

What's Happening

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MUKWONAGO

October 16, 2020

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 Sunday's 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:

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Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
10/18	Zach B	Cindy W (unmasked)
10/25	Open	Joanne (masked)
11/1	Open	Open
11/8	Open	Joanne (masked)

Devotions for Next Week

Hebrews 11:32-40

- This section begins by listing several men who led Israel to great military victories, and claims they "gained what was promised." To what does this refer?
- In addition to those who did great things, Hebrews draws our attention to those who were treated terribly by the world. Why do you think it highlights this suffering?
- When it comes to all the saints of the Old Testament, Hebrews claims that "none of them received what had been promised." To what promise is this referring?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays this Week

Russ Coley..... 10/18

Sydney Urban 10/21

Anniversaries this Week

Ron & Bev Webber 10/18

CHURCH CALENDAR



Articles & Announcements for the next 2 weeks "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Friday, Oct 23. Judi will be out of the office the week of Oct. 26. Thank you!

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Ministry Scholarship

The missions team is **VERY EXCITED** to share a new initiative to impact the next generation. In 2021 we would like to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior in our community who has a passion to serve Jesus in ministry. If you would like to help spearhead this opportunity to build up and encourage the next generation, please contact Karen Mathew at kmathew5@zoho.com

Prayer Requests

- Bernie F ~ health concerns
- Family of Jim W ~ passed away
- Nina (from Reyna) Lowell passed away
- Bob Y (from Diane W) 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

Get Your Shoeboxes!

You may not be able to travel this year, but Samaritan's Purse has been busy securing permission to deliver shoeboxes where you cannot tread. This Sunday we kick off Operation Christmas Child, and we have a **goal so big it can only be achieved by God** working through his people - the church.

To encourage you to pick up an extra shoebox or two, this year all shipping fees will be paid from the missions fund. Instead of paying for shipping, use your resources to **pack one more box**.

Need a few 'filler' items like pencils, paper or crayons? While supplies last, we even have a table of free items available to help make packing a box easier. It will be available Sundays and during office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Do you crochet? Consider making small washcloths that can be included in shoeboxes along with a bar of soap.

Generosity is so fun, but leave a bit of space inside your box for another gift - a Gospel booklet Samaritan's Purse puts in each box. And when possible, please use the cardboard boxes provided as they are specially designed to pack efficiently for overseas shipments.

Finally - if you would like gift ideas check the [website](#).



Pick up your boxes this week!

WCA Meeting

The WCA meeting was on October 10th. I attended the meeting along with Pastor Kevin and Diane Williams. The guest speaker was Matt Cook from The Center for Healthy Churches. The topic was Renewing the Church after a pandemic. He spoke about how the pandemic has changed how we do church during these times. Things for us to think about after the pandemic is over, is what things should the church either continue to do or stop doing that we did because of Covid. Example: Do we want to continue to Zoom our Sunday worship? As strange as it all seemed, we were able to continue to worship with our church family and we also got to worship with member's and friends who cannot not attend church in person . PRAISE GOD!! I thank God for the technology we have and for the members of our church who know so much about it. So as we continue to worship differently during these strange times, take a moment to think and pray about how we can continue to grow in our faith once the pandemic is over.

Blessings,
Sue Roberts

Trick or Treat

On Sunday, October 25 the Fellowship Team will be hosting a Trunk or Treat after church. The idea is to have your trunk packed with pre-packaged goodie bags to hand out to the children of our congregation. After church, the children will change into their Halloween costumes while we open our trunks filled with goodie bags. Spectators can park in the middle two rows, and participants can park in the

outer aisles with their trunk open and facing the middle of the parking lot. We will space the children apart so that we are providing social distancing.

We are also looking for pre-packaged treats that aren't filled with lots of sugar for our 41 Linden resident friends. We would like to prepare treat bags for them, as well. These can be left in the Narthex by Sunday, October 18. We will provide a special container to put them in.

Families, please contact Joanne Himebauch to let us know if your children will be participating, so our trunk participants know how many treat bags they should provide.

Backpack Program

The Backpack program is working to help eight families! Our volunteers include:



Beth Petersen – Administrator

Karen Jones – Grocery buyer

Joanne Himebauch, Scott Chapman,
Janine Coley – Deliverers

We are still in need of help to deliver the food items to school. It takes about 15 minutes to put the bags in the students' lockers. The Office keeps a cart just inside the entrance for us to use. With a change in dismissal procedure, the school has very few people remaining after 3:45 p.m. We are fortunate to have all the bags, but one, in the same hallway. If you are interested in

helping once a month, let me know and you can help with a delivery so you can see the process.

Needed for November

- Oatmeal (10pk) & Cereal
- Instant potatoes & stuffing mix
- Cans of gravy
- Jello
- Spaghetti and sauce



GRAB & GO SUNDAY SCHOOL KITS

Since we are not having youth Sunday school at the current time, we are creating Grab 'N' Go lessons for our children. Bryan Rowntree has generously agreed to make a wooden tree to hang up our kits, but until he finishes it, you can find the kits hanging on hangars in the narthex. Your child can work on the lesson during church, or you can take it home to do after church. For families who aren't attending church in person, please free to come grab a lesson kit during the week. The church is usually open Tuesday through Friday. If no one is in the building when you arrive, call Joanne Himebauch at 262-363-8144.

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Note: While there is almost nothing available about the voyage written during the voyage, enough was written by the Pilgrims after the voyage to talk about conditions and happenings. Nothing was in last week's information because I forgot to send it. My apologies. Diane

Week 5 at Sea

Not long after departing from Plymouth, some of the Pilgrims began to show the effects of sea sickness. This was understandable, since they lived almost their whole life on the land. The short times that they spent on water were either on the rivers of England and Holland, or the relatively calm waters of the Channel. As might be expected, the crew of the Mayflower began to make fun of the passengers as they got sick.

One crew member was particularly vocal in his comments about the passengers. He was described by Bradford in his writings of his memories of the trip as a proud and very profane young man. Bradford wrote that he would "condemning the poor people in their sickness and cursing them daily with grievous execrations." The sailor even had the nerve to say that "he hoped to help to cast half of them overboard before the came to their journey's end." (He was referring to what would happen to those who died during the voyage.)

As it turned out, the sailor was the first to die on the journey. "But it pleased God," Bradford wrote, "before they came half

seas over, to smite this young man with a grievous disease, of which he died in a desperate manner and so was himself the first that was thrown overboard." Bradford claimed "it was an astonishment to all his fellows for they noted it to be the just hand of God upon him.

The Pilgrims believed that God had a hand in everything that happened, including the death of this sailor.



Did you know Obadiah Holmes...

Congregationalists have not always been open-minded toward others whose beliefs differ from their own. The leaders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony did not appreciate the prospect of a Baptist church in their close community.

Obadiah Holmes was born in England and emigrated to America in 1638. He was a glassmaker by trade and became a member of the Salem Church. Holmes became the leader of a small faction within the church, known as the "Schismatists," and by 1650 he and eight others had separated from the church and were baptized, with Holmes becoming their pastor.

He was later arrested for preaching Baptist doctrine, and was beaten 30 lashes with a three-corded whip in Boston Commons on September 6, 1651. Even the Rev. John Cotton joined in the denunciation, and Rev. John Wilson struck Obadiah when he was supposedly under the protection of the court.

Though the beating was so severe that Obadiah was unable for weeks afterwards to sleep in any other position than on his hands and knees, during the beating itself, he was so filled with divine joy that he told the magistrates, "You have struck me with roses." His punishment occasioned the conversion of Henry Dunster, president of Harvard, to the Baptists, and led to the founding of Boston's first Baptist church.

The year after this punishment, Obadiah became pastor of the Baptist congregation at Newport, and served in that position for 30 years.

...was a Congregationalist?