

Dec. 18, 2020

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

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
12/20	Open
12/27	Open
1/3	Open
1/10	Open

Devotions for Next Week

Hebrews 13:20-25

- What is the eternal covenant the author references here?
- Why does the author of Hebrews pray that God would equip the saints with everything good?
- As we finish up Hebrews, what are your main take-aways from this book?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays this Week

Harlan Petersen	12/18
Scott Rowntree.....	12/23
Shirley Manion	12/23
Judy Rudolph	12/23
Journey Zvara	12/25

Articles & Announcements for the next issue of "What's Happening" are due in the office by **8:00 am Tuesday Dec. 22.**

CHURCH CALENDAR



Worship With Us *Christmas Eve*

December 24th

4:30 & 11:00 pm

Prayer Requests

- Larry L ~ health concerns
- Lloyd (from Reyna) health concerns
- Family of Sue B (from Jim & Florrie) passed away
- Family of Wilfred (from Joanne H) passed away
- Dean (from Joanne H) health concerns
- Claire H's co-worker's grandfather ~ health concerns
- Victor (from Rae-Ellen) health concerns
- Bruce, Courtney & Nancy (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
- World Peace

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Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Offering this year is going to both the Mission School of Hope in Cameroon, and Life's Connection in Mukwonago. You can find your special offering envelope for Christmas in the back of your giving envelope packet, or you can give cash in the offering plate when you attend Christmas Eve service.

Offering ~ Ways to Give

Offering Envelopes ~ If you would like offering envelopes for 2021 please let the office know. (office@fccweb.net or 262-363-7249) They will be labeled and placed on a table in the narthex for you to pick up (Tues. or Friday mornings or Sunday before and after worship).

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.

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



The Missions Team voted at our meeting this week to donate \$1,000 to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission which will be matched, \$500 to Wycliffe Bible Translators and \$500 to the Agape House in Walworth for counseling services they provide at our church.

Here's what's happening at Life's Connection! [Click here for their newsletter.](#)

Christmas Spirit

By Paul Moosberg



Put up a splash of Christmas spirit
Put in a dash of love
Stir up the sounds 'till you can hear it
Sing out to those you love.

Listen, listen, you can see it
Spirit everywhere
Listen, listen, you can do it
Spread it out and share.

Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit with the Backpack families. Your gifts, donations of cookies, and prayers for the families are appreciated.

Needed for January

- 10 pk oatmeal
- Large cans of spaghetti-o's
- 4 pk fruit cups
- Spam
- Peanut butter (plastic jar)



We will meet **via Zoom this Tuesday December 22 at 6:30** to carol together!

[Click Here for Zoom Caroling](#)

[Click here](#) for a list of all the hymns along with their page numbers in the hymnal.



The beautiful poinsettias in church today are given by the following:

Jamie & Bob Brandemuehl ~ in Memory of Ruth & Dick Manhardt and Bob & Retha Brandemuehl.

Dorothy Chapman ~ in Memory of Lee & Lynn and Eddie Van Halen

Russ & Janine Coley ~ in Memory of Leonard & Mary Albee and Jacqueline Craig

Bonnie Geiser ~ in Memory of Avril & Frank Geiser and Bonnie & Edgar Happe

Joanne & Gary Himebauch ~ in Memory of Richard Triebold, Gordon & Ramona Himebauch and in Honor of Judy Triebold

Harlan & Beth Petersen

Rae-Ellen Preuss ~ in Memory of Tom

Sue Roberts ~ in Memory of my Dad

Women's Fellowship ~ in Honor of the women of FCC (past and present)

The flower committee was able to obtain the plants at a discount ~ the difference was given to the Friends in Need fund.

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This Week on the Mayflower

On Monday, December 21 the party crossed over to the mainland and surveyed the area that became the settlement. (This day is celebrated as Forefather's Day in Massachusetts and is generally associated with the Plymouth Rock landing tradition.) The area was especially suited to winter building because the land had already been cleared and the tall hills provided a good defensive position.

The cleared village was known as Patuxet to the Wampanoag people. It had been abandoned about three years earlier when a plague killed all of its residents. The "Indian fever" involved hemorrhaging and is assumed to have been fulmination smallpox. When the colonists first explored the area they found unburied skeletons in the dwellings.

The exploratory party returned to the Mayflower (which was anchored about 25 miles away). The ship was brought to the harbor on December 26 and remained anchored there until it's return to England the following year.

When the exploratory party returned to the Mayflower, William Bradford, a member of the party learned that his wife, Dorothy, had fallen off the deck of the Mayflower and drowned. Since she was the only one on deck at that moment, no one knew the exact details of the accident.



Did you know Phyllis Wheatly...

Phyllis Wheatly is the name her slave master gave to her. She was sold into slavery at about age seven in West Africa. She survived the "Middle Passage." The ship she came on was the Phillis, so they called her Phyllis. She was sold in Massachusetts in about 1761. Yes, there was slavery in Massachusetts.

Her master's daughter Mary taught her how to read and write. She took to it so well her master's family were delighted. Then she read Greek and Latin classics. She began to write poetry.

The Wheatlys were so proud of Phyllis they took her with them when they went to England in 1773. There she met the Lord Mayor of London, and the Countess of Huntington helped get a volume of her poems published. Many people had trouble believing she wrote the poems. She was the first African and first African woman to be published. Her writing was acclaimed!

In 1778 she was freed in her master's will. Soon she married John Peters, a free black grocer. Hard times came. All her children died young. Her poetry was about her faith which she learned at Old South Church. It was dear to her. She wrote many elegies about the sun, but little about Africa. She died young at age 31.

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