



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1 Daylight Savings Time ends—turn clocks back</i> 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (zoom), Pastor Gerry preaching; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom)</p>	2	<p>3</p> 	4	5	6	7
<p>8 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (zoom); 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom); 11:30 a.m. Annual Budget and Nominations Meeting</p>	9	10	<p>11 10:00 a.m. WCA Minister's Fellowship</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (zoom), Pastor Gerry preaching; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom)</p>	16	<p>17 10:00 a.m. Allied Partners</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (zoom); 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom)</p>	23	24	25	<p>26</p> 	<p>27 Daycare and Church office closed</p>	28
<p>29 Advent Sunday 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (zoom), Pastor Gerry preaching; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom)</p>	30					

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Minister's Musings

It is wonderful to be with you! For the first time in 18 years someone is speaking to you as your pastor who is not Pastor Cindy. I am your interim pastor – that means two things, to me

The Pastor part - I pledge to be involved with the community life here – such as it is during COVID-19. I will make myself available to you and will seek to serve you, with God as my help, for God's glory.

The Interim part – means that I am here during an in-between time. The expectation is more than merely supplying the pulpit a couple times a month. Some may feel that nothing meaningful will take place until Heritage secures a settled pastor.



Dr. Gerry Krupp

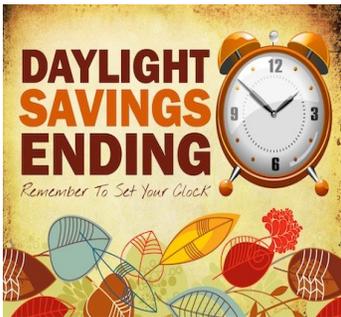
I come with a very different perspective. This is a great season to reflect upon the why, who, what and where and how of gathered life. In fact, this is a momentous season in the life of this church. The divestiture of property is not the normal way that churches move forward. However, when I met with several members of the Prudential board earlier (last) week – in a protected, socially distanced manner, I was impressed with the optimism of the leaders of this congregation. So, I look forward to conversations together about what life might look in the future without a permanent church building.

On a personal note I was raised in a family that lived on the fringe of established church and often found themselves worshipping in a home, or an American Legion or other "borrowed" or "rented" space for worship. Wenda, my spouse, and I also worked with a congregation in New Jersey to sell their property and go through a "re-start" process whereby they started over, in a new community, with a new name and refreshed mission – it was a fresh expression of the original intent of the congregation. I'm not suggesting that your trajectory is the same. But I think lessons we learned in New Jersey could be helpful in this process. I'm trusting God that this process will also renew us on a personal spiritual level, and a fresh expression of what it means to be a gathered people of Christ – a fresh expression of mission and ministry.

Dr. Gerry Krupp

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Please call or e-mail the Church office to set up an appointment.
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heritageoffice@heritagemadison.org

Little Pilgrims' Hours
6:30am-5:30pm
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Sunday, November 1st



Dear Heritage Family,

Words can not do justice to my feelings of gratitude for the retirement celebration you held for me. From the video to the faces in the pews inside, and the balloons, honking horns, memory book, magazine cover, carved angel, honey and generous monetary gift, I was in total joy mode. I could feel the love we have for one another. I could feel the celebration of all of the ministry we have shared together. And, I was excited by the feeling of unity about the future of Heritage.

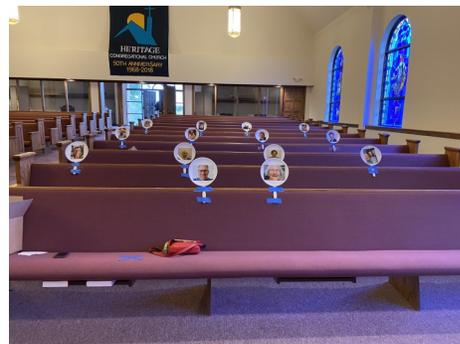


Seeing many of you in person and speaking to you on the phone during my last week was heart-filling. Meeting the Budworth's new baby (so adorable) and seeing so many young people-- Sunday School kids, teenagers, and college grads--gave me a visible image of where Heritage is headed.



I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and the gifts we have shared together for 18 years. You will continue to be in my prayers. I think of you daily. Blessings, good health and peace be with you all. And for Heritage, may the future be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Pastor Cindy



Let's face it, listening to music is a subjective experience, for it speaks to us in inexplicable ways; what a specific piece says to you, may be nothing like what it says to me. Music, or musical sounds have the power to set in motion a complex series of responses awaiting activation; these may be immediate, delayed, repressed, or perhaps even unrecognizable. The mystery of this power is the way it seems to 'work us over' and more often than not, connect directly to our inner souls.



Through the centuries and throughout the world, the power of music has made a palpable difference in the lives of people: it has the ability to energize their struggle, support their protest, and encourage them when life seems all but impossible. There are numerous studies devoted to the physiological response that music engenders; these responses include the ability to change metabolic rates, blood pressure, and in so doing, energize or relax the listener. One study reports that listening to just thirty minutes of calming music is equal to the effect of a single dose of a prescription tranquilizer. According to a study at the University of California at Irvine, singing music you like has the ability to raise the level of the disease-fighting protein immunoglobulin A in singers during performances by an impressive 240%, but wait, there's more! Singing may reduce stress, improve mood, and even increase lung function.

We miss singing as a group, as a choir, as a congregation, but this will not be forever. I hope that you will try to sing more at home or in the car, and expose yourself to the beauty of spiritually uplifting music each day. I'm thinking that I might create a list of suggestions complete with Youtube links, perhaps for next month's issue, but in the meantime, let's experience something positive and uplifting now as a group.

Psalm 61 is a Psalm of Assurance of God's Protection which I pertain directly to the struggles we face daily as individuals, as a nation and as a Christian flock during this challenging time. Remember that the Psalms along with the Canticles are the parts of the Bible which were intended to be sung. There is a beautiful choral offering of this Psalm available on Youtube to which I hope you will all listen, perhaps daily if you are able.

<https://youtu.be/UhBFc48eH4w>

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me abide in your tent for ever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings. For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned for ever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! So I will always sing praises to your name, as I pay my vows day after day.

Amen

Robert Eversman

Director of Music

Heritage Congregational Church



From the Prudential Board—Janet Adams, Moderator

Members of the Prudential Board met with our interim pastor Gerry Krupp to welcome him and help with his orientation. We met with the Board of Trustees a couple of times to discuss and make a decision regarding the sale of our property. We hired a broker and the For Sale signs will be installed next week. A letter was prepared and distributed to our closest neighbors informing them of our decision to sell. In addition, we are working on the 2021 Stewardship Drive and helping the Nominating Committee prepare the Slate of Candidates to present at our Annual Budget and Nominations meeting Sunday, November 8th following Worship.

From the Board of Trustees—Sarah Westcott, Chair

The trustees continue to meet virtually to monitor the budget, review Dane County guidelines for Covid-19, and address property concerns. Thank you to everyone who has been able to keep up their pledges. We are mostly current with the bills, although it has been difficult having the building closed to the SDA church and the daycare has had fewer children and additional requirements for cleaning and keeping groups of children separate. As most of you know, we took out a Payroll Protection Plan loan in April, which covered 8 weeks of pay for all employees while the building was shut down. That loan should be forgivable, but we (and most other applicants) are still waiting for the Treasury Department to provide guidance to banks on the forgiveness process. Sean has been working on the 2021 budget. In the next couple of weeks, we will figure out what shortfall is likely in that budget. We are looking into loan options, including an application with the Small Business Administration (SBA). Meanwhile, Bill has been working with Coverall (the cleaning service) to adjust cleaning based on what parts of the building are open when. We've switched franchisees with Coverall and Lorenzo is doing a great job!

From the Board of Spiritual Life—Bob Millholland, Chair

The Board of Spiritual Life have meetings to discuss the spiritual needs of our congregation. The following is a list of topics we have recently been discussing:

- 1) Reviewed a list of "non-pastor" duties that Pastor Cindy had been doing and developed a plan for continuing these activities. Most of these relate to in person worship. The Prudential Board will be discussing when in-person worship will return.
- 2) Making sure the Christian Ed program has our support in this time of transition
- 3) Working on filling the pulpit for Sunday worship on the Sundays that Rev. Krupp will not be leading worship.

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4) Developing the calendar for our Mission of the Month. Our emphasis is on local missions in our area who are serving those who may be struggling to the COVID pandemic. Specifically, we are supporting the **Eviction Prevention Fund** sponsored by **Joining Forces for Families** (JFF). In this time of social distancing, the needs of others may not be so apparent, but are great indeed. Watch your highlights for our worthy groups who could use your support.

Sunday School

On October 11, the kids were proud to present their latest video skit dedicated to Pastor Cindy. The link to rewatch the skit is

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o7wnXp_qeN5hO6EXi2JnrYLA3rqgreM2/view?usp=sharing

Be patient, it may take a couple of minutes to download. We ask that you respect the kids' privacy and not repost the video.



In November, we will continue to have a virtual Sunday School with a separate zoom link. We join the church service at 10:30 and start Sunday School after the Children's Message. Please email Sarah Westcott (slwestcott@gmail.com) if you have a child interested in joining to talk about a different Bible story each week.



Leadership Team Nominations Nominating Committee

It's time to consider how you might use your interests and God-given talents for the NACCC. We are presently seeking nominations for our leadership team, so if you are interested in helping put on the Annual Meeting, or have a heart for Missions and a head for details, or perhaps you have some ideas of where you think the NACCC might be heading in the future, then consider joining the team. If this sparks your interest, or if you think of someone in your church that would have these interests, then send in your name to the Office and nominate yourself or someone you believe in. Nomination forms are found on the NACCC [website](#): Click on "Get Involved," then "Nominate Someone." We are looking forward to hearing from You!

Nominations must be received no later than January 15, 2021.

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The WCA held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 10th via Zoom. It featured a presentation by Dr. Matt Cook on "Renewing the Church Following a Pandemic" as well as the business meeting to elect officers and executive committee members for the coming year. It closed with a worship service lead by Pastor Cindy and Robert from our sanctuary. The 2021 meeting is scheduled for next April in Green Bay.



Allied Partners Eviction Prevention Fund

The Allied Partners Eviction Prevention Fund is our Mission of the Month in October and November. Please make your donations payable to Heritage Church and mail to the church office at 3102 Prairie Road, Madison, WI 53719.

The Eviction Prevention Fund enables neighborhood families to stay in their homes by granting assistance with rent and utilities during a time when the family income is disrupted by illness, unemployment, or other emergency. The fund is administered by the Dane County Social Worker located in the neighborhood (joining Forces for Families).



Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. More than ever we must express our love and gratitude by continuing to support our spiritual home.

If you have not returned your 2021 pledge card, please mail it as soon as possible. The Trustees are in the process of preparing the 2021 Budget for presentation and approval at our Annual Budget and Nominations Meeting, Sunday, November 8 following Morning Worship on Zoom.



- 11/10 Cassi Harris
- 11/11 Thea Leuschen
- 11/12 Jill Severson
- 11/14 Becky Spindler
- 11/25 Michael Hammer
- 11/27 Jennifer Hilgendorf
- 11/28 Erin Henning

Members of Heritage

Henning family, all ill, awaiting COVID test results

*Cassi Harris, recovering from arm surgery
Barbara Morris, broken hip, in rehab in Chetek*

Regina Rotar, getting back to normal after brain tumor surgery

Harriet Nelson, cancer treatments, trouble breathing

Maddie Spindler, waiting to hear about job interviews

*Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes
Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes*

Friends and relatives of Heritage

Velma Ritcherson, grieving, 1 year anniversary of Louis's passing

Alan Rude (father of son-in-law to Bill & Marsha Haight), after he was hospitalized for a GI bleed; put on ventilator when he deteriorated for unknown reason

Lisa Wing (daughter-in-law of Ed wing), negative COVID test but still feeling uncharacteristically sick

Margaret Rose (cousin of Jo Sommers), bone marrow transplant

Dahlia Dannenberg (friend of the Hilgen-dorf's), beginning final round of chemo treatments

*Melanie Gerber, recovering after surgery to place plates & screws in severely broken arm
Bruce (friend of Bill & Marsha Haight), tumor on brain, many unanswered questions, very hard on Bruce's wife*

Ron Ruble (brother-in-law of Sue Carter & Bernie Clousing), feeling better—able to stand and walk with a walker.

Mary Ruble (sister of Sue Carter), taking care of Ron

Bill & Bev Payne (friends of Bill & Marsha Haight), doing much better

Kristina (friend of Cassi Harris), loss of business and other issues

George (father of Synthia Taylor), recovering from a bad fall

Connie Ferris Bailey (sister of Sue Carter), breast cancer has metastasized to liver

Bea Amsler (mother of Susan Zerwick), stage 4 congestive heart failure

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

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

*Ginny Wolfe (friend of Pat Bunders), ovarian cancer
Ken Mitchell (friend of Larry Sommers), metastasized prostate cancer*

*Mary Jacobs (sister of Steve Heusinger), cancer patient
Lillian (Aunt of Robert Eversman), stroke*

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

**Prayers of Joy & Thanks**

Pat & George Bunders celebrating 60th anniversary!

New Covid-19 diagnoses

Teachers, Parents, & Students

Those who are depressed and struggling

Renters facing eviction

Healing of hatred and violence in God's world

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.

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 serving our country

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

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November Dates to Remember

Faith

Freedom

Fellowship



November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 3

Election Day

November 8

**Budget and Nominations
Congregational Meeting**

November 26

Thanksgiving

Highlights

Articles

Due

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



**Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom**

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.