

# What's Happening

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MUKWONAGO

October 2, 2020

## 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 Sunday's 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

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Adult Bible Study is re-starting this week!

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

[CLICK HERE FOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY](#)

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 949 6698 9289

Passcode: 656844

## Devotions for Next Week

Hebrews 11:20-22

- The story of Isaac blessing his sons is found in Genesis 27:1-45. It is not the kind of story we'd expect someone to be honored for. What does this story teach you about Isaac's faith?
- Jacob blessing his sons can be found in Genesis 48:1-49:27, though it can be a stretch to call some of the prophecies "blessings." There is one of great importance though in Genesis 49:8-12. Why is Judah's blessing so significant?
- How does Joseph mentioning the return of his bones show his faith in God?

## Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
10/4	Open	Cindy & Chris (unmasked)
10/11	Open	Al H (masked)
10/18	Open	Cindy W (unmasked)
10/25	Open	Open

**Name That Tune** ~ Often we worship with music that is familiar, but with a congregation spanning many generations we are mindful not everyone knows every song. Before we worship together, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this week's tunes. The links are below.

- [God is So Good \(verses 1 & 2\)](#)
- [Day by Day - Passing Moment](#)
- [Be Thou My Vision](#)
- [Lamb of God](#)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays this Week

Lily Venema..... 10/4  
Sally Zalud ..... 10/6  
Bernie Fraser..... 10/9

### Anniversaries this Week

None

CHURCH  
CALENDAR



**Articles & Announcements** for the next "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Friday, Oct 9. Thank you!

## From The Moderator

Dear FCC family,

As a Congregational church we are united together not by our doctrines and creeds but by the promise (covenant) that we voluntarily make to each other:

***We covenant with you, O God, and with one another to walk together in all your ways, as you reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth. We work and pray for the transformation of the world in to the Kingdom of God and look with faith for the triumph of eternal life.***

This is our membership promise, found in the constitution, and on our website. In this pandemic marred year, I am compelled to invoke the solemnity of the promise, you swore, and lay out these questions before you.

**During these Covid times**, how have I/we walked together with one another in all of God's ways?

**During these Covid times**, how has God revealed Himself to me/us in His blessed word of truth?

**During these Covid times**, how have I/we worked and prayed for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God?

**During these Covid times**, how have I/we looked with faith for the triumph of eternal life?

As we persevere through this difficult season, please take some time to answer them in the privacy of your heart, or to a trusted friend, but mainly as unto the Lord.

In His name,  
Prakash Mathew

## What's Happening

**Trick or Treat** ~ On Sunday, October 25 the Fellowship Team will be hosting a Trunk or Treat after church. The idea is to have your trunk packed with pre-packaged goodie bags to hand out to the children of our congregation. After church, the children will change into their Halloween costumes while we open our trunks filled with goodie bags. Spectators can park in the middle two rows, and participants can park in the outer aisles with their trunk open and facing the middle of the parking lot. We will space the children apart so that we are providing social distancing.

We are also looking for pre-packaged treats that aren't filled with lots of sugar for our 41 Linden resident friends. We would like to prepare treat bags for them, as well. These can be left in the Narthex by Sunday, October 18. We will provide a special container to put them in.

Families, please contact Joanne Himebauch to let us know if your children will be participating, so our trunk participants know how many treat bags they should provide.

### Financials

January - September 25

Income	\$108,025.16
Expenses	(84,955.68)
Transfers	(19,694.28)
Balance	\$3,375.20

**The Addiction Ministry** ~ will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in joining this team is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend virtually, please contact Diane Williams at [dianefae1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefae1@gmail.com)

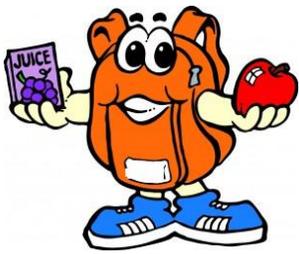
### Book Study Survey

There has been talk of having a book or Bible Study. Several books have been suggested. Please take our short survey describing these books. Watch your weekly email for more info.!

**Click Here to  
Take the Survey!**

### Prayer Requests

- Ron (from Linda G) health concerns
- Family of John (from Ali) passed away
- Lowell (from Reyna) hospice
- Harlan P ~ health concerns
- Aiden (from Terry B) 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



## Backpack Program

### Needed for October

- Pancake mix / syrup
- Spam / macaroni and cheese
- Cans of chicken
- Applesauce (6pk)

The Backpack program will be helping eight families for the current school year. Each of the families qualify for the "Free or Reduced" Lunch program with the School District. Thank you to those individuals who have already given food items! The families will receive the first backpack of food Friday, October 8th.

We are not using backpacks at this time due to Covid so will be placing the food items in plastic bags. Each week the "bags" will need to be delivered on a Thursday after the students have left the building for the day. We are in need of people to help deliver the bags. Each bag will have a label with the locker number identified in which to place the bag. If there are four people who volunteer, each person would need to deliver once a month.

Please contact either Beth (414-588-3907 or [hbpetersen@live.com](mailto:hbpetersen@live.com)) or Janine (414-588-3879 or [jacoley@wi.rr.com](mailto:jacoley@wi.rr.com)) if you are able to help.

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### **Moderator- Prakash Mathew**

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## This Week on the Mayflower

### Week 3 at sea

Since the Pilgrims were not free to roam about the Mayflower at will, how did they spend their time? During a storm even the limited light available would be reduced. They spent time in prayer and some reading of the Bible. Children did not bring toys to play with, so might have a string to play cat's cradle (a game that has survived to today).

Meals were mostly cold food. Hard bread was standard fare, but by the end of the voyage, the bread was going bad and very little was left. It was unsafe to use fire below deck and for much of the trip the only food available was cold. Even some of the seeds that they had brought with them for planting in the spring had been eaten.

Water was notoriously bad and so little was included on the ship. The beverage of choice was beer or ale. The voyage dragged on and on and as it continued, the daily allotment of beer was reduced. By the time the Mayflower saw land, most of the Pilgrims were dehydrated.

Personal hygiene was almost impossible. There was little water for washing. People in the 1600's did not bathe on a daily basis. They might have only one or two outfits and so they changed clothing infrequently. The Pilgrims wore the same clothing for the entirety of the voyage. By the time the voyage ended, the second deck of the ship had a odor that was only enhanced by the limited ventilation available below deck.



### Did you know Charles Bennett Ray...

Charles Bennett Ray was a prominent African-American abolitionist, the owner and editor of the weekly newspaper *The Colored American*, and a notable journalist and clergyman. Born a free man in Falmouth, Massachusetts, Charles was the son of mail carrier Joseph Aspinwall Ray and his wife Annis Harrington. He attended Wesleyan Seminary, studying theology, and then in 1832 enrolled as the first black student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, although his enrollment was revoked less than two months later after white students protested. He moved to New York City in 1832 and opened a boot and shoe store. Charles became a Methodist minister and later a Congregational minister, serving as pastor of two predominately white churches in New York City -- Crosby Congregational Church and Bethesda Congregational Church. He was a strong supporter of the temperance movement, and was a member of the American Missionary Association, the African Society for Mutual Relief, and co-founded the Society for the Promotion of Education Among Colored Children.

In the early 1830s Charles became involved in the abolitionist movement, and became a prominent promoter of the Underground Railroad. His paper, *The Colored American*, promoted "the moral, social and political elevation of the free colored people; and the peaceful emancipation of slaves." He was married twice: first in 1834 to Henrietta Green Regulus, who died two years later in childbirth; and again in 1840 to Charlotte Augusta Burroughs. They had seven children, including the first female African-American attorney, Charlotte E. Ray, and her sister, poet Henrietta Cordelia Ray, known for her 80-line ode, "Lincoln."

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