



## 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

## ervant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader	Sunday School
10/3	Chris W.	Cindy W.	Diane / Karen
10/10	Zach B.	Judith B.	Joanne / Kay
10/17	Open	Joanne H.	Wendy / Terry

## Devotionals for Next Week

Acts 20:17-38

- Read Ezekiel 33:1-20. How does this inform your view of Paul's statement in Acts 20:26 and everything that we have read of his ministry so far?
- What is the task of an elder in the church? (Hint: 20:27-31)
- Why is reading God's Word so important? (Hint: 20:32)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Lily Venema ..... Oct. 4  
 Sally Zalud ..... Oct. 6

### Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

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

### **\*\*NOTE\*\***

**The 10/8 edition of "What's Happening" has been completed in advance. New submissions will be included in the 10/15 publication.**



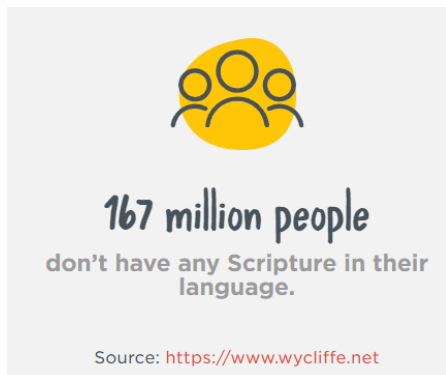
## Prayer Requests

- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic

## What's Happening

### Sabbatical Information Session

We were awarded the Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Foundation!!! Mark your calendars for a short Sabbatical Information Session on **Sunday, October 24th** right after church. We will be reminding everyone about what Pastor Kevin will be doing during his sabbatical from January 1st through June 30, 2022, along with activities that the congregation will be involved in, including our Farewell Send-Off Party on Sunday, December 26th.



**Save the date** to learn more about Bible translation. On October 20th from 12:30 - 1:00 pm, Nancy Loveland will be joining us via Zoom. Zoom link will be announced closer to the event.



### Issuing Out?

*Until Unity* discussion groups began a few weeks ago, but you can come any day this week even if it's your first time attending. No sign up is required.

Saturday mornings @ 9:00 - 10:30  
Sunday mornings @ 8:15 - 9:45  
Tuesday evenings @ 6:00 - 7:30  
Wednesday afternoons @ 2:00 - 3:30

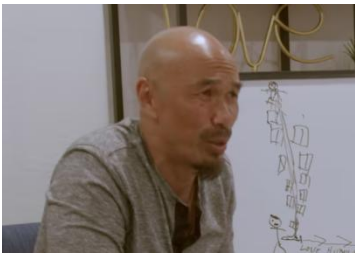
Books are still available outside the office. Join with us to discuss the material, or just read it at your own pace.



### **Reading Schedule**

Week 3 (9/28 - 10/3) Discuss Chapter 2  
Week 4 (10/5 - 10/10) Discuss Chapter 3  
Week 5 (10/12 - 10/17) Discuss Chapter 4

For purposes of fostering in-depth discussions it's ideal to connect with the same people each week, but if you can't attend your usual group, you are welcome to come on a different day of the same week. Check the schedule above and note: Sunday mornings are the last discussions of each week, with each Tuesday starting a new chapter. See you soon!



### **Does reading a book make you cringe?**

Or do you just want to delve into Until Unity in a different way? Online there are free, short videos that accompany each chapter. On occasion we may watch them with our groups, but feel free to watch any or all of them on your own. You can find them [HERE](#).

### **FCC Choir Starting Back Up**



Have you thought about singing with the FCC choir? Here's your chance! We will be starting rehearsals back up on Tuesday, October 5 from 6:30 - 7:30. Please consider wearing a mask to keep everyone safe from Covid aerosols.



### **Jumping for Joy!**

Save the dates February 1 - 4, 2022 as we once again livestream Moody Bible Institute's Founder's Week.



### **The Land of Coffee & Chocolate**

El Salvador is a great location for growing beans like coffee and chocolate. Yet despite delicious food for export growing all around them, many within El Salvador go hungry. Why? "El Salvador is heavily reliant on remittances. In 2019, transfers using traditional money totaled nearly \$6 billion - around a fifth of GDP - one of the highest ratios in the world, according to the World Bank."

What does that actually mean? Even though people are working often wages are low, and many of the nation's poor rely on money from friends and family in other parts of the world. Without it, they go hungry. That's why we're having a Food Pack on Saturday, October 9th for the poor of El Salvador.

There's still time to help! Volunteer [HERE](#).

Or sponsor a box of food for \$37 by placing a check in the box at the back of the sanctuary or using this link. Click [HERE](#) to donate online.

Thank you for helping, and remember Jesus' teaching: whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers you do unto me – Matthew 25:31-46





### **Mukwonago Food Pantry**

Did you know that because of your generous giving this year the Missions Team is able to send \$50 to our local food pantry every month? It doesn't sound like much, but over the course of a year it adds up! Because we are sending money, our gifts also go further. The food pantry is able to buy items in bulk for significantly less than we could otherwise provide. Jehovah Jireh is our provider, and we give Him glory when we help others.

### **Youth Sunday School News**

**October 3**



This week the children will discuss who the Pilgrims were and how we, as Congregationalists, are connected to the Pilgrims. They will explore how big the ship was that brought them over to America. Parents, there will not be a take-home sheet this week, but you can still discuss with your child what they learned. Remember: you, as parents, are the best resources for your child's Christian education!

### **Praying for First Congregational Church**

Each week several members of the congregation gather to pray for one of the ministries of the church and one of the members of the congregation.

We will be gathering at 3:00 pm on Thursdays. Once the Good News Club resumes their meetings in the multi-purpose room, please come directly to the sanctuary.

If you cannot meet with us, please include the following ministry and members of our congregation in your regular prayers:

#### Ministry

Food for Families

#### Members of our Congregation

Dick & Donna Greenwald

If you have any questions please contact Diane Williams or Sue Roberts.



The plight of both Afghan citizens and refugees are foremost in our hearts and minds. Due to other commitments, the Missions Team is not able to financially come alongside those struggling at the moment, but we all have a greater resource than money: PRAYER. We encourage everyone to read this very short article to learn how we can best pray for the Afghan people, both here and abroad. Click [HERE](#).



## **Did you know Frank C. Laubach...**

Rev. Frank C. Laubach was a Congregational missionary sent to the Philippines by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He made friends with the Moro people and taught at the Union Theological Seminary in Manila.

In northern Mindanao, Dr. Laubach founded Folk Schools. It was here that he began to develop a written form of their language and taught the adults to read. During this time, he also developed his idea of "each one, teach one" to extend literacy among adults throughout the Philippines, as well as in Mexico, the West Indies, Central and South America. Today his idea and his method is widely accepted and used around the world.

**...was a Congregationalist?**

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