



Arbor Covenant Church
Madison Wisconsin

Newsletter
October 2022

There are several ways you can worship at Memorial UCC on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

YOU MAY ATTEND IN PERSON

5705 Lacy Road
Fitchburg



IF YOU WORSHIP ON ZOOM:

- **To Login for worship at 9:30 am:** [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 773 905 311

Password: 5705

Or call In: 1-312-626-6799

(depending on your phone carrier, long distance charges may apply)

If you experience technical difficulties during worship on Zoom, consider shifting to YouTube to join the service.

YOU MAY ATTEND ON YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MemorialUCC>

Reaching Out to our Newest Neighbors

Arbor Covenant has a long history of making our facility and space available to our neighbors. For decades we have hosted community groups and partnered with organizations to make South Madison — especially the Arbor Hills and Leopold neighborhoods — better places to live, work, and raise families. We've long shared our building with Creek Day School, who have provided quality early childhood education for countless children. We've had a community garden that's made it possible for area residents to grow their own food while making connections with one another as they water and weed their plots. We've partnered to host the Good Neighbor's Personal Essential Pantry that serves hundreds of families a year with household and hygiene items as well as hospitality and welcome. We've opened our doors to neighborhood associations and other groups so that they could meet together and stay engaged.

In the last few years, as we've been in conversations with groups like Common Wealth Development on the potential creation of affordable housing and Memorial UCC about possibly deepening worship and ministry collaboration, the question of how we can build on this long history of sharing our space has remained central. During that process one set of potential opportunities has continued to attract attention. By and large these opportunities revolve around creating intentional inroads with the immigrant and refugee communities that live near church.

The housing and apartment stock near Arbor's property has long been home to families that are not just new to the Madison area, but often new to the USA. And one question we've begun to ask is how our resources can help these new neighbors integrate into and feel at home in their new surroundings. Towards that end, we've recently begun to partner with Jewish Social Services to support their work with Swahili speaking immigrants from central and east Africa — many of whom live mere blocks away from our building.

There is a sense among the leadership team that this an initial step of an unfolding vision that intentionally pursues similar connections. We believe that our location and the resources we have can bolster existing efforts and help spawn new ones that are geared to the needs, experiences, and gifts of Arbor's newest neighbors — the immigrant and refugee communities in direct vicinity of the church. By providing meeting space for these neighbors and collaborating with agencies that are seeking to support them, we believe that we can help create connections and facilitate opportunities that are authentic expressions of God's grace and hospitality — that won't just improve the lives of our newest neighbors but make the whole South Madison area more vibrant and more reflective of God's vision for a kingdom where all people are welcomed and included in ways that make it possible for everyone to flourish.

As this vision unfolds, we will continue to reach out to partners like JSS and other groups eager to support our newest neighbors. If you're aware of any ongoing work in the Madison area or of organizations with whom we might be able to collaborate, please let me or a member of the leadership team know.

Pastor Peter Morris



Update on Affordable Housing with Common Wealth Development

As reported earlier, Arbor received a draft offer to purchase from Common Wealth Development. The offer includes a land contract with payments at closing and annual payments until the purchase is completed in five years. A parallel lease agreement has been discussed with Common Wealth and still needs to be offered. The lease would provide for continued Arbor activities including Congregational events, Creek Pre-School, the Personal Essentials Pantry, and new activities that Peter has reported on.

Common Wealth asked permission to do an Environmental Assessment on Arbor's property. This is a standard practice to assess whether current or prior uses of the site have had environmental impact on the soil and groundwater. A Phase I assessment is done prior to closings so that the prospective owner (Common Wealth) is aware of any existing environmental issues such as soil and water contamination. Arbor agreed to the request. Common Wealth asked for a meeting on September 9 with Arbor related to a potential issue that had been identified during the assessment. Ken Lund and Mark Hanson were available to participate on that date. Ahead of the meeting, Ken, Peter, and Mark were wondering what the potential issue might be.

The potential issue is that before Arbor purchased the land, the southeast part of the land was used as an apple orchard. At this point you may be wondering how that might be a problem? It would seem that orchards would be a wonderful, pastoral use of land. The reality in some cases (according to articles I briefly looked at) is that some orchards used various insecticides, some of which might still be present in the soil at harmful levels. Lead Arsenate and DDT could potentially have been used prior to 1964 (when the land was acquired). Given the limited number of apple trees and the types of apples-not large or tasty from what I noticed (a couple of the trees still survive), it is unclear whether this was ever a commercial orchard, and if so, whether any of the worrisome insecticides were ever used.

There is only one way to find out and that is to test the soil in the area of the old orchard. Arbor agreed to allow Common Wealth to do that soil testing. Stay tuned.

Mark Hanson

Covenant Home Altar

Final call to reach out to Ulrika Swanson by October 15 if you use the Covenant Home Altar and would like the church to renew its subscription, which gets a group discount. Individual subscriptions can be purchased for \$15/year for 4 quarterly issues. The online version is free at covchurch.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER CLOSED ITS DOORS ON JULY 2020

“The Early Childhood Learning Center was not just a place for parents to drop off their children – It has been a place for children, family and community engagement for 30 years.”

“MISS JOYCE” AS SHE IS KNOWN BY MOST IN THE COMMUNITY IS INVITING EVERYONE TO A BIG FUN FILLED REUNION.

**FORMER STUDENTS – PARENTS - TEACHERS FROM 1982-2021
I can't wait to see you all**

FUN – FOOD – STORIES

WHERE: Arbor Church 2509 McDivitt Rd, Madison WI

WHEN: Saturday October 8, 2022

TIME: 2 – 6

ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH FINANCIAL OVERVIEW				
January 1, 2022 - August 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	\$ 35,192.59			
Creek Day School Reimbursement	\$ 17,405.00			
foundry414 Utilities	\$ 1,000.00			
TOTAL	\$ 53,597.59		\$ 48,967.83	\$ 4,629.76
Special Funds (Non-Budgeted) Received YTD				
	TOTAL			
Deacon	\$ 225.00			
Good Neighbors Pantry	\$ 13,473.97			
Levin Camp				
Memorial	\$ 1,050.00			
Women's Ministeries				
World Relief				
Youth Mission				
Other (bank interest)	\$ 0.01			



3rd Annual Taste of Fall Harvest



About thirty friends from Arbor, Memorial UCC, Fountain of Life Churches, gardeners and Arbor neighbors gathered at Arbor on Sunday after church for an amazing "Taste of Fall Harvest" grilled on site by famous Chef Barbara Wright and Madison Restaurateur, former owner of the Dardanelles Mediterranean Restaurant.

Best Menu Ever:

- Grilled corn with garlic butter and cheese
- Grilled apples with spiced sugar, or caramel sauce
- 2 big squashes with squash custard
- Tomato green pepper crookneck casserole
- Roasted butternut squash dressing with apples, sausage and rye croutons



News from the Memorial UCC Newsletter

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP RESUMES PRESENTATION BY HADDIE McLEAN

First Friday Fellowship will meet on **Friday, October 7, 2022, at 11:30 AM** in the Youth Room of MUCC. Bring a bag lunch, and we will have a conversation and lunch and then be treated to a presentation by Haddie McLean entitled "Wonders of Physics". Haddie will cover everything from the rocks and minerals under your feet to the clouds flying high above your head. She'll talk about all things science and bring along some of her favorite physics demonstrations from UW-Madison Physics Department. The presentation will end with a tasty treat with a physics twist!



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

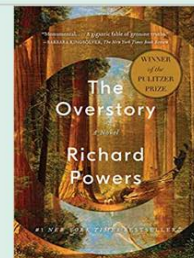
Friday, October 14th at 6pm we will have another outdoor movie event. Join us around the campfire for hot apple cider, hot chocolate and s'mores. If there's enough interest we'll have a double feature. The first movie would be a family Halloween-themed movie with the second one being more adult oriented and starting at 8pm. Please let Rebecca Malke know which type of movie you'd prefer and be sure to let her know your movie suggestions!



MUCC BOOK GROUP

The next book group selection is **THE OVERSTORY**, by Richard Powers.

Meeting Monday, October 17, 8:30 AM at The Rolling Pin Bakery. All are welcome!



Parish Notes



In Memory of Elaine Lund

Our sympathies to the Lund family following Ken's mother's death.

Elaine Lund passed away August 31, 2022, at the Care & Rehabilitation Center. Please pray for God's comfort and peace to be with her family and friends. Elaine was a kind, gracious and loving presence in our community. She will be missed among us.

Elaine was born May 28, 1930, in Foley, Minnesota, to Oscar and Amanda Johnson. After graduating from high school, she attended North Park Junior College. It was there that she met Vernon Lund, also known as Putt. Romance blossomed and they were married. They had four children: Kenneth, Curtis, Carol, and Kristine. Their family has grown to include eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Vern and Elaine together served churches in Canada, Chicago, IL, Stambaugh, MI and Richfield, MN. Elaine worked in an insurance office for a time, then began a job in hospital administration until her retirement. She ended up going back to work with medical staff for another thirteen years before a final retirement.

Elaine had several hobbies she loved including knitting and counted cross-stitch. She was also an outstanding cook. Vern built a cabin on a lake near the Twin Cities that was a haven for their family. Vern and Elaine joined the Covenant Living of Golden Valley community March 27, 2006.

A private family memorial service was held.

October Birthdays


October 12	Paul Kent
October 18	Glenn Hanson
October 24	Elrene Lund
October 30	Harry Engstrom

October Anniversaries

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

Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry
Item of the Month
Toothpaste 6 oz.
Please bring donations to church
during the hours we staff the Pantry (see calendar)

October 2022

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2 9:30 AM Worship Memorial UCC	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 AM-noon Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry	8 2:00-6:00 PM ECLC Reunion
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