sunday. Second, you can send me an

email noting which of the groups you wish to participate in. My email address is mccwild@chorus.net.

Finally, you are not being asked to go on the record by declaring you will read the thirteen books attributed to St. Paul in the New Testament. But I do hope you will resolve to read Paul's letters throughout the year. Resources to help us to read Paul's letters are in the development stage and will be provided in the March issue of the Good Word. So, stay tuned for more information and thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Wild

Advent Giving Goal

This is a good time to explain how the monthly giving goal is calculated. The giving goal is calculated in the average percentage of the total budget that is given each month for the past three years. The average amount given in January 2007-2009 was 8% of the total spending plan for mission. 8% of this year's spending plan for mission, \$351,600 is \$28,128.00. The amount members gave the first four Sundays of January to support our mission is \$32,900.00. We are grateful for those members who make their entire annual pledge in January as it helps with cash flows through the leaner months. We are grateful to all for their generous and faithful support.

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Advent News continued

Advent Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p. in the **Tower Apartments- Party/Meeting Room** on the third floor at Oakwood west campus.

We are a group of women who meet two hours each month at Oakwood to read and discuss a Bible study, as well as exchange friendship and support one another. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p. You are very welcome to visit us. Call Margaret Smith for directions.

Treasury of Love 2010

Beg. Bal & Love Offerings	1870.00
MH Bake Sale for Haiti	720.00
Income Total	2590.00

Rent & Eviction Prevention	555.00
Utility Assistance	399.00
Haiti Relief/Thrivent Matching	1560.00
Postages for pkgs. to soldiers	49.00

Expenditure **\$2543.70**

Balance as of 1/27/2010	\$27.00
(designated postage)	

From Brad Spencer for GEMS:

I could use some volunteers for a very simple task: obtaining addresses from AnySoldier.com (there's a limit on the number a person can obtain each month). I'll send copies of the music CD donated by Jackie Bradley to these addresses. Please email me if you'd like to Help. Thanks.

Judith Circle

Judith Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 9:30 a. at MCC. Joanne Heggen is the hostess and Hildy McGown is the study leader. All are welcome for fellowship and study. If you need a ride or have any questions please call Jean Loichinger.

G.E.M.S.

GEMS continues to meet at the church on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to noon. GEMS welcomes men who are retired, about to be retired, or who wish they were retired and who are looking for stimulating conversation and friendship. We are currently reading THE PHOENIX AFFIRMATIONS: A NEW VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY. If you have any questions, call Al Heggen.

OPALS Book Discussion Group

OPALS meetings are held once a month in the afternoon at MCC. On Tuesday, February 23, we will meet at 1:30 p. to discuss the book *Driftless* by David Rhodes, about a small town in Wisconsin.

Call Mary Maxwell if you have questions or need a ride. New members always welcome.

Advent Women Thursday Breakfast Gathering

Advent women are invited for coffee each Thursday at **7 AM at PASQUAL'S in Hilldale Shopping Center**, directly across from Metcalfe's Sentry. The only agenda is sharing friendship, and there is always laughter. We do service projects several times a year, pray for one another's concerns, and celebrate joys. If you can be an early bird at least once a week, please drop by when your schedule allows!

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Community of Hope News

Sabbatical Preparation and Update

I have prepared a two-page description of my sabbatical plan and would love to share it with those who are interested. Let me know and I'll email you a copy –

hope@madisonchristiancommunity.org

Starting in January, I've been spending every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Barrique's on Old Sauk Rd. I'm using this time to make contacts, think about and plan for the sabbatical period for myself, but also for the congregation.

Some of the books I've read lately that are sparking my imagination and thinking for this sabbatical are:

[Asphalt Jesus: Finding a New Christian Faith Along the Highways of America](#) by Eric Elnes
[The Phoenix Affirmations: A New Vision for the Future of Christianity](#) by Eric Elnes
[The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why](#) by Phyllis Tickle
[Preaching Re-Imagined](#) by Doug Pagitt
[A Christianity Worth Believing](#) by Doug Pagitt
[An Emergent Manifesto of Hope](#) Tony Jones & Doug Pagitt, eds.
[A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story](#) by Dianna Butler Bass

The Worship Team is organizing itself to plan for worship throughout the summer and the Steering Team is also beginning to have conversations about this time. Watch this space for monthly updates.

Thank you from the Lussier Community Education Center

"Dear Community of Hope, Thank you so much for all your help with the Giving Tree. The families were so moved by your generosity. I hope everyone had safe and relaxing holidays."

SAVE THE DATE

Community of Hope Congregational Retreat
October 15-17, 2010, featuring our own Bryan Sirchio

This will be a time for us to have fun together, to share our experiences of the sabbatical period and to begin thinking about and planning for our future. It's going to be awesome. Don't miss it!

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Praying for our Community

Community of Hope is an ever more caring community that values prayer as a way to connect with God, grow in faith and care for one another. This month we pray for the following people and their families.

- Dan Luch, recovering from a broken ankle and Christine Hartelt as she cares for him and lives with MS
- The people of Haiti, especially the family and friends of Ludmilla Fleurival, one of the SPARE students who lost her life in the recent earthquake
- Those who are unable, for health reasons, to join us in worship on a regular basis but whom we love: Mary Beth and Steve Udvari, Kathy Alexander and Ardie Manser
- All military personnel and their families, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan
- College students from our community – Jamie Custer, Rose Gear, Hannah Hunter-Johnson, Quinn Kirkland-Clark, Sarah Hunter-Johnson (graduate studies)
- These people and their families as we pray our way through the church directory:

Jan. 26-Feb. 2

Barbara & David Dueholm; Tina Eder; Pat Eddings

Feb. 2-9

Michelle Erschen & Nancy Greenwald; and Avis Elson

Feb. 9-16

Sandie Esrael & Peter Williams; Warren & Susan Exo

Feb. 16-23

Freddie Feeny; Harry & Donna Fisker

Feb. 23-March 2

Mark & Luke Geistlinger, Kristin, Zoe and Eliza Meyer; Theresa & Steve Haffner-

Important Dates to Remember!



Birthdays

Kevin Clark	2/04
Arthur Dodd	2/11
Lois Komai	2/11
Bonnie Spindler	2/11
Nathan Powell	2/13
Betty Custer	2/15
Stephanie Williams	2/15
Rajai Atalla	2/21
Petra Streiff	2/24
Howard Kanetzke	2/25
Nick Hartelt	2/28

Anniversaries

Art & Mary Nack	2/18
Bill Rettig	2/25
Christine Hartelt	2/27

Please let us know if we have missed your special day.

CoH Women's Breakfast Group

A new breakfast group is starting for the Community of Hope women. Please join us at 7:00 am on the first and third Wednesday of every month. We meet at the Hubbard Street Diner in Middleton. Come join us for coffee and conversation. Please contact Sandra Esrael if you have questions.

Email Sandra Esrael, sandraesrael@tds.net if you have questions.

Hope Men: Pancakes, Puns, Proverbs and Politics

- Those are just a few of the things you will miss if you don't get to the Hope men's breakfast at the Original Pancake House on University Avenue, at 6:30 a. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. You have promised yourself for a long time now. Mark your calendar, set your alarm, and make it!

The group is called "Hope Men," but we welcome visitors. Just ask Tisha.

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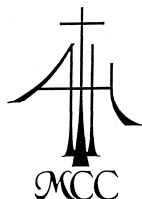
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MCC Mission Statement

We affirm our unity through Christ and commit to share a journey grounded in faith practices and to serve as part of Christ's presence in our world.

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Our Partnership– Madison Christian Community

Advent Lutheran (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and Community of Hope (United Church of Christ) are partners in Christ. Together we are the **Madison Christian Community (MCC)**. We share education for all ages, youth activities, building space, fellowship groups and efforts to preserve the land. We worship together about 8–12 times a year. Community of Hope is an Open and Affirming congregation and Advent is a Reconciled in Christ congregation. We welcome people of all ages, denominational backgrounds, races, gender and sexual orientation. May our church be a sanctuary for all!

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