

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

January 8, 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](#)

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**THE
NURSERY
IS OPEN!**

Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
1/10	Zach B.	Joanne H.
1/17	Zach B.	Cindy W.
1/24	Open	Claire A.
1/31	Open	Open

Devotions for Next Week

Acts 2:16-41

- This is the first recorded public proclamation of the Gospel by the church. What is the heart of this message? (Hint: v. 24, 32, 36)
- What is the faithful response to hearing the Gospel? (Hint: v. 38)
- God's promise to pour out His Holy Spirit was fulfilled on Pentecost. Since that day, His church has had His Holy Spirit. How have you seen the Holy Spirit work in your life?

CHURCH
CALENDAR



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays this Week

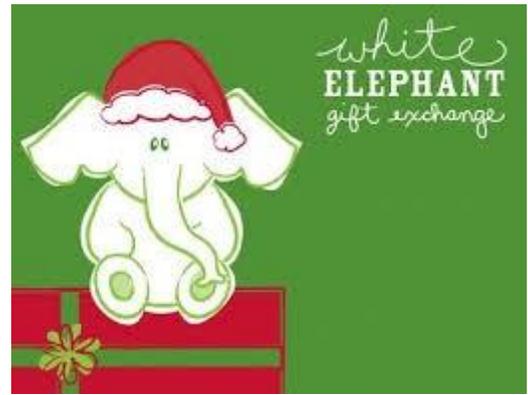
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Articles & Announcements for the next issue of "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Friday Jan. 15

Prayer Requests

- Family of Stephanie (from Jim & Florrie) passed away
- Marni & Kids ~ health concerns
- Cindy L's brother and his wife ~ health concerns
- Virginia & Rebecca (from Sally Z) health concerns
- Rex S ~ health concerns
- Our Leaders and the People of the United States (from Kathy C)
- Rick C's brother (from Chris L) 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

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White Elephant Gift Exchange

We will be hosting our ever popular White Elephant Gift Exchange on Sunday, January 31 at 12:30. 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. Click [here](#) for the Zoom White Elephant.

[FCC White Elephant Gift Exchange](#)



Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings this year were split between Mission School of Hope and Life's Connection here in Mukwonago. Our total offering amounted to \$810.61, so \$405.31 went to Mission School of Hope and \$405.30 was given to Life's Connection.

***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.

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.

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

Ready Set Go!

We're only one month away from the start of our second semester of Good News Club. So start praying for the children God will bring to hear the Gospel, the adults God will rise up to serve, the effectiveness of lessons taught, and even for how at any age YOU can be a part of our team. By the grace of God we will meet on Thursday afternoons (3:50 - 5:10) February 11th through March 25th. Find out more by contacting Linda Garasimowicz.



Backpack Program

Needed for January

- 10 pk oatmeal
- Large cans of spaghetti-o's
- 4 pk fruit cups
- Spam
- Peanut butter (plastic jar)
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The flowers for our worship service this morning are given in memory of Marcia Kufalk

Save
the
Date

We are SO EXCITED as we prepare for our time of fellowship February 2nd - 5th. Together we get to immerse ourselves in the music, teaching and blessings of Moody Founders Week right here at FCC. We'll be livestreaming the program every evening. So mark your calendars and plan to join us. If you are interested in helping with this fellowship event reach out to Karen Mathew.



moodyconferences.com/foundersweek

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!



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

*And Samuel got up....
"My son" Eli said, "I did not call;
go back and lie down."*



Like his namesake, soon baby Samuel will be waking people up night after night. But it will take more than mere words to make him go back to sleep. He'll need a clean diaper, actually 8 - 12 diapers every day.

That's why in lieu of other gifts, we ask that you please bless the Clarks with diapers and Walmart gift cards.

At our request, Ashley has set up a baby registry at Walmart to help us keep track of needs. Diapers and gift cards may be dropped off at FCC during office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays - or if you need help shopping please contact Sue Roberts at susanrobertsstmd@gmail.com or Diane Williams at 608.274.5597.

It's not feasible to have a face-to-face shower during COVID, but we can still bless the Clarks with diapers.... Because baby #3, still does 1 & 2.

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Did you know Sarah Lanman Huntington Smith...

Sarah Lanman Huntington Smith was born June 18, 1802, in Norwich, Connecticut. At twenty-five she distributed tracts to nearby Mohegans, bringing along an Indian girl to interpret. She started a Sabbath school, and served as its teacher. She petitioned state and federal government agencies to fund a native school and took up the cause of the Choctaw and Pequot who were being forcibly removed from their land. She also engaged in benevolent work, though she also expressed discontent at being unable to preach.

In 1833, she married Eli Smith, a veteran ABCFM missionary on his way back to Beirut. Her previous mission experience with the Native Americans prepared her for her new mission context. Sarah learned Arabic, French, and Italian, studied the culture, and helped her husband with translation work.

She looked for opportunities to evangelize, so she founded a school for girls from Christian, Druze, Muslim, and Jewish families, and started prayer meetings for women. Believing that Christian ministry should focus more on deeds than words, she developed a ministry of hospitality and service to the poor. After only three years in the field, Smith died on September 20, 1836.

Despite her short missionary tenure, Smith offers us some of the most thoughtful and culturally-sensitive, female mission theory of the period.

...was a Congregationalist?