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EXECUTIVE MINISTER'S CORNER

God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You

Updating Region Phone System: Week of Feb. 10th.

Please use e-mail that week if you need to contact Region Staff.

Thank You!

We've Moved!

The American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin Regional Office has moved into our new home at:

American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin (ABC-WI)
1011 North Mayfair Road, Suite 205
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Please send all mail to the new address.

Our phone number - (262) 782-3140 - is currently being routed to Mindi's cell phone. If you need to contact other staff, please e-mail them (*see below*).

ABC-WI STAFF PAGE

Wishing Farewell to Linda Jolly!

Please join me in wishing Head Cook and Hospitality Manager Linda Jolly well as she departs camp and takes steps in the next phase of her working career.

Linda started in 2013 as Assistant Cook, took a year off and then came back in 2015. She then took over as Head Cook in 2017 and added in Hospitality Manager/Security to her duties in 2022.

However, Linda's time with Camp Tamarack started many years earlier as a camper and then she brought her family to camp plus several of her boys were on staff, so this place is truly a family tradition.

Linda has been a steady team member for many years of staff changes and helped add some new menu items like our rice bowls and Fruity Pebbles bars. Her chocolate chip cookies made with love will definitely be missed!

Thank you, Linda, for all your work and dedication over the years and we hope you take the memories of staff bonding, playing cards, kayaking, slip and slide kick ball and more along with supporting the mission of Camp Tamarack with you. All the best – Carolyn, the Region Staff and all the campers you fed nourishing meals

Welcome Byron Johnson!

Assistant Minister for Regional Ministries
& Regional Office Coordinator

The Wisconsin Baptist

Published by the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin

FEBRUARY WB NEWSLETTER

In February, ABC-WI is Praying for...

First Baptist Church, Delevan
Minister David Goralski

Bridge Point Church, Green Bay
Rev. John Nehs

Federated Church, Green Lake
Rev. Karen Gygax-Rodriguez

Carson Chin Baptist Church, Greenfield
Rev. Ronald Nunuk

ABC-WI 2025 PRAYER LIST

Digital Ministry: Connecting with Your Community Outside of Your Church Walls

Saturday, March 15th, 9:30-11 a.m. on Zoom

In today's digital age, the church has a unique opportunity to extend its reach beyond the physical walls and connect with people across the world. This workshop will explore how to effectively utilize digital tools—such as podcasts, videos, and social media—to engage, inspire, and grow your ministry. Attendees will learn practical strategies for creating impactful content, building an online community, and sharing the gospel in innovative ways.

Cassaundra Thorpe currently serves as the Audio and Visual Chairperson for Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She joined the ministry in 2018 and began serving in the Chairperson role since 2019. She has lead Mt. Zion through transition to livestream during the pandemic and implementing livestream as part of Sunday worship service. As one of Mt. Zion's core values of "Live our Faith" Cassaundra and Pastor Marcus Allen have a podcast called MTZ Overflow where they take a deeper dive into the sermon and answer questions about scripture.

She also works at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as an Associate Director of Leadership & Inclusion. In this role, she oversees all Leadership & Inclusion student-athlete programming. She is also pursuing her PhD in Higher Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

MORE INFO.

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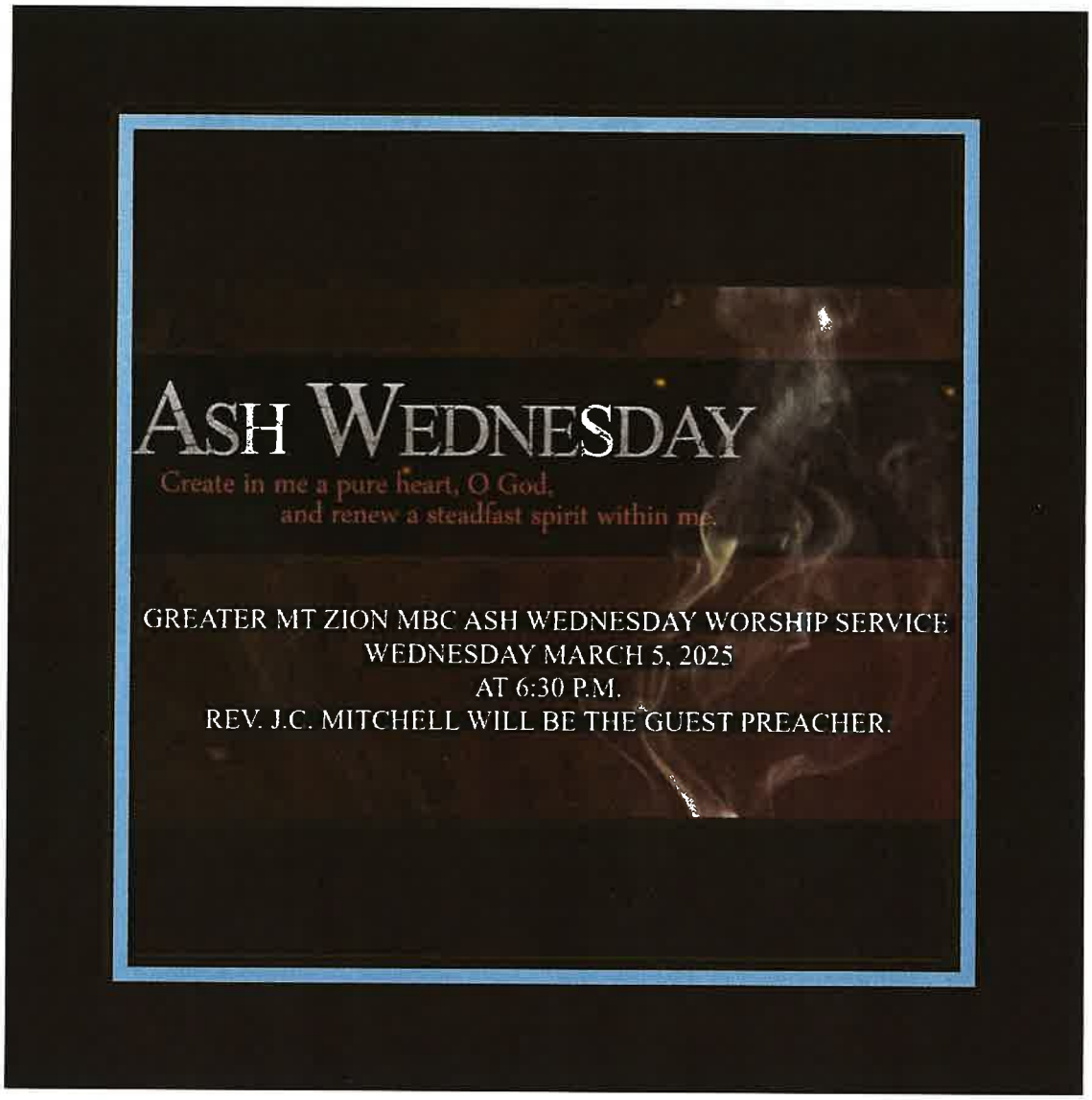
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Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
GREATER MT ZION MBC ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2025
AT 6:30 P.M.
REV. J.C. MITCHELL WILL BE THE GUEST PREACHER.

Bounce back Camp Tamarack

Our Goal is to raise $1.2M over three years ($400k/year) to support these four areas at Camp Tamarack:

Environmental Restoration

Waterfront restoration, endangered animal habitat, managed forestry plans to name a few.

Safety & Security

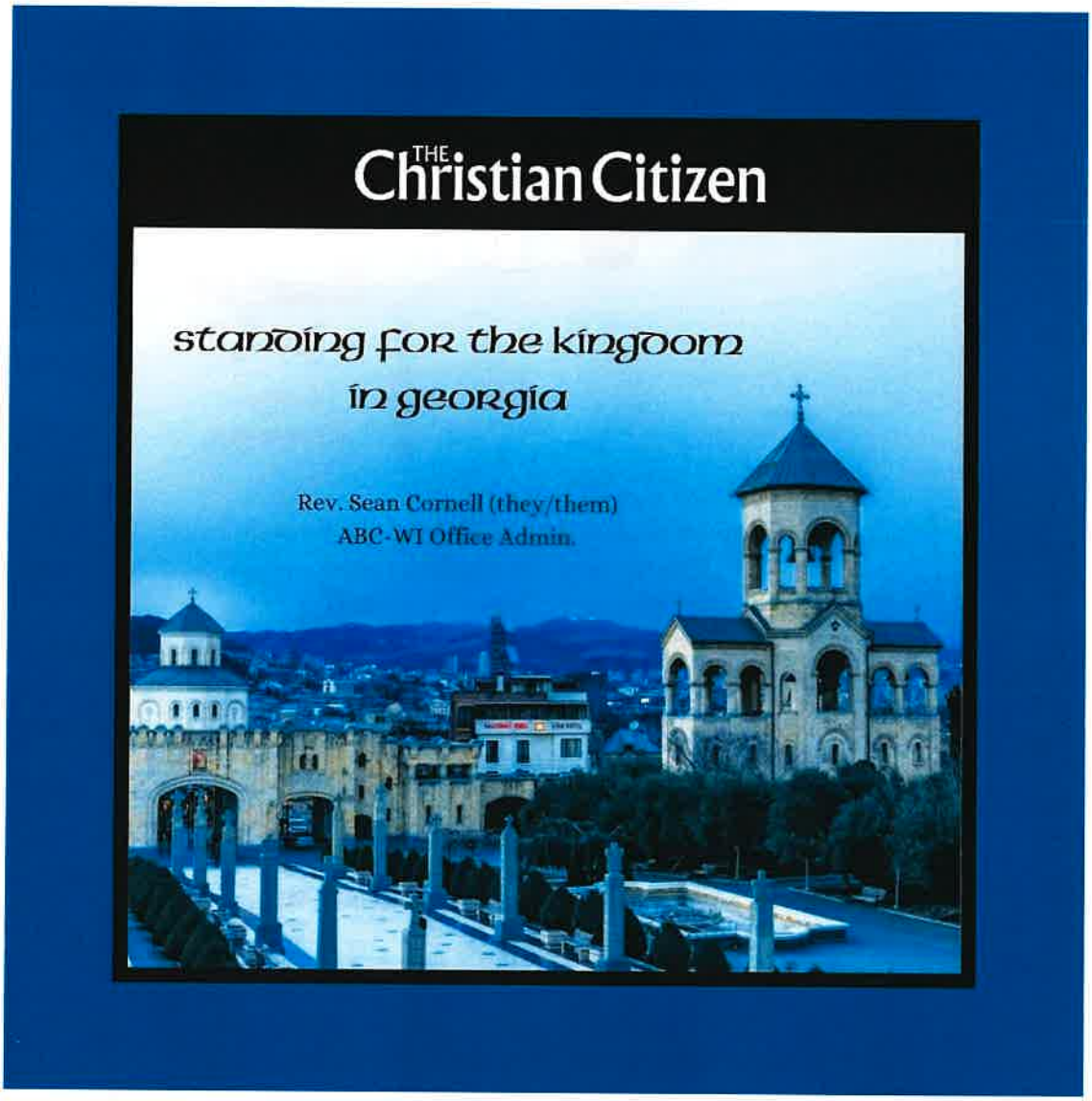
Renovation of camp spaces, safety initiatives including cameras plus inclusion efforts.

Re-creation

Updating the basketball court. summer youth programming and elevating/increasing retreats

Worship

Converting cabin 13 to a year round chapel facing the lake



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CHRISTMAS BOOK CAMP

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CAMP TAMARACK

JAN. 2-4, 2025

Our Christmas Book Camp was a huge success! We read books, participated in a book exchange, enjoyed sampling Wisconsin cheese and wore our Christmas pajamas and ugly sweaters! Stay tuned for the next Book Camp retreat at Camp Tamarack!

Congratulations to the New Wineskins Grant Recipients for 2025!

First Baptist Church, Waukesha: CONNECT Youth Program. Continuing to grow cross-cultural youth ministry and outreach in Waukesha.

Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church, Greenfield: Education Ministry for Chin Community. Fostering community, improving awareness and sharing accurate information for educational opportunities across the Chin Community.

Progressive Baptist Church, Milwaukee: Progressive Community Peacemaking Project. Establishing a community table to bring together resources, faith leaders and community leaders to build relationships and develop strategies for peacemaking in Milwaukee.

The Crossing Ministry at University of Wisconsin, Madison: The Crossing Justice Advocacy Collaborative Recruitment. The Crossing is an ecumenical ministry supported by ABCWI at UW and the Justice Advocacy Collaborative is a program helping students become advocates for social justice within their given fields of study. The New Wineskins grant will help with recruitment from incoming students as well as potential UW students.

Grant recipients will provide mid-year reports at a gathering in May and will give final reports at our Annual Gathering September 26-27, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison.

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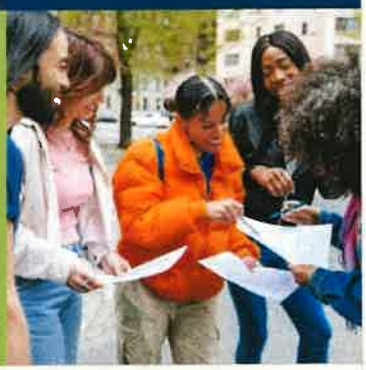

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American Baptist Churches USA
BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT
July 3–6, 2025 | Omaha, NE

The Biennial Mission Summit is celebrating its 50th anniversary! Originally, this biennial event was held as an annual convention of American Baptist Churches USA. In 2025, we will honor supporters of the event through the Biennial Golden Jubilee Society. Become a member with a gift of $500 or more. Contributions made by May 1, 2025, will receive special recognition in the printed event program and a unique memento distributed at the event.

You can make a one-time donation or set up monthly gifts on the www.abc-usa.org/Jubilee. Checks may also be sent to ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary, ATTN: Evon Moody, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Please include "Biennial Society" in the memo line of your check.

Learn more about the Biennial Mission Summit at
www.americanbaptists2025.com

BIENNIAL INFO.

FLIERS & RESOURCES

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Current Mission Areas

WILDFIRE RELIEF

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This Month's Recommendations

JUDSON - WEBSITE

JUDSON - FACEBOOK

THE Christian Citizen

Justice
Mercy
Faith

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN - WEBSITE

American Baptist

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United in Christ,
Together in Mission

United Mission Giving

Keeping Track of Your Church's Mission Giving

Just a friendly reminder - if you would like for your Church's giving to be accounted for (whether it go to the Region, Camp Tamarack, International Ministries, the Milwaukee Christian Center, or any other ministry) please be sure to:

- **Make** your check out to ABC-WI

- **Mail** your check to the **Region Office** at:
  1011 North Mayfair Road, Suite 205
  Wauwatosa, WI 53226

The staff here at the Region Office do not have access to the accounts of individual ministries (even the ABC-USA institutions) so please be sure to send things through us.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Sean Cornell (they/them)
ABC-WI Office Administrator

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Together in Mission

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UM GIVING VID. - ENGLISH

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UM GIVING TOOLKIT

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ABC-WI Job Board

ABC-WI JOB BOARD

WISCONSIN COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES

WI COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - WEBSITE

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE - WEBSITE

MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER - WEBSITE

ABC-USA NEWSLETTER REGISTRATION

Synergy Submission Guidelines

Guidelines:

- Keep announcements to 2 paragraphs or less.
- Include pertinent info.:
  - Who
  - What
  - Where
  - When
- Graphic announcements in JPEG or PDF formats preferred.
- Hotlinks welcomed.
- No attachments allowed.

DEADLINE

Submissions must be e-mailed to:

abcwi.office@abcofwi.org

by 12:00 Noon on the last Thursday of the month.

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