

For over 95 years, this land at the edge of Otter Lake has been a place set apart for community.



First as Camp Union, founded in 1929—a summer refuge for young men seeking connection and growth. Then, in 2003, it became the Barbara C. Harris Center (BCH), named for the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Anglican Communion. The Rt. Reverend Barbara C. Harris was a civil rights activist who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an avid music fan & spent her life breaking down walls.

In the past twenty three years that mission has deepened and expanded from camp & conference to outreach in remarkable ways.

The mission of BCH is rooted in welcome, care, and relationship. Alongside summer camp programs, BCH also partners with the local region in support of emergency housing for families experiencing homelessness, youth and adult recreation activities, and school enrichment activities. BCH welcomes non-profits, community groups, youth organizations, and so many more in support of their mission to connect and build relationships and positively impact their community.

The center's indoor gym now buzzes with regional youth & adult sports

programs, after-school club programs and so much more. and these partnerships have turned the property into a true community hub—not just a summer destination.

And then there's the land itself. The center has taken on the stewardship of Otter Lake with urgency & hope—securing state grants to remove invasive milfoil, an effort once thought only about management but now believed capable of total eradication.

This year brings the construction of a sustainably constructed greenhouse which will hopefully sprout both a community garden & wildflower garden. The focus is on becoming a place that supports the spirit of land & community with respect.



**The Rt. Rev.
Barbara C. Harris**

Otter Fest is the next chapter. Not a departure from that mission- but a focused growth continuation of it. A day where music does what a shared meal has always done—brings people together.

BCH is a space where **'Do Good, Feel Good, For Good'** isn't just a tagline. It's a promise.

Because this center has always been about two things: embracing community & bringing people together for a purpose.

Welcome to BCH & The First Annual Otter Fest.

You're now part of that story!