

Arbor Covenant News



Arbor Covenant Church
Madison Wisconsin

March 2018

The Work of The People

Planning and leading worship are integral parts of congregational ministry. They give us a chance to reflect on and retell God's story together in ways that incorporate our own stories, voices, and hopes. Our prayers, our songs of praise, our authentic expressions of sorrow and joy; all of it has a place as we gather Sunday mornings. It's a central activity directed to the God who gives us life and love that helps us express our gratitude, communicate our deep longings, and focus our mission on the priorities of justice, love, and grace that are revealed in God's story.

Though it is usually associated with a type of formal worship structure, the word liturgy actually has a more universal meaning that highlights the collective essence of authentic worship — “the work of the people.” Clergy people have a unique role in this process, but they are not the only one called to do this “work,” nor are their voices the only ones meant to be heard. The gifts and talents, the questions and testimony of all the faithful make up the chorus of authentic worship. We all have a role to play, a gift to offer, a thread to weave into the fabric of our praise. We all contribute to the ongoing work of glorifying God and proclaiming our hope. Accordingly going forward, Arbor Covenant is renewing its commitment to making this central function of the church a more collaborative, collective one.

It's important that people feel like their voices are part of the chorus and that their specific gifts are included in this corporate “work.” I am always eager to hear your ideas about worship, and willing to work together with you to open up new avenues for participation. I would love to receive input about artistic elements, music, contemplation, conversation, or anything else that might broaden and deepen our worship experience and give us each a deeper sense of agency and involvement in the work of the people.

It would benefit our church to have more voices leading and participating, for the prayers of the people to be voiced by more of the people, for our children to hear messages and receive blessings from more of our members, for different ones among us to challenge us with their convictions and comfort us with their hopes.

Beyond conversations about ways we might include more people on a week to week basis, there are also some specific dates when we need people to play a more featured role in our worship by preaching or offering some sort of scripture-oriented presentation that communicates the gospel. These dates are March 18, April 8, May 6, 13, 20, June 24, July 15. Some of them correspond with Sunday's that I will be away, but others are Sundays when I'll be here to participate alongside the community in other ways.

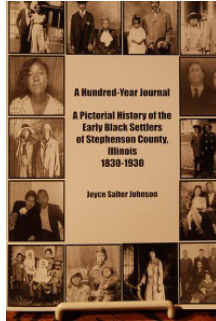
If you are interested in working to include more people in our worship, or in participating in new ways yourself, please let me know.

Pastor Peter Morris

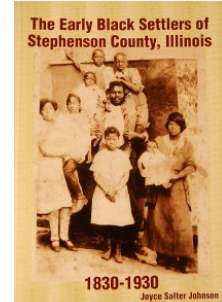
Honors for Joyce Boggess

“We purchased your book [A Hundred Year Journal- A Pictorial History](#) for our collection from the Stephenson County Historical Society. I understand there is another work of yours [The Early Black Settlers of Stephenson County 1830-1930](#) that underlies [A Hundred Year Journal](#). If so, we would very much like to have that for our collection as well. “

When I received this email from the curator of the department of Genealogy and Local History of the Newberry Library in Chicago, I did not hesitate to respond. It is indeed an honor to have a lifelong work and what I believe is an important work, placed into such a prestigious library as the Newberry.



These books tell stories of the early Black settlers of Stephenson County, Illinois thru images and chronicle the lives of the migrants over a hundred-year period, from 1830-1930. Both books are divided into decades and then into important periods of history that shaped the lives of the settlers, e.g. Slavery, Civil War, World War I, the Great Migration, World War II and the Depression.



The Newberry Library over 120 years has acquired and preserved a broad array of books, manuscripts, maps, and other materials relating to the civilization of Europe and the Americas. It focuses its collecting on original or primary source materials- such as manuscripts and early editions of primary books that will be preserved and made available for generations. The library also selectively acquires secondary literature and scholarly editions of primary sources.

Camp is coming to Arbor!

WHEN: Saturday, March 24 3:30 pm

WHAT: worship, activities, food (all camp-style!)

WHY: For fun—and to share the summer camping experience with everyone!

WHO: EVERYONE!

An intern from Covenant Point will be visiting Arbor to share information about summer camp options for kids, and opportunities for adults to support and attend camp. Bring a friend! Invite a kid who would love to experience a week at camp!

Contact Rachel for more information, or to help with the event:
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Friday Fun Night

Arbor Covenant Church



On the first Friday of each month, we explore the Fruit of the Spirit with a Bible story, songs, games, and crafts.

March 2

5:30-7:00 pm

For kids **ages 4-11**

March's theme:

kindness

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

Dinner provided



Questions?

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Pray for camp staff as they are hiring summer staff, and promoting summer camps
Pray that the kids of Arbor would continue to grow in their faith
Pray for parents and volunteers as they teach children about God's love for us

Lenten Gatherings

On March 1, 8, 16 and 22 there will be a Lenten Gathering at Ann-Britt Keillor's home at 7:00 PM.

If you would like to attend and have questions, please contact Pastor Peter or Ann-Britt.

There will also be a Maundy Thursday Service at church on March 29 at 7:00 PM

Parish News



Deb and Dan Meyer welcomed their newest grandsons home this week. Finn and James were born prematurely at the end of January.

Now they are home with their parents Seth and Laura and their siblings Joy and William. Deb and Dan are spending time with them in DePere as they adjust to their new family.



Judy Douglas is still in Oak Park Rehab and would appreciate prayers, visits and cards.

Oak Park Rehab
718 Jupiter Drive #132
Madison WI 53718

Birthdays

March 1 Ken Lund
March 18 Randy Kessenich
March 25 Deb Levin

Good Neighbor Personal Essentials Pantry

Item of the Month

Shampoo (12 oz.)

Please leave your donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

Volunteer Schedule

	Host	Nursery	Children's Church	Reader	Projector
March 4	Elrene and Ken Lund	Deb Levin	Rachel Woofter	Ann-Britt Keillor	Mark Hanson
March 11	Tamsin Ford and Peter Morris	Amanda Pecotte	Sue Springman	Ulrika Swanson	Sue Pecotte
March 18	Kris and Phil Brown	Ulrika Swanson	Ruth Hallblade	Mark Hanson	Michelle Stachowiak
March 25	Sue and John Pecotte	Joyce Boggess	Rachel Woofter	Sue Pecotte	Chuck Gietzel
April 1	Jan and Chuck Gietzel	Deb Levin	Mark Hanson	Ulrika Swanson	Debby Meyer

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				1 7:00 PM Lenten Gathering	2 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Fun Friday	3
4 9:15 AM Sunday Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship Communion Deacon Fund Offering	5	6	7	8 7:00 PM Lenten Gathering	9 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	10
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18 9:15 AM Sunday Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship	19	20	21	22 7:00 PM Lenten Gathering	23 4:30 AM-7:30 AM Homeless Shelter at Grace Episcopal * 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	24 3:30 PM Camp Rally
25 PALM SUNDAY  9:15 AM Sunday Study Group 10:25 AM Gathering Music 10:30 AM Call to Worship	26	17	28	 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	30 GOOD FRIDAY  10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	31
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* Shelter Volunteers: Mark Hanson and Roger Springman