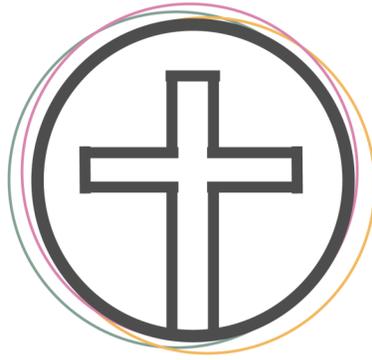




May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:30 am Morning Worship and Communion; 11:30 am Fellowship Hour.</p> 	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8 10:30 am Morning Worship (in house or virtual); 11:30 am Fellowship Hour</p> 	9	10	<p>11 10:00 am WCA Ministers' Fellowship</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 10:30 am Morning Worship (in house or virtual); 11:30 am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Allied Partners</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22 10:30 am Morning Worship (in house or virtual); 11:30 am Fellowship Hour</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29 10:30 am Morning Worship (in house or virtual); 11:30 am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>30</p> 	31				



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MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR

Dr. Synthia Taylor

This is a cultivar, also known as the Christmas Cactus. Blooms only in cycles and under specific conditions. Reported to be relatively easy to care for both commercial and domestic conditions however, there are specific recommendations for their success. To be specific, they are to be grown at a temperature between 30-70 degrees Fahrenheit, in free-draining, small pots and can be damaged by both under and overwatering. They prefer a medium, just moist soil throughout the year and it is advised to avoid either extreme.



So far so good. It wants a comfy, consistent lifestyle and does well if it avoids extremes. That speaks to me. Sounds like the life one would pray for.

But something special happens when it engages with the light.

They can be damaged by exposure to more than small amounts of sunlight. Too much light causes stems to take on a reddish coloration; however, very low light levels will prevent flowering. **Day length is important in controlling flowering; continuous darkness for at least 12 hours is necessary to induce bud formation.** A period of about 8 days with 16 hours of darkness at 16 °C (61 °F) has been shown to cause flower buds to form.

Continuous darkness for at least 12 hours, for about 8 days is necessary to induce bud formation? Ok, wait one minute. This is getting a little too close to home. In short, in order to bud and flower, it needs at least 12 hours of continuous darkness for multiple days?

Have you ever experienced that level of trial? Have you ever experienced a prolonged period of darkness? Maybe you are in a cycle of continuous darkness right now? Or maybe you have just come out of one and you are on the side of it watching your buds bloom and grow?

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No matter where you are in this spiritual “lifecycle” it is essential to our growth as Christians to remember that in our darkest of times we have Jesus.

Isaiah 9: 2 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.

John 3:17 (NIV)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 8:12 (NIV)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Therefore, be encouraged and rejoice in the darkness. Christ is at work, building our character, our perseverance, and our faith. HE is allowing darkness to build buds in your life so you can bloom.

Bloom my Christian Brothers and Sisters...BLOOM!

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SUMMER SERMON APPEAL

The Board of Spiritual Life is asking for members of the parish to consider giving one sermon during the months of June, July and August. Do you feel you have something to share with the rest of us? Perhaps a story of how you became a congregationalist and decided to join Heritage? Or perhaps recounting a major event in your life which brought you closer to God? Is there a passage in the Bible you have always loved or disliked that compels you to speak up? If you do or even if you're not sure, please contact Robert Eversman who will be glad to explore the possibilities with you as well as arrange a date that works best for you.





The Heritage Board of Spiritual Life has selected the NACCC One Great Hour of Sharing as the May Mission of the Month. Please ignore the instructions to mail your donation to the NACCC office and instead make your checks payable to Heritage Congregational Church. In the memo line insert One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly missions.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Ukraine Refugee Relief Efforts

March 1, 2022

Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine as war devastates their homeland. Congregationalists join the world in lifting this nation up in prayer. They also have inquired about opportunities to offer tangible support.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC), on behalf of National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, is gratefully receiving funds to assist with Ukraine refugee relief efforts.

In times of crisis, MOMC makes every effort to work through member churches and missions closest to those in need. Where our churches and missions are not present, we work through respected and responsible organizations such as the [Salvation Army](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [World Vision](#), [Samaritan's Purse](#), [Church World Services](#), and the [Red Cross](#).

To mail a check or donate online, *please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are for Ukraine refugee relief efforts.*

Mailing address:

NACCC – OGHS
PO Box 288
Oak Creek WI 53154

On-line donations:

Donate online at www.naccc.org. [or click here](#)

If you have questions, or if your church is working to help in this crisis, please contact Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator: jrobie@naccc.org.

NACCC Mission Statement

*Supporting ministry and nurturing fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches
in the name of Christ.*



Questions about camp? Contact the WCA Youth & Camp Committee Chair:

Rev. Julie Smith, Juliesmith@nscchurchwi.org, (414)588-8693



DETAILS

When is camp?

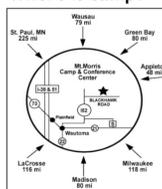
WCA Camp 2022 is the week of Sunday, July 10, through Saturday, July 16.

We place a high value on being together for the fullness of the program. Any late arrivals or early departures will need to be approved in advance, at the discretion of the WCA Youth & Camp Committee Chair.

Registration/Check-In is between 3 - 4 PM on Sunday, July 10.

Departure/Pick-Up is at noon on Saturday, July 17. To avoid crowding incoming campers will be assigned a 3-3:30 or 3:30-4 PM check in period. Each family will receive an email noting your check in period.

Where is camp?



Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center
W6016 Blackhawk Road
P.O. Box 676
Wautoma, WI 54982
Check out Mt. Morris online: www.mt-morris.org

Camp Administrator: Tonia Wallner
Camp Minister: Rob Fredrickson
Youth & Camp Chair: Julie Sheridan-Smith

Worship and Program Theme

Grade School (completed grade 3-5) Directors: Julie Sheridan-Smith & Abby Wass
Join us for a weeklong "Summerfest" style celebration of Peace and Faith through music! Discover God in Hymns and Modern Hits, Christmas Carols in July, Award Winning Films, and beloved Camp Songs.

Junior High (grade 6-8) Director: Bo Wilkinson

Every great music festival has multiple stages where all kinds of artists and musical genres can be heard, and Godapalooza is no different. Jesus is the headliner, and he's playing all the greatest hits, including "Don't Stop Believin'", "Stairway to Heaven", and "You Give Love a Good Name". Join us in Junior High where we'll be catching shows at all the great stages here at Godapalooza, including Graceland, Mercyville, God's Light Oasis, and more!

Senior High (grade 9-12) Directors Shannon Brophy & Tom Penno

Join Senior High camp as we explore hits of today and hits from the Bible. We will learn about pop culture of today as well as some of the Bible's star performers. How can we find faith in the media we consume, the movies we love, the music we listen to, and more? Look forward to a week of faith, fellowship, and great music.

Congratulations Sydney Taylor!

Sydney performed in The Addams Family Musical at Craig High School in Janesville last weekend.

Several members of our congregation were on hand to witness a well done production.

Great job to our very own Ancestor Prisoner Syd!!!!





5/10 Bob Millholland

5/18 Marian Stokes

5/24 Tristan Johnson

5/29 Susan Zerwick

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ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

JUNE 25-28, 2022

...And the Greatest of These is Love



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

WICHITA, KANSAS

HOSTED BY
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& UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



**Important
Announcement**

Heritage has a new Facebook page. To find us go to:

@HeritageCCmadison

Be sure to hit like and share our page as appropriate.



Find us on:
facebook®



MAY PULPIT SUPPLY

- May 1 Pastor Gerry**
- May 8 Synthia Taylor**
- May 15 Pastor Gerry**
- May 22 Pastor Gerry**
- May 29 Kennedy 'Jo' Wiersema**

Members of Heritage

Ed Wing, deteriorating eyesight may mean he will have to stop driving
Mitch Taylor, prayers for healing; likely facing surgery for cancer
George Bunders, prayers of thanksgiving for improvement in legs

Friends and relatives of Heritage

Andy Trice (friend of Susan Zerwick), prayers of thanksgiving, cancer is now in remission
Perry (friend of Robert Eversman), in hospice
Rob (friend of Robert Eversman), leaving his home of 30 years to move into assisted living
Renee (cousin of Larry Sommers), met with surgeon who is pleased with healing, however chemo recommended
Cynda (sister of Larry Sommers), is now out of the hospital after dealing with a passing virus
Karen (friend of Larry Sommers), diagnosed with lung cancer
Judy (aunt of Martin Leuschen), recently had a stroke
Wenda Krupp's mom, admitted to hospital with new pains, now in rehab, should return home soon, but not an easy time.
Carolyn (Marsha Haight's sister), lost her youngest daughter Katie; prayers for the whole family as they grieve this tremendous loss.
Lois Hutchison's daughter-in-law (wife of son, Kent Hutchison), diagnosed with ovarian cancer
Josh (cousin of Becky Spindler), in the Marines and has a young child; prayers that he won't be deployed anytime soon
Kayleigh (friend of Sydney Taylor), cousin died by suicide and the entire family is struggling
Cameron (grandson of Sue Carter), continued prayers as he continues to struggle
Velma Ritcherson, continued prayers as she struggles with health issues
Donna (friend of Larry Sommers), home with her husband, prayers for healing; she starts chemo soon
Kristina Kolden Fischer (friend of Susan Zerwick), undergoing chemo and radiation for brain tumor
Patricia (friend of Regina Rotar), undergoing cancer treatment
Becky Spindler's grandmother, still struggling to settle into memory care
Marty Amend (friend of Bunders'), white blood cell count is down
Carol (cousin of Robert Eversman), dealing with arthritis pain

Jessica (good friend of Hilgen-dorf's), undergoing chemo for breast cancer



Prayers for those who do not know the Lord, including those seeking and others who have no clue.

Prayers for all pets.

Prayers for all who are feeling anxious about what God has planned for Heritage

Prayers of grief and concern for people of the Ukraine, particularly children affected by bombing.

Prayers for all those suffering with mental health.

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.

New Covid-19 diagnoses

Renters facing eviction

Prayer for new opportunity

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.

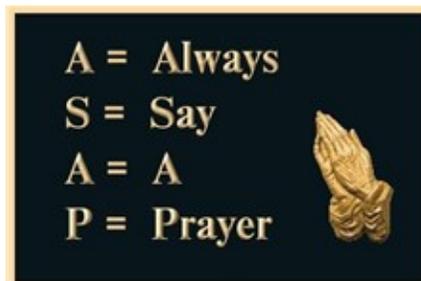
Those who are serving our country

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

A member of Ed Wing's extended family is a Marine who was injured in Afghanistan.

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

Sunday, May 1

May Day

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Highlights

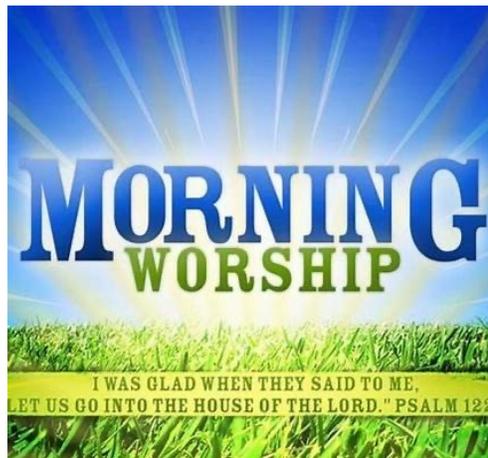
Articles

Due

May 18th

Send to Sue Carter

susan4221@gmail.com



**Join us for worship each
Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in
house and virtual.**

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.