



October 2020

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4 <i>10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion; Sunday School via Zoom</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:00 a.m. WCA Annual Summit via Zoom 2:00 p.m. Karin Armbruster wedding
11 <i>10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School—Farewell Pastor Cindy</i>	12 <i>7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees via Zoom</i>	13 <i>10:00 a.m. Meeting of the Moderators and Robert with Dr. Krupp</i>	14	15	16	17
18 <i>10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School—Welcome Interim Minister Dr. Gerry Krupp</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School</i>	26 <i>6:30 p.m. Prudential Board via Zoom</i>	27	28	29	30	31 Youth Event sponsored by WCA at Fox River Church. No details yet. 

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Minister's Musings

This is my final Highlights article at Heritage. I have been blessed richly by being your pastor. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as we all serve God together.

We have born sorrows and griefs. We have celebrated joys and steps forward. We have created and sustained a child care center. We have finally fixed the roof! We have spent holy time in our beautiful garden. And, we have loved.

We have loved God, our community, our world, our church and one another. Our covenant, our written statement of faith, has bound us together, with God and with one another.

We have worshiped and prayed and sung praises. We have shared in baptisms and weddings and funerals. We have heard the choir sing and Robert play, much to our great enjoyment and faith growth.

And, we have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. With God's Spirit, we have experienced oneness of spirit with one another, not only during worship, but also during times of fellowship. Picnics, Thanksgiving feasts, spaghetti and soup dinners, these have nourished our souls as God's Spirit guides our conversations, our laughter and our tears together.

As I leave Heritage, I promise that my prayers will continue to be with you. I leave behind my pastoral responsibilities and commitments, but the love we share will never die.

You have taught me so much and I pray that I have taught you some. You have changed my life for the better, and for that I am profoundly grateful.

Blessings, love and peace forever be with you,

Pastor Cindy



Church Office Hours

Please call or e-mail the Church office to set up an appointment.

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Little Pilgrims' Hours

6:30am-5:30pm

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Thank You Pastor Cindy

You have served the Lord with gladness here for 18 years—tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion. You have given hope and encouragement to so many. We congratulate you on this milestone, and pray that God will continue to bless you as you enter this new chapter in your life.



Blessings to you and Michael as you continue on life's journey.

With Great Affection and Gratitude

Your Church Family



Heritage Congregational Christian Church
Special Meeting of the Congregation (via Zoom)
Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Janet Adams at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Cindy gave the opening prayer.

With 31 people in attendance a quorum was called by Clerk Sue Carter.

The purpose of the meeting was to address two topics:

The proposed sale of the church property.

Authority to seek a bridge loan for operational expenses.

Motion by the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees (no second needed when presented by a board) that we list the property at 3102 Prairie Road, Madison, WI for sale.

Moderator Janet Adams gave a summary of how the combined efforts of the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees reached the decision to recommend the sale of our property on Prairie Road. It has been clear for a long time that we could not continue to support payroll, utilities or building maintenance. At a June 8, 2020 meeting of the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees the following motion was unanimously approved.

To further goals of reducing the burden of managing the Prairie Road property and accessing potential equity in the property, in a manner consistent with preserving the future of Heritage Church and Little Pilgrims Christian Learning Center, it is moved that the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees gather information regarding the sale of all or a portion of the Prairie Road property, using the following process: The Prudential Board will appoint a three-member committee, consisting of representatives of the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees, who will recruit one or more real estate agents who could potentially list the property for sale and seek their input on the marketability of the property. Andy Forsaith, Alex Hilgendorf and Bernie Clousing have agreed to serve on this three-member committee.

It was made clear that our actions would not mean disbanding our congregation and that there are options for the Little Pilgrims Daycare that are under consideration. We are making decisions with the best interest of Heritage and Little Pilgrims in mind.

Andy Forsaith then reviewed the work of the three-member committee. After searching out potential brokers they settled on Vicki Funseth, Madison Commercial Real Estate LLC. She was introduced to the members of the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees at their meeting in August. She suggested that our next step should be to have a BOV (broker opinion value) prepared. The BOV would give us an opinion of the value of our property. Upon completion of the BOV Madison Commercial Real Estate, LLC recommended advertising our property For Sale

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with an as-is listing sales price of \$1,500,000 with an ultimate "agreed" sales price falling somewhere between \$1,300,000 and \$1,500,000. The positives for our property include an attractive building that seems to be well maintained, it is in an established residential neighborhood with good proximity to major roads. It is located across from a park and just blocks from Huegle Elementary School. Negatives include zoning of SR-C1 which has limited uses and keeps the site to a low-density development. The slope of the site may be a deterrent to some buyers. If the property is divided, a driveway easement may need to be installed for easy access to the rear of the lot. If the property is divided there could be roughly 14 lots. Vicki suggested it could take up to a year or more to complete a sale.

Pastor Cindy offered a few thoughts. She spoke about the time we spend on maintaining the building. It takes away from the health of our souls. If we sell, we could spend less time on building issues and more time with God.

Comments offered by members:

- What is our current mortgage? Sean Spindler estimated it at \$110,000.
- Concern for items that we might want to take with us – organ, stained glass windows, Memorial Garden pavers. We would list any exclusions when signing a real estate contract.
- Suggested that we send a letter out to our backyard neighbors making them aware of our intent to sell before a sign would be placed on our property.
- Have we looked at all options before moving ahead with sale – increase membership and cut expenses?

Marsha Haight called for the question. It was agreed that a show of hands would be an acceptable voting method. VOTE: Unanimous approval – 31 votes

Motion: Andy Forsaith moved, second, that we authorize the Board of Trustees to enter into a bridge loan to support the church while property is on the market.

The size of loan has yet to be determined. Somewhere between \$50,000-\$200,000 plus interest. The loan ends at time of closing.

VOTE: 30 yes, 1 abstention – motion passes.

Motion by Larry Sommers, second, that we adjourn. VOTE: Unanimous. Time of adjournment 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Cindy gave closing prayer.

Recorder: Sue Carter, Clerk

Sunday School

Our new Zoom Sunday School is going well. The kids love it, and are together learning once more! Kudos to the teachers who are working hard to make it all work. Of course, there have been a few technical glitches, but now all seems to be working well.

Please take the time to thank our teachers for their great work, and ask the children what they have been learning about God. Let's keep our 'virtual' relationships in good health!



NACCC News

Many exciting things are happening in the NACCC right now!

The Racial Justice Task Team will be offering resources for our churches beginning in October. New items will be coming out each month for churches who would like to get together and discuss Racial Justice and learn more regarding what it is like to be a person of color in the United States.

The new website is well underway. Paid for by donations from the Ministry Councils, the Board of Governors and other sources, not including the NA's Shared Ministry Fund, the website has created sample pages for the office employees to consider. The website is hoping to be up and running in early winter.

A search committee has been formed to vet and interview candidates for the Executive Director position. Rev. Dr. Chittum (who spoke at our 50th Anniversary Dinner) will be retiring on June 4. We hope to have a candidate in place a couple of months prior to that, so that he or she can spend some time with Dr. Chittum and learn the ropes! If you have any ideas about who might be a good candidate for this position, please share their name with the committee gathered by Jodee Lord (I have her email if you need it).

There are many more great things happening in your National Association, these are but a few. All boards and committees are doing what they can to provide the best service possible to our local churches. I hope you will stay informed and involved in the NACCC as time moves forward.

WCA News

The WCA Annual Meeting, which was postponed last spring, will now be held virtually via Zoom on October 10. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the meeting will include a presentation at 9:35 by Dr. Matt Cook on Renewing the Church Following a Pandemic. A short Annual Meeting will follow at 10:40, and then a worship service at 11:10.

If you would like to register for this virtual meeting and hear the presentation by Dr. Cook, please go to wiscongregational.net where you will find a biography of Dr. Cook and a schedule of events. The cost to register is \$10. Hope to see you there!

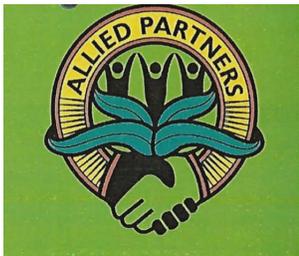


Dr. Matt Cook



Allied Partners Eviction Prevention Fund

The Allied Partners is a coalition of active congregations and organizations who share a vision of a strong, healthy community in the Allied Dunn's Marsh neighborhood. They work with members of the neighborhood as well as with service providers to support the neighborhood's physical and economic health, sustainability, and the common good. Heritage is one of the supporting congregations.



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).

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 Mission of the Month for December is our Annual Giving Tree. Time to start knitting those hats and mittens. If you prefer you can purchase the hats and mittens. Warm socks are also appreciated and/or cash donations.



- 10/1 Adrianna Leuschen**
- 10/11 Mitch Taylor**
- 10/14 Joan Bloodworth**
- 10/17 Dottie Kremer**
- 10/21 Kalen Decorah**
- 10/27 Aduke Iyi-Eweka**

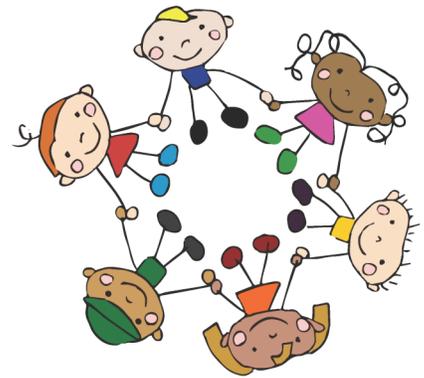


Daylight Savings reverts to Standard Time on the 1st Sunday in November. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Greetings Heritage Congregational Church!



It is the start of the 2020-2021 school year, and boy does it look different! We have 12 in person Pre-K students, 6 virtual students at this time. Ms. Nicki and Ms. Heather certainly have their hands full as they navigate virtual learning and in-person teaching. We also have a handful of school-aged virtual learners, which is totally new for us! We are usually up to challenges around here, so I know we will all get the hang of this new way of teaching and learning.



In addition, at my writing I have had a child at the center test positive for Covid-19. This will be our second round of dealing with an actual case. I am shutting down a classroom completely - children and teachers. At this point, I am still awaiting guidance from the public health department, but I am sure all who had close contact will need to quarantine for 14 days. This is a scary and unpredictable time for the center, our beloved staff and children. Please pray that no one gets terribly ill, that is my greatest fear.

Little Pilgrims'

Christian Learning Center

We are still planning on having Trick or Treating for Halloween - "Covid style." This may be the one shot our little ones have at Trick or Treating this year, and I really want them to have the experience. Unfortunately, we cannot have any volunteers in the building but candy donations would be greatly appreciated!



Thank you for your continued support of our center, please pray for our staff who are definitely "on the front lines," and that the rest of the center stays healthy and safe!

Jessica Carlson, Director

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love & joy



peace



patience



kindness



goodness



gentleness



faithfulness



self-control

Members of Heritage

Becky Spindler, grieving the loss of her aunt Cyndi
 Marian Stokes, closing on her new home
 September 28, movers coming on the 30th
 Sarah Westcott, facing an important decision
 Regina Rotar, recovering from brain tumor surgery
 Harriet Nelson, cancer treatment, follow-up
 appointments in October
 Maddie Spindler, waiting to hear about job inter-
 views
 Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes
 Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes

Friends and relatives of Heritage

Kristina (friend of Cassi Harris), loss of business
 and other issues
 Rev. Chris Bryan and wife Bery, COVID-19, Chris
 in ICU
 George (father of Synthia Taylor), bad fall last
 week
 Ron Ruble (brother-in-law of Sue Carter), ex-
 tremely weak after another hospital stay, develop-
 ment of diabetes
 Mary Ruble (sister of Sue Carter), taking care of
 Ron
 Bruce (golfing partner of Bill Haight), brain inci-
 dent, memory and response issues
 Bill & Bev Payne (friends of Bill & Marsha Haight),
 severe health problems in his 90's
 Hank (family dog of Sarah, Adri, & Thea), thankful
 for surgery while out of town, praying for recovery
 Margaret Rose (cousin of Jo Sommers), starting
 chemo
 Jim Larson & Jan Wilson (NACCC Mission friends),
 fire on their farm in Iowa, Jim nearly injured
 Sister & Brother-in-law of Jim Zerwick, live in
 Sonoma, CA where they are in an evacuation
 warning zone because of fires
 Jim Zerwick (husband of Susan), recovering after
 removal of skin cancer on his head, doing well
 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
 Cynda & Steve (sister & brother in law of Larry
 Sommers), Steve having increased cognitive is-
 sues
 Rev. Greg Ellcey (retired NA Pastor), kidney failure
 Ginny Wolfe (friend of Pat Bunders), ovarian can-
 cer
 Family in Mexico of Steve Heusinger.
 Becky Spindler's grandmother, moving to assisted
 living
 Ken Mitchell (friend of Larry Sommers), metasta-
 sized 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

New Covid-19 diagno-
 ses
 All those returning to
 school

Front-liners in the south with water disasters & out
 west with fires
 UW quarantined students and all college students
 Those who are depressed and struggling
 Renters facing eviction
 Healing of hatred and violence in God's world
 Safety for Peaceful Protestors
 Family of George Floyd, and all who have been
 affected by his murder

Healing in the country, that we may come togeth-
 er 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.

Prayers of Joy

Dave & Jana Haight, sold their house, closing soon

Those who are grieving

Family of Cyndi Reppen (Becky Spindler's aunt)
 Phyliss (friend of Cassi Harris), mourning the loss
 of her daughter 1 year ago
 Family of Reginald (Reggie) Lee in Houston, TX
 (nephew of Velma Ritcherson)
 Our nation, with the loss of Justice Ruth Bader
 Ginsberg

Those who are serving our country

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

**October Mission of the Month**

Allied Partners Eviction Prevention



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Faith

Freedom

Fellowship



Highlights Articles Due

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



October/November Dates to Remember

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| October 10 | WCA Annual Meeting via Zoom |
| October 11 | Pastor Cindy's last day at Heritage |
| October 18 | Rev. Gerry Krupp's first Sunday as Interim Pastor |
| October 31 | Youth event sponsored by WCA at Fox River Church. No details yet. |
| November 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| November 3 | Election Day |



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.