

## The Gideons Are Coming!



### The Gideons International

I am excited to share with you that we will be hosting our brothers from the Gideons again this year. They will be with us on July 22<sup>nd</sup> during our worship service. In years past we have welcomed and heard from Tim Theumling, but as he told us last year, he and his wife have moved up to Northern Wisconsin and are in ministry up there.

This year we will hear from Titus Mathews. Titus is a native of India and comes to us with a powerful testimony about what God has done in his life and the lives of many through his Gideon ministry.

It is life-giving and very encouraging to hear how God is working in the world today through the spread of His Gospel. Sometimes, living in this country, it can feel like evil is winning, hatred is advancing and God's Kingdom is being delayed. Yet everyday around the world hundreds of thousands of people are coming to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. This is largely through the work of missionaries and missionary organizations like the Gideons.

I encourage you all to come to worship on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and hear about some of the amazing work that God continues to do in this world today. Be encouraged that God is still in control and that the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection continues to be faithfully received by millions around the world every year.

In Christ,

*Pastor Kevin*

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### July Birthdays

Dorothy Sugden ..... 7/5  
 Sue Perkins ..... 7/10  
 T.J. Tritz ..... 7/12  
 Joanne Keller ..... 7/15  
 Florrie Schuett ..... 7/17  
 Cindy Wendlandt ..... 7/23  
 Debbie Maske ..... 7/27

### July Wedding Anniversaries

Prakash & Karen Mathew ..... 7/10

*Please drop a note to the church office to have your birthday or anniversary included here.*



### FCC Facebook Page

Are you on Facebook? Did you know that FCC-Mukwonago has a Facebook page? Please search for First Congregational Church of Mukwonago and "like" our page! Discover interesting posts about what is happening and what is going to be happening in our church.

## **Servant Schedule**

Date	Refresh.	Ushers	Nursery	Liturgist	Sunday School
7/1	Diane W	Group 2	Cindy W		Reyna T
7/8	Rachel H	Group 3			Joanne H
7/15		Group 1		Prakash M	Naomi M
7/22		Group 2			Jess B
7/29	Women's Fellowship	Group 3			Claire A / Chris L

Notice: Photographs taken at church events are included in the newsletter, on our website and our Facebook page. If you would prefer not to have your photo posted to any of these forums, please contact the church office.

Articles for the August Newsletter are due in the office by 8:00 am on Friday, August 3

### **Stewardship @ 6/29/18**

	Income	Expenses	Over (Short)
Offering	61,138.60	57,960.56	3,178.04
Other Income	2,276.44		
Total	63,415.04	57,960.56	5,454.48
	<b>6/10</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>6/24</b>
Attendance	83	73	57

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Volunteers are needed to help park cars during the monthly Maxwell Street events at Field Park. If you can help out please see the sign-up sheet on the connection table. Thank you!!

# From the Moderator....

Even though it's summer, we have a busy couple months ahead.

Our second Maxwell fundraiser is coming up on July 21 and 22. We park cars for all four Maxwell weekends. If you can help, please sign up on the clip board on the Connection table. Your help is really needed and most appreciated. Can't help in July? We also park cars in August and September.

The church picnic is Sunday, August 26, right after worship! There will be more information coming out. Watch for a sign up sheet soon. But sure to put it on your calendar now!

Our rummage was successful. We made \$545.00. This money is going to help us fund a new sign for the church. The "left over" items were picked up by Love, Inc in Burlington and some were taken to Goodwill in Oconomowoc.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the rummage sale.....those setting up, selling, cleaning up and of course, those who donated items to the cause.

We are most grateful to those who donated their garden flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Worship. If you have garden flowers you'd like to share, we'd love it! No real need to sign up ahead of time, just bring your flowers to church on any given Sunday.

We were able to share our old NRSV pew Bibles and Pilgrim hymnals with the Adams church. They were using King James Bibles for pew Bibles and very old (1940's) Pentecostal hymnals for their Worship. We had these books just collecting dust in the choir room. The Adams church was very happy to receive them. We were also able to supply Tim and Reyna Taggert with 72 NRSV Bibles for their ministry program. These Bible were also from our sanctuary. We currently use NIV Bibles and have been for many years. The NIV Bibles coordinate with the scripture read by the Liturgist and used on our screens each Sunday. It's been good to find a home for these old books. It's important to pass them on to be used to spread God's word.

The next Council meeting is Thursday, July 5th at 6:30. This is the time of year we begin looking at our budget. It will be presented at our November business meeting. Just a gentle reminder to all Ministry teams, if your director hasn't contacted you yet, please be sure you speak with him or her about your team's financial needs.

The Nominating committee will also begin their work to find new officers for the Council. Please pray and consider how you will serve the church. The slate of new officers will also be presented in November. Thank you for considering.

See you in church!

Rae-Ellen Preuss  
Moderator



The Gideon's will be with us on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Titus Matthews will be our speaker and will be giving the sermon that day. We will be taking up a free will offering and ask that you make your checks out to FCC so that we can make one check out to the Gideon's. Thank you!

Charles Sagay sends his thanks and a new postal address for the Mission School of Hope.

"Words will never suffice to express how grateful we are and how much we appreciate your kindness towards us. Thank you so much". Their new postal address is:

Mission School of Hope  
P.O. Box 9697 Bonaberi  
Douala – Littoral Region  
Cameroon, Africa

Linda Garasimowicz



Too often serving in the church nursery can seem like a thankless job. One of the key tasks for children's ministry leaders is to help

volunteers understand their importance. With that in mind, here are a few reasons why serving in the church nursery is important.

### Reason #1

God is in the church nursery. This may come as a shock, but the Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name.

### Reason #2

Your service in the church nursery allows church goes to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children. In a very real sense your ministry makes it possible for the pastor to fulfill his ministry.

### Reason #3

The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery department. While not everyone agrees, I believe that a positive experience in the church nursery is essential.

(Written by Tony Kummer

<https://ministry-to-children.com/church-nursery/>

## Fellowship fun

We are planning some Fellowship events for the summer. If you have any ideas for summer or fall, please let Joanne Himebauch know.

We will be viewing the movie "I Can Only Imagine" on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> after church / coffee hour. Popcorn will be provided. Bring a beverage and maybe a picnic lunch.

Here is a synopsis of the movie:

**Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the**

**hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.**

On **Sunday, August 26th**, we will be hosting **our Annual Church Picnic** after church. Save the date! More details to follow!



## Sunday School Teachers & Helping Hands

We are still always looking for people to sign up to help out in **Sunday school**. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex on the communications table if you can help a Sunday school teacher out on any given Sunday as a **pair of helping hands**.



Please let Joanne Himebauch know if you would consider **joining the teaching rotation starting in September**. Why not try it for a semester? You may find a hidden gift for teaching that you never knew you had!!

(Special notice: Did you take a good look at the clipart? Did you notice that there is a **male** Sunday school teacher? I challenge you **men** of FCC to become a Sunday school teacher!)



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July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	<b>2</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>3</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Made With Love	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 6:30 Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00 Book Study 5:00 Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch 1:00 Linden Ridge	<b>16</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>17</b> 10:00 Made With Love	<b>18</b> 1:00 Book Study 6:30 Missions Team	<b>19</b> 6:30 Imop Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Maxwell Street
<b>22</b> Maxwell Street 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship Gideons Here 11:00 Front Porch	<b>23</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>24</b> 10:00 Made With Love	<b>25</b> 1:00 Book Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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