

# What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

February 12, 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
2/14	Rae-Ellen	Joanne H
2/21	Open	Claire A
2/28	Open	Karen J
3/7	Open	Cindy W

CHURCH  
CALENDAR



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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

Allan Haeger .....2/12  
Glenn Kreinus .....2/19

### Wedding Anniversaries

Jean Brocker / Bernie Fraser.....2/12  
Greg & Linda Garasimowicz.....2/14  
Tom & Sue Roberts.....2/14

## Prayer Requests

- Rex & Joan S. ~ health concerns
- Michele & Children (from Rae-Ellen P) husband passed away
- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic
- World Peace

## From the Moderator

We are beginning the period of Lent, the forty days that come before Easter. It is a time for reflection and preparation and for many Christians a time of repentance. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service and a video study entitled "The New Testament You Never Knew." We appreciate the time to reflect on this important season of the year.

At the February Council meeting we reviewed the membership list in order to contribute our 'Fair Share' to the National Association. We will be sending \$1181 to the NA! We also discussed the SOP for Personnel and the Personnel Policy for Part-Time employees. The Church is in need of two members to serve on the Personnel Committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Prakash Mathew. Each month the Directors contact their respective Ministerial Team Leads in order to keep the Council informed of concerns. Thank you, Directors, you do a great job! We now look forward to the Annual Meeting on March 14th where we come together to review the past year and make plans for the future. The participation of members is important to the Congregational way.

May we continue to 'be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'  
(Romans 12:12)

Janine

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The Annual Church Business Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. **Ministries need to have their annual reports in by Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Click [HERE](#) to view the report from last year.

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 17, 2021**  
**6:30 pm**

A service of hymns, prayers and a reading. If you would like to receive ashes, whether imposed on your forehead, hand or top of your head, you will be required to wear a mask. Thank you. Rae-Ellen Preuss

IGNITE | HOPE

The Illinois youth conference has been cancelled due to what the Apostle Paul calls "the rulers of the darkness of this world... spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph 6:12 But we trust "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) So we will keep searching for opportunities to encourage youth in these dark times. - Karen

## Faithful Politics in a Divided World

Mark your calendars and join us for a totally different type of live-stream on Monday, February 22nd from 7 - 8:30 PM. This is not exposition of the Word, but rather a challenge to deep thinking and exhortation formed upon Biblical principles. If you've never attended forums at the Upper House in Madison, you are in for a treat.

*"Jesus tells his followers to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Mat 5:13-14). But what do these calls mean for Americans in 2021? How do Christians resist both cynicism and triumphalism, preserve their public witness in a democratic society, and work for solutions to complex social problems?"*

Vincent E. Bacote, Professor of Theology and Director of Wheaton College's Center for Applied Christian Ethics will explore these questions. Drawing on the Reformed tradition, Dr. Bacote will outline a public theology that calls the church to transcend the deep polarization in our world, seek the common good, and pursue justice for all."

You don't need to align with political or doctrinal positions or be a SJW for this time to be profitable. That is the point: Christians don't need to agree on every matter, but we do need to give God glory as we work together. This live-stream explores how to make that a reality. Contact Karen Mathew if you have questions.

## Adventures in Sunday School

Here are the upcoming Sunday school Grab N Go lessons.



Sunday, February 14  
Valentine's Day Love



Sunday, February 21  
Jesus' baptism



Sunday, February 28  
Jesus says, "Follow Me"

## Praying for our Church

Since late last year a small group of members have been gathering via zoom to pray for our church, for one of the members and missions of the ministry teams and one of the members of our congregation. It has also been an opportunity to explore prayer and to have experience in leading prayer. We are meeting on Tuesdays at 2:30. While we have been meeting using zoom, we have also had several challenges making the technology work. The link is included below, but if you would like to join us, please also let me know by email at [dianefae1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefae1@gmail.com) or text me at 608-274-5597. If you would like to pray for our church, but this time is inconvenient for you, please set aside time each week to pray for the success of our church in meeting God's mission. This week we will be praying for Andrea, Ryley & Sydney Urban and for the Nursery for their ministry to the youngest in our church family.

### [Click HERE for Zoom Meeting](#)

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 210 088 8105

Passcode: 5m7PTQ

Diane Williams

## Valentine Bags



There are bags with Valentines for the children in the Narthex. Please pick them up on Sunday or on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:00. Thanks!

## 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



To encourage even more participation from our church family, the Missions Team will be meeting at 1 PM on Wednesday, February 17th. No Rsvp necessary - just join us for a time of prayer, fellowship and discussion as we discern how best to advance the Gospel in our community, nation, and the world.

During the pandemic, the Missions Team has focused much on ministries of mercy (shelters, food programs, etc) to help those with immediate needs. If you are aware of a missionary or Christian organization that is presently under-funded consider sharing with us how their ministry has impacted you or someone you love.



You probably recognize this smiling face, but did you know there are 12-13 children at Good News Club each week? We meet weekly on Thursdays through March 25th. As you pray for Good News Club, please pray for the children by name that Spirit of God would speak through the Word of God bringing each to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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| Casen    | Raena    | Chase    |
| Dominic  | Roman    | Aubrey   |
| Trinity  | Nehemiah | Malahkai |
| Savannah | Zach     |          |
| Isabelle | Ben      |          |

*We covet your prayers for "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16*

*thankyou*

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God Bless You,  
Krys Krawley  
Life's Connection

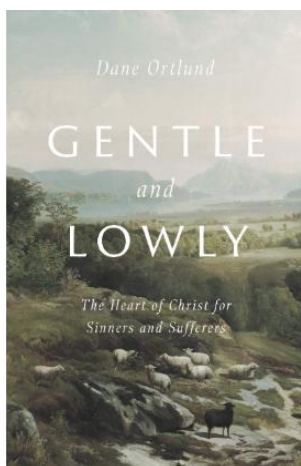
**SOUPer BOWL SCOREBOARD**

**625**

Packages of Ramen Noodle Soup

*On behalf of the families served by the Salvation Army, Thank You to everyone who got in the game!*

## Book Study - Tuesdays



Discussion of the book Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund begins this Tuesday, February 16th at 6 PM in the large classroom. If you didn't pre-order a copy, you can order a one at CBD or Amazon. We are so looking forward

to a great discussion. - Karen Mathew



# meal train

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 Donald Mullen...**

The Reverend Donald Mullen was a gentle giant in modern Congregational history. Throughout his long ministry, Don remained active in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches from 1990 until his death in 2019.

A passionate advocate of the practice of silence, meditation and mindfulness, Don was often found leading prayer and healing services at pastoral spiritual retreats. He was a pastor's pastor, who served numerous Congregational churches; including Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Texas.

Don was especially concerned about the issues of mental health and chronic homelessness in Terre Haute, Indiana. He worked with his church and the community to find solutions. As efforts to seek funding for the needed housing grew, Mental Health Partners of America became a partner. He helped begin and complete the construction of many apartment buildings including one created exclusively for military veterans who are chronically homeless and with disabilities.

## **...was a Congregationalist?**

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