

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

January 15, 2021

This Sunday's Worship Service

We will be worshipping in-person and via Zoom this Sunday at 10:00 am. Visit these links for important information:

[SONG LYRICS](#)

[ORDER OF WORSHIP](#)

To access worship via Zoom, please use the information below:

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM WORSHIP](#)

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 459 288 4444

Password: 2623637249

Adult Bible Study will meet before church in the large classroom at 9:00. You can access the Bible study via Zoom as well:

[CLICK HERE FOR BIBLE STUDY](#)

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799

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**THE
NURSERY
IS OPEN!**

Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
1/17	Zach B.	Cindy W.
1/24	Lily B.	Claire A.
1/31	Open	Open
2/7	Open	Cindy W.

Devotions for Next Week

Acts 2:42-47

- What did the earliest church devote themselves to?
- How did the earliest church meet needs within its community?
- Would you like to have been part of the earliest church? Why or why not?

CHURCH
CALENDAR



Birthdays & Anniversaries



None this week

What's Happening

From the Moderator

We are beginning a new year in the life of the Church. As members, you have prayed for each other, given of your time and talents, supported programs and Ministerial Teams, and been generous with your patience in unusual circumstances. Thank you for walking in Faith with everyone.

At the January Council meeting we were informed of a surplus of funds from 2020. It was decided to transfer \$3500 of the surplus funds to Benevolence. Missions would receive \$1500, the FIN Fund would receive \$1000, and the Backpack fund would receive \$1000. Thank you for your generosity with pledges and donations.

The Furnishing Committee made a proposal for multi-media equipment in the large classroom. The proposal included a large screen TV, magnetic dry erase whiteboard, and the necessary equipment of a wall mount for the TV, webcams, cables, and things needed to complete the project. A motion was made to give \$3100 for the multi-media equipment. This project will be beneficial for future activities in the large classroom.

May we continue to 'devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.' (Colossians 4:2)

Janine

Articles & Announcements for the next issue of "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Friday Jan. 15

Prayer Requests

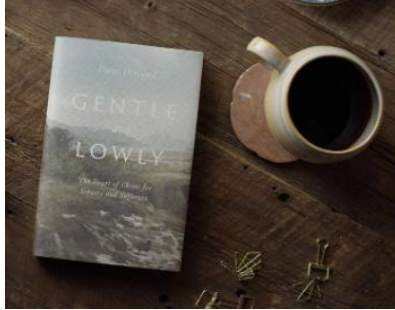
- Jim W. (from Janine) health concerns
- Marlene (from Karen J) health concerns
- Dave (from Bonnie G) health concerns
- Life's Connection Family ~ baby's health concerns
- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic
- World Peace



The Annual Church Business Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, March 14th. Ministries need to have their annual reports in by Tuesday, February 16th.

Book Study

By the grace of God, you'll find us in the large classroom Tuesday evenings beginning on February 16th. A sign-up & book order form will be in the narthex thru 1/24. Fear not! Amazon, CBD, and Barnes and Noble are all temporarily sold out, but the ministry of *Truth for Life* has copies available for less than \$10 each including shipping.



Calling Knitters & Crocheters

Karen Jones' friend Marlene is starting chemo and will be losing her hair. If you would like to knit or crochet a hat for Marlene to help keep her head warm, there is a pink bucket in the Narthex to put hats. Let's wrap Marlene in our homemade creations to help keep her warm and give her dignity.



Backpack Program

Needed for January

- 10 pk oatmeal
- Large cans of spaghetti-o's
- 4 pk fruit cups
- Spam
- Peanut butter (plastic jar)



White Elephant Gift Exchange

We will be hosting our ever popular White Elephant Gift Exchange on Sunday, January 31 at 1:00 pm (**Time Change**). This year's event will take place via Zoom. In order to participate, you need to take a photo of the gift that you are exchanging and send it to Joanne Himebauch at jhimebau78@gmail.com. Send one gift photo per person participating in your household.

The day of the exchange, you will have a chance to choose a gift. We are allowing only ONE steal per gift this year. After the exchange, please tag your gift with the person's name who received it. There will be a list of the gift recipients posted at the end of the exchange or in the What's Happening the following week. You can call Joanne at (262) 363 - 8144 to ask for a gift pick-up. Otherwise, you can drop your gift off at church during office hours (Tuesday and Friday AM) or on Sunday and drop it in the designated bin. Below is the info. for Zoom.

[Click Here for Zoom Meeting](#)

Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 935 1158 2142

Passcode: 136265

Church Directory

We are in the process of updating the church directory. There is a copy of the current directory on the table outside the office. If your information is current and there are no changes, you need not do anything. If you would like to update your information please complete one of the forms on the table, or complete the online form [here](#).

If you would like to update your photo in the directory, please email a new one to the church office - office@fccweb.net.

Offering ~ Ways to Give

Offering Envelopes ~ If you would like offering envelopes for 2021 please let the office know. (office@fccweb.net or 262-363-7249) They will be labeled and placed on a table in the narthex for you to pick up (Tues. or Friday mornings or Sunday before and after worship).

Bank Check ~ If your bank has Bill Pay you can have your offering automatically sent by check on a monthly basis. There usually isn't a fee for this service.

Website ~ You can also give through our website with a credit card or bank transfer. Click [here](#) for more info!

Exciting Upcoming Sunday School Lessons!!

In case you've forgotten, there are weekly Grab N Go Sunday school lessons currently hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

There are several ways to grab these exciting lessons!

- 1) You can pick up a lesson on Sunday mornings or during church office hours (Tuesday and Friday mornings.)
- 2) You can call Joanne Himebach at (262) 363 - 8144 or email her at jhimebau78@gmail.com and ask for a special delivery.

Your kids are especially going to want to get their hands on the upcoming lessons:



Jan 17 - David & Goliath



Jan 24 - Daniel's friends in the fiery furnace



Jan 31 - Daniel in the Lion's Den



Feb. 7 - Jonah & the Whale



Your enthusiasm about Moody Founder's Week is contagious! We are excited to host a live-stream in the large classroom the evenings of February 2nd -

5th. Speakers begin at 7 PM and we'll have a time of fellowship before and after. If you're still undecided which nights to join us, here's the speaker line up. WOW!

Tuesday: David Platt

Wednesday: Rodney Maiden

Thursday: Priscilla Shirer

Friday: Mark Jobe with special musical guest Michael W Smith

There's no need to Rsvp, but we are very encouraged by your feedback as a number of people have already said they're coming.



moodyconferences.com/foundersweek



Don't miss this opportunity or the early bird registration happening now. FCC hopes to send teens, interested parents and youth volunteers to Oswego, Illinois on April 9th & 10th for what looks to be a God-glorifying and powerful conference. Check out <https://www.ignite-youth.org/speakers> for more details and to register online.



Plan to warm up with us as we enjoy lunch together at Culvers after service on Sunday, January 31st. You'll still have plenty of time to get home for the White Elephant zoom, so mark your calendar for both!



***A joyful heart is good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.***

Proverbs 17:22

If your spirit needs a boost, join the Missions Team on Wednesday, January 20th at 6 PM. We meet in the large classroom, and there is plenty of space for everyone to properly social distance if that's important to you. It is truly a joy to spread the Gospel and bless others in the name of Jesus.



It should be of no surprise Pastor Kevin, Ashley, Isabelle and Benjamin will soon be welcoming a beautiful baby into their lives. They will have abounding love in their home, but also abounding fatigue and sleepless nights, with little time to make meals. We celebrate this special time with them, and want to be of good support. So, I've started a Mealtrain, which has a weekly signup to provide a meal for them. See the link below

<https://www.mealtrain.com/train//lzw386>

Basic instructions:

- Click on the hyperlink
- Read Special Instructions for basic information
- Go to Calendar, choose a week, then sign-up



All good things must come to an end, and the Clark baby shower display will be taken down next week. If you would like to bless baby Samuel but have not yet done so, here's a link to the registry at Walmart. [Click Here for Registry](#)

You can order online or print out a copy and shop in the store. If you would like to participate but need assistance, please contact Sue Roberts at susanrobertsstmd@gmail.com or Diane Williams at 608.274.5597.

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Did you know Abigail Adams...

Born Abigail Smith, our second First Lady was the first to live in the White House. Like her husband, she is often labeled a “Unitarian,” but for most of her life she would have been known as a Congregationalist.

She was descended from seventeenth-century Puritan settlers, and her father was a Congregational pastor. Abigail was baptized at North Parish Congregational Church in Weymouth, Massachusetts. She and John Adams were third cousins who had known each other since they were children.

Although education for women was not highly valued in her childhood, Abigail was taught by her mother and other family members. She read widely, and she became an eloquent writer. She made a serious study of French and English literature (with a strong taste for Shakespeare and for our most famous Congregationalist writer—John Milton), and she was unafraid to express her opinions on government and on other issues, such as the rights of women.

President Adams valued her advice very highly—so highly that some of his critics referred to Abigail as “Mrs. President.” Often, Abigail’s political views were different from her husband’s, and she did not hesitate to tell him so. In 1818, at age 73, Abigail died leaving her husband and best friend a widower for the last few years of his life.

...was a Congregationalist?

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Learn more about our Congregational History at naccc.org