

What's Happening

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

February 5, 2021

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

Servant Schedule

| Date | Liturgist | Song Leader |
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| 2/7 | Rae-Ellen | Cindy W |
| 2/14 | Rae-Ellen | Joanne H |
| 2/21 | Open | Claire A |
| 2/28 | Open | Karen J |

CHURCH
CALENDAR



Articles & Announcements for the weekly "What's Happening" are due on Fridays by 8:00am.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

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| Bev Webber | 2/6 |
| Ken Cutt..... | 2/8 |
| Terry Buchmann..... | 2/9 |
| Dorothy Schrader | 2/11 |
| Sebastian Ballard | 2/11 |
| Allan Haeger | 2/12 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Jean Bocker / Bernie Fraser..... | 2/12 |
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Prayer Requests

- Jane & Julie (from Tom & Sue) health concerns
- Barb (from Beth P) health concerns
- Mark P (from Sue R) health concerns
- Sue R's brother ~ health concerns
- Garret (from Chris W.) life challenges
- Chris W's friend ~ life challenges
- 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



The Annual Church Business Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, March 14th. **Ministries need to have their annual reports in by Tuesday, February 16th.**



Tonight (Friday, 2/5) is our final night of the Moody Founders Week livestream. It has been a wonderful time of teaching and discussion for those who came out each night to meet in person, and we trust it has also been a blessing to everyone who watched from home. If you can't join us at church tonight OR if you want to see any sessions you may have missed, just click on: <https://www.moodyconferences.com/fundersweek/ways-to-watch-and-listen/>

Karen Mathew



Please pray for the children, volunteers and the spread of the Gospel as we begin Good News Club on Thursday, February 11th. This week we'll be teaching Jesus is the promised

Messiah and learning about fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies in Isaiah 35:4-6; Micah 5:2; and Zechariah 9:9.

Valentine Exchange

The Senior Worship Team will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 to assemble the Valentine Gift bags for Linden Ridge and Brolen Meadows. We will also be assembling bags our Sunday School and nursery students. If you would like to join us, please let me know in case the weather is still brutal and we decide to postpone.

Just so you know, we will be doing Easter bags for the residents at Linden Ridge and Brolen Meadows. We also plan to have some kind of Easter Celebration for our children. If it is not possible to have an Easter Egg Hunt in a safe way, we will be making and delivering Easter Baskets to our nursery and Sunday School. If you would like to be a part of this, we would welcome donations of individually packaged Easter candy beginning around the middle of March.

Diane Williams

Backpack Program

Needed for February

Pancake mix
Boxes of cereal
Syrup
6 pk apple sauce
Taco mix
Refried beans
Pkg egg noodles
Lg can chicken



Lenten Series

The New Testament You Never Knew

On Wednesdays during Lent we will be meeting to view and discuss a video series by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird. The series will cover the books of the New Testament, the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, the life of Paul, the mission of the church and how the New Testament Came to be. Each session has a video segment lasting 20-25 minutes. The videos are recorded in the Holy Land and the cities where Paul established churches and will help with your understanding and appreciation of the world of the New Testament. You can join us on zoom or in person. The zoom link will be available in next week's What's Happening. We will start at 7:00 pm in the adult Sunday School Room. There is a study guide with discussion questions and activities between sessions. If you would like a study guide and have not signed up or let me know, please let me know no later than Wednesday, February 10.

Diane Williams

Girl Scout Cookies Anyone?

Lily & Charlotte Buchmann are selling Girl Scout cookies this year! If you would like to order online please click [HERE](#) or you can call / text or email me at:

Terry Buchmann

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Praying for our Church

Since late last year a small group of members have been gathering via zoom to pray for our church, for one of the members and missions of the ministry teams and one of the members of our congregation. It has also been an opportunity to explore prayer and to have experience in leading prayer. We are meeting on Tuesdays at 2:30. While we have been meeting using zoom, we have also had several challenges making the technology work. The link is included below, but if you would like to join us, please also let me know by email at dianefae1@gmail.com or text me at 608-274-5597. If you would like to pray for our church, but this time is inconvenient for you, please set aside time each week to pray for the success of our church in meeting God's mission. This week we will be praying for Merit Venema and for Welcome Ministry Team. This team greets visitors to our worship.

[Click HERE for Zoom Meeting](#)

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Diane Williams



Would it surprise you...

that the leading cause of death in both the US and

the world isn't heart attacks or cancer or Covid? It's abortion. By last count there were 73 million babies aborted in one year. The statistics are from the Guttmacher Institute which advocates for even more abortion access in the US. Why? In the US 1/3 of pregnancies are aborted, but in Europe only 1/3 of babies live. Experts contend the US is lagging behind at 862,000 abortions annually.

Psalm 139:13-14 makes it plain that God disagrees.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Pregnancy care and intercessory prayer are two ways we can combat abortion. To help those struggling with crisis pregnancies, the Missions Team allocated \$600 (above and beyond the Christmas offering of \$405) to help support the work of Life's Connection - Mukwonago. You can learn more about the services and programs offered free in our community at <https://lifesconnection.org/services>.

There is such a huge need for help, Life's Connection hopes to move to a bigger building right in our neighborhood!



SOUPer Bowl Sunday!



We are within range of the 600 goal, and now is not the time to fumble. Over 400 packages of

Ramen Noodle Soup are stacked up in the sanctuary for our SOUPer Bowl. We'll be bringing them all to the Salvation Army on Wednesday to warm up those in need, **so brave the cold and help us meet the goal!**

Sunday School Lessons

In case you've forgotten, there are weekly Grab N Go Sunday school lessons currently hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

There are several ways to grab these exciting lessons!

- 1) You can pick up a lesson on Sunday mornings or during church office hours (Tuesday and Friday mornings.)
- 2) You can call Joanne Himebach at (262) 363 - 8144 or email her at jhimebau78@gmail.com and ask for a special delivery.

Upcoming Lessons:



Feb. 7 - Jonah & the Whale



Pastor Kevin, Ashley, Isabelle and Benjamin have welcomed baby Samuel 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:

[Meal Train for the Clark Family](#)

Basic instructions:

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

Questions?

Contact Sally Zalud

sallyzalud@gmail.com

thank you

"Thank you for all the phone calls, mail, and cards I received. The mail and presents kept coming. We had a zoom family birthday party on the 28th. I am surprised so many people knew about my birthday. Thank you all again."

Warren Kufalk

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Did you know Gordon Hall...

Gordon Hall was born on 8 April 1784 in Tolland, Connecticut. He graduated from Williams College and Andover Seminary, joining a group of students interested in foreign missions, including Adoniram Judson, Samuel John Mills, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, and Luther Rice. This led to the formation of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). Having been appointed as a missionary under the new agency in September 1811, Gordon also attended medical lectures to assist his mission work.

In India, he preached in the English church, prepared literature in Marathi language, and gave medical treatments to English and Indians. He opened the first of thirty-five schools in 1814 and supervised their operation throughout his ministry. He did evangelistic work in Bombay and provided medical services in Hindu temples and in bazaars. In March 1826, he contracted cholera and died.

Together with Samuel Newell in 1818, he had written "The Conversion of the World, or the Claims of the Six Hundred Millions." In it, they "proposed a strategy whereby 30,000 missionaries could reach every person on earth," arguing "It is the duty of Christians to send forth preachers in sufficient numbers to furnish the means of instruction to the whole world."

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