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2 10:30 am Worship, Communion, and Fellowship on Zoom	3	4	5 1:00 pm Sunday School; 6:00 pm Book Group (on Zoom)	6	7	8
9 10:30 am Worship and Fellowship on Zoom	10	11	12 10 am WCA Minister's Fellowship 1:00 pm Sunday School; 6:00 pm Book Group (on Zoom)	13	14	15
16 10:30 am Worship and Fellowship on Zoom	17	18 10:00 am Allied Partners via Zoom	19 1:00 pm Sunday School; 6:00 pm Book Group (on Zoom)	20	21	22
23 10:30 am Worship and Fellowship on Zoom	24	25	26 1:00 pm Sunday School (on Zoom)	27	28	29
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# Minister's Musings



How are we feeling right now? We are in week 20 of the COVID quarantine. Did we ever think it would last this long? I know I could not have imagined this, and probably neither could you.

We look at our world and see a myriad of problems that have come to new heights during the pandemic: unemployment, racism, political strife, and violent crime. There are many more, but these are the ones I am hearing about daily. Violent Crime is concerning me a great deal right now.

I remember back a few months, when the Safer-at-Home order began, that there was a definite lessening of crime in our community. Along with the environment showing signs of improvement, the lack of crime was a bright spot in our isolation at home.

But now things have changed. Almost daily we hear of shootings and stabbings right here in Madison. It is disconcerting to say the least. It worries me greatly. First of all, I am saddened because of the people who are being hurt or killed. But most of all, I am extremely concerned about the soul of our community.

I wonder what is occupying our souls for violence to increase so dramatically. I ponder how those without resources can make it any longer. I can relate to those who feel so cooped-up that they just want to go outside and shout. Perhaps some folks shouting is done with guns and knives, I don't know. Or perhaps this marked increase in violence is a result of many reasons combined. I wonder and I pray. And, I ask myself, what can we do?

We are good at speaking to those we already know, providing a listening ear in hopes of sharing love and keeping emotions and souls on an even keel. We wonder what we might do for those we do not already know, since a time of quarantine does not make it

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**Church Office Hours**  
Please call or e-mail Pastor Cindy to set up an appointment.  
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**Little Pilgrims' Hours**  
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easy to meet new people.

The only thing I have found to deal with the violence and other results of the pandemic is prayer. When I pray it calms my spirit and allows me to think more clearly. When I pray, I am released from my own thoughts and am able to hear God speak more clearly. When I pray, I find renewed comfort in knowing that God is in charge.

May we turn to God in prayer and find our way forward, perhaps helping someone else along the way.

*Pastor Cindy*

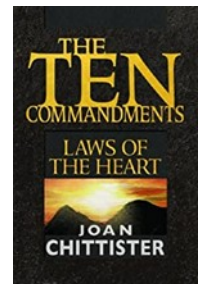
### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will meet each Wednesday in August at 1 pm. Please join us for a fun time of story telling, crafts, prayer and music! We will look at the Gospel According to Peanuts for the first two Wednesdays, make prayer boxes on the third Wednesday, and have a virtual Sunday School party on August 26! Please join us for learning, song, prayer, crafts and fellowship!



### **ADULT EDUCATION**

In August we will be completing our study of The Ten Commandments by Joan Chittister on August 19. There is still time for you to be involved in this thoughtful discussion time. Please consider joining us.



**8/1 Betty Ragotzkie**  
**8/3 Garrett Carpenter**  
**8/5 Rose McGaw**  
**8/6 Elsie Johnson**  
**8/10 Brodde Peterson**  
**8/12 Sean Spindler**  
**8/15 Ademola Iyi-Eweka**  
**8/27 Tim Rotar**  
**8/30 Katie Sommers**  
**8/31 Matt Neuhaus**



### **AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS**

**8/2 Romans 9:1-5**  
**8/9 Romans 10:5-15**  
**8/16 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**  
**8/23 Romans 12:1-8**  
**8/30 Romans 12: 9-21**



### Marjorie "Peggy" Metzner

**December 21, 1918—July 19, 2020**

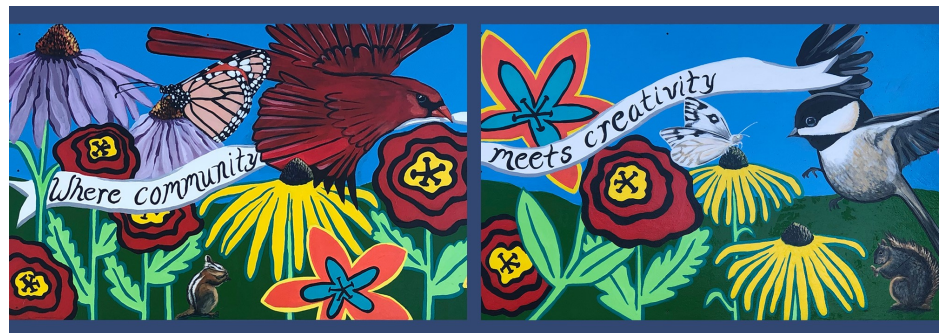
Peggy Metzner, age 101, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2020 at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg after a short illness. Peggy was a charter member of Heritage Congregational Church. Peggy and her husband Carroll were very instrumental in forming Heritage Church. She served Heritage in many different capacities, but was especially active in the Heritage Women's Group.

She was a resident of Nakoma for 52 years but for the past 18 years she has resided at Attic Angels Place in Middleton. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Atty. Carroll Edwin Metzner and her son, Bruce Carroll Stokes Metzner. She is survived by her daughter, Margot Andrea Metzner (Dr. Mark Alan Mandelkern) and her grandchildren, India Aurora, Benjamin Tate, and Seth Tyler Bruce Mandelkern. Her interests were many, especially politics, genealogy, reading, antiques, bridge and travel. Peggy was involved in a number of groups in Madison. She was a longtime member of Madison Friends of International Students where she and her husband entertained many wonderful students from all over the world. They often brought them to services at Heritage. RIP Peggy.



The Allied Partners is our Mission of the Month. In particular,

the Allied Wellness Center. Usually the wellness center would ask us for bus tickets, but right now the buses are running for free. Instead, they would very much like \$10 or \$20 gas cards so that folks can get to the grocery store, work and doctor's appointments.



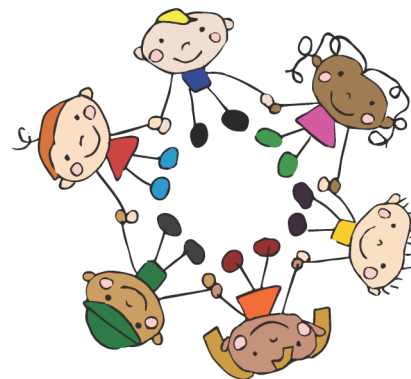
Also, they are in great need of some basics for their essential pantry. Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and regular bath soap and shampoo and what is needed greatly.

I am personally asking each family to bring a gas card, plus one of each item to meet the needs of the Allied Wellness Center during this pandemic. Other churches will provide resources during the other months of the year, but we can provide in August. If it is possible to drop these items off the first week in August so that we can get them to the Wellness Center in a timely fashion, that would be great.

Please drop off your donations at a time when Elizabeth or I are in the office. We will compile all of the donations and then deliver them to the Wellness Center. Thank you!!

Hello Heritage Congregational Christian Church!

Little Pilgrims is hanging in there during this challenging time. Our enrollment is quite low right now, but so are most childcare center's in the area. We have received three grants so far to help pay our staff, in order to retain them when childcare is needed again. More and more childcare centers in the area are reporting Covid-19 cases, so we are trying to stay in our bubble and have not removed any of our new policies.



# Little Pilgrims'

Christian Learning Center



We are certainly getting a lot of outside time, and have worked out ways to do water fun with the children - "Covid-19 style." All of my tours are outside, but at least I'm still doing tours - some people still need childcare!

This is a tough time at Little Pilgrims. I feel a real disconnect from my families because they are not in the center - so in order to see any parent I must wait outside for them to drop off or pick up their child. Wearing masks all the time is necessary, and I completely support it, but it does have many challenges when working with young children. Just today, I received the email that all Madison Metro schools are going completely virtual this fall. I am considering having a school-aged virtual learning room this fall during the Coronavirus crisis. This sort of defeats the purpose of closing schools, but I would like to try to keep our center open. I think the hardest thing for most of the staff is that we feel dispensable. With every nose we wipe and every cough in our face we are reminded that we could catch this virus so easily. Please pray for Little Pilgrims as we try to keep morale up and be here for our families.



Thank you for your continued support,

Jessica Carlson, *Director*

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love & joy



peace



patience



kindness



goodness



gentleness



faithfulness



self-control



### **Members of Heritage**

*The Martin Family, COVID-19*

*Susan Zerwick, healing for her leg*

*Regina Rotar, brain tumor surgery August 11*

*Sierra (friend of Maya Hilgendorf), arm surgery in*

*March from gymnastics injury, beginning physical therapy*

*Bob (brother of Ed and Terry Wing), that the Word of God might come to him*

*Harriet Nelson, radiation complete, recuperating before more treatment*

*Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes*

*Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes*

### **Friends and relatives of Heritage**

*Sam Andresen (son of Nancy Andresen), recovering from car accident, doing ok*

*Ruby Gayan (grand-daughter of Doris Clevidence), class valedictorian*

*Lisa Wing (daughter-in-law of Terry Wing), waiting to hear about job interviews*

*Connie Ferris Bailey (sister of Sue Carter), return of breast cancer*

*Bea Amsler (mother of Susan Zerwick), anxiety, congestive heart failure*

*Olive (Hilgendorf's pug), kennel cough*

*Alicia (good friend/"little sister" of Regina Rotar), has worked 100 days straight as an ER nurse in St. Petersburg, FL*

*Gene Spindler (Sean Spindler's father), bacterial infection in leg, now in rehab*

*Ron Ruble (brother-in-law of Sue Carter & Bernie Clousing), trouble eating during chemo treatments*

*Pau Thao (friend of Sarah Westcott), daughters in a serious car accident, one in ICU*

*Hallie Savage-Martinez (friend of Susan Zerwick & Alison Blakely), stage 4 lung, stomach and liver cancer, beginning chemo*

*Rev. Dr. Steven Peay (former pastor of Heritage), oral cancer concerns*

*Cynda & Steve (sister & brother in law of Larry Sommers), Steve having increased cognitive issues*

*Rev. Greg Ellcey (retired NA Pastor), kidney failure*

*Ginny Wolfe (friend of Pat Bunders), ovarian cancer*

*Family in Mexico of Steve Heusinger.*

*Daryl (cousin of Larry Sommers), recovering from knee surgery*

*Sharon (sister of Synthia Taylor), COVID-19 from being an ICU nurse*

*Ken Mitchell (friend of Larry Sommers), metastasized prostate cancer*

*Mary Jacobs (sister of Steve Heusinger), cancer patient*

*Lillian (Aunt of Robert Eversman), stroke*

*Cyndi Reppen (Aunt of Becky Spindler), grieving*

*Frank Tocha (husband of Larry Sommers's cousin), complicated health problems & multiple myeloma*

*Children, tweens and teenagers who are depressed and contemplating suicide*

### **Prayers of Thanks and Hope**

*Hallie Savage Martinez, receiving immunotherapy treatment for her cancer*

*Sharon (sister of Synthia Taylor), recovered from COVID-19 and back to work as an ICU nurse*

*Sam Andresen, getting married in August 2021.*

*Margaret Rose (cousin of Jo Sommers), 100% match for bone marrow found, awaiting surgery.*

*Dottie Kremer, thanks for sermons as she loves Romans.*

*Jean Stewart, enjoys sermons; house is sold.*

*Cassi Harris, home from surgery and second hospital stay.*

*Those selling or buying homes. (including Jana & David Haight, Marian Stokes)*

*Everyone going through struggles.*

*New Covid-19 diagnoses.*

*Healing of hatred and violence in God's world*

*Prayers for law enforcement*

*Safety for Peaceful Protestors*

*Those who put signs of support on their lawns and other supporters, may they not be perceived as violent*

*Healing in the country, that we may come together with understanding of differences*

*Prayer for new opportunity.*

*Open hearts toward those who are suffering more than we.*

*Patience and understanding in this time of isolation.*

*Prayers for governments trying to make the best decisions.*

*Those looking for work.*

*Those families struggling to find peace at home.*

*Those affected by natural disasters.*

*Those who are victims of domestic abuse.*

*Those who are facing difficult medical problems.*

*Those suffering from addiction.*

*Those affected by mass shootings.*

### **Those who are grieving**

*Family & Friends of Peggy Metzner*

*Family & Friends of Claude Sime (cousin of George Bunders)*

*Family & Friends of Jamie Davis (friend of the Taylors)*

### **Those who are serving our country**

*Tom Labenski and Chris Cox, (nephews and friends of Porter and Carren Martin)*



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## August/September Dates to Remember

**August 5, 12, 19, 26—Sunday School**

**August 5, 12, 19—Book Group**

**September 13—Renewal Sunday**

Faith  
Freedom  
Fellowship



*Highlights  
Articles  
Due*

In the Church Office  
or to Sue Carter by  
August 18th.



**Faith, Freedom and Fellowship** are the hallmarks of the Congregational Way. As a Congregational Church, we are a freely gathered body, centered on Christ and bound together by covenant. We are a church that values spiritual growth, shared dialogue and working together for God's glory. We believe in the freedom of individual conscience regarding Biblical interpretation, and respect theological and social diversity. We invite you to join us in worshipping God.