



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

 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 |
|------|-----------|-------------|
| 7/18 | Karen M. | Claire A |
| 7/25 | Open | Karen J |
| 8/1 | Open | Open |
| 8/8 | Open | Claire A |

Devotions for Next Week

Acts 16:16-40

- Was the spirit in the slave girl an evil spirit or a good spirit? What makes you think so?
- How did Paul and Silas respond to being publicly humiliated, severely beaten and falsely imprisoned? (Hint: 16:25)
- The jailer asks the ultimate question: "What must I do to be saved?" If someone asked you that question, how would you answer? How did Paul and Silas answer?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Cindy Wendlandt.....7/23

Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

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



Prayer Requests

- Ashley's Aunt ~ health concerns
- Bev S (from Diane W) passed away
- Chris W ~ health concerns
- Kathy (from Kathy C) health concerns
- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic

What's Happening

From the Moderator

In the last newsletter I mentioned how quickly days, weeks, and months progress. Hopefully you have been able to experience a change in pace from your normal routine and enjoyed what summer has to offer. We are beginning to appreciate the rewards of gardens and perhaps have been able to preserve some fruits and vegetables. We at FCC have appreciated the rewards of programs and activities. The "Meat Your Neighbors" outreach has been successful, church attendance is increasing, we are resuming social gatherings, and people are participating in book studies and outreach activities. We are impacting our community and growing in faith.

Plans continue to be made for welcoming Pastor Randy Kohls on Sunday, August 29th. There will be a meal after the service

for the congregation to meet Pastor Randy. The committee will meet with him on Saturday for a tour of the church.

Preliminary plans are being made for the 2022 Budget. Directors will be contacting Ministerial Teams to ask about needs for the coming year. The Council voted to accept the SOP for Charge Cards and Credit Cards and approved the use of the church for the Mukwonago Area Community Choir to use the building for practices and future performances. We are moving forward with many plans and activities!

The meeting concluded with a discussion based on information from the book Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem. The author suggests three purposes for a church: to worship, to nurture, and to evangelize. The Council looked at each of these areas and our participation with each purpose.

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Janine

New Member Class

Would you like to learn more about Congregationalism? Or how this church operates? Are you interested in becoming a member of this church? Pastor Kevin will be hosting a new member class this summer. We will meet three times for two hours each time. We will schedule our meetings based on the schedules of those participating. If you're interested, contact Pastor Kevin.

Offering Report

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Offering Expected to Date | 91,396.31 |
| Offering Received to Date | <u>69,338.10</u> |
| Difference | (22,058.21) |

Offering Options

Website ~ Offerings can be made through our website with a credit card or bank transfer. Click [here](#) for more info!

Bank Check ~ If your bank has Bill Pay you can have your offering automatically sent by check on a monthly basis. There usually isn't a fee for this service.

If you would like to use offering envelopes, please contact the office and a book will be set aside for you.

Thank you!



IT'S A BOY!

We are looking forward to showering Claire and her soon to be baby boy into the FCC family! We will be having a salad luncheon and baby shower August 1st following worship. There will be a sign up in the narthex to bring a dish to share. Here are the links for baby gift ideas:

[Amazon](#)

[Buy Buy Baby](#)



Sue Roberts

Meat Your Neighbors!

Our next neighborhood BBQ will be on Saturday July 24th. This intentional outreach is designed to show our neighbors in the Field Park Subdivision the love and fellowship of Christ. We are so blessed to have some of our neighbors worshipping with us now after meeting them at this event!!

There are plenty of opportunities to help make this a success. Please click [this link](#) to see how you can help.

Since the focus of this event is a *neighborhood* BBQ, we are asking that only those who have signed-up to help and those who live in the Field Park Subdivision (The square made by 83, NN, Meadowview and LO) attend. But we ask that everyone please be praying for our witness to our neighbors!

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin

Congratulations!



Lily Venema

2021 East Troy High School Graduate

Balloons Over Mukwonago



Please join the Fellowship Team on Sat., July 17th at 5 PM for a picnic & viewing party for Balloons Over Mukwonago. The launch is planned for somewhere between 6 and 8 PM, contingent on weather. We will be grilling hot dogs for supper. We also plan to pop some popcorn, too! Please bring a side dish to share: desserts, appetizers, salads, chips, etc. Bring a lawn chair, too, and maybe some games to entertain us while we wait.

Linden Ridge Worship

Sunday, July 18 will be our first worship at Linden Ridge. Services are at 1:00, although there could be some delays as they are still fine tuning their meal schedules. ALL of our members must be FULLY vaccinated. Be prepared to wear masks. They are not currently required, but again we are in a quickly changing situation.

In Wisconsin, 45% of all covid deaths occurred among residents of Senior living facilities. Linden Ridge has been very strict and Mukwonago did not have a single case among the residents of Linden Ridge. Please continue to follow their rules.

Diane Williams

PRAYER

Praying for First Congregational Church

The group praying for our church and its ministries will now be meeting in the sanctuary every Tuesday at 3:00 pm. If you cannot meet with us, please include the following ministry and members of our congregation in your regular prayers:

Ministry
Furnishings

Members of our Congregation

Prakash, Karen, Kenneth & Lydia Mathew

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

July Grab N Go **Sunday School Lessons**

July 18 - Go where God sends you



July 25 - Paul and Silas in prison





Did you know Philo Parsons...

When you Google Philo Parsons you find several sites that tell you about the steam boat that the Confederate agents seized on Lake Erie to use to free Confederate officers imprisoned on an island in Lake Erie.

Someone else owned the boat, but probably named it after him for loaning them the money to buy it.

But who was Philo Parsons? Philo's family came early in the Puritan migrations to "New" England. Like many others from "New" England, they continued west into upstate and western New York. As a young man he moved to Detroit in 1844 and became an active member and officer of the new First Congregational Church.

He started out as a grocer, made enough money to start the First National Bank of Detroit with others. He was successful enough that he bought out the library of a German Professor Rau and donated it to the University of Michigan. . .its largest gift to that date. He was also interested in church colleges. He paid off the debt of the young Olivet College in Michigan and contributed a substantial building, Parson's Hall.

...was a Congregationalist?

Celebrating 400 Years of American Congregationalism
Learn more about our Congregational History at naccc.org

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