

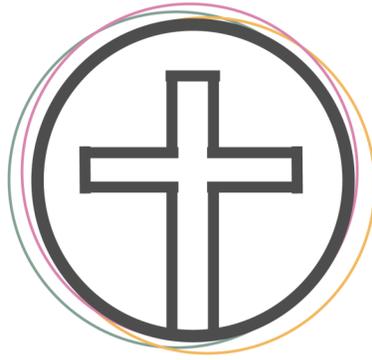


# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 am Morning Worship (Pastor Gerry), Communion; 10:45 am Sunday School; 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Zoom)	4 Little Pilgrims Christian Learning Center will reopen after Christmas break.	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:30 am Morning Worship (Mitch Taylor); 10:45 am Sunday School; 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Zoom)	11 7:00 pm Prudential Board (Zoom)	12	13 10:00 am WCA Ministers' Fellowship	14	15	16
17 10:30 am Morning Worship (Pastor Gerry); 10:45 am Sunday School; 11:30 am ANNUAL MEETING & TOWN HALL (Zoom)	18 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (Zoom) 	19 10:00 am Allied Partners	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 am Morning Worship (Larry Sommers); 10:45 am Sunday School; 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Zoom)	25	26	27	28	29	30
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*Heritage*  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*Discover your unique spiritual path, together*

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**Minister's Musings**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone,

It is such a privilege to be on this journey together with Heritage. I've been so impressed by the level of engagement, wisdom and leadership being exercised by the Prudential Board, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Spiritual Life.

As we head into a New Year we do so with great optimism. Optimism is the usual posture for turning the page to a new chapter of life. Optimism is a necessary choice after a difficult and tumultuous 2020.

Heritage is also on the verge of new kind of journey as well. Part of the journey is moving out of a building that has housed them for the better part of thirty years. Military training has long used an acronym for dealing with change. The acronym is VUCA; volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. This language has been adopted by the business and corporate world and is now making its way into religious institutions. We are living into such an era for Heritage.

In light of all this change, chaos, volatility and whatnot, how does Heritage process the future? We need to navigate our move, the search for a new pastor, the need to refresh our vision and mission in order to move into the new year with confidence. We may very well find the answers in the Why, Who, What, Where and How questions.

Why do we exist? Who are we? What are we about? Where do we function best? And how do we do what we do?

There could be a hint of an answer through what we identified as 'pillars of strength' in our last town meeting:

Our faith in God who has saved us and led us all along the way. We serve the God who is worthy of our loyalty, worship and service. The mission we engage in will emerge from being sent by God to our neighbors.



Dr. Gerry Krupp

**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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The Congregational way forward. This is a call for us to live into the values that Heritage has celebrated throughout its existence. It is a belief that God's wisdom can be realized through the consensus of the body or congregation. It is a belief that discipleship is done in community, that worship is a corporate experience, and there is strength in what we proclaim together. We balance the congregational elements with the personal freedom to follow God in Christ the best way we know how.

The Covenant is a uniting document that provides a deeper glue for our congregation.

The relationships that currently exist offer a resource for togetherness and care for one another. These same relationships can also be a window into our willingness to welcome new friends into our fellowship.

The biblical goal for Christ followers is a discipling process. The way Heritage helps people become disciples is through the four pillars we've mentioned. Certainly, education and ritual are part of the process, we must add them to the above pillars. I suspect, with reasonable confidence, Heritage Congregational Christian Church can find a new wave of mission, service and growth in the days ahead.

So, with a strong element of God's blessing I affirm...Happy New Year everyone!

Pastor Gerry



**HERITAGE CONGREGATIONAL  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING/TOWN HALL  
(ZOOM)  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

Following Morning Worship on the 17th you are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting followed by our second Town Hall Listening Session. Your voice is needed as we wrestle with our next steps. On page 3 is a summary of our last Town Hall plus information regarding Town Hall #2.



**ALLIED PARTNERS EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Board of Spiritual Life has selected this program as the Heritage Mission of the Month. Projects that Allied Partners regularly support include an Eviction Prevention Fund. Last year 49 families or individuals avoided eviction or utility shut offs through this program. A total of \$11,773 was given by the neighborhood social worker to help with housing issues. Please make your donations payable to Heritage Church and note in the memo line that it is for the Allied Eviction Prevention Program. Thank you!

## Heritage Town Hall/Listening Session OUTCOMES 12/20/2020

**What is working well for you right now at Heritage?**

**SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE**

**What is not working well for you right now at Heritage?**

**COMMUNICATION/CONDUCTING Virtual Business of the Church NOT the Church building itself/Acknowledge it as a LOSS**

**Do we need to say goodbye to the stuff and the building BEFORE we turn toward the future?**

**NO - We need to do both  
Lean on the Lord. It is about God's guidance. We haven't given up!**

**Identify the Pillars of Strength that exist for us**

**THE GOD WE SERVE**

Congregational way forward

Heritage story past

Covenant

**PEOPLE**

Relationship with one another

Spiritual care of one another

Come together for spiritual reinforcement

**The following questions will be addressed at our next Town Hall Meeting on January 17, 2021, following Morning Worship (Zoom)**

With all the change happening around the church, what do you **imagine** is the best possible future of Heritage Church?

Do you have all the "tools" (physical, spiritual, emotional, etc.) you **need** to be fully engaged as a valued Heritage Church Members?

*Your Voice counts! We want to be sure that we are doing all we can to help you and better understand your needs during this change. Pastor Gerry will again be facilitating the Town Hall.*

**Heritage Congregational Christian Church  
2021 Leadership Team**

**Prudential Board**

Sue Carter, Moderator  
Synthia Taylor, Moderator-Elect  
Janet Adams, Past Moderator  
Sean Spindler, Treasurer  
Susan Zerwick, Clerk  
Andy Forsaith, Board of Trustees  
Robert Eversman, Board of Spiritual Life  
Marsha Haight, Member at Large  
Carren Martin, Member at Large, NACCC  
Representative

**Board of Trustees**

Andy Forsaith, Chair  
Joelle Sommers, Secretary

Bernie Clousing  
Bill Haight  
Alex Hilgendorf  
Ed Wing

**Board of Spiritual Life**

Janet Adams  
Nancy Andreson  
Pat Bunders  
Robert Eversman  
Regina Rotar  
Terry Wing



**Pulpit Supply**  
**Sunday Worship (Zoom)**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**January 3—Pastor Gerry**  
**January 10—Mitch Taylor**  
**January 17—Pastor Gerry**  
**January 24—Larry Sommers**  
**January 31—Pastor Gerry**



**January 19      David Krase**

Barbara Morris will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 9th. Please send her a card at the following address:

N5617 Stonybrook Drive  
Stone Lake, WI 54876

Members of Heritage

George Bunders, knee replacement January 6  
 Larry Sommers, hip replacement January 13  
 Ed Wing, doing well in rehabilitation  
 Barbara Morris, hospice in home; she is comfortable & not in pain  
 Harriet Nelson, cancer treatment  
 Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes  
 Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes

Friends and relatives of Heritage

Jessice (good friend of the Hilgendorfs) undergoing chemo for breast cancer  
 Niece ( 14 years old) of Pat and George Bunders having heart surgery  
 Nate & wife (friends of Terry Wing's grandson), in London dealing with Covid 19; she is also pregnant and has been discharged but Nate is still in hospital  
 Ron Ruble (brother-in-law of Sue Carter), in hospice care at home  
 Mary Ruble (sister of Sue Carter), caregiver for husband Ron Ruble  
 Bruce B. (friend of Robert Eversman), diagnosed with prostate cancer  
 Jim & Cheryl LaFrentz (friends/neighbors of Robert Eversman), very damaging house fire but no injuries  
 Joe & Beverly Harrell (friends of Robert Eversman), Joe fell and broke hip  
 Co-worker of Bob Millholland, ill with Covid 19, along with spouse  
 Melanie Gerber, recovering after surgery to place plates & screws in severely broken arm  
 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  
 Lillian (Aunt of Robert Eversman), stroke

Prayers of Joy & Thanks

Bob K. (friend of Larry Sommers) in Alaska and has been given a better time slot for his dialysis treatments, not early morning.  
 Prayers for all those who are alone without family and friends this holiday season and also for those without Jesus! To all the unchurched. May we pray for the multiplication of the flock!

Prayers for members of Heritage as we wrestle with what to do next.

Prayers for medical personnel & health systems that are overloaded.

Prayers for hate to be dispelled.

New Covid-19 diagnoses

Teachers, Parents, & Students

Those who are depressed and struggling

Renters facing eviction

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 grieving

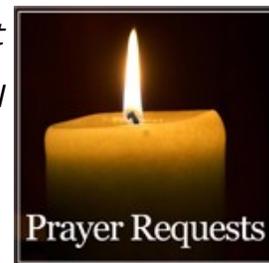
Family & friends of Barb Hovis (wife of Porter Martin's coworker) who passed away very suddenly

Those who are serving our country

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

January Mission of the Month

Allied Partners Eviction Prevention Program



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Faith

Freedom

Fellowship



### January/February Dates to Remember

**Little Pilgrims Christian Learning Center closed until January 4**

**Sunday, January 3**

**Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, January 20**

**Annual Meeting/Town Hall following Morning Worship**

**Tuesday, February 9**

**Barbara Morris' 90th Birthday**

### Highlights

#### Articles

#### Due

**In the Church Office  
or to Sue Carter by  
January 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.