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Arbor Covenant Church Madison WI

**Newsletter
August 2021**

In September, Arbor Covenant Church and Foundry 414 will enter into an extended season of collaboration. This next step in our deepening partnership will involve Foundry 414 moving into Arbor's building and both congregations sharing resources and programming. During the fall we plan to gather and worship together in Arbor's sanctuary incorporating gifts and practices from both communities and a willingness to follow the Spirit's leading as we discern how our shared future might unfold.

Specifics (service time, children's program details, opportunities to serve and participate, etc,) will be shared in the coming weeks. We're ramping up these plans, so be on the lookout for more information, and feel free to reach out with ideas and questions.

In the more immediate future, there's a couple of events in August that are worth noting. The first is that Foundry 414 is planning to wrap up their series of summer services at Governor Nelson State Park in the next couple of weeks. When they do, they will begin joining Arbor for our farmer's market/church gatherings beginning August 22nd. Ideally these initial in-person, joint gatherings will give our two communities the chance to get to know each other a little bit better, while giving the Foundry folks an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings at the Arbor facility.

In these initial joint gatherings, we will also be taking part in a county wide effort called For Dane. Facilitated by the Collaboration Project, a local organization dedicated to the creation of partnerships between faith communities and other local groups, the program's intent is to inspire congregations to use their resources and their time together to serve the broader community. For our part in this wider endeavor, Arbor and Foundry will be compiling and distributing gift baskets/care packages for the janitorial staffs at some of Madison's elementary schools.

Doing this will be our chance to recognize the contributions of essential workers, that are too often unheralded and overlooked. Working hard to keep schools clean and well maintained, these individuals play an indispensable role in the system that educates our city's children and this is our chance to show our appreciation and gratitude.

With the plan to distribute them just before school starts on September 1st, we'll start collecting materials for the gift baskets/care packages now. We're envisioning offering items that hard-working people might appreciate, stuff like:

- gift cards to Kwik Trip or other local convenience store/coffee shop type places
- gift cards to Culver's or another place that someone might grab lunch
- good, comfortable socks (or other things that people who spend much of their day on their feet might enjoy)
- delicious snacks or treats....

That's just to name a couple of initial ideas, your suggestions on other items we might include are more than welcome. So too are designated financial contributions that we can use to purchase products that we will include in the packages, each of which will also include a card made by children from our congregations that express our thanks.

Part of our time together on the 22nd and 29th of August will be set aside to putting these care packages together. And at some point, before we distribute them, we'll commit some time to a praying for their recipients, asking God's blessing for each of them and the schools they serve.

If you have questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Looking forward to this shared opportunity to serve and for all that will unfold in the coming months.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Peter

An Update on Contract Negotiations with Common Wealth Development

During the month of July, Arbor responded with a counteroffer for an affordable housing development that would allow Arbor ministries with Foundry 414, Memorial, and any other partners including Creek Day School to continue as planned. Common Wealth responded to Arbor's Counter with further changes. At that point we realized that we were probably stumbling over semantics and that a face-to-face meeting (for a change) might be just what was needed.

After meeting preparation by Ken Lund, Peter Morris, and Mark Hanson, Peter and Mark (Ken was doing spiritual direction in Chicago) met at Commonwealth's Offices in July 22 to do two things. First, we confirmed that the anticipated, shared outcome or vision in terms of what buildings and activities would be in place in six years remained the same. The Congregation while no longer owning the land and buildings, would operate with condominium rights, or less likely, with our current building on a much smaller track of land. This shared vision was confirmed.

The second thing we did was then go back and jointly adjust the language in the Offer to Purchase and a MOU (memorandum of understanding) that would accomplish the shared vision in the terms that Common Wealth needs to access the needed tax credits by the outside investors in the project. The key change is that there are now two discreet steps we'll go through at the closing in about five years. First is a sale of our property for \$1.6 million. The second step is an immediate purchase by Arbor of the condominium in our existing or in the new building (with the \$1.6 million). Construction will begin at that point and ministries, including the Creek Day School and the Personal Essentials Pantry will continue during construction.

Arbor took notes at the July 22 meeting and volunteered to adjust the Offer to Purchase, and MOU based on the discussion at the meeting. Those updates were emailed to Common Wealth on July 27. We are waiting to hear back from Common Wealth to see if there are any further adjustments needed.

Feel free to contact Ken, Peter, or Mark with any questions. Pray for God's continued leading in this.
Mark Hanson



Covenant Women Fall Fellowship

The Central Conference Women's Fall Fellowship will take place again this fall. It will take place September 10-12. The theme is VISION Walk by faith not by sight. The speaker will be Ramelia Williams, director of Ministry Initiatives for the Love Mercy Do Justice mission priority of the ECC. This takes place on beautiful Lake Geneva. See Ruth Hallblade if you are interested in going.

ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021

	Offerings & Creek	Actual Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
	Reimbursements Received	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
	Year-to-Date		
General Offerings and CD Interest	\$ 19,076.42		
Creek Day School Reimbursement	\$ 12,708.00		
TOTAL	\$ 31,784.42	\$ 50,118.48	\$ (18,334.06)
PPP Loan	\$ 14,542.50	including \$2,125	\$ (3,791.56)
		to FFBWW	or -\$1,546.56 including
			FFBWW and garden funds
			received as noted below
Special Funds (Non-Budgeted) Received YTD	TOTAL		
Deacon	\$ 30.00		
Good Neighbors Pantry	\$ 5,198.68		
Levin Camp	\$ 25.00		
Memorial			
Women's Ministeries			
World Relief			
Youth Mission			
Other (bank interest, FFBWW, garden)	\$ 2,246.04		

Parish News

Amy Oberbroeckling and Adrian Swanson, together with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement. The wedding is planned in Minnesota for May 2022.

Adrian is the son of Gunnard Swanson and the late Ulla Swanson and Ulrika's brother. Congratulations to all!!



Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry



Kleenex

Please bring contributions to church during the Sunday service or the pantry hours

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Tom Collins
August 8	Sue Engstrom
August 8	Dan Kessenich
August 9	Susan Corrado
August 13	Ruth Hallblade
August 22	Ulrika Swanson
August 26	Roger Springman

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 2	Dan and Deb Meyer
August 26	Tom and Lynda Collins

Arbor Covenant Church Community Garden and
Early Childhood Learning Center's 'Garden of Eatin' Present

Vine to Table **FARMER'S MARKET**

JULY - OCT



**RAIN OR
SHINE**

SUNDAYS 9:30AM - 1PM

Arbor Covenant Church . 2509 McDivitt Rd, Madison



August 2021



1 9:30AM-1:00 PM Farmer's Market 10:30-11:30 AM Worship	2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Small Group Study	6 10:00 AM-noon Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry	7
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