

It's been a strange month. After avoiding it for two years and just when we thought life was getting back to normal, my whole family contracted Covid. In part because we were all vaccinated and boosted, we never dealt with any serious symptoms and eventually, after about 10 days or so, we all tested negative. But the inconvenience of Covid, was never something we anticipated dealing with during Holy Week.

In the end it made the week something new and different. Instead of joining the faith community for worship and an egg hunt, we went for an isolated hike at Governor Dodge State Park. But even though we couldn't do what we were used to or planned on to celebrate the resurrection, the resurrection happened, nonetheless. Evidenced for us on Easter Sunday perhaps most notably by the bright sun of a beautiful spring day and testimony provided by the trees and their still-small buds slowly growing and opening up for a new season of growth.

What became clear in the clearness of that day was that even as our life was disrupted by illness and the need to isolate, God's unyielding insistence on new life persisted.

I'm not sure what normal will be like in the future or when exactly that normality will finally arrive. But I am sure that God's grace and goodness will continue to persist in the midst of disruptions, disorientations, and whatever else may be in store. I am sure of this because nothing can separate us from the love that animates God's work in the world and God's presence in our lives.

Pastor Peter Morris

WORSHIP AT ARBOR ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

This Sunday, while Pastor Peter and family are in Sweden, we have the opportunity to join our friends at foundry414 for their Zoom service at 10:00 am. The Zoom info is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/9539758843>

meeting ID (953-975-8843)

Password: foundry (all lowercase)

Arbor Sunday Small group will communicate with each other regarding their meeting time this Sunday.

foundry414 is holding only Zoom services for the month of May but Arbor will resume in-person services in the Arbor Sanctuary again starting on May 8th at 9:30 am after Pastor Peter returns from his trip.

See you Sunday on Zoom!

Jan Gietzel
Arbor Leadership Team

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ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH FINANCIAL OVERVIEW						
January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022						
		Offerings & Creek		Actual Expenses		Net Income (Loss)
		Reimbursements Received		Year-to-Date		Year-to-Date
		Year-to-Date				
		General Offerings and CD Interest	\$ 10,041.01			
		Creek Day School Reimbursement	\$ 6,480.00			
		foundry414 Utilities	\$ 600.00			
		TOTAL	\$ 17,121.01	\$ 21,395.69		\$ (4,274.68)
		Special Funds (Non-Budgeted) Received YTD	TOTAL			
		Deacon	\$ 200.00			
		Good Neighbors Pantry	\$ 3,000.00			
		Levin Camp				
		Memorial	\$ 1,550.00			
		Women's Ministries				
		World Relief				
		Youth Mission				
		Other (bank interest)	\$ 0.01			

Spring Workday

The Arbor Spring workday will be on May 7 from 9 am to Noon. There will be various tasks both inside and out. Please bring work gloves, sun hat, boots if you are thinking of some outdoor tasks (waiting to hear if we may be rototilling the garden on that date), and a few jokes. Coffee, fruit, and some dangerous carbs will be provided.

Please note that as we will be following the no mow May campaign (to help pollinators), we will only be starting up the mowers to be sure they are running.



Remembering a Dear Friend

Ulla Swanson was a bright and comforting light at Arbor who always had a smile on her face. Until her passing ten years ago, Ulla always was present for those around her, visiting those who needed some company, providing food for those who needed some help and generally being the type of neighbor the Lord asks all of us to be.

She loved music and graced Arbor with her singing for all of the time she was with us. Ulla will always be remembered for her spirit and dignity while courageously fighting her illness. Her husband, Gunnard, and children, Ulrika and Adrian sent this beautiful arrangement to the church to celebrate her life with all of us.



Happy Easter to Arbor
from JACKSON JAYDA JAMISYN AND JESSICA IN LAS VEGAS



May Birthdays

May 24 Janis Hanson

May 25 John Pecotte

May Anniversaries

May 22 John and Sue Pecotte

May 25 Ken and Elrene Lund

Good Neighbor Personal Essentials Pantry

Item of the Month

Toothpaste 6 oz.

Please bring donations to church during the hours we staff the Pantry (see calendar)

MEMORIES EASTER PAST AT ARBOR

As far as traditions go, Easter egg hunts are one of the most fun activities for everyone involved—the participants, egg hiders, and spectators alike!

Thanks to Margaret - Foundry and other helpers



Josiah (Jo-Jo) and Jackson Mingo

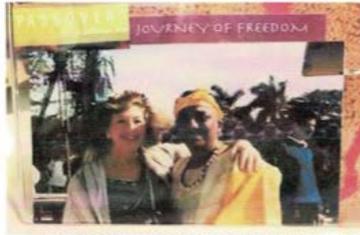


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Rhyleigh Olive 1ST Easter hunt

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
FREEDOM SEDER 2022
SPONSORED BY THE AFRICAN AMERICAN/JEWISH
FRIENDSHIP GROUP

SUNDAY, MAY 15th @ 5:00 PM

TO BE HELD AT A SPACE THAT HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED THEIR FACILITIES TO US FOR THIS SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT:

ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH
2509 McDIVITT STREET
MADISON, WI

PLENTY OF PARKING AND NO STAIRS TO CLIMB

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE SEDER

FOCUSES ON JEWISH AND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & TRADITIONS. THIS SEDER FEATURES A "HAGGADAH" -PASSOVER SERVICE- WITH TRADITIONAL FOODS & SONGS FROM BOTH CULTURES. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK THAT CONNECTS OUR COMMUNITIES & CELEBRATES THE STRUGGLES FOR ALL STILL LIVING UNDER OPPRESSION, & MOBILIZES US AROUND A RANGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES.

Proof of Vaccination required or negative Covid test within 24 hours of event for those over 6 years old.

Only 100 seats available

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 8th TO: MERLE AND JERRY STERNBERG

Tel: 608-298-7537 OR email: merlicjs80@gmail.com email: geraldsternberg2@gmail.com

The Seder is the Jewish ceremonial meal that celebrates the Passover holiday story: the Biblical story of Moses leading the Hebrew slaves out of Egyptian slavery. Each year, Jews participate in this ceremony, recounting the story of the Jewish people becoming free from bondage and yet plagued by brutal anti-Semitism over millennium that continues today. This year let us also consider the long continuing and unfinished African American journey from Africa to slavery to freedom and equality.

The Exodus story also has particularly rich meaning to African Americans, due to their recent memory of the hundreds of years of slavery, Jim Crow and continued racism today right here in our country.

The first Freedom Seder was convened in 1969 in a Washington, DC church basement to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. About 800 people were in attendance-half of them Jews, and half of them Christians.

This year, a very generous, anonymous donor will again cover the cost of this Seder sponsored by the African American/Jewish Friendship Group.

Joyce Boggess

May 2022 Calendar

<p>1 10:00 AM Foundry414 Worship (Zoom)</p> 	2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Small Group Study	6 10:00 AM-noon Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry	7 Work Day 9:00- noon
<p>8 9:30 AM Worship (Zoom and in person options) 10:15 AM Sunday Morning Study Group</p>	9 6:45 PM Leadership Team	10	11	12 7:00 PM Small Group Study	13 10:00 AM-noon Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry	14
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