

Dec. 4, 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](#)

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 459 288 4444

Password: 2623637249

## Servant Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Song Leader
12/6	Open	Joanne
12/13	Open	Cindy W
12/20	Open	Open
12/27	Open	Open

## Devotions for Next Week

### Hebrews 13:7-16

- Verse 9 is a warning against "strange" teachings. How can you guard yourself against these?
- How can you "go to Him [Jesus] outside the camp, bearing the disgrace He bore"?
- There are two sacrifices we can make to God mentioned in verses 15 and 16. What are they?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays this Week

Jerry Curtis..... 12/11  
 Trinity Luker ..... 12/11

**Articles & Announcements** for the next issue of "What's Happening" are due in the office by 8:00 am Friday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

CHURCH  
CALENDAR



## Prayer Requests

- Derek B (from Joanne H) recovery from accident
- Sue B (from Jim & Florrie) hospice
- Julie & Connor (from Beth P) health concerns
- Rebecca & Bob (from Jean B) health concerns
- Jess (from Reyna) health concerns
- Niomi (from Ashley) health concerns
- Cathy (from Sue R) health concerns
- Cindy W ~ health concerns
- Rebecca (from Jean B) health concerns
- Victor (from Rae-Ellen) 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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### Backpack Program



It was a rewarding November! In the middle of the month, Andrea Kaplan, principal of Clarendon Avenue School, asked me to speak about the Backpack program at the Rotary breakfast. She called us her “posse” as we quietly place the bags of food in the students’ lockers without staff or students aware of the delivery. At the School Board meeting, the Backpack program and Church were also thanked for our assistance to families.

At the end of the month, the families received all the extras for their Thanksgiving dinner. In that delivery, each family was blessed to receive a gift card to Walmart and some special treats from Judy

and Jack Rudolph. Judy’s request was to give the gift card at this time so the family would be able to use it for the children for the coming holiday. Thank you, Judy and Jack, for your kindness and love for our Backpack families.

As the calendar now turns from November to December your donation at this time of year is appreciated. Thank you for helping to brighten the lives of our families.

### Needed for December

- Pancake mix & syrup
- Large cans of stew
- Cans of tuna & Tuna Helper
- 6 pk raisins
- Cans of vegetables

### Christmas Cards

Please join Women’s Fellowship to send some Christmas cheer to our members who are living in Linden/ Broken Meadows. There are packs of 6 cards along with a list of the members you are writing to. Please sign and return by Dec. 16th. There will be gift bags with their names ~ please put cards in the appropriate bag.

**SHARE YOUR SPARE** ~ Do you have a few extra cards after you have finished your list? Well, there are plastic bags on the same table in Narthex. Each bag contains 3 names along with their current address. I am asking that you put a stamp on and either mail them or bring them back to church and leave on the table. Send someone a word of encouragement and a “How ya Doing?”. I’m sure it would be appreciated. Thank you!

## Christmas Project 2020

### The Giving Tree

Wow! Thank you to all who have so generously taken goodie bags from under our tree for our adopt-a-family. They will truly be blessed this year. We do have a few bags left, so if there is anyone who would still like to participate, you have time to do so. As mentioned last Sunday, if there is anyone who would like us to do the shopping for you, please call Linda Garasimowicz and we'd be happy to help you with that. All gifts purchased must be returned by Sunday, December 13th.

### Calling All Bakers!



The Backpack Team would like to include a container of Christmas cookies with the delivery of food on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We have a container for each family and just need to add the cookies. If you would be willing to donate a batch of your delicious cookies, they could be left at the church December 13-17 on the Backpack table in the narthex. You can also contact Karen (262-470-7538) or Janine (414-588-3879) for a cookie pick-up at your house. There are no peanut or nut allergies for any family. Thank you for sharing your kindness and talents!



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.



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 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!

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

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## This Week on the Mayflower

During the time that the shallop was being repaired, the Mayflower was anchored near shore. They were located in the inside of the hook of land on Cape Cod Bay. They were in such shallow water that passengers were able to wade to shore. Once there, they gathered firewood and were able to wash clothing and themselves. Small exploratory parties were organized under the leadership of Myles Standish (an English soldier whom the colonists met in Leiden and who would be in charge of their defenses) and Christopher Jones (captain of the Mayflower). The exploratory parties discovered an old European built house and an iron kettle that had probably been left behind by a ship's crew. They also found corn fields with the stubble of a recent harvest.

They also discovered several mounds, the first located near the dunes. Like Indian mounds in the Midwest, these turned out to be burial mounds. When they learned that the first mound to be explored was a grave, exploration there was stopped. However, they continued to explore the mounds and soon discovered that some of the mounds contained corn. They took some, but not all of the corn intending to use it the next year for planting. They intended to return the corn that they "borrowed" to the natives and did actually do that about six months later when they met some of the Wampanog.

They continued to explore and discovered two Indian houses covered with mats and containing some implements in them, as well as more corn and various colored beans. The natives were also paid for those stores. It should be noted that if the corn and beans had not been taken for seed, they would have had nothing to plant the following spring since another ship did not arrive in the colony until late the following autumn.

Also by this time, most of the passengers and crew had become ill. Their first symptoms included coughs and the affects of scurvy.



## Did you know Joel Harvey Linsley...

The Rev. Dr. Joel Harvey Linsley was born on July 15, 1790, in Cornwall, Vermont, to Levina Gilbert and Joel Linsley. His family later moved to New York where his father served as a judge. The younger Joel graduated from Middlebury College, then studied and practiced law for several years before becoming a pastor.

He served South Congregational Church at Hartford, and Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, where those attending heard their Sunday School children perform "America" (My Country 'Tis of Thee) for the very first time. The tune—which is also used for "God Save the Queen"—was adapted by Park Street Organist Lowell Mason to fit the lyrics penned by Samuel Francis Smith.

In 1835, the trustees of Marietta College recruited Joel to serve as the college's first president, a position he served from 1835–1845. Linsley began his work at Marietta College, and served as the minister of Marietta's First Congregational Church, after the Rev. Luther Bingham—founder of the Marietta Collegiate Institute—had been dismissed from service.

By the end of 1846, he accepted pastorship of the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, where he served until his death in 1868. *The Marietta Register* published an obituary announcing his death on March 22, 1868, and included commentary about his time at Marietta College: "As President of the College, he was active and faithful, devoting himself unspairingly [sic] to the interests of the Institution, winning the respect of his associates, and the love of his pupils."

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