



In Memory and Honor of Ralph and Ruth Ley

By Jim Gorman

It was a glorious late summer, early fall day. Dick Anderson, Marion Hinze, Shirley Maile, Frieda Hart and myself drove the hour and forty five minutes to Pilgrim Center to celebrate the dedication of the Ralph and Ruth Ley chapel at Pilgrim Center.

Ralph and Ruth came to the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1946. Ralph came to this church from Green Bay. He and Ruth started the Trumpet.

There is a lot of history in that van. Shirley Maile and her husband Ed were married by Ralph Ley. Frieda taught the Ley children piano. Marion Hinze baby-sat their children when she was in her early teens. It was a joyful reunion.

Ruth remembered all of us. And she was overwhelmed by the honor of the day. At 92 years of age, she remains a force of life. Conference Minister, Dave Moyer asked her at the last minute to offer some words of response. And she got up without hesitation and offered words of thanksgiving for all the years of ministry that she shared with her good husband Ralph.

She named every one of her children for us, including “the baby” her youngest son.

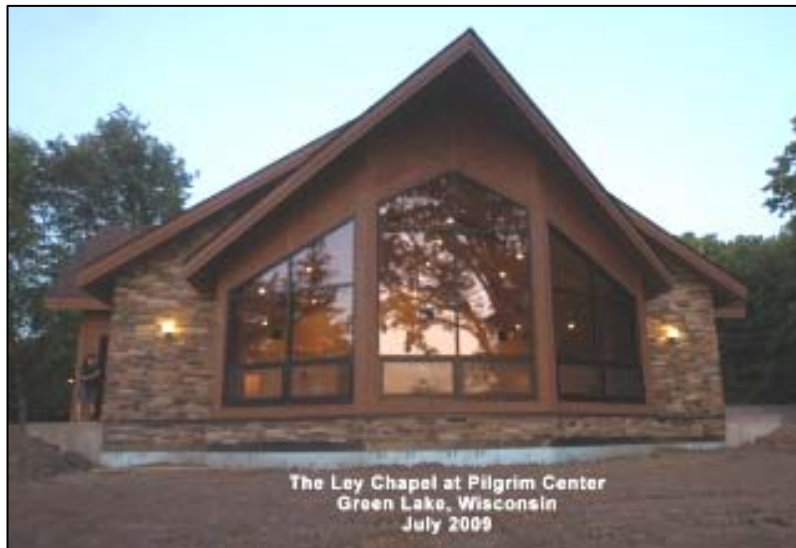
When I arrived in Wisconsin some 25 years ago, I almost immediately met Ralph Ley. He made sure of that. He had been retired for about 5 years but he was still active in the Health and Human Services committee. His passion was the nursing homes and hospitals and the youth homes (Fort Wayne and Sunburst). He knew that I had come from Chicago and asked if I would be willing to be the

representative to the Bensenville Home Society in Bensenville, Illinois. I immediately said, “Yes!” I served on that board for about 6 years.

Ralph became a kind of Godfather to me as he had to so many younger ministers in this conference. He was at the very founding of the United Church of Christ and he was a reminder of our history as well as a

marker of the future of the UCC. And Ruth was his true partner in that journey.

The chapel will stand as an honored reminder of a steadfast presence of a great ministerial team. Ruth and Ralph Ley will never be forgotten. Neither should they be.



Minister of Visitation

Rev. Ralph Schultz

“Just One... Can Be Enough”

How often has it been said, “What can one person do?” or “What can I do, I’m only one?” Several times over the last 18 months, Cynthia and I have taken guests to the winter home of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, in Fort Myers, Florida. As we watch the video about the lives of these two ingenious men, and learn of the many inventions credited to them, we are awed by what they (each only one person) have done. Many inventions, along with medical, scientific, industrial, and technological discoveries have been accomplished by one person.

What can one person do? What can I do to make a difference in the lives of others? Two wonderful opportunities, in the Waukesha community, are offered for our participation and sponsorship.

On **Saturday, October 17th**, the annual **CROP WALK** will again take place at Frame Park. Last year, area walkers and sponsors contributed \$19,172.00. That is great! 25% of this total is given to a) Waukesha Food Pantry, where the number of needy families has increased significantly this past year; and b) the ministries of CCWC-Cooperation Congregations of Waukesha County for their seven ministries. The remaining 75% is for the important ministries of Church World Service.

Registration sheets for walkers are available at church. If you prefer, you may sponsor a walker from the E & R Church by signing their sheet. It is hoped that monies can be collected and turned in on the 17th.

Registration for the CROP walk begins at 9:30 am at the park and the walk itself at 10 am. The event begins with a brief talk about all the good CROP monies do locally and elsewhere, a prayer and big cheer.

The other opportunity...another way of answering the question, what can one person do, is the HOPE Dinner, annual fundraising event of CCWC.

The **HOPE Dinner** will be **Thursday, November 19th** at Country Springs, Pewaukee. The silent auction begins at 5 pm with the dinner at 7 pm. Individual tickets for the dinner are \$60, with about 50% being tax deductible. A table is 10 people, so let’s try and fill a table, which will have a sign identifying the E & R UCC.

If \$60 is beyond your ability, you may contribute to a basket sponsored by our Church. A basket is made up of items which carry out a theme: chocolate; snacks; wines; children’s clothes; sports; around the fireplace (popcorn, nuts, etc.). The value of a basket can vary, many are in the \$75-\$85 range.

With the down turn in the economy, the number of children participating in the CCWC meals program has increased 600%. There has also been a 180% increase in people coming to the Clothes Shop. \$72,000 has been available for various needs, but the amount requested has been \$500,000.00.

What can one church person do? We can fulfill the words of Jesus, when he taught us to feed the hungry, give a cup of water to the thirsty, clothe the naked. Then the powerful concluding words of Matthew 25:31-46, “as you did it to one of the least of these my children, you did it to me!” – Jesus.

Yes, there is much that one person can do!

A Note:

The role of the Minister of Visitation is to visit anyone in the hospital, those who are in a nursing home, and all who are homebound.

Sometimes I wonder.. is there anyone who has “fallen in the cracks” and should be visited? If you are aware of anyone whose health has changed and is no longer able to attend Sunday worship, please let me know. We would like to visit such people and add them to our list, so they continue to be an important part of our church. Please call the church office at 262-547-2424.

Hospital Visits

To make sure you receive a visit in the hospital, please list your church as Evangelical & Reformed (E & R) UCC, when filling out forms.

Sunday School

Teri Launius

News from the R.O.C.K.

The R.O.C.K. is back in full swing with the start of our program year on Sunday, September 13th. With 19 children present and a full staff of workshop leaders and shepherds, we all began our current study on Rebekah and how she followed her faith in God to a new land and family, along the way showing hospitality to those sent

to her from God. Children have been creating miniature water jars to help remind them of the depth of Rebekah's kindness to Abraham's servant, talking about how to hospitable to others as they made mints which will be shared with the congregation on September 27 during the coffee hour, learning about wells, answering the question: just how much water does a camel drink as a way to understand the means in which Rebekah showed hospitality and researching Rebekah's family tree. All of the activities are providing the children an opportunity to learn more about Rebekah and the faith she had in God. The next rotation for the R.O.C.K. will begin on October 18th and focus on Jonah, who also was a follower of God, but probably a more reluctant one. While all of us know that Jonah got swallowed by a big, big fish, children will be looking beyond the fish incident and explore why Jonah responded to God's call in the ways that he did. They will also focus what Jonah's story can teach each of us about our own faith in God when things are not going the way we want them to go. This should provide a different perspective of what it means to be a follower of God. Children will explore Jonah's story through computers, games, and storytelling. Everyone will come together on the last Sunday of the rotation in November for a whole group activity using their senses to experience this fascinating, yet revealing story of God's faith in us.

ROCKSOLID

Our three, four, and five year olds began their program year with a study of Joseph, focusing on how families love and forgive each other. They have learned about the coat that Joseph received from his father, the dream he had when he escaped from his brothers' wrath, how Joseph responded when he brothers had to come to him for help, and how the family was able to come back together and forgive each other. In October, they will learn more about the life of Moses, exploring his birth, his call from God and how he fulfilled that call by leading the people out of Egypt. Throughout the fall, these children will be exploring the Old Testament as they learn more about how God was ever present with Joseph, Moses, and the Hebrew people, helping them to see that God will always be present for each of them.

Teri's Tidbits

With the program year off to a good start, I am glad to see the children of our congregation back at church. Their joy and endless energy is always a lift to my spirit and I hope they are to you as well on Sunday mornings. AS many of you know, Gray Mare Pre-school is using space in our building this school year for their three year old program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Their

first day of school was September 10th and it has been fun to see and hear them. Some of them are still getting use to being away from Mom for the first time and others are getting use to being a new building with different noises, but it has been good. If you come in the west door on Sunday mornings will see their information board that lets parents and our congregation know what they are doing. I am glad that we are offering our wonderful building for use to programs like Gray Mare as a way to reach out to our community and share the good that we have.

CROP Walk is coming up soon. October 17th to be exact and I want to encourage our families to consider walking and raising money for this worthwhile cause. CROP Walk has been around forever. For me, it brings back fond memories of walking with my sister and mother along the back roads of our small West Virginia town, laughing and enjoying the fall crisp air as we raised money to help those less fortunate around the world. This year you will not have to walk any back roads, but rather take stroll around beautiful Frame Park, enjoying the company of others from our area helping others. If you are interested in walking and want more information, give me a call.

From the President's Pew- Autumn Edition



Brian Van Buren

We are encouraging new membership. Please say "hi" to our visitors and lead them to the attendance pad, so there can be a follow-up. Please

remember to sign in yourself on the attendance form. Your attendance is recorded in our Church Windows program and is important to us and the Wisconsin Conference.

Please bring all concerns and issues to the forums. In regards to the "wish list" from the congregational meeting, that should be viewed as a living document for the near future after we are out of our financial hole.

Worship & Arts

Tracey Tran

Worship and Arts has decided to disband. A vote was taken at their last meeting on August 9th. Activities of this committee will be passed along to other committees.

Sarah Circle

Janet Perkins, Treasurer

Our newly elected president, Karen Lenz, served muskmelon, pecan kringle, cranberry and pineapple juice. She also read devotions and prayer from New Day New You and Starting Your Day Right, both by Joyce Meyer. Helen Karl read "There's Sunshine in a Smile" from Heart Gifts by Helen Steiner Rice.

Three of our members were absent, but we managed to plan for our scheduled meetings. Helen Karl suggested that we each have a prayer card on which to take home names of people who have health or other problems so that we could include them in our daily prayers. Dues will be collected next month.

There was time for conversation about something from our past or about our summer. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. Our new member Judy Russell will speak on her trip to Alaska. Guests are always welcome.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Nov. 11-Dec. 23

Virgil Emery

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday's between noon and 5 pm in front of Waukesha State Bank. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church hallway on the Family Fun Times table. Thank you for any time you can put into helping with this once a year collection.

Church Book Club

Mary Ann Proffitt

We are now in our 3rd book in book club and have 11-13 people who take part in our book discussions. Anyone is welcome at any time! We meet the first Thursday of every other month. Our next book club will be Thursday, Nov. 5th from 6:30-8 pm. at the church. Our book for next time is "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd. Come join us for some good conversations about great books and some very delicious desserts. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Sterner or Mary Ann Proffitt. Happy Reading!

Special "October" Music

Rueck Ruecktenwald

Band of Praise will be playing October 4th. "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" will be performed by Nancy Jones and Erik Olson on Oct. 11th. The AM Choir will sing the following two Sundays, Oct. 18th and 25th. Please feel free to join in with this choir.

Upcoming Events

October 7th at 7 pm at Trinity UCC, Brookfield – Youth oriented contemporary music service as part of their 140th anniversary celebration. Free will offering.

October 17 from 4-7 pm at E & R – Ham Supper with vendors at 3 pm. Advance tickets are \$10 sold after worship or in the office. Proceeds to the rebuilding fund.

October 18th at E & R after worship service – "Prepare Because You Care." A 30 minutes presentation by Mary Lou Charapata, owner of Cesarz Charapata and Zinnecker funeral home, and Joanne Abbs, family service counselor. This presentation promises to provide educational and informative information. Questions will be answered about Veteran's Benefits, cemetery, the pre-planning process, Title 19, cremation or any other questions you may have regarding funerals.

October 23rd at 7 pm St. Matthias Episcopal Church – "Six Hands and a Singer"...A night of piano and song. Tickets can be purchased at their church office by calling 262-547-4838.

October 24th Carroll University Shattuck Music Center, 7:30 pm – Carroll Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble and Vocal Collective. Tickets can be purchased through the University Box Office at 262-524-7633.

October 26th at Country Springs Hotel- 18th Annual Senior Lifestyles Conference, "Live, Love, Laugh, and Learn." Pre-register by calling 262-548-7943.

November 3rd Lakeland College Mission House Lecture "The Light Shines in the Darkness" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Kathryn Greene-McCreight. Please call 1-800-569-2166 or go to www.lakeland.edu for more info.

Ham Supper, October 17th from 4-7 pm

Women's Guild

Proceeds for this event will be going to the rebuilding fund. Vendors will be set up at church by 3 pm. Since every inch of space in the refrigerator will be needed for the Ham Supper, we are asking those who have anything in the refrigerator to please remove the items by Oct. 1st. After the supper, anything that is in the refrigerator will need to be labeled with name and date. Since we are a commercial kitchen, we need to keep an eye on things that are in the refrigerator in case an inspector decides to stop in. Labels will be provided at church.

E & R Baptism

Camryn Marie Skorno was baptized on August 30, 2009. Camryn is the daughter of Grant and Carly Skorno.

Keeping Our Ministries Strong

“Our regular offerings to support the ongoing ministries of our church need to continue being our first priority in giving. We ask everyone to keep their regular (**current**) giving strong.”

Budgeted Income Jan. – August: \$181,333.00

Actual Income Jan. – August: \$159,263.00

Church Attendance

August 30: 127	September 13: 156
September 6: 144	September 20: 130

Other Churches Visited

Members of our congregation visit other churches and bring back bulletins. This is a great way for us to see how other churches express their life in print.

Dick Anderson worshiped in LaCrosse, WI on August 23rd at the Interfaith Memorial Service District Convention.

Jan Biersach attended Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX on August 23rd for the baptism of great-grandson, Jonah Tritt.

Address Changes

David Knoll
3211 Vold Ct Apt 6
Janesville, WI 53546

Charles & Laura Theama
2020 Mount Vernon Drive
Waukesha, WI 53186

Youth News

September Trumpet correction: Margaret Russell is a college sophomore.

We are recycling used cartridges for money for the youth. There is a green box on the south entrance closet shelf to put cartridges in. Recently a filled box was sent to Empties4Cash with \$68 received toward the Youth Group account.

Rotating Coffee Hour Hosts

Worship & Arts

October 4:	Interior's Committee
October 11:	Gathering Grounds
October 18:	Elders
October 25:	Women's Retreat

November 1:	Worship & Arts
November 8:	Gathering Grounds
November 15:	Council Deacons
November 22:	Women's Guild
November 29:	Trustees

December 6:	Board of Education
December 13:	Gathering Grounds
December 20:	Youth
December 27:	Women's Retreat

Thank You's

Thank you to Al Stippich for making the bin for Food Pantry collections and for all his travels to the Food Pantry with E & R food donations. Recently, E & R has been donating about 10 bags of food weekly. The volunteers and employees at the Food Pantry have expressed their appreciation.

Allison Suchecki sent a thank you for the Scholarship money. She is looking forward to her first year at Stout and appreciates the generous scholarship given her.

Emily Pinzl sent a thank you for the scholarship she was awarded. She is majoring in history and secondary education at UW-Whitewater and is thankful for the continued support from E & R UCC.

A thank you was received from Harry Manzke for the prayers for his “speedy recovery and all the great cards. They have worked fantastic.” A thank you to Pastor Gorman and Rev. Schultz for their visits which had a “wonderful calming effect.”

A thank you from Shirley Lehmann and Richard Lehmann, Jr., to Rev. Schultz and Rev. Gorman for the many visits to Richard Lehmann, Sr. while he was at Waukesha Springs until he passed away Sept. 4, 2009. Thank you to Rev. Gorman for the beautiful funeral service and his support during Richard's illness.

Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County (CCWC) 262-549-8726

CCWC Outreach Meal

Thank you to all who helped serve at the CCWC Outreach meal Wednesday, Aug. 26th. Dan and Kris DeKarske, Scott Lange, Carla Oman, Janet Perkins, Jeannine Prager, Rosemary Riemer, and Vi Stevens. Vi Stevens, Janett Maier, Jeannine Prager, and Joanne Otto furnished cakes. Betty Stark and Ruth Aschmann paid for 6 gallons of milk. The next meal we serve will be the day before Thanksgiving, Wed, Nov 25th from 5-7 pm. If you would like to help or can bake a cake, please call Janett Maier at 262-542-2266. Our 2010 dates to serve are April 28th and Sept. 8th. Thank you volunteers!

Please note:

Janett has decided to give up organizing the helpers for the CCWC Outreach Meals after the November 25th meal. If there is someone interested in taking on this task, please call Janett or the church office. Many thanks to Janett Maier for her years of service.

CCWC Clothing Closet

Will be open more hours starting July 1st. There are many opportunities to help. Clothing shop checkers and volunteer receptionists are needed at this time for 3-4 hour shifts for at least 3 months. Please contact Griselle Cruz at 262-549-8726 or griselle@ccwcweb.org All clothing is given free to Waukesha County residents in need. Customers can also receive small household items like dishes, pots and pans, silverware, etc. Expectant mothers can receive layettes (diapers, baby wipes, hooded bath towels, etc.) to help with the newborn baby.

Winter coats are needed at this time, along with hats, mittens, and scarves to keep our customers warm. We have had a 32% increase in customers year to date for the CCWC Clothing Shop and we are expecting the need for clothing in the winter to be greater. Please help by donating gently used or new coats, hats, mittens, and scarves, any color or size. Donations are accepted Monday thru Friday 8 am - 4 pm, 502 N East Avenue.

Project Military Comfort

The BIG READ Waukesha and Operation Homefront-Wisconsin would like to invite our congregation to participate in Project Military Comfort, a service project that is part of our 2009 initiative. Project Military Comfort will send copies of [A Farewell to Arms](#), this year's book, and collect and send comfort items, to our

troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait to let them know that they are part of our Waukesha community, no matter how far away they serve.

Items such as; toothpaste and toothbrushes, chapstick, bug spray with sunscreen, deodorant, baby wipes, beef jerky, granola bars, Pringles, and ziplock bags can be dropped off at CCWC by Oct. 2nd or Oct. 3rd at the Farmers' Market in Waukesha. Monetary donations also accepted. Please make checks payable to Operation Homefront-Wisconsin. Donations are tax deductible. If you have a friend or family member in the military who would like to receive a comfort package and/or a copy of the 2009 BIG READ Waukesha book selection, [A Farewell to Arms](#), please contact Operation Homefront at 1-800-658-5290. More information can be found at www.waukeshareads.org

Interfaith Senior Programs

Marie Honel, Community Outreach Coordinator

Do You Enjoy Working with People?

Interfaith Senior Programs needs volunteers to visit prospective clients (seniors & adults with disabilities) in their homes and perform client assessments to qualify them for services and perform reassessments to update client information. Hours are flexible and training will be provided. Contact Nancy Bell at 262-549-3348, ext. 224.

A Waukesha couple who live on Delafield Street need a ride and assistance with grocery shopping once a month. Please contact Carrie Anderson at 262-549-3348, ext. 228 if you can be of help.

In Loving memory

We remember with a sweet sadness the life Alvin Stippich, Shirley Dunn, Evelyn Heck and Richard Lehmann, Sr.

A celebration of the life of Evelyn Heck was held on August 26, 2009.

A celebration of the life of Alvin Stippich was held on August 27, 2009.

A celebration of the life of Shirley Dunn was held on August 28, 2009.

A celebration of the life of Richard Lehmann, Sr. was held on September 9, 2009.

Memorials Given in Loving Memory of:**Shirley Dunn**

Barbara Kurtz
 Bill and Mel Condon
 Sharon and Bill Albert
 Ruth Grainger
 John and Irene Rajska
 Mike and Mary Grainger
 Nick and Barbara Mollgaard
 JoAn and Jitts Lawrence
 Kay Sprague
 Lisa and Chris Zweifel
 Lucille Dauffenbach
 John and Carol Ruckert
 Sherry and Tim Babe
 Jack and Carolyn Gebhardt
 Betty Gebhardt
 Dr. James Hulen and Lariane Hulen
 Robert and Janet Mueller
 Arlene Murphy
 Norman and Minnebel Dunn

Evelyn Heck

James and Barbara Golding
 Patricia Basting
 Victor and Carol Trevino
 Jitts and JoAn Lawrence
 James and Mary Lavine
 Andrew and Lorna Klumb
 Joyce Playter
 Karen Riemer
 Carol Buelow
 Linda Imig

Inez Golemgeske

Dorothy Graham
 Patricia Slane

Richard Lehmann, Sr.

Jeannine Prager
 Joyce Barbian
 Kay Sprague
 Trish Bakalars
 John Bakalars II
 Judy Wendt
 Richard Lehmann, Jr.
 Shirley Lehmann
 Penny Norman

Alvin Stippich

Joseph Cook
 Christopher Hubbard
 Edward and Diane Sinner
 Maryon Wiesenthal
 Nate and Donna Leuzinger
 Rosemary Riemer
 Arlene Murphy
 Oscar Korslin
 Charles Hoppe
 Burt and Elaine Winchell
 Dolores Jacoby
 Tony and Diane Spadanuda
 John and Sue Sterner
 Kay Sprague
 Jitts and JoAn Lawrence
 Harold and Lois Lewis
 Roy and JoEllen Meidenbauer
 Harold and Sue Manzke
 Dewayne and Nancy Johnson
 Glen and June Ehlke
 Jeannine Prager
 Martin and Janett Maier
 Frieda Hart
 David and Charlene Hein
 Daniel and Kristine DeKarske
 Daniel and Donna Steffen
 Donald and Ruth Kaiser
 Paul and Barbara Soat
 Lee and Nancy Jones
 Eugene and Patricia Schlieve
 Philip and Bette Marshment
 Viola Stevens
 Judy Wendt
 Donald Tewes
 Denise Pierson
 Rev. Howard and Mary Ann Kusler
 Marvin and Mary Sue Eichstaedt
 James and Barbara Golding
 Nicholas and Diane Roethel
 Al and Virginia Schowalter
 Janet Perkins
 Ronald and Susan Swiatowy
 Russell and Karen Lenz
 Glenn and Nancy Koehn
 Linda Imig
 Neal Brey and Karen-Gust Brey
 Robert and Pamela Jung