

Lake Country Congregational Church

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS

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"America"

Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist pastor, wrote the hymn "America" in 1831. Smith was studying a tune he had never heard, although he knew the British used it for the hymn "God Save the King." The British had borrowed the tune from the Germans, who gave it patriotic lyrics.

Smith described what happened as he contemplated the tune: "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America,' as it is now known everywhere."

Smith's friend and classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes once told him, "Your name and fame will live when I and my works are forgotten."

FROM DR. SHELLEY'S DESK . . .

"The 5000 Year Leap"

The fourth of July is a great holiday. In it, we citizens of the United States of America celebrate the independence of our nation. It is a time to re-affirm the principles that have made our nation great. It was by intent that the founding fathers of our nation incorporated certain precepts in our ruling documents.

I've been reading a little book that attempts to systematically present those principles and precepts. It is entitled: The 5000 Year Leap by W. Cleon Skousen. It is a worthy recapitulation of those guiding standards which our founders built into the Constitution.

The synopsis reads: *Discover the 28 Principles of Freedom our Founding Fathers said must be understood and perpetuated by every people who desire peace, prosperity, and freedom. Learn how adherence to these beliefs during the past 200 years has brought about more progress than was made in the previous 5,000 years.*

I can recommend The 5000 Year Leap as a good read for anyone who wishes to reflect upon those things which helped to establish and maintain our nation as a great commonwealth. Also it is a wonderful way to truly celebrate July 4th this year.

Have a happy and meaningful 4th!

Love to you—

Your friend and Pastor,

Patrick

The book written by W. Cleon Skousen titled The 5000 Year Leap: A Miracle that Changed the World [ISBN-13: 9780880801485] is available for a list price of \$19.95 for the softcover and Audio CD, for \$9.95 you can also purchase the MP3 and WMA formats online. Discount online bookstores offer the book at a lower price.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lake Country Congregational Church follows Jesus Christ as Lord, in The Way of the Pilgrims, giving and serving for His purpose with inspired conviction to build and to nurture His church by sharing with the community the joy and inspiration of our Christian faith, freedom and fellowship.

FACE PAINTING BOOTH-
Hartland Street Dance
Saturday, July 18

Volunteers for the LCCC "face painting" booth are needed in the children's area at the Hartland Street Dance on Saturday, July 18th.

ALL NEW this year are imprinted LCCC T-shirts and balloons. **Let make a grand showing of community spirit and awareness of our church in the community.**

Please contact the church office if you can volunteer for a time slot. Sign up sheets are also located at the back of the Sanctuary. Supplies and designs are provided. Volunteers are needed for face painting and selling tickets for the booth from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Photo Directory
Update

The church office has had several requests for an updated church directory. As most of you know a photo directory was once discussed. There seems to be a growing interest in accomplishing this task once again.

However, at this time some of you may feel that your photo is a little out-dated. Since we are not using one of the typical church directory companies such as Alan Mills, everyone has an opportunity to have their photo re-taken.

If you are interested in having another photo or your first photo taken please contact church member, Donna Saenz at 262-538-4284. Donna has willingly offered to do this for our congregation. Please call soon!

Dr. Shelley's
Sermons for July

July 5—9:00 AM

"An Expert Comes from at Least 50 Miles Away"

O.T.— Psalm 48

N.T.— Mark 6:1-13

July 12—9:00 AM

"The Plumb-line of Justice"

O.T.— Amos 7:7-15

N.T.— Mark 6:14-29

July 19—9:00 AM

"A Free Lunch?"

O.T.— Jeremiah 23:1-6

N.T.— Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 26—9:00 AM

We will be worshipping at First Congregational Church UCC in Hartland, 111 Church Street.

Dr. Harding Stricker Visits

In the northeast corner of Argentina, in the small city of Jardin (Garden) America, stands the mission of a local Congregational church – the **Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational**. For well over 30 years, Rev. Teodoro Stricker and his wife, Teresa, have served thousands of people living in poverty on the outskirts of their city. An onsite mission clinic offers medical and dental assistance to the impoverished and the elderly.

An off-site mission – owned farm, called "God's Garden," helps people to grow their own food. Livestock is kept on the property to provide fresh milk and eggs for the children.

An elementary school on the mission grounds consists of six classrooms. Basic skills in math, reading, writing and science are taught along with daily Bible lessons. A lunch of bread and soup is served each day. In addition, more than 90 children receive clothing, food and educational assistance through a program called "God's Child."

The Mission's primary goals are: To bring the life changing news of Jesus Christ to all people through preaching the Gospel, to share the love and compassion of Christ through spiritual nurture and material assistance, and to help families become self-sufficient and gain self-respect.

Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker, son for Teodoro and Teresa, is the Director/Physician of the mission. He will be visiting LCCC On Sunday, August 9 during our 9:00 AM worship. Joining him will be his young nephew, Gabriel. *Make sure you attend this very special Sunday!*

Family Fun Day

The Christian Education board would like to invite you to a Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 9th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Food will be served.

This family fun event will take place at the Hartbrook Park Pavilion (North Avenue and Rae Drive), in Hartland.

Family Fun day will Benefit Daniel's fund. As you recall our Sunday school children sponsor, Daniel Larrea, through the **Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational** Church and mission, in Argentina.

Baseball, Volleyball and games for the children will be planned. Any LCCC Card players can gather around a table and enjoy!

Please RSVP on or before Wednesday, July 15th to Donna Saenz at 262-538-4284.

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday, June 24 Sarah Pehl opened her lovely home to the ladies of LCCC, which were delighted to participate once again in the annual Summer Salad event. Early arrivals enjoyed Sarah's salsa (recipe below) and chips. Various salads and an extended salad bar along with two delicious soups completed the night's main course. Wonderful desserts and coffee tempted all to continue indulging.

Thank you Sarah for a most enjoyable summer evening.

Black Eye Pea Salsa

1 can black eye peas, drained (black beans can be used instead)

1 can white shoepeg corn, drained

1 can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano flavor

1 can tomatoes and chili's

8 ounces Zesty Italian Salad Dressing (can use fat-free)

Optional ingredients: chopped onion and chopped Jalapeno can be added to taste

Mix all ingredients together and marinate in refrigerator for at least 1 1/2 hours. Best if it marinates for longer, even overnight. This is great as an appetizer or as a side dish to any grilling menu.



"Caring Friend"
For the month of July is
Audrey Eiken.

New Rules for Medicare and Medicaid

Learn answers to your questions at the Life Enrichment Center, located on the Shorehaven campus, in Oconomowoc on Tuesday, July 14 at 10:30 am.

BOOK CLUB

The next book is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin. The next book group meeting will be at Joyce Phenicie's house located at N66 W30751 Red Fox Run, Hartland on Tuesday, July 21st at 6:45 pm.



The Youth Birthdays Celebrated This month are:

**John Talbot
July 8**

**Megan Walmer
July 26**



The LCCC Ladies have decided to hold a fund raiser using the Coke shack at the Hartland Piggly Wiggly. Many years ago, the Coke Cola Co. built the shack as an opportunity for our community organizations to use as a way to hold fundraisers.

The plan is to sell hot grilled brat lunches during the Sunday, August 16 lunch hour. Volunteers are needed so everyone is encouraged to step up and help out. Those who have participated in the past say, "this is a fun community event and a great way to meet new folks and even say 'Hi' to your neighbors."

Contact Kristin Graves at 367-2408 or sign up at the church.



Attention all church youth over the age of 10 and their respective parents the next youth meeting is schedule for Sunday, July 12. Leader, Fred Thimmel is very excited to lead the young people of LCCC in the coming year. Joining Fred are his additional advisors: Tamara Thimmel and Rachel Stubner.

This after worship meeting will also include lunch and parents should make arrangements for picking up the children at the conclusion of the meeting.

Worshipping at First Congregational UCC Sunday, July 26

Members and friends of LCCC will be attending the joint worship on Sunday, July 26 at 9:30 AM. The church is located just east of downtown Hartland on the corner of Capitol Drive and Church Street. Many people from both congregations remarked about how nice it was to see such a full church when they visited with us on June 14. Even more folks commented on the pleasant atmosphere, how similar the worship services are and how much fun the fellowship hour was. **Let's all join together at their church for another memorable experience.**



Our church is proud to be a supporting member of the NACCC { National Association of Congregational Christian Churches } and WCA { Wisconsin Congregational Association . }

