

# What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

March 5, 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

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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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## Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
3/7	Zach B	Cindy W
3/14	Janine C	Joanne H
3/21	Open	Claire A
3/28	Open	Karen J

## Devotions for Next Week

Acts 5:12-42

- What motivated the High Priest and the Temple leaders to oppose the Apostles? (Hint: 5:18)
- Gamaliel is one of the most-respected teachers in the history of Rabbinic Judaism. Church tradition also holds that he became a follower of Christ (though the Bible does not say this). What do you make of his speech to the Sanhedrin (5:35-39)?
- When the Apostles were publicly flogged (beaten with a leather strip) they left rejoicing because they had been found worthy to suffer for Jesus. How do you react to your suffering?

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

If you have articles for the following weeks' "What's Happening" :

- March 19<sup>th</sup>
- March 26<sup>th</sup>
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**They will need to be submitted by March 16<sup>th</sup>. (These publications are being prepared in advance)**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

Linda Haeger..... 3/8  
David H. Beilfuss ..... 3/9

### Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Ashley Clark..... 3/9

## Prayer Requests

- Renia (from Reyna T) recovery from accident
- Tom R ~ health concerns
- Mario (from Reyne) recovery from injury
- Kathy C's Sister ~ health concerns
- Dennis and Julie (from Sally Z) health concerns
- Sponsored families in Indonesia & Rwanda (from Chris L)
- Jeanne (from Jean B) health concerns
- Mario (from Reyna T) health concerns
- Family of Joanie W (from Bob B) passed away
- Reg & Mary (from Sally Z) health concerns
- Dennis and Julie (from Sally Z) 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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### Lenten Videos

These videos are made by two of the churches that we normally do Lenten services with (Community Baptist in Honey Creek and FCC Rochester). They have shared them with us as a blessing for this Lenten season. To God be the glory.

[A Lenten Journey ~ Ash Wednesday](#)

[A Lenten Journey ~ Be Prepared \(Wk 2\)](#)

[A Lenten Journey ~ Our Best Response week 3](#)



The Annual Church Business Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting packets are available on the table in the narthex and online. [Click here to view the meeting materials online.](#)

### WANTED !!!

The Personnel Committee (4 person team) at FCC, facilitates the personnel responsibilities of the Council. At this time there are TWO vacancies in the committee, which needs to be filled as soon as possible. If you want to volunteer to serve on this committee, please contact the Moderator Elect (Prakash Mathew) or anyone else on the Council. We will gladly talk to you about the role. Thanks in advance.

Prakash Mathew

CHURCH  
CALENDAR





While we haven't been able to find a youth conference within driving distance, we can go to concerts! Get concert and ticket information [HERE](#). Contact Karen Mathew if you plan to join us for this high-energy show so we may make transportation and seating plans.

### Backpack Program



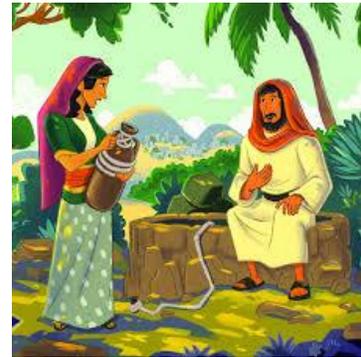
Food Items needed for the Backpack Program for the month of March

- 10 pk Oatmeal
- Spaghetti O's
- Lg can of Tuna
- 6 pk raisins
- Tuna Helper
- Jello
- Chicken rice mix
- 6 pk apple sauce

## Sunday School Grab N Go lessons



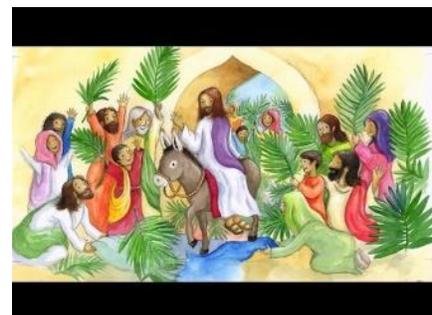
March 7  
Jesus' friends learn to pray



March 14  
Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman



March 21  
Jesus calms the storm



March 28  
Jesus enters Jerusalem

## Praying for our Church

We are meeting virtually on Tuesdays at 2:30. The link is included below. 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 pray for the Easy Worship Team and Karen Thomas.

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

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 210 088 8105

Passcode: 5m7PTQ

Diane Williams

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## Girl Scout Cookies are coming!

The Buchmann girls will be bringing your cookie orders to church on Sunday, March 7th! If you will not be in church that day, we will make arrangements to deliver them to you the following week. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Terry Buchmann. Thank you so much for supporting these 2 girls and their troops! They do such great things for their community and your purchase helps them do this!



Click [HERE](#) to read the Mission School of Hope 2020 Annual Report.



There's no hiding the truth; Spiritual warfare is real, and it is not amusing.

We need you to pray for Good News Club. Club meets Thursdays 3:30 - 5:10.

The Gospel is being shared every week to a room full of unsaved children. While Good News Club teaches through lessons, songs, and games, please be mindful God is calling us to BATTLE for the hearts and minds of these children. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Eph 6:12

**Easter Lily** order envelopes are available on the table outside the church office. Please complete, enclose payment and place in the offering basket or on the desk in the office. You can also contact Rae-Ellen to place your order and mail in your payment. See below for more information.

Easter Lilies can be ordered through the church flower committee. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6 ½" potted plant. The deadline for ordering is March 26. Plants will be delivered on April 2nd. Plants can be picked up that day for gift giving, if needed. Questions? Call Rae-Ellen Preuss at 262-594-2740.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)

# of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed (\$8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to FCC and place in the offering basket or on the desk in the church office)



I will pick up my plant(s) on \_\_\_\_\_

I will leave my plant(s) in church for the season \*(complete below if in memory of someone)

\* IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Us

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## **This Month in Plimoth February, 1621**

February, 1621 was also difficult for the new colonists with almost every member of the colony and the crew of the Mayflower stricken with illness at one time or another.

Once the first structure was completed, it was immediately pressed into service as a hospital. The illnesses were, in large part, due to the length of time they spent on board the Mayflower and the lack of sources of vitamin C. They developed scurvy, a disease identified by bleeding gums and teeth falling out. However, this was also a sign of general poor health, due in large part by prolonged diet deficiencies and lack of fresh food. We think that the Pilgrims would have arrived in a country that was filled with wild game and located next to an ocean filled with fish, and yet there is no record of the Pilgrims doing any significant amount of hunting. None of the passengers or crew was identified as fishermen and despite the fact that cod caught off the coast of Massachusetts was being exported back to England, there is no mention of fishing either during their voyage or on their arrival in the New World. It is also important to remember that at this time the use of lemons and limes to prevent scurvy was also unknown.

In addition to developing scurvy from their poor diet, the Mayflower, itself, was not a healthy place to be. There was no air circulation, the need to disinfect the area was unknown and it was the dead of winter, so they tried to keep the fresh cold air out of the Mayflower.

Scurvy was only the first indication of poor health. The "sickness" that struck the Pilgrims that first winter was never identified as a single disease, but was most likely a combination of poor diet, poor health and weakened physical condition. The long delays before sailing had further depleted their food stores and the inability to recognize and use local food sources, continued to leave the Pilgrims in poor health.

Once the first building was completed on January 19, it was immediately used as a hospital to house those who were sick on the Mayflower. While this got those who were ill out of the poor conditions, those who were healthy remained on board the ship. By the end of February, thirty-one people had died. At this time, they still had no contact with the native people, and did not know what to expect from them. As a result, the dead were buried at night in an area known as Coles Hill. It was a hill above the beach. Graves were not marked, in the hopes that the native inhabitants would not know how weakened the colony had become.

Once the common house was completed, work began on the individual houses. Single men had been assigned to a family group to reduce the need for additional housing. The settlement was mostly completed before the end of February. The houses that were built resembled the homes they had in England, so that meant that the roofs were thatched or made of grasses.

By the end of February, the settlers were mainly off of the Mayflower, but sickness continued to take its toll in the colony.



## **Did you know John Winthrop...**

In 1630 John Winthrop, a lawyer and layman, preached one of the most influential sermons ever preached because of the lasting influence it has had over America's vision of itself. Winthrop was the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

He delivered his sermon on the eve of a voyage that brought 1000 Puritan colonists to the shores of Massachusetts where they founded the city of Boston. Winthrop gave it the title, A Model of Christian Charity. It was intended to inspire and warn the colonists as they were about to embark on this new venture in America.

The sermon set forth the godly vision which the Puritan colonists brought with them to America. Participation in the Bay colony meant that each family had entered into a covenant with God. If they were faithful, God would bless them. If they were unfaithful, they would suffer adversity. Therefore, he said, they must be "knit together" by the "bond of love."

To thrive in their dangerous venture, they must work together to make the Massachusetts Bay Colony a "Model of Christian Charity". They must bear one another's burdens, bound together by one purpose, committed as a whole to the common good rather than chasing after selfish interests. If they succeeded, they would become a shining city on a hill that other nations would admire and imitate. John Winthrop's sermon is one of the greatest examples of Congregationalism's legacy to the American spirit.

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

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Learn more about our Congregational History at [naccc.org](http://naccc.org)