

# What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

Dec. 29, 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 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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**THE  
NURSERY  
IS OPEN!**

## Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist
1/3	Karen M.
1/10	Open
1/17	Open
1/24	Open

## Devotions for Next Week

### Acts 2:1-15

- Pentecost was a Jewish holiday (celebrated 50 days after Passover). Why do you think God chose this occasion to send His Holy Spirit on the church?
- After being filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to speak in tongues. What do you know about speaking in tongues?
- What does it mean to you that God sent (and continues to send) His Holy Spirit to the church?

CHURCH  
CALENDAR



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays this Week

Reyna Taggart..... 1/7

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

### Prayer Requests

- Joe (from Sue R) health concerns
- Jon (from Sally Z) health concerns
- Roger (from Bob B) health concerns
- Family of Bob P ~ passed away
- Our Nation
- Our shut ins and those in ill health
- Our Church Leadership
- Those in Need
- Mission School of Hope & Clinic
- World Peace

### What's Happening

#### From the Moderator

In the spring of 2020, we were visited by a strange new pestilence called Covid. During those turbulent days, the council yearned for timely, tactical advice to handle this new threat. A group of self-motivated members rose to the challenge. Thus was formed the Short Term Virus Response (STVR) team, comprising:

Kay Rowntree, Sally Zalud  
Beth Petersen, Jan Snavely

Over the course of 2020, they made numerous thoughtful and actionable recommendations to the council. And today at FCC, we are all the better off for it.

Now, as the short term has evolved into the mid-to-long term, the STVR shares a sense that they've taken this as far as they intended. The feeling is that society is largely aware of the current facts and tactics to continue handling Covid. Hence the STVR team, as we know it, has dissolved as of 12/26. We thank God for his provision to us, through the STVR!

I can't help but note that the STVR was a wonderful example of MINISTRY at FCC. Someone saw a need, rolled up their sleeves and got to work where it was most needed. No permission required - just a willingness to stand in the gap. Then gracefully step down, when it is time. By God's grace we will emulate the STVR's example in forming many more vibrant ministries at FCC.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Prakash Mathew

#### Milwaukee Rescue Mission

In December, through your generosity the FCC Missions Team made a donation to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. What makes MRM different from other community programs is their mission: *"Sharing God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity."* MRM has food programs and emergency shelter, but it is the emphasis on lasting change through Biblical teaching and mentoring that sets them apart. You can read more at <https://milmission.org/stories/>

## 1 Samuel 3:6

And Samuel got up....

"My son" Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Like his namesake, soon baby Samuel will be waking people up night after night. But it will take more than mere words to make him go back to sleep. He'll need a clean diaper, actually 8 - 12 diapers every day. That's why in lieu of other gifts, we ask that you please bless the Clarks with diapers and Walmart gift cards.

At our request, Ashley has set up a baby registry at Walmart to help us keep track of needs. [Click here to view the registry.](#)

Diapers and gift cards may be dropped off at FCC during office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays - or if you need help shopping please contact Sue Roberts at susanrobertsstmd@gmail.com or Diane Williams at 608.274.5597.

It's not feasible to have a face-to-face shower during COVID, but we can still bless the Clarks with diapers....Because baby #3, still does 1 & 2.

## Backpack Program

### Needed for January

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



## Meal Train

It should be of no surprise Pastor Kevin, Ashley, Isabelle and Benjamin will soon be welcoming a beautiful baby into their lives. They will have abounding love in their home, but also abounding fatigue and sleepless nights, with little time to make meals. We celebrate this special time with them, and want to be of good support. So, I've started a Mealtrain, which has a weekly signup to provide a meal for them. See the link below

<https://www.mealtrain.com/train//lzw386>

Basic instructions:

- Click on the hyperlink
- Read Special Instructions for basic information
- Go to Calendar, choose a week, then sign-up

## Offering ~ Ways to Give

Offering Envelopes ~ If you would like offering envelopes for 2021 please let the office know. ([office@fccweb.net](mailto: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!

## Church Directory

We are in the process of updating the church directory. There is a copy of the current directory on the table outside the office. If your information is current and there are no changes, you need not do anything. If you would like to update your information please complete one of the forms on the table, or complete the online form [here](#).

If you would like to update your photo in the directory, please email a new one to the church office - [office@fccweb.net](mailto:office@fccweb.net).

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## **Did you know William Goodell...**

William Goodell was a Congregational missionary born at Templeton, Massachusetts, in 1792, and was educated at Phillips Academy, Dartmouth College, and Andover Seminary.

In 1822, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions sent him to Malta and then on to Beirut, where he aided in establishing the station which became the center of the Syrian mission. In 1828, on account of threatened war between England and Turkey, the missionaries returned to Malta, where he printed literature for the mission. Later, in Constantinople, he started the Armeno-Turkish mission.

In 1828, the missionaries removed to Malta, where William continued to prepare and print books for the mission. In 1831, the way having been opened by the destruction of the Turkish fleet at Navarino, he went to Constantinople (Istanbul) where he opened the Armenian-Turkish mission.

During his missionary life he and his wife cheerfully endured many trials and perils and had to move their residence 33 times in 29 years. One of his chief labors was a 20-year effort to translate the Bible into Armeno-Turkish (Turkish written in Armenian letters), a task in which he collaborated with his fellow ABCFM missionary, Simeon Howard Calhoun.

William left the mission field in his retirement, returning to the United States, and died on February 18, 1867, in the home of his son, Dr. William Goodell, a noted specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, and the discoverer of the Goodell Sign, a clinical observation used to diagnose pregnancy in its early stages. **...was a Congregationalist?**