

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

January 29, 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

Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
1/31	Rae-Ellen	Karen J
2/7	Rae-Ellen	Cindy W
2/14	Rae-Ellen	Joanne H
2/21	Open	Claire A

CHURCH
CALENDAR



Articles & Announcements for the weekly "What's Happening" are due on Fridays by 8:00am.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Karla Pennington.....2/1

Carolyn Connelly.....2/4

Prayer Requests

- Andrea, Sydney & Ryley~life challenges
- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic
- World Peace



**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

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.**

What's Happening

We are so elated to introduce you to Samuel David Clark who made his debut last night at 9:21pm. Weighing in at 8lbs, 11oz and measuring 20.5 in long, he's a healthy, strong boy.

Mom and baby are healthy and feeling great! Thank you for your prayers, love and support. Praise God for His infinite kindness to us!

In Christ,
The Clarks



Valentine Exchange

Last week we told you that we would be making Valentine Gift bags for residents of Brolen Meadows, Linden Ridge AND the Seniors in our congregation. After hearing Pastor Kevin's sermon last week, we decided that if you would like to send a Valentine's Day card to any member of the congregation, if you bring it to church, we will see that that person receives it. Just put the card in an envelope and drop it in the red container on the Valentine card table and we will take care of delivering it. Valentine's Day is on Sunday this year, so please have your cards in church by Friday, February 12.

We will be delivering Valentine treat bags to the residents of Linden Ridge and Brolen Meadows. It will be a combination of cards and small gifts. There are 45 to 50 residents at Linden Ridge including DOROTHY SUGDEN and 20 at Brolen Meadows. Any items donated will be split between the residents. There are also some Valentine cards on the card table. Please sign some and put the signed cards in the red container. Thank you.

Diane Williams

Backpack Program

Needed for February

Pancake mix
Boxes of cereal
Syrup
6 pk apple sauce
Taco mix
Refried beans
Pkg egg noodles
Lg can chicken



Lenten Study

The New Testament You Never Knew

The video Study on the New Testament You Never Knew with N. T. Wright and Michael Bird will be offered on Wednesdays during Lent. I am currently trying to figure out the best ways to use our available technology and hope to have final information available next week. There is a discussion guide, if you want to purchase it. It is not necessary. A sample and sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Diane Williams

Furnishings Update

I am happy to say that a new 70-inch large screen TV has been purchased for the large classroom along with a 70-inch whiteboard. The TV and whiteboard were hung last Friday with the help of Pastor Kevin, Prakash Mathew, Bob Brandemuehl and Harlan Petersen. Thank you, gentlemen, for all your hard work. We will soon be getting a desktop computer; monitor; keyboard; mouse; 2 cameras; and a Bluetooth speaker which Prakash will install in the room. I am in the process of writing some "easy to follow" instructions on how to use the TV, Blue-Ray, and laptop (we are currently using a laptop computer in the large classroom). Once the desktop computer arrives the instructions will be modified. If anyone would like a personal demonstration, please contact me and I will be happy to set something up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Petersen

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](#). **Please submit your information by January 31st.**

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

White Elephant Gift Exchange



We will be hosting our ever popular White Elephant Gift Exchange on Sunday, January 31 at 1:00 pm (**New Time**). 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

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:

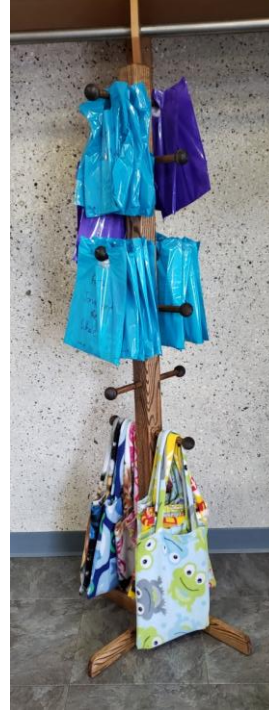


Jan 31 - Daniel in the Lion's Den



Feb. 7 - Jonah & the Whale

thank you



Thank you, Bryan Rowntree! Bryan created this beautiful hanging tree for use with our Sunday school program. Originally, it was going to be a place for our Sunday school children to grab a flannel activity bag (sewn by Diane Williams - thanks, Diane!). The flannel activity bags contain crayons, a coloring / activity book with Bible stories, which the children could use during the beginning of

the church service, before heading off to Sunday School.

Now, besides the flannel activity bags, we've been creating weekly Sunday school lessons in a Grab N Go activity bag. An activity bag contains a Bible story and verse, along with a picture to color and a related craft to make. Children who attend on Sunday mornings can use them during the service, or they can take them home to use later after the service. Other families can pick up Grab N Go bags on Tuesday and Friday mornings when the office is open. Or Joanne Himebauch has been delivering the bags to families as they request them.

We look forward to using our hanging tree for many years to come! Thank you for your beautiful wood crafting, Bryan Rowntree!

Joanne Himebauch



FREE BIBLE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2-5, 2021

Enjoy the nation's oldest and largest free Bible conference, offering a refreshing week of spiritual renewal with outstanding Bible teachers—without the drive to Chicago. Join together as we live-stream it every evening in the large classroom. Sessions begin at 7 PM nightly. For a complete schedule of speakers check out <https://www.moodyconferences.com/foundersweek/schedule/> If you have questions, contact Karen Mathew.



Many of you remember Jim and Peggy Warren visiting FCC telling us about their ministry to the people of Juarez, Mexico. 2020 has been an especially busy year for Broken Hearts Ministry - Juarez! In addition to continuing Bible studies and programs for adults and youth, their ministry has been caring for the sick, providing food to those in need, and sourcing computers to meet students' needs while schools are physically closed. Through your generosity, the missions team was able to make a \$1000 donation to bless them as we start off the new year.



Want to learn more? Their 2021 newsletter is on YouTube at:

[Click here to learn more about Broken Hearts Ministry](#)



Don't forget to bring in Ramen Noodle Soup for our SOUPer Bowl to benefit the Salvation Army in Waukesha. By SOUPer Bowl Sunday on February 7th we hope to reach our goal of 600 packages.

To kick off this fun event, after the worship service this Sunday (1/31) join us at Culvers where we'll enjoy a hot meal and warm fellowship.

Missions Team



Pastor Kevin, Ashley, Isabelle and Benjamin have welcomed baby Samuel 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:

[Meal Train for the Clark Family](#)

Basic instructions:

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

Questions?

Contact Sally Zalud

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Did you know Harriet Beecher Stowe...

Some would say Harriet could write her own story since she became a famous writer. In 1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote the novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It focused on slavery and energized the anti-slavery forces of our nation. Many people named their daughters Eva after one of the characters.

Most of Harriet's family had been involved in church and anti-slavery activities. Her father was a minister. Brother Henry was a great preacher in Brooklyn. Brother Edward was with Elijah Lovejoy when the mob killed him and destroyed his abolitionist press in Alton, Illinois. Edward went on to pastor the Congregational Church in Galesburg, Illinois, and inspire Mother Bickerdyke in her nursing and organizing work during the Civil War. Her husband was a minister, too, and a college professor.

Harriet wrote a cookbook and about twenty books in total. She spoke all over the nation when many thought women should not speak in public. She met, laughed and joked with President Lincoln, relieving some of the sadness and fear of news of the War. She was grateful for the development of the railroads that got her "swiftly" around the country. Her books enabled her to have homes in Hartford and Florida for winters.

...was a Congregationalist?

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