



## 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	Sunday School
10/10	Zach B.	Judith B.	Joanne / Kay
10/17	Open	Joanne H.	Wendy / Terry

## Devotionals for Next Week

### Acts 21:1-16

- As you read the travelogue in these verses, what do you recall reading in Acts about some of the locations mentioned?
- What did Agabus prophesy?
- Paul's response to Agabus' prophecy is startling. Ultimately the community of Christians come to an agreement. What did they decide? (Hint: 21:14)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Bernie Fraser ..... Oct. 9

### Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

## Articles & Announcements for the weekly

"What's Happening" are due on  
 Fridays by 8:00 am.



## Prayer Requests

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

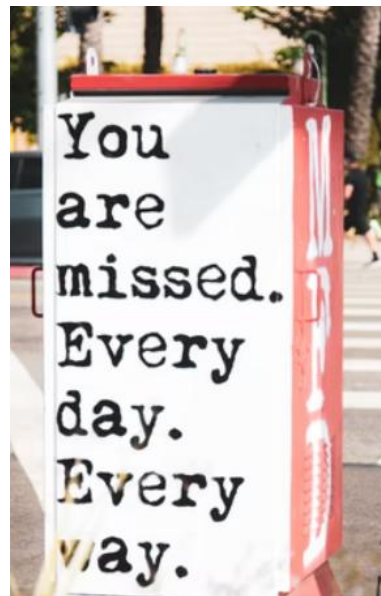
## What's Happening

### 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.



*The flowers for our worship service this morning are given in honor of Bernie Fraser's Birthday.*



### Missing 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!

## 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.



### Who's Who

We are blessed this year with both new and returning volunteers serving in Good News Club. Please pray for our health, our stamina, our patience with enthusiastic little people, our memories to remember all those names, Bible verses and lessons, and most importantly that God would be glorified as we share the Gospel. Here's this year's team.

Chris L.  
Tom R.  
Karen M.  
Jan S.  
Linda G.  
Pastor Kevin

If you would like to serve at club, it's not too late. Contact Linda G or Karen M.

## Youth Sunday School News

October 10



This week, our children will discuss what it means to live our lives for God. They looked at the story of Noah and discovered that it's worthwhile to honor and obey God even when it's hard and even when it seems that no one notices. Today's key verse comes from Joshua 24:15b: "As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Look up the story of Noah with your child in Genesis 6-7 and read it together!



### 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.



### **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](#).

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



### **Jumping for Joy!**

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

### **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  
Communion  
Members of our Congregation  
Carl & Bonnie Geiser

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

### **Trunk or Treat Fellowship Event**



On Sunday, October 31 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 currently have up to 12 children participating in Sunday school, but you may want to bring a couple of extra treat bags, just in case.

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.



## **Did you know Isaac Watts...**

Our Congregational forebears in England were variously known as Independents, Dissenters, and Non-Conformists. These terms also included Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists. Later, Free Church became a more positive nomenclature.

Isaac Watts (who identified as an Independent) was one of our own. Born on July 17, 1674, in Southhampton, England, Watts wrote approximately 600 hymns, and was known as the "Father of English hymnody."

He showed literary genius even as a boy: Latin at four, Greek at nine, French at ten, and Hebrew at thirteen. Noticing his abilities, a doctor and some friends offered him a university education, figuring that he would be ordained in the Church of England. Watts turned them down, instead attending the Nonconformist Academy under the care of Thomas Rowe, joining the Independent congregation at Girdlers' Hall in 1693.

Watts moved to London to tutor the children of a wealthy family of Dissenters. He joined Mark Lane Independent Chapel, where he was soon asked to be a teacher, then was hired as associate pastor. He preached his first sermon at the age of 24.

In 1702 he was ordained as senior pastor of the congregation, the position he retained to the end of his life. He was a brilliant Bible student and his sermons brought the church to life.

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