

# REFRESHING TIMES

*"I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope."*  
HOSEA 2:14-15A



**EMBRACE CABIN**  
Our newest Prayer Cabin  
is now open!

**Mission Statement**  
*To provide a place of refuge, peace, restoration, and hope, dedicated to help people establish intimacy with Jesus Christ and those they love.*

# BUCKLE UP HERE WE GO! GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

## Embrace Cabin Opens

We are ecstatic to again declare glory to God for His provision for, and completion of, prayer cabin #8, called Embrace Prayer Cabin. It has been quite the build surrounded by all kinds of “oddties” this year like delays in windows, interior paneling, outrageous material prices, delays in furniture, and other things that we’ve not experienced with previous prayer cabin projects, but the Lord saw us through and Embrace is now in service.



As I was talking with Larry, our master builder, I smiled as he shared how during this build he felt in very tangible ways the “Embrace of God” all along the way. It’s different than any of the other cabins, as it sports a white-washed interior, a non-screened front porch entry, and an attached screened porch accessed from inside the cabin. Beautiful, simple lighting, and a larger counter area than any other cabin, sitting on top of a hickory face frame; with black inset drawers and under-counter doors, all hand crafted by Larry, make for a perfect setting to curl up by the propane fireplace to “Rest in His Embrace”!



Again, Ethan Deal, our Associate Director, helped design the signature sign that hangs on the wall to the left of the fireplace, which says, “Rest in His Embrace”. The black letter contrast against the white walls commands your first glance as you walk into the cabin. This cabin also is the first to have a whisper quiet air source mini-split heat and air conditioning unit that can create heat from -22 degree air in the winter, and also easily cool the cabin in the hottest summer months.

It’s much cheaper than straight electric or even propane could do. We can’t wait for you to visit and experience this new prayer cabin. It is open for booking now.

## HOPE to start soon - #9

It is so exciting to be meeting with the architect to finalize plans for the Hope Prayer Cabin just days before the Embrace

Cabin actually opens for business. We are excited about the ideas we have for this next prayer cabin and trust that it will go together faster than any of the previous ones. As soon as we can get the plans finalized, we will begin to create the estimate of supplies list: doors, windows, exterior siding scheme, heating and cooling options, roofing design and structure, foundation layout needs, interior colors and paneling, flooring, furniture, counter design, and on and on it goes. It is our hope that we will basically be able to order the whole cabin and have it mostly all here in a timely manner to begin assembly, with a goal of having it done about 3 months from ground breaking. We are so thankful for Larry of Merrifield Construction, who will be managing all aspects of this new building project. Renee is already on the lookout for ideas and concepts for each part of the color scheme and exterior and interior décor for this building. She is fired up and excited and so is Larry. Me? Well, I get tired just thinking of everything this year will hold. Nearly every day I say to myself, “Buckle up and hang on, God is on the move!” We need your prayers for each and every piece of this project to be God honoring. Pray, too, that we will receive favor for each and every step, from placement to parking, to design, to protection as we build, to the supply chain for materials, to skilled workers who will help us put it all together. Thank you for your support and excitement with us. But, our summer is even fuller than that! Keep reading.

## The next PC Shower House funding has begun to come in!

I am so blown away by the provision of God for this expansion of the prayer cabin village. One man and his wife just gave \$50,000 toward the new shower house we are required to put in to serve the next 10 prayer cabins. This shower house must be built and operational before the tenth prayer cabin opens. Now this is getting interesting, as just yesterday I received a verbal commitment for the funding for prayer cabin #10 from a long-time friend and regular prayer cabin guest. So that also pushes the need for the new shower house up the list of importance. We have the blueprints completed for an expanded shower house to include extra supply storage, as well as a laundry area for washing quilts and bedspreads, etc., for all the prayer cabins. With all that said and clearly with the “Buckle up and hang on, God is on the move” attitude very much on my mind, we will need at least an additional \$40,000 to build this building. Final estimates are still coming in. Please pray for all of the finances to come in; without it we will not be able to open prayer cabin #10.

## Additional big ticket items needed for shower house!

This shower house will require drilling a well. We are meeting soon with our well driller to get estimates, but it is anticipated that it could come to between \$15K and \$18K. It is also highly likely that we will need a water treatment system for the well, as all the water in this area is high in iron and hardness. Cost estimate: \$5K-\$8K. Huge prayer needs! Please cry out to the Lord on behalf of these needs.

## Grace Prayer Cabin lining up after Hope!

As I mentioned briefly above, I met with a lady who wants to fund our 10th prayer cabin. She desires to call it Grace. See why I say, “Buckle up and hang on, God is on the move”? Be watching for further details on this one also. It appears that we may be in for 2 prayer cabin builds and 1 shower house build this year! WE NEED THE SUPERNAT-

URAL HELP OF GOD TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. HE IS ABLE!

### Many more left to build?

The conditional use permit approved “up to 12 prayer cabins and 1 shower house” in the next 3 years. Someone once told me, “If your dreams don’t scare you, they’re NOT big enough!” Well, in order for this to happen a miracle of help and organization will have to take place. Also, additional staff will probably need to be hired for cleaning and scheduling, which also means office growth as well. So, I’m not a lot scared, but maybe a little, but I also know that “what God orders, He pays for!” We are all excited to see what God does. The Wilderness operates on the premise that the green light to “go” or “move forward” is the provision of the finances. We operate debt free, so we wait till the green light of full provision is on. You know how you feel when you are driving and you hit every green light for blocks and blocks on end? Well, this is what we are praying for. God’s perfect timing! God’s perfect provision! Again, I plead with you, join us in fervent prayer!

### Interested in funding a prayer cabin?

Consider picking your building site from the 10 available. As we move forward with this expansion of the prayer cabin village we have laid out 10 potential building sites. We plan to lay out the electric and propane plan this summer so they

are ready to go when the funds come in. Something to think about and pray about if you have been prompted by the Holy Spirit to fund one of these cabins. Contact us if interested.

### Urgent Need: Events Coordinator

Many of you know of our great loss last September. Marilyn Barrett went home to Jesus. She had been our Events Coordinator for the past 7 years. What a huge gain for her, but huge loss for us. We still do not have this position filled and are praying for God’s perfect choice in filling this position. If you are interested in being on staff here with this team in a part time capacity, please contact us. It would be best if you lived in our area. God has someone to fill this need.

**-Randy**



Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, five grandchildren, two sons-in-law, 2 daughters-in-law and a dog. Randy is the Executive Director of TWFM and is the son of TWF Founders Dick and Lois Klawitter. Randy has been involved in virtually every TWF project since its beginning and wears multiple hats as builder, greeter, mechanic, work crew leader, equipment operator, etc, and fills in wherever needed. If you have questions or comments, email Randy at [randy@wildernessfellowship.com](mailto:randy@wildernessfellowship.com).



**MARCH 25 & 26, 2022**

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Can a whisper be deafening? Can a shout, not be heard? With noise all around us, have we become hard of hearing? Yet, in the midst of more noise than ever before, there is a voice that whispers loudly over the crowd. It calls! It beckons! It speaks in the midst of the thunder! Can you hear it? It’s promised to always be there if we will listen. If you want to learn to hear, recognize and respond, join us for the Northwoods Conference March 25-26 as together we learn to hear- His Voice!

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**CARL WESLEY ANDERSON**



**BRIAN FENIMORE**

### DATE

**MARCH 25 & 26**  
FRIDAY EVENING AT 7 PM  
SATURDAY AT 9 AM

### LOCATION

**ADVENTURE CHURCH**  
23985 WI-35  
SIREN, WI 54872

Call now to register at 715-488-8564, or register online at [www.wildernessfellowship.com](http://www.wildernessfellowship.com)

## Morley's Maple Syrup

We now have Morley's maple syrup for sale in the office. John Morley has been using our sap now for 3 years to make his syrup. So, we felt that it would be a good fit to sell his syrup at The Wilderness. Along with normal syrups, he has 4 specialty syrups that we sell: Coffee Maple, Cinnamon Maple, Cranberry Maple, and Jalapeno Maple. We do offer tastes of these if you come to the office and ask about it. We do not plan to make our own syrup any longer at TWFM but still wanted to offer our guests an option for this sweet goodness. Hope you enjoy it.



## SMD increases coming?

It has been over 10 years since we made any adjustments to the Suggested Minimum Donation (SMD) for use of our facilities. We will never change our donation-only policy but with the increase of so many costs, we feel it may be time to make some adjustments. Growth brings additional needs for maintenance, supplies, and staff. We will always operate on a donation basis, but when there is a target to aim at, it helps guests feel more comfortable knowing that their gifts are actually coming closer to meeting the real needs. It may be interesting and a blessing for you to know that without the monthly support of quite a number of people who have not even been here before, the expenses overrun the inflow. God greatly uses your gifts outside the use of facilities to tremendously help keep it all going. Thank you for your understanding and prayers for wisdom in this.

## The end of an era for TWFM

The Wilderness from its very beginning has always had a team of horses. First was Lady and Beauty, then came Dolly and Flory, then Babe and Sassy. Spanning over nearly 50 years these horses have brought smiles and fun to guests who came to The Wilderness. As mentioned in the last newsletter we lost Babe back in the late fall. Now just last week, her sister, Sassy, died. Both lived a long and good life. Might we get more? Well maybe, but for now we have great memories of these gentle giants.



# THE ULTIMATE Marriage Retreat

WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN  
**2022 DATES: APRIL 22-24,  
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2**



JON & AMY

The Ultimate Marriage Retreat is a call to hope, greatness, and destiny for every marriage. We begin with the Father's original culture, and from His starting point, we drop a plumb line to help you build the ultimate marriage. It's time to learn what heaven's idea about marriage truly is - because it's way bigger than you think!

Prayer Cabins and The Farm House at The Wilderness have been made available for those attending The Ultimate Marriage Retreat. Make your reservations now as we expect our lodging to fill up quickly. You can also search online for Motels/Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, and Airbnbs in nearby Grantsburg, Siren or Frederic. Call The Wilderness office at 715-488-8564 to find out more details and to register. Or you can register online at: [www.wildernessfellowship.com/events](http://www.wildernessfellowship.com/events).

# DONATIONS

## ONLINE GIVING

One-time or monthly recurring donations can be given on our website. Click on *Ways to Support Us* under the *Connect With Us* menu on our home page.

## MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Check with your Human Resource office at your work place to find out if they will match gifts you make to non-profit organizations such as TWFM.

## THRIVENT CHOICE

Thrivent Financial members: this is a charitable grant program that allows you to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds. You must designate the charity of choice each quarter. Please consider directing to The Wilderness Fellowship. Visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

## AMAZON SMILE

The Wilderness Fellowship can earn a small percentage on your purchases, if you select us as the charity of choice when shopping on Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0175560>.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Many wood baskets to fill
- Fellowship Center exterior repair
- Bench and picnic table repair and painting
- Landscaping/clean up by Fellowship Center
- Possibly help with various steps of PC building process
- Firewood cutting and splitting
- Spring cleaning of Prayer Cabins, Group Cabins and Showerhouses

# PERSONALIZED GIFT CERTIFICATES



Gift Certificates can be purchased online or by mail. Please follow instructions on our website.

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# Memorials

## GIVEN BY

Harvey & Amy Matheson  
Bob & Patty Patch  
Dick & Louise Klawitter

## IN MEMORY OF

*MaraNatha Marshaw*  
*Karl Hoff*  
*Marilyn Barrett, Neil Miller, Michael Peterson, Jackie Marmon, Marge Friberg, Dale Soderbeck, Jim Carlson, Scott Langlie*  
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*George Anderson*  
*Marilyn Barrett*  
*Kelsey Jaster, David Gutierrez*  
*Karl Hoff*

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James & Lynn Jorud  
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# Honorariums

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David & Staci Wright

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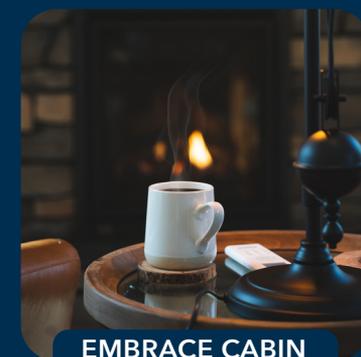
*Don and Joanne Wright*

# GUEST FEEDBACK

So blessed.... God is so good and is evidenced by this place. Truly a thin atmosphere and improved ability to seeing the Lord our God. This place is now a part of my journey and is requisite for walking in His will. Thanks Randy and family/staff. **-TA**

Solitude is a scarce, precious, little-recognized resource now. You wonderful people not only have taken it upon yourselves to give it out freely, but by making the setting so attractive, you are enticing and encouraging the unaware to give the experience a try. It makes me glad and thankful to be a part of (the) same body of Christ as you. **-T&BE**

Another wonderful, restful time with the Lord at the Wilderness. Thank you for making it possible and perfect in every way. We appreciate the sanded roads for walking. =]. The Lord bless you and keep you. **-D&DP**



Thank you so much! We really enjoyed our time away as a family. It was very needed and your place was perfect! May God bless your ministry! **-B&JS**

EMBRACE CABIN

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **NORTHWOODS CONFERENCE: His Voice – MARCH 25-26, 2022**

Join us for the 2nd annual Northwoods Conference on March 25 & 26! The speakers for the weekend are Brian Fenimore & Carl Wesley Anderson as we explore the theme of "His Voice"! We hope you will come and dive deep with us as we learn to hear and recognize the voice of the Creator! You can find more info and register for the conference online at [wildernessfellowship.com](http://wildernessfellowship.com), or by calling the office at: 715-488-8564 today!

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## **WILDERNESS WORSHIP – 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 7:00PM**

An hour and a half of worshipping the Lord in song! No agenda, no preaching, just worship. If you're unable to attend in person you can join us on our FaceBook livestream.

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