

Subject: What's Happening at First Church

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Sunday ~ January 7, 2018 – Baptism of the Lord

8 am in the Chapel / Taize Worship Service

10 am in the Nave / Traditional Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Baptism"

Minister: Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Lessons: Mark 1:4-11 & Matthew 28:16-20

LECTIONARY READINGS:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Old Testament | Genesis 1:1-5 |
| Psalmody      | Psalm 29      |
| New Testament | Acts 19:1-7   |
| Gospel        | Mark 1:4-11   |

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, January 4

7:00 pm BSF - Parlor, Social Hall

Friday, January 5

8:00 am Cook for St. Vincent's - Kitchen

9:00 am Harmony Singers - Lounge

5:15 pm Serve at St. Vincent's

Saturday, January 6

10:00 am Purlis of Wisdom – Library

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Chapel Worship - Communion

8:45 am Adult Learning Hour - 107

9:00 am Nominating Committee - Parlor

Covenant Class - Conf. Rm.

Nursery - 106

Discovery Kids - LL5

Jr. Choir - LL4E

10:00 am Worship in the Nave -

Carroll Chamber Choir Sings

Children in Church/SS/PF

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Lounge

Monday, January 8

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11:30 am TCTC - Lounge  
5:00 pm Faith Finder's Dinner - Social Hall  
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6:30 pm Bd/Deacons - Parlor  
7:00 pm Bd/Chris? an Ed - Santelle  
    Bd/Trustees - 107  
    Al-Anon - LL1, LL2, LL4W  
8:00 pm AA-Charlie Stone Group - LL5

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 am Yoga - Social Hall  
12:00 pm Circle 7 - Lounge  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - LL5  
8:00 pm AA-United We Stand – LL4W

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 am Men's Ministry - 107  
7:00 am Women's Ministry - Parlor  
9:00 am Cream City Rug Hooking - Soc. Hall  
11:00 am Rotary Mtg. - Hallway, Lounge  
6:00 pm Debtors Anonymous – LL5

Thursday, January 11

9:00 am Big Band - Social Hall  
10:00 am Sidetracks - Library  
7:00 pm BSF - Parlor, Social Hall

Friday, January 12

9:00 am Harmony Singers – Choir Room

Saturday, January 13 - No scheduled activities.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS & DATES**

Women's Ministry...Stepping Up – A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent

**Addi?onal new mee?ng ?me beginning Saturday, January 20**

Women's Ministry will begin the New Year with a new study with Beth Moore's study "Stepping Up – a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent". In addi?on to "stepping" out with a new study, we will be adding a new ?me for Women's Ministry to meet. Women's Ministry (original ?me) have begun this past Wednesday on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The new addi?onal ?me will begin on Saturday, January 20th at 3PM.

Sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium!

St. Vincent Meal Program - **Friday, January 5**

Prepara?on: 8 to 10 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ?oor kitchen / Call Barb Dunham: 414-744-7147 for more info.

To Serve: 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm at St. Vincent's / 931 W. Madison Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Sign up on the St. Vincent's bulle?n board in the hallway to the parking lot or call/email the o? ce:

414-258-7375 / [jill@rstchurchtosa.org](mailto:jill@rstchurchtosa.org)

THANK YOU to the volunteers of Friday, December 1

Prepara?on in the FCC kitchen / Barb Dunham, Jane Boyd, Ellen Devlin,

Phil Callen & Randy Goelzer

Servers at St. Vincent de Paul / Jim Santelle ~ Connie Li?le, Eric Haas and girlfriend Kayla

The Clark Family (5) ~ The Elwing Family (4) ~ Don Schaefer

Purl's of Wisdom

**Saturday, January 6 – 10 am to Noon**

The kni?ng/croche?ng group at FCC meets the ?rst Saturday of every month from 10 am to noon in the Library. One goal of the kni?ng group is to make prayer shawls for those who are sick or recovering.

All are welcome to join the fellowship of Purl's of Wisdom!

Carroll University Chamber Singers

**Sunday, January 7 – 10 AM worship service**

The Carroll Chamber Singers are on tour with our own Dr. Patrick Dill conduc?ng and they will be singing several pieces during the 10 am worship service including one with the FCC Choir. Hope you can join us!

Chili Cook-o? and Dessert Bake-o?

**Sunday, January 21 – 11 am in the Social Hall**

CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT-BAKE-OFF will be held on Sunday, January 21 following the 10 AM worship service. Enter your prize winning chili or dessert. Sign up at the Gathering Table.

The cost is: \$5/adults; \$3/children 4-12 and free for 4 and under.  
There is no charge for those who submit entries!

Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 28 – following the 10 am worship service in the Nave**

The Annual Meeting will immediately follow a shortened worship service. We will propose to approve the 2018 budget and vote on the slate of Board candidates.

FCC Scholarship Application DEADLINE

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa ("FCC") has established The FCC Scholarship to benefit deserving high school student members. Candidates must be: members of FCC, an active volunteer, involved in Church activities and planning to attend a college or university. Up to three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$250/year, renewable for four consecutive years, for a maximum of \$1,000 for each student awarded.

DEADLINE: February 1, 2018

Please return completed applications to the Church office NO LATER THAN 2/1/18.

Applications can be found on the Gathering Table or by email request: [brussj@rstchurchtosa.org](mailto:brussj@rstchurchtosa.org)

Women's Choir to sing in March!

**Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, February 11, 18, 25 & March 1 in the Choir Room**

The women of First Church are invited to sing with the Women's Choir. With this only being its second year running, the Women's Choir is designed to be a counterpart to the long-standing tradition of the Men's Choir here at First Church. It is an excellent opportunity for the women of FCC to be part of our music ministry. The Women's Choir will sing for the 10 am worship service on Sunday, March 4, and will rehearse on three Sundays from 9-9:30 on February 11th, 18th, and 25th.

If you have questions, contact Patrick Dill at [dillp@rstchurchtosa.org](mailto:dillp@rstchurchtosa.org).

4 O'Clock Concert – Cream City Winds – "No Strings Attached"

**Sunday, February 28, 2018 / 4:00 pm....FREE ADMISSION**

The Cream City Winds will present several "best-known" compositions from the woodwind quintet literature including selections by Darius Milhaud, Karl Nielsen and a reed trio by Peter Schickele, (aka P.D.Q. Bach).

2018 Lenten Program Series

**Wednesdays – Feb. 28, March 7, 14, & 21**

The Lenten program in 2018 will revolve around four of the parables. This program series will be family-oriented and promote interaction among the age groups. Revs. Trump and Szymanski will put together the program. We have dates (and menus) set for the four-part program:

February 28th: Soup and Salad


March 7th: Pizza and Salad

March 14th: Taco Salad

March 21st: Ro?sserie chicken & Potato Salad

All dates include dessert and dinner is free! Please sign up at the Gathering Table.

## WEEKLY CLASSES

 Text Box: WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Wednesday mornings, 7:00 am & Saturdays, 3:00

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## Adult Learning Hour

**Sundays, 8:45 am in Room 107**

Adult Learning Hour has begun and is using the book, "Believe" by Randy Frazee. Books will be available to purchase from the church o? ce for \$6. Everyone is encouraged to join us at any ?me.

For more informa?on, contact Pat Reddy at: 414-771-8292 or [patreddy@deltaformsLtd.com](mailto:patreddy@deltaformsLtd.com)

 Text Box: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEN'S MINISTRY Wednesday mornings, 6:30 am — ROOM 107 (FYI – we take o? the 5th Wednesday of the month.)

All men are invited to a?end the Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study and/or Men's Ministry group. Set your alarm to join us at 6:30 AM in Room 107 and grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith at these two unique studies.

Men's Bible Study: We meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. We are star?ng to study the Gospel of John to be led by Bruce Milne. We do not meet on the 5th Wednesday of any month.

Men's Ministry: We meet on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Star?ng in December for 8 + weeks, we will be studying the book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Harold S. Kushner. There will be open discussion and re?ec?ons on the contents.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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### 2018 - Boxed Offering Envelopes

If you have used boxed weekly envelopes in the past, they are available for you in the Atrium with your name on a label. We have extras and if you are interested in using boxed envelopes, please come to the office.

### Lenten Devotional Appeal / Deadline: January 15, 2018

The Board of Deacons, along with Pat Reddy, will be doing another Lenten devotional this year, and they are again asking for your help. This year's theme is "Following Jesus." We would love to hear your thoughts on this subject and encourage you to prayerfully consider sharing them with our congregation in the Lenten booklet. Using your name is optional, and your input will be greatly appreciated. Pat is asking that your pieces be to her by January 15, giving you time after Christmas to reflect on the gift of Grace we receive in Christ and the true peace that comes from knowing our Lord. Writings can be sent to the office, or emailed to Pat Reddy: patreddy@deltatformsltd.com.

## Caring Corner as of January 4, 2018

### In Our Prayers

Dick Buchman is recovering at St. Anne's rehab.

The families of Carolyn & Dick Jacobus and Barb & Merrick Wells who are mourning the loss of Dan Carter who passed away on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He is Barb's uncle and Carolyn's brother-in-law.

Janet Schalmo as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

The CARE Board seeks prayer partnerships from the congregation to assist in weekly prayer for the Caring Corner and for the requests from the Prayer Request book outside the Chapel.

If you would like to join the Prayer Group contact the office and we'll add your name to the email list. ~ As James the Apostle said in his letter ... "pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful" ... (The Message).

### IS A HOSPITAL STAY IN YOUR FUTURE?

If you are in the hospital, and we know about it, we will visit you or we will find someone who can. As many of you know, privacy laws make it more difficult for ministers to obtain information about your hospitalization. The minister-on-call's number is 414-258-7378, available 24 hours for you to contact or at least leave a message. We want to be there when you need us. If you are in the hospital, here are a few suggestions that help to get information on you and your situation to us:

1. Inform the hospital that you belong to First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. If the admissions person doesn't ask, offer the information.
2. You are WELCOME to call any time...or...request that someone call the church office (414-258-7375). We can't visit or call you if we don't know and we want to support you with whatever you need at that time.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS / 414-258-7375 / [www.rstchurchtosa.org](http://www.rstchurchtosa.org)

Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 4:30 PM – Friday: 9 AM to 12 (NOON)

HELP INFORMATION LINE / If you have need of a minister after office hours, please dial: [414-258-7378](tel:414-258-7378). Your call will transfer to the minister on call.

### Ministers & Staff of First Church

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Senior Minister                     | Rev. William S. Trump, Jr.  | <a href="mailto:trumpb@rstchurchtosa.org">trumpb@rstchurchtosa.org</a> |
| Associate Minister of Pastoral Care | Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski | <a href="mailto:barry@rstchurchtosa.org">barry@rstchurchtosa.org</a>   |
| Moderator                           | Nick Sgarlata               | <a href="mailto:sgarlatanc@aol.com">sgarlatanc@aol.com</a>             |
| Administrator                       | Michael "Chip" Smith        | <a href="mailto:chip@rstchurchtosa.org">chip@rstchurchtosa.org</a>     |
| Office Administrator & Coordinator  | Jill Bruss                  | <a href="mailto:jill@rstchurchtosa.org">jill@rstchurchtosa.org</a>     |
| Music Director                      | Dr. Patrick Dill            | <a href="mailto:dillp@rstchurchtosa.org">dillp@rstchurchtosa.org</a>   |
| Director of Christian Education     | Tonia Wallner               | <a href="mailto:tonia@rstchurchtosa.org">tonia@rstchurchtosa.org</a>   |
| Junior & Cherub Choir Director      | Roxanne Trump-Miles         | <a href="mailto:daveroxmiles@aol.com">daveroxmiles@aol.com</a>         |

## What's Happening at First Church

Organist & Pianist

Rhonda Kwiecien

rhonda.kwecien@gmail.com

The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/COO – Kris Sprtel-NHA, Chaplain – Rev. Joseph Phillips, Board Chair – Doug Jacobson

Jillian Bruss, Office Administrator & Coordinator

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday / 9 am to 4:30 pm

Fridays / 9 am to Noon

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Wednesday mornings, 7:00 am & Saturdays, 3:00 PM (beginning Jan. 20) Friendship Lounge

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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEN'S MINISTRY**  
Wednesday mornings, 6:30 am — ROOM 107  
(FYI - we take off the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.)

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