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"And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." Matthew 18:20, *The Message*

The Way of Jesus is not an easy one. It isn't something someone can walk alone and expect to continue to grow and stay rooted. The disciples were sent out two by two. We need others. We need to be connected to creation in order to know the Creator. That creation includes other believers with whom we can talk, share ideas and work through questions.

There was a time when I was hurt by the church, and I spent Sunday mornings in my barn; I was content to do that indefinitely. As I learned more about the benefits of fellowship, I sought out a church, a place to find connections. Luckily, I found a healthy place to call my church home and have been there for the past eight years. It has been amazing to see what those connections have done for my faith, how I have grown, and how I continue to find new ways to share God with others.

For many of our campers at Camp Tamarack, camp is their connection to creation and to the Creator. It is also a place where campers make connections with one another, and during the course of the year I see them celebrate with each other, challenge one another, support one another through difficult times, and in general "be" there for each other.

Connection – it is an important thing.

This summer, consider joining us or encouraging a youth to attend. We have many different offerings for all age groups. Grandily Camp is a great space for intergenerational connection, and at Tamarack Tales you can see the connected work of God in the sun, moon, stars, and Earth! **Go to www.camptamarack.org for full details.**

PEOPLE NEWS

- ◆ Condolences on the death of **William Horseman**, former ABC Pastor, who passed away on Tue. Mar. 12.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Carmen Porco** and Kathy Martinson on their marriage on Sat. Feb. 23rd.

American Baptist Men 2019



Fri, May 31—Sun, June 2
Men's Annual Retreat 2019 Camp Tamarack—Registrations now open. Go to abcofwi.org for more info.



Milwaukee Brewers vs. SF Giants (families welcome) **Sat, July 13**

Contact Franklin 510-393-8546



Spring into Camp Fri 5/17-Sat 5/18 Camp Tamarack, Waupaca



Join us as we get ready for the summer season! We need help cleaning cabins, clearing trails, setting up the waterfront and more. Meals will be provided on the 18th. Lodging will be free!

RSVP to kim.drost@abcofwi.org by Tues, 5/14.

If these dates don't work for you, but you still want to help, let us know!



AB Women's Ministries Annual Retreat 2019

Ladies...join us as we celebrate "Joy, Peace, and Praise."

Fri.-Sun., June 7-9 at Camp Tamarack
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Marty Carney, Pastor and Artist
For more info contact: Rev. Jane Mathison jjmathison33@att.net.

ABCUSA Lenten Devotional Series

The American Baptist Office of the General Secretary is sharing a periodic **online Lenten devotional** for prayer and contemplation. These pieces, written by fellow American Baptists across the country, seek **to recognize the desert that Jesus journeyed through as well as the deserts that we journey through in our own lives.**

<http://www.abc-usa.org/lenten-devotional-series/>



CULTIVATING LEADERS
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES
HEALING COMMUNITIES
Galatians 6:9-10

The America for Christ offering is taken annually to support a variety of ministry projects within the American Baptist Home Mission Societies including (but not limited to):

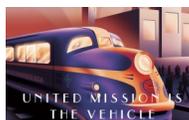
- ABC/WI
- Congregational mission & renewal
- Immigration/Refugee Resettlement
- Prisoner Re-entry Ministries
- Scholarships; Disaster Relief; Evangelism

See your church office for ways to contribute to this American Baptist special offering.

Come celebrate those from ABC/WI's seminary site who are graduating...

CENTRAL 10th WISCONSIN ANNUAL COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Trinetta McCray
Sunday, May 19, at 3 pm
New Covenant Baptist Church
2315 N. 38th St., Milw.



In 2018, ABC/WI churches gave to American Baptist-related mission as follows: United Mission Basics: \$89.8K (a 10% < compared to 2017) and \$238.7K to Total AB-related mission (a 22% < compared to 2017). We thank you for your support; please let the region office know if you have questions or concerns about your church's ABC mission support.

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