

## WEST AREA CONFERENCE AT GREEN BAY AUGUST 8, 1992

Angel Of Hope MCC, will host the West Area Conference of the Great Lakes District of UFMCC on Saturday, August 8, 1992, at the Best Western Downtowner Motor Inn, Green Bay. Representatives from MCC churches in Illinois and Wisconsin will be in attendance.

The one-day conference will feature a special presentation of "Cotton Patch Gospel", and will include a business meeting and worship service. A special Memorial Service is planned as a part of the worship service.

Registration is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., with the presentation of "Cotton Patch Gospel" at 11:00 a.m., luncheon at 12:30 p.m., business meeting at 1:30 p.m., Memorial Worship Service at 3:00 p.m., and dinner at 4:30 p.m. The special two-hour (with intermission) presentation of "Cotton Patch Gospel" will star Tom Key and the original award-winning cast and is featured as the "greatest story ever retold".

The public is invited.

### SEARCH FOR NEW CHURCH HOME CONTINUES

The pastor and members of the ad-hoc Building Committee of the Board of Directors of Angel Of Hope MCC church recently visited several potential sites for the new location of future Worship Services and other religious observances of the church.

Church attendance has been up and the members expressed their desire for a larger and more "churchy" setting for religious services. Church Worship Services are now held every Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m., in the Community Room at 824 South Broadway, Green Bay.

If a new site is found, the change will probably occur this summer. Plans for advance notification in the community are now being considered by the Committee

## Of Whores and Sodomites

NOTE: This is the third in a series about Scripture passages most often used to condemn homosexuality. Previously discussed was the belief of "contra naturam" (contrary to nature), Creation accounts in Genesis, and Sodom and Gomorrah.

This passage is often quoted as a application to homosexual activity. It is, in fact, a mistranslation in the Authorized Version of the Bible, and all versions based on it. The error occurred when translators had to "guess" as to the meaning of certain words and phrases. This same error appears in I Kings 14:22-24, 15:12, 22:46; and, II Kings 23:7.

"There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Eternal thy God for any vow; for even both these are abominations unto the Eternal thy God."

Modern archeology and recent discovery has cleared up the

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meaning of many words and phrases that some of the older translations had to guess at. Many of the older translations are still in common use today. In this passage the word "gadesh" is the masculine form and "qedheshah" is the feminine form of the same word. This relates to the ancient fertility cult throughout the ancient world.

The translations that used the term "sodomite" are completely without merit. The term "a dog's price" is accurate, as male temple prostitutes were known as dogs, and their fee was called a dog's price. The term whore was an inaccurate translation from the feminine form (temple harlot would have been better).

This is a clear reference to the fertility cult rites and idol worship that was forbidden of the Israelites. There usually is agreement on this point between scripture scholars, but

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## James Wulk Memorial Service August 8

A Memorial Service for James M. Wulk is Scheduled for 3:30 p.m., August 8, 1992, in the Marquette Room of the Best Western Downtowner Motel, 321 South Washington Street, Green Bay.

The Memorial Service will recognize all members of churches in the West Area of the Great Lakes District who passed away since August, 1991.

Jim was a Founder, Director, Incorporator, and past Vice-Moderator of Angel Of Hope, MCC. He also was a Founder, Past Director and Volunteer Coordinator of Center Project Inc., and was very active in church and community affairs. The Memorial Service is scheduled during the West Area Conference to allow his many out of city friends to participate. He is survived by his three children, Todd, Michael and Sarah, and his many dear and loving friends.

A "family-style" chicken dinner, with all the trimmings, will be held at the Motel following the Memorial Service. Persons interested in attending the dinner should telephone the church answering machine and indicate the number interested. The price is \$9.00 and includes the meal, taxes and gratuity. The Church telephone number is (414) 496-8688.

## Green Bay at Pride Parade and Pride Fest

The June 14 Gay Pride Parade and Pride Fest at Milwaukee was the largest gathering since the event began. Police estimated the attendance at 3,000 for the Pride Fest, following the parade.

Green Bay was noticeably present in the parade with representation by Za's and Angel Of Hope, MCC. entries. Other Green Bayites were seen enjoying themselves at the Fest and along the parade route. Photos of the event were published in a recent edition of In Step.

## Golf and Bowling Dominate Sport Scene

Community Sports Director, Julie Schultz reports that the summer Golf League is going strong. Golfing is every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., at the Royal Scott Golf Course. Always room for a few more. Come out and join in the fun.

Plans are now underway for the Fall Bowling League scheduled to begin in September. For more information on either event, telephone Julie at home at 468-5617, or at Nap's at 432-9646.

### One Little Rose

I would rather have one little rose from the  
garden of a friend  
Than to have the choicest flowers when my  
stay on earth must end.

I would rather have one pleasant word in  
kindness said to me  
Than flattery when my heart is still and life  
has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile from  
friends I know are true  
Than tears shed 'round my casket when this  
world I bid adieu

Bring me all your flowers today, whether  
pink or white or red  
I'd rather have one blossom now than a  
truckload when I'm dead.



## In Memoriam

*James M. Wulk*

**Born to earthly life on September 7, 1941  
Born to eternal life on May 26, 1992**

James M. Wulk passed to eternal life on May 26, 1992. Jim was a Founder, Incorporator, Charter Member, and Vice-Moderator of Angel Of Hope, MCC. He was also a Founder, Past Member of the Board of Directors, and a past Volunteer Counselor of Center Project, Inc. Jim was employed as a financial specialist by the U.S.D.A., FmHA, at the Fon du Lac District Office at the time of his death.

A Visitation and Funeral was observed at the Ecumenical Center UWGB on Saturday, May 30, with Rev. Thomas J. Schuh, Pastor of Angel Of Hope, MCC, Green Bay; Rev. Steven Scherer, Chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Appleton; Rev. James Dolan, Pastor of Holy Apostles Parish, Oneida, and President of Center Project, Inc.; and Rev. Michael Hartl, Retired, concelebrating. Malcore Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jim is survived by his three children: Todd, Michael, and Sarah, all of Wausau, Wisconsin, and his many close, dear and loving friends.

Jim will be remembered during a special 3:30 p.m. Memorial Service on August 8, 1992, at the Best Western Downtowner Motel.

## OF WHORES AND SODOMITES

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not necessarily between fundamental Christians who attempt to use this passage as documentation for their condemnation of homosexuality.

The scripture passage is clearly related to the ancient fertility and idol cult worship practices dominant in the Old Testament.

## Women Were Priests In The Early Church

Evidence clearly shows women served as priests in the early Christian church, according to the controversial findings of an Italian scholar that were translated into English for the first time by a University of Wisconsin - Madison researcher in 1990.

Giorgio Otranto, professor of classics and Christian history at the University of Bari, cited as part of his evidence a fifth-century papal letter ordering bishops to stop ordaining women as priests and the writings of an Italian bishop, who lived in the 9th and 10th

## Bay City Chorus To Begin New Season

Following the huge success of the Bay City Chorus' Spring Concert, "A Tribute To Judy Garland" at St. Norbert College on May 2, the chorus is now preparing for the new season with practice commencing in August.

Among other presentations, a new Christmas Concert is planned.

centuries, that stated women shared the priestly ministry equally with men.

Feminist theologians and church historians have debated the issue of female priests and deacons in the early church for several years. It appears Otranto is the first scholar claiming to have documented evidence of their existence.

His research was published in Italian in 1982, but until 1990, it has been unknown in America.

The church's principal argument for refusing ordination to women has been the precedent that the early church did not have female priests.

## Catholic Church's Stance on Homosexuality Unchanged

In the June, 1992, edition of *Ethics & Medics*, a Catholic Perspective on moral issues in the health and life sciences, Sr. Renee Mirkes, MA, authored an article entitled "Science, Homosexuality, and the Church".

She reviews Prof. Simon LeVay's article: "A Difference in Hypothalamic Structure Between Heterosexual and Homosexual Men" (*Science*, Vol. 253, pp. 1034-7). LeVay, at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies at San Diego, completed a scientific study of 41 subjects. 19 were homosexual men, 16 were presumed heterosexual men, and 6 were presumed heterosexual women. LeVay discovered a difference in size of the hypothalamus between the heterosexual and homosexual individuals. The hypothalamus is responsible for sexual activity and sexual orientation. Since the hypothalamus is formed at the time of birth, the conclusion reached by Prof. LaVay was that sexual orientation is usually

determined at the time of birth.

Sr. Mirkes outlines the traditional stance of the Roman Catholic Church that sexual activity is allowed only to heterosexual married couples for the purpose of procreation. She explores the theology of creation from a traditional view.

Her conclusion is that, while the Church must accept homosexuals as persons equal to all other of Gods creation, sexual activity outside of marriage is still not acceptable. Since homosexuals cannot marry, any sexual activity is condemned.

What is lacking in Sr. Mirkes' creation theology is: (1) During the first 1,000 years of the original Christian Church, until the Great Schism, about half of the marriages blessed by the Church were same-sex marriages; (2) If a loving God creates out of love, the gift of sexual orientation is God gifted and intended to be used; and (3) Monogamous and committed love-relationships between any two people, regardless of gender, has been historically recognized in the original Church -- It should be continued without apology.

### Memorial Service

in loving memory  
James M. Wulk

Best Western Downtowner Motel  
321 South Washington St.  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Saturday, August 8, 1992  
3:30 p.m.  
Public Invited

### Cotton Patch Gospel

An Exuberant Musical Presentation

Starring  
Tom Key  
&

The Original, Award Winning Cast

with  
Musical Score  
by  
Harry Chapin

"THE GREATEST STORY EVER RETOLD"

Saturday, August 8, 1992  
10:30 a.m.

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Green Bay

Public Invited



### Directory Update

## Angel of Hope

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Post Office Box 672, Green Bay, WI 54305  
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Meeting at: 824 S. Broadway, 11 a.m. Sundays

### Organizations

Bay City Chorus.....469-2897

P. O. Box 1901  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

Center Project, Inc. ....437-7400

824 South Broadway  
P. O. Box 1062  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

Northern Womyn, Inc. (No Phone)

P. O. Box 10102  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54307-0102

Parents & Friends of G/L.....499-7080

UW-GB G/L Support Group.....465-2343

### Entertainment

Brandy's II.....432-3917

1126 Main Street, Green Bay

Napalese Lounge.....432-9646

515 S. Broadway, Green Bay

Za's.....433-9821

1106 Main Street, Green Bay