



Wisconsin Gospellers Apr 2018

Mission Statement: To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music

Vision Statement: A world where God's love triumphs over that which divides us.

A Poem from Kimberly

What did they sing on Saturday?
In shadows by the temple,
Pacing dusty alleyways,
Or gathered 'round a Sabbath hearth?

Soloman's Song? A hollow tune.
Isaiah's words an ancient myth,
And Job's lament a sharp rebuke
For treason, disbelief and dread.

Did someone don the teffilin?
Rise to chant the Shabbat prayers?
Recall the Psalmist's hour of need?
Stumble through the Kaddish pledge?

The Talmud preaches exodus,
Golden calves transformed by love—
What bitter wine for broken souls
And two-faced friends with shifty eyes.

What filled long hours that holy day?
(Rabbinic law stilled desp'rate hands,
And faith demanded idle hours.)
Contrition's twin: Amazing grace.

A Hello from Ruby and Carolyn



Carolyn Blair and Ruby Wilson from the New York Conference Choir say hello to everyone here in the Wisconsin Gospellers Choir. They both look forward to seeing us and singing with us this upcoming August.

From Ruby:
A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR GOSPEL
MUSIC PARTNERS, THE WI GOSPELLERS!
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GOSPEL
EXPLOSION THIS SUMMER AS WE TAKE
WI BY STORM! CAN'T WAIT!

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April 2018

Upcoming Events and Activities

Sat., May. 12

GOSPELLERS rehearsal

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pilgrim UCC, Fond du Lac

535 Stow St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Fri.-Sun, June 8-10 (specific times TBD)

Rehearsal and performance at Wisconsin Conference UCC annual meeting

Where: Green Lake Conference Center

Saturday morning early: listen to Speaker for the Conference meeting

Saturday morning late: rehearse

Lunch

Saturday afternoon rehearse

Saturday night concert (about 15 minutes equivalent to about 4 or 5 songs)

Sunday Concert in Ripon (still tentative on time)

Cost: about \$150 (will have exact cost sent in email or announced at rehearsal)

The cost covers 4 meals (3 Saturday meals, and 1 Sunday breakfast), plus two night stay Friday & Saturday

Sun July 8 Concert (Still tentative if enough interest)

Monticello Homecoming Days

Concert

Aug 2 – Aug 7

New York Conference Choir Visits Wisconsin and sings with Wisconsin Gossellers.

Venues include:

Saukville UCC Church August 4th

A church in Sheboygan (date TBD)

A church in Waukesha (date TBD)

A church in Milwaukee (date TBD)

May rehearsal will have a brief membership meeting to elect the next slate of officers for the Wisconsin Gossellers Leadership Team '18 –'19

At the May rehearsal, the Wisconsin Gossellers members will hold a brief meeting to elect the next slate of officers for the Wisconsin Gossellers Leadership team for the upcoming 2018-2019 year. The current leadership team will hold office through the end of August. The new leadership team will start in September. If you have any questions, let the current leadership team know. Current leadership team consists of Kimberly Redding, Martin Ulrich, Malena Koplin, Alicia Gardner, Donna Leet, Luke Bocher, Lori Bocher, Bonnie Spindler, Sue Loomer, Norm Loomer.