

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

November 20, 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:

[CLICK HERE FOR BIBLE STUDY](#)

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Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
11/22	Open	Al (masked)
11/29	Open	Cindy (unmasked)
12/6	Open	Joanne (masked)
12/13	Open	Cindy W

Devotions for Next Week

Hebrews 12:18-29

- These verses are comparing Israel's experience of God at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19:1-20:21) to the Christian experience of God here and now. What are some of the differences you see?
- The central command of these verses is, "See that you do not refuse Him who is speaking." How can you make sure you are not refusing God's voice in your life?
- In light of the greatness of what God has done for us in Christ, what should we do? (Hint: verse 28)

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays this Week

None

Anniversaries this Week

None

Articles & Announcements for the next issue of "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Tuesday Nov 24. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR



Prayer Requests

- Jan & Dave (from Reyna) health concerns
- Bernice (from Jean) care concerns
- Pastor Dave Schnepf (from Rae-Ellen) health concerns
- Buchmann Family ~ health concerns
- Sue R's Mom ~ feeling better
- Carrie (from Reyna) health concerns
- Amanda (from Glenn K) health concerns
- Kristin & Jarid (from Jim & Florrie) 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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Missions Moment

This month the Missions Team voted to send a donation of \$1,000 to our Mukwonago Food Pantry. They are using the funds to buy things in bulk to help those in need right in our own backyard.

An update on Charles Sagay and the Mission School of Hope ~ Please continue your prayers for our friend Pastor Charles Sagay as he is still stuck in Nigeria. The school is doing well under the leadership of Beatrice, whom we saw on a video a few months ago. Pray for things to open up so that Charles can travel and return back to his home country of Cameroon.

Thank you all for your generous donations of shoeboxes to help us **exceed** our goal of 150 boxes. 158 children will be the winners of your love and blessings!

Christian Books

"Do you have any Christian books you don't read anymore? Or any other miscellaneous Christian items that are just sitting on a shelf?"

A new Christian business, Manna Christian Bookstore, is excited to announce that they will soon (January 2021) be opening a Christian Book Store in downtown Waukesha!

They are starting small but praying big and are looking to the community to help their new business get off the ground.

There will be a donation bin in the Narthex for you to place your like new or gently used books and religious items from this Sunday until the end of the year.

Claire Albrecht will be taking all donations to the bookstore at the beginning of the new year. Please reach out to Claire at 262.844.2603 if you have questions."



During Advent, many of us enjoy singing Christmas carols, but prolonged singing in church is not a good idea during this time of Covid. But don't you just love singing Christmas Carols? So.... how about a **Zoom Christmas Caroling** event!

We will meet **via Zoom every Tuesday evening at 6:30** during Advent to carol together! The dates are:

Tuesday, December 1

Tuesday, December 8

Tuesday, December 15

Tuesday, December 22

Please mark your calendars!

We will run this similar to hymn sings that we have held in church in the past. Members on Zoom can call out a number of the Christmas Carol from the hymnal, and we will join together in singing it!

Please contact us if you need to have a hymnal dropped off at your home so that you can join us weekly for this very special Advent event!

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[Click Here for Zoom Caroling](#) on the dates and time listed above!



Backpack Program

Needed for November

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

Virus Response Team

FCC is looking for one or more volunteers to help out on the Virus Response Team. This team typically meets virtually (online), as needed, and evaluates developments on the coronavirus front as they unfold. They glean through all the basic facts and material out there and formulate a dispassionate, common sense policy and procedural advice to the council, tailored for our use at FCC. The FCC council is solely responsible for accepting any advice and enforcing it.

Proverbs 11:14 mentions "...in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety". Your council is asking for your help. Thank you in advance for your response..

Council Moderator (Prakash Mathew)



Poinsettias can be ordered through the church Flower Committee for \$8.00 for a 6 ½” potted plant. The plant color available this year is red. **The deadline for ordering plants is Sunday**

Dec. 6 The flowers will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 18. Plants can be picked up after 10:00 am that day for gift giving, if needed. You can also order online [here](#). Questions? Call Rae-Ellen Preuss at 262-594-2740.

PLUGGED IN WITH PRAYER!

In response to some of the suggestions that were made for more opportunities to meet, we are starting a weekly prayer group called Plugged in with Prayer. It will be an opportunity to pray together, learn more about prayer and develop a more active prayer life. We will meet via zoom on Tuesdays at 2:30. Here is the link to join the group:

[Plugged in with Prayer Zoom Group](#)

Meeting ID: 459 288 4444

Passcode: 2623637249

Dial by your location

1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago)

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Passcode: 2623637249

We will be learning about ACTS prayers (adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication) while we pray for our church, our ministries and the families in our church. Please join us as we practice prayer. Questions? Call or text Diane Williams 608-274-5597

Sue Roberts & Diane Williams

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This Week on the Mayflower

The Mayflower Compact

Last week we joined the Pilgrims in seeing land, attempting to make their way from Cape Cod south to the area originally designated as "New England" in the New World and finally turning around and anchoring in Cape Cod Bay. At some point during the voyage, the passengers realized that they had been blown off course during the storms that they encountered. This presented a problem.

Explorers claimed the land they discovered for the king and queen of the country that supported their trip of exploration. This meant that the king owned all the land and others could only settle on that land with the king's permission. The most famous English explorer was John Smith. He claimed the area from the Virginia area north to the Hudson River which was claimed by the Netherlands. In 1614, he returned to the area we now call New England. It went from north of the Hudson to the St Lawrence River. He was the first to call the area New England.

The London Company which supported the expedition had secured a patent (permission from the King to settle on a specific property) allowing the passengers on the Mayflower to settle south of the Hudson. It also set out how they would be governed. Since the patent did not allow the Mayflower passengers to settle in New England, they were not bound by terms of the contract. Some of the Strangers (non-Pilgrims) realized that they did not have to live with the same rules and restrictions as the Pilgrims. They began to proclaim that they "would use their own liberty; for none had power to command them" since they would not be settling in the agreed-upon Virginia

territory. To prevent this, the Pilgrims determined to establish their own government, while still affirming their allegiance to the Crown of England.

The Pilgrims and the Strangers began to negotiate how they would be governed. Before they left the Mayflower for the first time, the Mayflower Compact was signed aboard the ship. No one knows the exact date, and the original document has been lost, but three early copies exist. Two are almost identical. The third has several significant differences in wording and punctuation and is thought to be the last copy written. In the document, the settlers all declared their allegiance to King James, the legal owner of the property. Because they did not declare independence from the King, recent writers have said that this should not be considered one of the founding documents of our democracy.

However, the real importance of this document is that there was no binding reason for the settlers to form a government. Every one of the settler's gave up the right to do exactly as they pleased because they realized it was better for all of them to have one government making the rules. It was, in essence, a social contract in which the settlers consented to follow the community's rules and regulations for the sake of order and survival. This is the basic premise behind democracy: the good of the whole is more important than the rights of any individual.



Did you know John Eliot...

Our Puritan forebears maintained good relations with the Native Americans until the time of King Philip's War in the 1670's. John Eliot was pastor of the Congregational church in Roxbury, Massachusetts, who had a deep concern for these natives, wanting them to come to know the Lord Jesus. Somehow he became convinced that the American Indians were really the ten lost tribes of Israel.

In 1646, he began mission work among the Mohicans, establishing villages that were ruled by the standards of the Old Testament. Eliot taught the natives to farm, using agricultural methods and carpentry skills that came from Europe. Wanting his native parishioners to read Scripture, Eliot invented an alphabet for their language and translated the Bible into the Mohican (or Algonquian) language. His American Indian Bible was the first Bible published in America, even before there was an edition of the Scriptures in English or in any other European language.

Eventually, Eliot founded fourteen towns for his converts, who became known as the "Praying Indians." Each of the villages included a Congregational church, and their government was similar to that of the English-speaking Puritan communities. Inspired in part by Eliot's work, the British Parliament in 1649 would incorporate the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England. That organization was still in existence and able to help Jonathan Edwards in his work among the Native Americans more than a hundred years later.

...was a Congregationalist?

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