



THE WISCONSIN BAPTIST

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*A word from Carolyn Dugan
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“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...” Psalm 8:3 ESV

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:16-17 ESV

When is the last time you sat and looked at the stars? For me it was November 13, 2016. There was a full moon, the Dugan family set up our telescope, and I had my camera ready to capture the event. It was a cool evening as the moon rose and the stars started to show up after Venus and Mars kicked things off. Living in the country, away from the city lights, we are able to see many things.

This summer at Camp Tamarack, our theme is “All of God’s Creation” based on Psalm 8:3 and supplemented by Colossians 1:16-17. When we hear the word *creation*, I think we sometimes get in a rut and tend to focus on the middle days in the story of creation with the sea creatures and animals. There is so much more to the creation story that was written in the Bible (twice) including the creation that is currently unfolding now and how everything involved in creation is related.

If you can’t make it to Camp Tamarack during one of our Region-sponsored camp weeks check out the website: (camptamarack.org). I encourage you to contact me for a time to get away from the lights of the city, from the daily distractions and just BE at Camp Tamarack. Be under the stars. Be at the water. Be under the canopy of the trees. Be with God.

“Spring Into the Camp” Helping Hands Needed

May 17th – 22nd we will be preparing camp for the summer season. We will need help cleaning cabins, clearing trails, raking, dusting and all that goes into preparing the spaces for campers and renters. We encourage groups of all kinds to help out.

Please contact Carolyn or Kim with your availability during those dates so we can plan the schedule, meals and lodging.
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2017 Summer Camps:

- Sr. High 6/11-17
- Primary 6/18-21
- Middler 6/18–24
- Jr. High 6/25–7/1
- All Inclusive 7/2–8
- Grandily 7/5–8
- Junior Camp 7/9-15



*Church Retreats, Pastor Sabbath,
Small Group Getaways...Let us know
how Camp Tamarack can support
your ministry.*

News About People, Churches, & Partners

- All are invited to attend the installation service, on Sunday, April 9 at 10:30am, of **Marlene Grandinetti** as the new pastor at Sheboygan Falls Community Church.
- Eau Claire, First** has announced that it has sold its property (church building and parsonage) to Renew Covenant Church, a church plant out of Redwing, Minnesota. First Baptist continues in ministry in the same building as guests of Renew Covenant Church and are celebrating their 156th Anniversary on March 26th.
- We welcome to the region the Rev. Dr. **Chakravarthy Zadda**, who has been called to serve Waukesha, First as Pastor. He will begin his position on April 3rd. **Gerry Krupp** will be ending his interim ministry there prior to Pastor Zadda beginning.
- Ministry partner, **Project Focal Point** in Milw., is having its Annual Buffet Breakfast on Sat., April 29, 8:30-11:30am. All are welcome. \$10. Call 414-372-1070 for info.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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There are a number of scholarship options available for various education levels from varied sources in our network. Please see our Synergy E-Newsletter for more details [access via www.abcofwi.org]. Please note, the deadlines are approaching soon.

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The 2nd Annual ABC/WI Men's Retreat

All men invited—bring a friend

Fri 4/28—Sat 4/29 @ Camp Tamarack
“Resonating Faith: how perception of God’s story influences church engagement.” A flyer with full details is available on www.abcofwi.org. Contact Franklin Onwubuariri at foariri@gmail.com.

Celebrate with regional seminary



At the
**8th ANNUAL COMMISSIONING
OF GRADUATES**
Sunday, May 21, at 3 pm
Milw., Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

2017 Annual ABWM Retreat Weekend

FRI, 6/2 - SUN, 6/4

This year’s theme is

“AT SWEET LIFE CAFE” Speaker will be Laurie Mc Garvey Cost is \$110; Sat only is \$45 Registration now open. Contact person is Linda Jolly at (608) 201-2528.



Biennial Mission Summit

June 30 - July 2 Portland, Oregon

www.americanbaptists2017.com

Contact Executive Minister Marie at the region office if you plan on attending and have questions about how to make the most of your experience.

SAVE THE DATE: October 13-14, 2017

ABC/WI 173rd Annual Gathering
at Green Lake Conference Center.

Registration Opens Up Summer 2017

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