

# What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago



April 2, 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
4/4	Chris W	Cindy W
4/11	Open	Karen J
4/18	Open	Claire A
4/25	Open	Karen J

## Devotions for Next Week

### Acts 6:8-8:3

- Stephen's defense is giving a summary of the history of salvation in the Old Testament. Does anything here catch you by surprise?
- What was it that pushed the Sanhedrin passed angry to murderous? (Hint: 7:56) Why was this so offensive?
- Here we are introduced to Saul. He will be a very important person in the history of the church. What do you think God would use this murderer and persecutor for?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

Melvin Pepper .....	4/5
Ryan Venema .....	4/5
Joanne Himebauch .....	4/5
Zach Buchmann .....	4/6

## Prayer Requests

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

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

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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 \(Wk 3\)](#)

[A Lenten Journey: Taking up one's cross \(Wk 4\)](#)



For many years on Easter Sunday women at FCC wore hats to church. It was a nod to the founding women of our church. If you have one, you may want to consider wearing it on Easter Sunday. It can be a Kentucky derby type hat or a baseball cap or anything in between!



### Backpack Program

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

- Pkg Spaghetti
- Lg cans of stew
- Spaghetti sauce (can)
- Jar of peanut butter
- Lg can of fruit
- Box of Cereal
- Pk pudding cups
- Cans of vegetables

### 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 Music Team and Rex & Joan Stoecker.

[Click HERE for Zoom Meeting](#)

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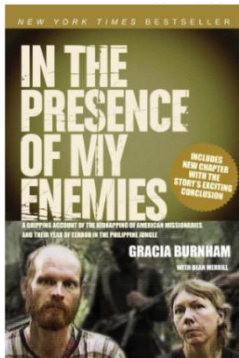
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## Lifest 2021



Lifest 2021 will be in Oshkosh July 8 - 11th. Grab your ticket before March 31st for the best discount. While the church youth will be going, you don't need to be a teen to enjoy this huge Christian festival. Full details are at <https://lifest.com/oshkosh/> or contact Karen Mathew to make plans to join the teens.



This semester in Good News Club we shared the story of Martin and Gracia Burnham, missionaries to the Philippines for 17 years before they were kidnapped by Muslim extremists and held captive

for over a year. Gracia has a powerful [testimony](#) and even back in the United States her work continues. Some of their kidnapers have since come to know Christ as their Savior! If you would like to read the Burnham's story it is entitled, In

the Presence of My Enemies. Copies are even available in the public library in hardcover, large print and audiobook formats.

### Local Opportunity with CEF

If you would like to impact the world for Jesus, but serving as a full-time missionary isn't viable, consider joining the local Board of Directors or local committees of Child Evangelism Fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are retired. CEF is the umbrella organization that runs Good News Clubs, 5 Day Clubs and other ministries in Wisconsin and the world. You will not be working with children, but rather providing direction and oversight of the organization through your monthly participation. If you have business acumen and a heart for Jesus, read more about this important, local opportunity [HERE](#). Linda G or Karen M can put you in contact with the CEF office if you would like to learn more.



Join us for the next missions meeting on Wednesday, April 21st.

After a year of operating under the new budgeting system, the Missions Team now has a better understanding and estimate of funds to expect on a monthly basis. Armed with this information, the Missions Team made the decision to switch from annual gifts to monthly giving for a few

organizations that FCC has consistently supported over the years. This not only frees up our meeting time in reviewing potential disbursements each month, but it also allows the organizations with whom we partner to better budget their own resources.

Another part of our ongoing discussion has been how we can best be intentional and balanced in our approach to allocating resources, while at the same time open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. For example, some organizations primarily focus on evangelism, while others are what is commonly called mercy ministries - helping people with a practical need in the name of Jesus Christ. We also look at our donations to ensure we are reaching both locally, nationally and globally.

With all of these parameters in mind, in 2021 monthly support of \$125 each has been allocated for two of our international partners: the Mission School of Hope (evangelism & mercy ministry) and Wycliffe Bible Translators (evangelism through Bible translation). Two local organizations will also each receive \$125 per month. We have selected the Salvation Army of Waukesha County (mercy ministry), and Life's Connection (pro-life advocacy & mercy ministry).

We haven't forgotten other worthy organizations! The Missions Team will continue to support other charities and parachurch organizations with one-time gifts as we have in past years. THANK YOU! It is only through your faithful giving that we are able to bless others.

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## **Did you know Elizabeth Hopkins...**

Elizabeth Hopkins bore her son Oceanus while on the Mayflower on their way to "New" England. She was Steven Hopkins' second wife. With her step children, Constance and Giles and her little daughter, Damaris, she endured the rigors of the first years in the new world. Along came her other children, Caleb, Ruth, Deborah and Elizabeth.

She helped manage the large estate of servants and cattle. Her household was criticized for letting men drink in their house on the Lord's Day, both before and after the meeting, and allowing servants and other to drink more than for ordinary refreshing and play games, too.

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