



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:30 am Morning Worship and Communion ; 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	2	3	<p>4 7:00 pm Virtual Prayer Meeting (Zoom)</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 10:30 am Morning Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	9	10	<p>11 10:00 am WCA Minister's Fellowship 7:00 pm Board of Spiritual Life (Zoom)</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 10:30 am Morning Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (Zoom)</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Allied Partners</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22 10:30 am Morning Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm Prudential Board (Zoom)</p>	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29 10:30 am Morning Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	30	31				

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Heritage
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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How to Shallop

Larry Sommers

When the Pilgrims left England, they had a clear goal: To cross the Atlantic, land in Virginia, plant and harvest their first crop before winter. Sticking to their plan and conquering all obstacles, they arrived in December and made landfall far north of their intended destination.

They missed their goal by wide marks. They faced a New England winter with only the food they brought with them and what they could forage from an unfamiliar and frozen land. Half of them died before spring.

Some general once said, "No battle plan survives first contact with the enemy." While we busily execute our plan, circumstances change underneath us. Even the original goal may have been mistaken or short-sighted in the first place.

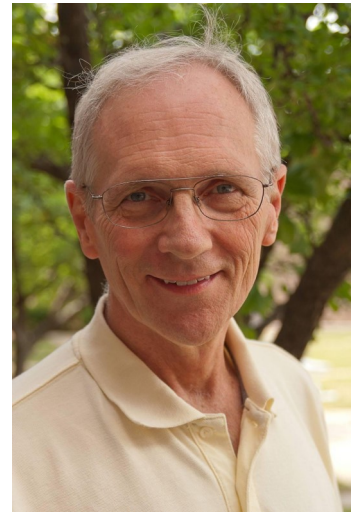
Unhaunted, the Pilgrims unpacked the shallop—a 30-foot boat they had brought with them, in pieces, in the hold of the *Mayflower*. It took two weeks to put it together, but once they did, they used it to being exploring the area. They brought back some fish and game right away, which helped them stave off starvation. They stole a bushel of corn from a Native American graveyard. (This action was later condemned; but they faced starvation, and the corn's owners were nowhere to be seen.) Their explorations in the shallop helped them adapt to the conditions of the land they had occupied. They did not really formulate a master plan of exploration and exploitation. Rather, they went out and made what they could of what they found.

We at Heritage have disembarked from the large meetinghouse that was our *Mayflower* and must now do what we can in the smaller storefront we have leased—our shallop. Ever since 1968, we have made careful plans and have worked those plans as well as we could. We have wound up, like the Pilgrims, in a place that was not where we had hoped to be.

Having thus become shalloppers, we might consider how best to shallop.

It's counter-intuitive, because we must school ourselves *not to plan so*

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Psalms 113:3
From the rising of the sun into the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

well. Experiment and flexibility are the keys. Instead of putting all our eggs in one basket, we ought to try a little of this and a little of that. Launch a dozen new projects or initiatives, and see what develops.

In evaluating any ministry, our standard must not be “Did it work?” but rather, “What has come out of it, so far?”

The question “Did it work?” implies that we knew from the start what the initiative should accomplish. But our crystal ball may not be that clear. Why not start with the simple proposition that something seems like a good thing to do? When we have done it for a good while, we may then ask—since we don’t know exactly what “success” would look like—“What interesting things have happened, or are happening, as a result of this activity?”

Like the Pilgrim shallopers of Cape Cod Bay, we can’t really know just what we’ll find. But that’s okay, because Someone smarter than us is guiding the boat.

A GLIMPSE AT OUR NEW HOME

We are making progress at settling into our new worship space. Thank you to all who have helped empty our POD, arrange furniture, hang pictures, clean, unpack boxes, etc. If you haven’t had an opportunity to join us, we hope we see you soon.





Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns

Helping the needy, elderly and handicapped

Since 1972 the Morgan-Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns (MSP) has formed a base from which the needs of low income families in Scott and Morgan counties in rural Tennessee can be addressed. MSP functions as both a social services agency and as a community development organization.

Activities sponsored directly or indirectly by MSP have included a school for children with learning disabilities, free tutoring programs, healthcare clinics, libraries, a homeless shelter, thrift stores, a home garden program, a Habitat for Humanity chapter, education and job training programs, community centers for children, youth, and the elderly, legal aid services, emergency aid, disaster relief, and home repair.

As an underlying principle, MSP has sought to organize concerned citizens of these two counties into small working groups which serve the elderly and disabled with compassion while providing assistance to those who have lost hope by providing a hand up instead of a handout. These groups are often "spun-off" to form independent service organizations.

Donations should be made payable to Heritage Church and mailed to PO Box 46130, Madison, Wisconsin 53744

Thank you Larry and Jo Sommers for hosting the Heritage picnic and wine tasting gathering on Sunday, July 11th.



An Act of Kindness. . .

The following letter was sent to the Community of Life Church in Oregon, Wisconsin. Their congregation generously loaned us the padded chairs in our new worship home.



July 21, 2021

Pastor Jim
Community of Life Church
787 N. Main Street
Oregon, Wisconsin 53575

Dear Pastor Jim and Congregation,

The members and friends of Heritage Congregational Church would like to express our sincere thanks to Community of Life Congregation for loaning us 28 padded chairs for our worship area. What a generous blessing for Heritage. It's through people like you that God shows His love.

Please be assured that when needed we will return the chairs asap. We hope to order our own chairs soon. We are slowly getting our new space in order and invite you to stop in for a visit. Just call ahead since we do not yet have set hours.

Thank you! That's all I can say to show all the gratitude we have in our hearts. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Warmly,

Sue Carter, Moderator

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR HERITAGE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. READ THROUGH THE ARTICLE AND SEE WHERE YOU COULD HELP.



Little John's is a new non-profit developing in the Verona area. Little John's is a pay-what-you-can restaurant focused on food sustainability, food access, and job skill training for military veterans. You can make a difference with your donations of time or money. Here's how Little John's is making a difference - from Excess to Access. LJ partners with local grocers by taking their excess food that would otherwise be thrown away to create delicious chef-quality meals. LJ's kitchen provides military veterans with necessary culinary training to thrive in the food industry. And LJ's pay-it-forward concept allows our customers to pay whatever they wish. This means everyone can have access to affordable and delicious food. Recently, LJ's food trucks are being used to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to seniors. LJ's theme is Feel Good Food. Follow more on the LJ website: <http://www.littlejohnsrestaurant.com>

Here's how you can help volunteer for Little John's:

Food Prep

Time Commitment: 3-20 hours a week

Frequency: Needed Daily M-F

- Breakdown meat from packaging
- Cook/brown meats
- Clean and chop vegetables
- Sauté vegetables
- Cook simple recipes

Meal Packaging

Time Commitment: 3-20 hours per week

Frequency: Needed Daily M-F

- Fill individually sized and family sized packaged meals
- Position involves manual dexterity, standing and turning in one spot, and some lifting
- Printing labels for meals
- Labeling meals with provided stickers

Driver - Meal Delivery

Time Commitment: 2-6 hours a week

Frequency: Needed Daily M-F, 4 PM to 6PM

- Drive personal vehicle
- Deliver meals from Little John's to offsite locations:
 1. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County
 2. Fitchburg Senior Center
 3. Oregon Senior Center
 4. Feeding the Youth Community meals
 5. Other pop up locations

Grocery Sorting

Time Commitment: 2-10 hours per week

Frequency: Needed Daily M-F

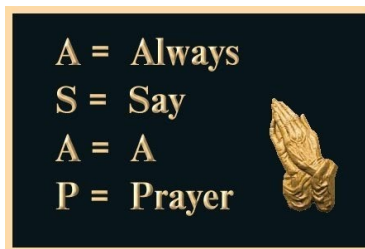
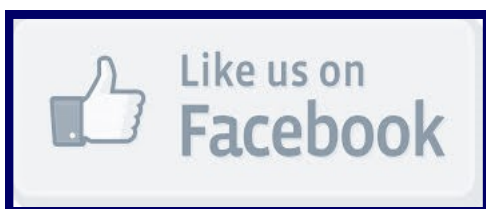
- Sort food into like items
- Record and track items
- Organize and store food in proper places

If you are interested in volunteering, send your email and let them know you're from Heritage Congregational church to: hello@littlejohnkitchens.com or jennifer@littlejohnkitchens.com.

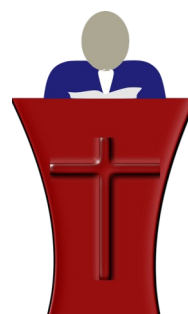
Thank you,
Becky Spindler



- 8/1 Betty Ragotzkie
- 8/5 Rose McGaw
- 8/6 Elsie Johnson
- 8/12 Sean Spindler
- 8/15 Ademola Iyi-Eweka
- 8/27 Tim Rotar
- 8/30 Katie Sommers



The Board of Spiritual Life announces a monthly virtual prayer meeting the first Wednesday of each month. **The next prayer meeting will be Wednesday, August 4, 7:00-7:30 p.m.** Mitch and Synthia Taylor will host each meeting. Watch for the zoom link.



AUGUST PULPIT SUPPLY

- August 1** Dr. Gerry Krupp
- August 8** Mitch Taylor
- August 15** Dr. Gerry Krupp
- August 22** Mitch Taylor
- August 29** Dr. Gerry Krupp

Members of Heritage

Ed Wing, in hospital with Congestive Heart Failure; hopes to be released soon
 Terry Wing, moved to Oregon Nursing home and is doing somewhat better
 Harriet Nelson, continued prayers for healing after her fall
 Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes
 Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes

Friends and relatives of Heritage

Bev & Bill (friend of Haight's), Bill fell and fractured ribs
 Son of Dan & Harriet Nelson, hit by car while bike riding; banged up but OK
 Carol (cousin of Robert Eversman), dealing with arthritis pain
 Taylors' extended family traveled to South Carolina, vaccinated, but tested positive for Covid 19; sheltering in place and recovering
 David Krupp (uncle of Pastor Gerry), alone in Ohio, relocated to an assisted living facility
 Carol (cousin of Larry Sommers), broke neck in a fall; will need a brace for months; also husband has bladder cancer
 Andy Trice (friend of Susan Zerwick), colorectal cancer; recently came out of a coma and is doing better than many expected
 Synthia Taylor's sister, hip surgery
 Kristina Kolden Fischer (friend of Susan Zerwick), surgery for a brain tumor and will be undergoing radiation
 Kristi Oleson (sister of Melanie Gerber), fighting an aggressive cancer, hospitalized at Swedish American in Rockford, Illinois; prayers for her and the entire family
 Marjorie Kennedy (friend of Terry Wing), double knee replacement
 Christine (friend of Sarah Westcott), dealing with autoimmune issue
 Marty Amend (friend of Pat Bunders), diagnosed with leukemia
 Bonnie & husband Jordan (cousin of Becky Spindler), both Jordan's parents passed away from Covid
 Father of Christina (friend of Sarah Westcott), hospitalized; prayers for entire family
 Ellen (friend of Jo Sommers), Covid positive and it is not looking good
 Brandon (grandson of Terry Wing), Covid positive but recovering
 Jessica (good friend of Hilgendorf's), undergoing chemo for breast cancer
 Rev. Greg Ellcey (retired NA Pastor), kidney failure

Prayers for the church universal to grapple with the things that separate so many of us in the church and in our communities and to work to find how Heritage can serve and love those around us.

Prayers for all those affected by floods and fires around the world.

Prayers for all those affected by the building collapse in Florida.

Prayers for guidance for Heritage as we move forward.
 Prayers for our country to work through all our existing problems

New Covid-19 diagnoses
 Renters facing eviction
 Prayer for new opportunity
 Open hearts toward those who are suffering more than we.

Prayers of gratitude

Harriet Nelson would like to thank all of our church friends and family for the lovely cards and notes that they have sent during my week at the trauma center and four week stay at Oakwood rehab. Looks like I will be in the brace/cast until September. I appreciate all the love and prayers that have been sent my way.

For everyone who has invested time in the new space to make it look as great as it does.

For the generosity of Community of Life Lutheran Church in Oregon, WI; continued success to them.

For the opportunity to be able to be together again, and hope that a speedy strategy is developed to deal with the Delta variant of Covid.

The Haight's are grateful for the help of family while working on the deck, which shortened work by many days.

Those who are depressed and struggling
 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, Chris Cox, & Luke (nephews and friends of Porter and Carren Martin)

July & August Mission of the Month
 Morgan Scott Project



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Faith

Freedom

Fellowship



Highlights

Articles

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Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, August 4
7:00 PM**

**Virtual Prayer
Meeting**

**Sunday, September 12
10:30 AM**

**Renewal Sunday—
Worship and picnic
at the home of
Robert Eversman
and David Krase**



Sunday Mornings 10:30 a.m.

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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.