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BETH FREDRICKSON



Fredrickson to Lead Harbor Point Ministries

The new executive director of Harbor Point Ministries will need little time to be oriented to her position. Beth Fredrickson has vast experience with Covenant Harbor, Covenant Point and the Central Conference of The Evangelical Covenant Church. Fredrickson succeeds Dave Auker, who is retiring this fall after eight years in the leadership role.

"The HPM Board of Directors is eager and excited to see all that God has in store for our conference's camping ministry under Beth's leadership," said

chairman Tom Ek. "We know Beth well from her service on the board and her role as a volunteer. We appreciate her sense of call to this new position, and look forward to working together."

As executive director of HPM, Fredrickson is responsible for providing strategic direction for the shared ministry of the camps, coordinating and promoting relationships between the camps and their owner churches, and managing the ministry's governance.

"I am deeply grateful for the board's confidence, and for the support of our camps' executive directors, Ray Warren and Erik Strom," said Fredrickson. "Our ministry of sharing the gospel, encouraging discipleship and developing leaders drives all we do together. I am delighted to be a part of that in this new way."

Fredrickson joins the ministry from a career in marketing communications, most recently as a senior PR counselor at Bottom Line Marketing & Public Relations in Milwaukee. She completed six years of volunteer service on the HPM board in April 2016, previously served on the board in the mid-90s, and served as chair during both periods.

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Camp has become a very special place for both of our boys. We're grateful for all you and your staff have done to help grow our boys' faith and ensure they have a fun time in the process."

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Throwback

"Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind!" (Psalm 66:5) was the verse for the Throwback theme for the summer of 2016. A record-breaking 2,684 campers were challenged to look back at what God has done in their lives and in the lives of people in the Bible. Each day scripture was used to demonstrate qualities and traits of God while encouraging campers to notice the work God has done and will do in their lives.

Including a \$10,000 grant from Covenant Children's Ministries, used to provide full scholarships for at-risk campers, and over \$35,000 generated from the last year's Golf for Kids tournament to assist other at-risk campers, we were blessed to be able to provide \$89,503 in scholarship assistance to campers of all ages. Prayers were answered with the Lord providing the right mix of talented, gifted and "called" students to take on the mission of loving kids and sharing Jesus. We were even able to send two of our male counselors up to Covenant Point to help during their Sr. High Camp since that week they were short staffed.

With 2,145 participating this year, The Summer Sunday Worship Series continues to be a unique opportunity for people from the greater Lake Geneva community and from our churches in the Central Conference to participate in a worship service before enjoying an afternoon on the waterfront between our week-long camps.



Summer camps may be over and summer staff either back in school or beginning new careers, but the volume of campers and guests coming to Covenant Harbor has not diminished. The transition to the fall retreat season with outdoor education, mid-week conferences, Road Scholar programs and weekend retreats will keep staff busy until mid-December when the volume of guests will taper off until the day after Christmas when the winter season begins in earnest. We praise God for the opportunity to serve so many campers and guests!

Welcome Sarah!

Covenant Harbor staff is excited that Sarah Snow has been named to lead Covenant Harbor's development efforts. Having spent the last five years as a Major Gift Officer for North Park University, having served on the Harbor Point Ministries Board and as Vice-Chair last year and serving on the campaign committee for the Chuck Frasier Memorial Campaign at Covenant Point, Sarah is well suited for this position.

After spending summers as a camper at Covenant Harbor with her friends from Trinity Covenant Church, she enjoyed being on summer staff and an intern at Covenant Point before becoming a public school teacher for seven years. Sarah has an understanding for the importance of Christian Camping and how it impacts campers and the churches of the Central Conference.

When asked why Covenant Harbor at this point in your career she responded, "I see this as God's calling me to this position. This is a culmination of my education, camping and development background. Covenant Harbor is the place I made a commitment to serve Christ as a child and to come back to serve now is very special. Christian Camping has been an important part of my own faith formation and personal development and an annual part of my life."

Sarah's vision is "to build on what has been done in development efforts over the last 20 years in growing relationships and partnerships with donors and to develop an endowment for the future of the ministry." Sarah is replacing Jon Lokhorst who is leaving to start his own business in executive coaching and strategic business advising.





A Unique Program

In recent years, the Alpha program at Covenant Harbor has been a consistent source of pride for all the staff involved in facilitating it. This two-week camp experience for twenty high school students runs four times each summer with a bonus week at the end of the summer in which selected current year participants return as volunteers.

Within 72 hours of registration opening online last November, the spaces for 2016 were full with a substantial wait list. Brad Hutchison, Youth Ministry Coordinator, is responsible for the oversight of this leadership training program. Passionate about providing meaningful experiences for all campers, he shares the following:

Alpha isn't our biggest program, and it isn't the only way we serve high school campers, but to many staff members it is one of the most exciting things we do. Alpha challenges kids through hard work, unique relationships, and specific lessons aimed at exposing their enormous potential. This program has three distinct goals: to help the campers grow spiritually with relationship oriented teaching (discipleship), to show high schoolers the value of hard work through service hours, and to develop future summer staff.

Alpha campers spend sixty hours of their time at camp serving all over our grounds alongside full time staff. Apart from that

time, they have a unique camper's experience that includes much of the fun and adventure that other campers enjoy, with special privileges. Throughout their experience they're guided by three summer staff: a program director, a female counselor, and a male counselor.

There's plenty of evidence that the Alpha program works: available spaces consistently fill, campers wish the program was longer at the end of their two-week experience, campers return year after year and growth is often evident in returners. Many campers credit lessons learned at Alpha for major developments in their lives and many former Alpha campers apply to be on summer staff. We care a lot about high schoolers and strongly desire to play a part in fostering them into becoming compassionate, exciting, and effective adults who love Jesus. Alpha works!

Last year during a worship service at Milwaukee Covenant Church two girls shared their testimonies about being participants in the Alpha program and how much they learned from it. Instead of going back to camp this summer, they planned to put into practice what they learned as Alpha campers by serving on the mission field for their summer experience instead. What a confirmation of a program that works! Campers who are interested in Alpha need to register early.

After the Fire

Restoration of the Carriage House following last year's fire has been a slower process than first anticipated. While architectural drawings were being prepared for state approval, the interior of the building was stripped to the studs and rafters, soda blasted and sprayed with a sealer to lock in any residual smoke smell. The permits were issued in July and

work on reconstruction is in progress!

Although insurance will cover restoring the building to its prior use, the costs associated with creating the first floor infirmary; the main floor chapel; extending the water main to provide an additional fire hydrant between the Carriage House and Engebretson Lodge (required by the

Fire Department) and a new three phase electrical service to the building will be camp's responsibility. Those costs are estimated to be \$600,000. Fund raising has begun. The goal is to have the building completed in time for winter camps. Gifts to assist with this project may be made online at covenantharbor.org or mailed to 1724 W Main St., Lake Geneva, WI 53147.



Billy Orris' Legacy Spurs on CPBC Leadership Program: A Mother's Reflection

It had been a long time since I was with a group of high school students, and I had no idea what to expect. I felt anxious - wondering if I would be able to stay up all night, play games, and sleep in bunk beds, let alone connect spiritually. I was at Covenant Point for a week-long experience that had begun five years ago in the Central Conference called Adventures in Leadership. Along with a team of youth workers and CPBC staff, I was invited to help facilitate. Together, we were going to embark on an adventure that would change all of us - but mostly me.



After we gathered on the first night with some introductions and games, I got up to share my story. I told the group about my oldest son, Billy, who came to Covenant Point for the first time as an Island camper. The experience had a profound impact on him: being nurtured by camp staff, his love for the outdoors grew, as did his love for Jesus. Then I told them that Billy had been killed in an accident less than one year ago at the age of 26. I had tears streaming down my face and I could barely speak. There was a deafening silence in the room, and it was at that moment that I knew I was meant to be there: I knew my pain was speaking to their pain.

Billy knew he had a call to ministry on his life, and he possessed amazing gifts for leadership, but he spent most of his young adult life trying to figure out where God wanted him. My message to these campers was this: a leader doesn't have to look a certain way, have a particular personality or disposition; rather, God uses us just as we are, the particular way He created us to participate in advancing His kingdom on earth right now.

Over this last year, I have groaned, ached and grieved over the loss of my son. I was determined that his life would be remembered: his strong convictions, his love for God's creation, and his deep

love for family and God. After my week pouring into these campers' lives, I knew this was to be part of Billy's legacy.

Rev. Lisa Orris, Hope Covenant Church

The Billy Orris Memorial Fund was established at Hope Covenant Church, (Crystal Lake, IL), to provide scholarships to youth so that they can attend Covenant Point and Covenant Harbor. Over \$3,000 was awarded this summer to kids attending both camps, including a \$2,000 gift toward those selected for the AIL program. The Orris family has made a commitment that scholarships will be given each year in Billy's memory to AIL. If you would like to donate online, visit HopeChurchcares.com, and note "Billy Orris Memorial Fund." Thank you.



As a parent and a medical officer, I always appreciate the level of concern and kindness that is shown to the campers and staff members at Covenant Point. There is a strong atmosphere of love, respect, and kindness. It is this atmosphere that encourages campers and volunteers to continue returning to CPBC and to want to be a part of this great organization."

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CPBC Celebrates 90 Years of Ministry

On Saturday August 6, 2016, friends of Covenant Point gathered to celebrate 90 years of ministry! The weather could not have been finer, as an estimated 300 people enjoyed open waterfront, camp tours, conversation, and a cook-out lunch, followed by a celebratory worship service in the Tabernacle. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Mark Safstrom, a former Point staff member and the author of an upcoming written history of Covenant Point, to be published by the camp in early 2017. With the book of Romans as a framework, (a tribute to the theme of the original 1928 tent meeting at Covenant Point), and drawing from many voices from the history of Covenant Point, Mark reflected on the challenges faced in the past, and the strengths and gifts of the Point community. A special thanks to all who were able to come and celebrate!

The forthcoming history book, *Silliness & Stillness: A History of Covenant Point Bible Camp in Michigan's Upper Peninsula*, will be a coffee-table quality book, featuring full-color photographs, and a detailed account of the origins, philosophy, and people behind the ministries of Covenant Point. Contact camp to order your copy today!

Wilderness Campaign Update

Launched in December 2015, *The Wilderness Campaign* is a special effort to raise \$300,000 to enhance campers' experience of God in creation. As of September, 2016, over \$230,000 has been pledged, and these funds are already making lasting impacts:

- **Four new yurts, along with new bunks** to replace aging canvas platform tents and bunks on the Island.
- **A 90x40 pole barn** constructed in the Back 40 to better care for equipment, vehicles and watercraft.
- **New fleets of Island kayaks and Trips canoes** to replace and add to our current paddling equipment.

Thank you to those who have given so generously to this effort! We look forward to completing the financial goal and the remaining improvements. To give or to learn more, call our office to request a brochure, or visit us at cpbc.com/campaign/.

Summer 2016 By the Numbers

- **635** total youth campers and **35** families served.
- **Three** new summer high school youth programs launched: our first-ever **second week of Senior High Camp**, a new adventure-travel style trip called **Adventures in Transitions**, and a 9-12th grade **Flambeau River Canoe Trip**.
- **\$1,900** raised for the summer mission project benefiting Covenant Bible Camp, (Unalakleet, AK).
- **36 athletes** and loads of supporters raised **\$6,100** to fund CPBC's Autism Spectrum Disorders Family Camp through our annual triathlon fundraiser.
- **\$33,500** in scholarship funds distributed across **142** campers in need, including a \$10,000 grant from Covenant Children's Ministries.
- **31** summer staff members and **27** high school work crew volunteers.
- **Nine pastors of the week:** Jon and Amanda Bergstrom, Lars Stromberg, Colby Mecher, Alicia Vela, Lauren Malecki, Peter Hawkinson, Josh Hiben, and Kyle Mecher.
- **Ten volunteer health professionals.**



Staff News

Covenant Point welcomes another group of gifted and enthusiastic interns joining the ministry for a year of service and learning, funded by the Chuck Frasier Memorial Internship Endowment.

Drew Edstrom, (Arlington Heights, IL), is a graduate of North Park University with a BA in Youth Ministry studies. Drew plans to go on many runs through the woods, and enjoy time with his fellow co-workers, while discerning his next step in ministry. Nick Ralston, (Iron River, MI), earned a BA in Communication Arts from North Park University. Passionate about youth ministry, Nick is looking forward to time serving year-round in the camp community, as well as making fresh apple cider. Natalie Swanson, (Manlius, IL), is also a recent graduate of North Park University. A double major in Youth Ministry and Biblical and Theological Studies, Natalie desires to learn more about working in a full-time camping ministry as well as living in the Upper Peninsula.

In addition, Covenant Point welcomes back Sydney Norman, (Brookfield, WI), who will be transitioning from intern to Marketing Specialist. Sydney is looking forward to a year of outdoor activities in the natural beauty of the U.P., as well as working and living in Christian community while using her skills to help camp grow in new areas.



Drew Edstrom, Sydney Norman, Natalie Swanson, Nick Ralston



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Fredrickson to Lead Harbor Point Ministries

During her most recent board service, she led the task force that redefined and clarified HPM and its relationship to the camps and conference. Continuing that initiative will be central to her role, and she will focus on further developing and achieving HPM's objectives to:

- Lead in mission and vision through united governance
- Connect Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point to their owner churches
- Support campers through scholarships
- Foster collaboration and mutual support between both camps
- Coordinate marketing and development efforts of both camps
- Provide professional development for staff at both camps

Fredrickson begins her new position this fall. She lives in Wauwatosa, WI, with her husband, John. They are members of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Milwaukee.

Harbor Point Ministries connects Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point Bible Camps with the more than 100 Central Conference churches that own them, strengthening ministry opportunities for all.

Honor and Memorial Gifts

Harbor Point Ministries honors and celebrates the lives of our friends and supporters, and wishes to thank the donors listed on the next page for their support. Gifts recognized here have been received for Covenant Point, Covenant Harbor or the Harbor Point Ministries Scholarship Fund between August 15, 2015 and August 15, 2016. Gifts can be mailed to Covenant Point, Covenant Harbor or Harbor Point Ministries. To give online for Covenant Point visit cpbc.com/donate/; to give online for Covenant Harbor visit covenantharbor.org/give/, to give online for Harbor Point Ministries visit centralconf.org/camps/.



This week, God has showed me that it doesn't matter what others think as long as you're pleasing God and yourself."

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He was not just challenged, his faith was refreshed. He felt a deep sense of community and brought home a deeper hunger for the Lord."

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You know that relationship thing that Brad was just talking about? Well, we want to do that."

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Upcoming Events:



Covenant Harbor:

2016:

- Sept. 16-18: Fall Fellowship Women's Retreat
- Oct. 15: Believe.Love.Serve. Volunteer Work Day
- Dec. 28-30: Winter Day Camp for Grades K-6

2017:

- Jan. 6-8: Winter Camp for Jr./Sr. High
- Jan. 13-15: Winter Camp for Jr. High
- Feb. 3-5: Winter Camp for Jr. High
- Feb. 10-12: Winter Camp for Sr. High
- Feb. 17-19: Winter Camp for Grades 3-6
- March 19: Maple Fest
- May 5-7: Moms and Daughters Retreat

Summer Camps 2017:

- Day Camp for children grades K-6.
- Overnight Camp for children grades 1-12.
- Online registration begins in November.
- Summer brochures are available in January.

Find more information at
covenantharbor.org



Covenant Point:

2016:

- Sept. 16-18: Silent Directed Retreat
- Sept. 23-25: Women's Retreat
- Oct. 7-10: Jr. High Fall Retreat, Grades 6-8
- Oct. 13-16: Quilter's Retreat
- Oct. 22-23: Trailblazer Overnight, Grades 4-6
- Dec. 27, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017: Christmas Camp Families & Singles of all Ages

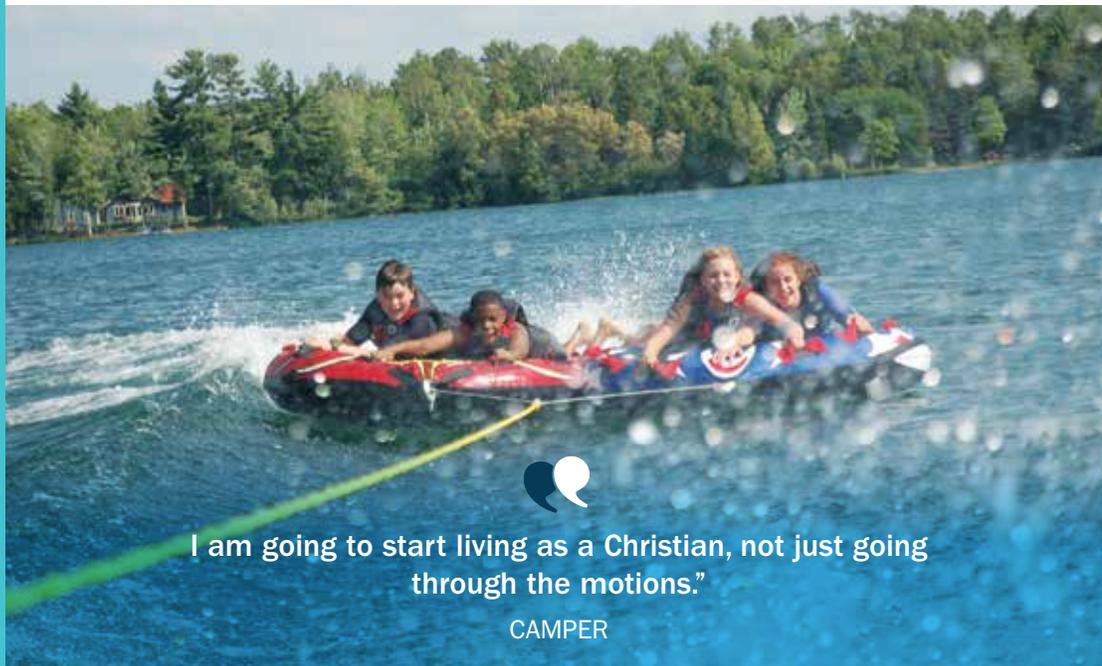
2017:

- One Life 1: Jan. 13-16, 2017, Grades 9-12
- One Life 2: Feb. 17-20, 2017, Grades 9-12
- One Life 3: Feb. 24-27, 2017, Grades 6-12
- March 3-5, 2017: Men's Retreat

Summer Camps 2017:

- Camp for grades 2-12, Island, Trips, Mainland and Family Camps. Online registration begins in November. Summer brochures are available in January.

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I am going to start living as a Christian, not just going through the motions."

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