

ARBOR COVENANT NEWSLETTER



October 2017

Arbor Covenant Church Madison Wisconsin

The 500th Anniversary of an Ever-Ongoing Movement

This year is the 500th anniversary of what has historically been marked as the beginning of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on a church door. It was a pivotal moment in church and world history that emphasized theological ideas like salvation by grace through faith, the centrality of scripture and the priesthood of all believers. It brought about new expressions of Christian community and reshaped the church and society as it challenged prevailing religious powers and political perspectives.

Churches all around the world commemorate this anniversary on Reformation Sunday (October 29). It will be a time to sing some of the great hymns of the Church, to celebrate the contributions of the reformers and to give thanks for the ways that movement brought renewed vitality to the Christian faith.

As we mark this significant day, it's not appropriate to merely locate our celebration of the reforming church to one moment in the past. It's much better and more fitting to celebrate all those times and places, past, present and even future, when the Holy Spirit has led or is leading the Church to respond more faithfully to the world in which we live.

We are a Church that has reformed, is reforming, and will be reformed for the sake of the good news of God's love. By God's grace we will always be moving away from whatever institutional trappings, excesses or stagnancies we have inherited or created towards renewed expressions of God's love and goodness. It's this grace and its movement among us that leads us closer to the kingdom, drawing us towards the day when all God's people, be they Lutheran or Presbyterian or Methodist or Catholic or us closer to the kingdom, drawing us towards the day when all God's people, be they Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic or Covenant or whatever else, rejoice together in one voice in God's new creation.

Pastor Peter Morris

Children's Ministry



Children's Church is up and running for the year! Thanks to our volunteers who are teaching this semester: Matthew Fledderjohann, Mark Hanson, Ruth Hallblade, Sue Springman, Peter Morris, Rachel Woofter.

You may notice that kids are in the service a little bit more than they have been in the past. In order to include children in the church body as much as possible, kids will stay for the first scripture reading, and rejoin their parents for the last hymn and benediction. Children will also stay in the service for communion and other special markers in the life of the congregation.



This school year, kids ages 4-11 are invited to Arbor on the first Friday of every month for dinner, a Bible story, craft, and games. We will be learning the Fruits of the Spirit all year, and studying a Bible story that goes with each trait.

The first event is this Friday, **October 6**, from **5:30-7:00 pm**. We are learning about LOVE, using the story of the Good Samaritan. Love is putting others first!! ***We are still in need of some adult volunteers to make the night possible! Please talk to Rachel Woofter if you are able to help us!***

Rachel's Poster is on the next page. You can make copies and hand them out to others who might like to attend.



How can you support our Children's Ministry?

Pray for the volunteers who are giving their time to teach our young people. (and perhaps you feel you'd like to join them!)

Pray for the parents and caregivers, who continue the work of Christian Education in their homes.

Pray for the kids of Arbor! That they would grow in their knowledge of God and see themselves as part of God's church at Arbor.

Friday Fun Night

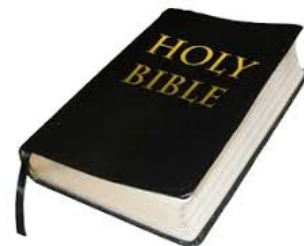
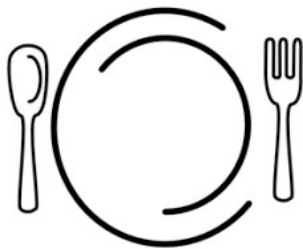
Arbor Covenant Church

October 6, 5:30-7:00 pm

Happening on the First Friday of every month!

For kids ages 4-11

Dinner provided



Bible message

Songs, Games, Crafts



Enjoy a Friday evening while your kids explore their Christian faith in a safe environment!

Questions?

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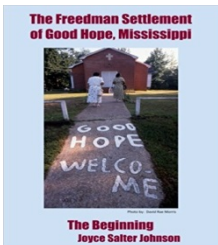


Saturday, October 21 Work Day at Arbor from 8 to noon.

Did it ever occur to you that Arbor has a highly desirable piece of land and a very functional and accessible church building? The land provides for a playground, community garden, open space with rather fine views in an urban setting, while the building serves our needs as well as those of Creek Day School.

With property comes work. Exodus reminds us of this reality when it says in 23:12 that "six days you shall do work, but on the seventh you shall rest....". Living our lives which includes having and taking care of things requires work. We will have the usual lists of cleaning and maintenance items indoors and out for our fall work day. We also have some special items including repairing or replacing basement doors, working on an old stump from the storm last summer, fixing some window hardware, and preserving some window frames. Please come and be part of the work crew on the 21st. Coffee, fruit, donuts, and good company will fuel your efforts.

Mark Hanson



Book Signing

Sunday October 8, 2017 at Arbor Covenant Church 12:00-2:00

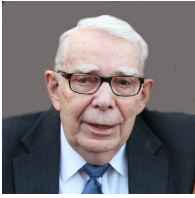
The Freedmen Settlement of Good Hope, Hickory, Mississippi By: *Joyce Salter Johnson*

Foreword by: Dorothy Hayden-Watkins, Ph.D.

This publication, *The Freedmen Settlement of Good Hope, Hickory, Mississippi* reiterates our commitment, obligation, and opportunity to preserve and continue the proud legacy which we have been fortunate to inherit and now perpetuate! It is now our opportunity to "continue" to remind Mississippi and the Nation of the barriers of the "deep south" which our diverse southern community, working together, overcame; and, the determination of Good Hope Hickory families and their descendants to embrace our history and authenticate it by telling our story. We will continue to successfully meet the myriad socio-economic and political challenges, wherever we find them in the culture, without bitterness but rather with love and goodwill toward all. There is no better time than now to embrace the opportunity to confront the residual barriers faced by our community in the 21st Century; and, to capitalize on present-day opportunities that have been hard fought-for, justly won, and yet to be fully realized! We commit individually and collectively, to cherish and preserve the memories and events that we have been so beautifully reminded of in this book.

The Freedmen who settled communities after Emancipation Proclamation were largely ignored in the "telling" of America's history. They were either omitted from historical documentation or portrayed in imagery that lacked depth or accuracy. Many early historians did not see the relevance in the experiences of emancipated men and women. This book is a modest attempt to bring light to these events and pay the early settlers of Good Hope Freedmen Settlement in Newton County, Mississippi their due. The lives of the families of Good Hope Freedmen Settlement will reveal novel information pertaining to the history of the settlement from its beginning to the present.

Parish Notes



Please continue to pray for the Lund family following the death of Ken's father Vern.

The Covenant Companion published an obituary which you can find [here](#)

Please continue to pray for those who are ill. Judy Douglas appreciates short visits and cards (address on bulletin board)

October Birthdays

- October 3 Erika Hanson
- October 3 Mike Johnson
- October 9 Peggy Kent
- October 12 Paul Kent
- October 17 Kevin Corrado
- October 18 Glenn Hanson
- October 22 Reba Turner
- October 24 Elrene Lund
- October 25 Judy Douglas
- October 28 Rod Johnson
- October 28 Marijo Kessenich
- October 30 Harry Engstrom

October Anniversaries

- October 1 Jan and Chuck Gietzel
- October 18 Sue and Roger Springman

Good Neighbor Personal Essentials Pantry

Item of the Month

Bar of Soap –approximately 4 oz.



Please leave donations in box in front hall.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Date	Host	Nursery	Children's Church	Reader	Projector
October 1	Elrene/Ken Lund	Deb Levin	Ruth Hallblade	Joyce Boggess	Debby Meyer
October 8	Deb McGill/Glenn Hanson	Ulrika Swanson	Matthew Fledderjohann	Ruth Hallblade	Chuck Gietzel
October 15	Kris/Phil Brown	Matthew Fledderjohann	Sue Springman	Ulrika Swanson	Mark Hanson
October 22	Debby/Dan Meyer	Joyce Boggess	Rachel Woofter	Mark Hanson	Sue Pecotte
October 29	Jan/Chuck Gietzel	Tamsin Ford	Peter Morris		Chuck Gietzel



October 2017

1 9:15 AM -10:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship COMMUNION Deacon Fund	2	3	4	5 Arbor Hills Association Annual Meeting	6 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Personal Essentials Pantry 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Fun Friday	7
8 9:15 AM -10:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship 12:00-2:00 PM Joyce Boggess book signing	9	10 6:30 PM Leadership Team	11	12	13 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Personal Essentials Pantry	14
15 9:15 AM -10:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship	16	17	18	19 10:30 AM Community Meals @ Luke House 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM Personal Essentials Pantry	20 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Personal Essentials Pantry	21 8:00 AM-noon Work Day
22 9:15 AM -10:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship	23	24	25	26	27 4:30 AM- 7:00 AM Homeless Shelter @ Grace Episcopal 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Personal Essentials Pantry	28 Arbor Hills Association Halloween Party
29 9:15 AM -10:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship	30	31  Halloween				

Shelter Volunteers: Glenn Hanson and Ken Lund