

Subject: What's Happening at First Congregational
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We Need You! Cookers, bakers AND "testers"

If you are thinking of competing, please sign up this Sunday or email/call it into the office!

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!

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FYI – The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, following a shortened 10 am worship service. Attached are the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting, for your review as there will be a vote to approve at the Jan. 28th meeting. Thank you!

What's Happening at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Sunday ~ January 14, 2018 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am in the Chapel / Taize Worship Service
10 am in the Nave / Traditional Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Choosing to Live & Love"
Minister: Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Lessons: John 1:43-51, Matthew 5:38-48

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalmody Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
New Testament 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel John 1:43-51

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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 - Lounge

Saturday, January 13 - No scheduled activities.

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am Chapel Worship
8:45 am Adult Learning Hour - 107
9:00 am Bd/Fellowship - Parlor
 Budget & Finance - Conf. Rm.
 Nursery - 106
 Discovery Kids - LL5
 Jr. Choir - LL4E

10:00 am Worship in the Nave -
 Children in Church/SS/PF
11:00 am Co-ee Fellowship - Lounge

Monday, January 15

10:00 am Friends of Benedict Center - Lounge
5:30 pm Bd/Congregational Care - Conf. Rm.
7:00 pm Al-Anon - LL1, LL2, LL4W
8:00 pm AA-Charlie Stone Group - LL5

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am Yoga - Social Hall

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - LL5
7:00 pm Historic Heights Book Club
Tosa Quilters - Social Hall
8:00 pm AA-United We Stand – LL4W

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 am Men's Bible Study - 107
7:00 am Women's Ministry - Parlor
6:00 pm Debtors Anonymous – LL5

Thursday, January 18

9:00 am Big Band - Social Hall
10:00 am Sidetracks - Library
6:30 pm Handbells - LL5
7:00 pm BSF - Parlor, Social Hall
7:30 pm FCC Choir - LL1

Friday, January 19

9:00 am Harmony Singers - Lounge
6:00 pm Boy Scout Overnight

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Boy Scout Overnight Ends

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & DATES

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Happy New Year volunteers! Our first volunteer day with Milwaukee Habitat is Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day!!! Here are the details at this time: Yes, it is a Monday. Those who can come will be much appreciated. For those who are working, give us your prayers for good weather and a good turnout.

Location: Yet to be determined but will be emailed to all who register on line

Hours: 9:00-3:00

Lunch will be provided – location yet to be determined. Sign up on-line at:

<https://mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/churchcoalition/events>

Contact Richard Raymond if you have any questions: rarsmr@redarrowstudios.com or 414-476-3452

Thank you & I hope to see many of you there!!!

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 3rd.

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

Sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium!

Chili Cook-o? and Dessert Bake-o?

Sunday, January 21 – 11 am in the Social Hall

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Annual Mee?ng

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

The Annual Mee?ng 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 Applica?on DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

First Congrega?onal Church of Wauwatosa ("FCC") has established The FCC Scholarship to bene?t deserving high school student members. Candidates must be: members of FCC, an ac?ve volunteer, involved in Church ac?vi?es and planning to a?end a college or university. Up to three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$250/year, renewable for four con?nuous years, for a maximum of \$1,000 for each student awarded.

DEADLINE: February 1, 2018

Please return completed applica?ons to the Church o? ce NO LATER THAN 2/1/18.

Applica?ons can be found on the Gathering Table or by email request: brussj@rstchurchtosa.org

ST. VINCENT MEAL PROGRAM

Friday, February 2

Preparation: 8 to 10 a.m. in the 2nd floor 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 bulletin board in the hallway to the parking lot or call/email the office:

414-258-7375 / jill@firstchurchtosa.org

THANK YOU to the volunteers of Friday, January 5

Preparation in the FCC kitchen / Barb Dunham, Marianne King, Ellen Devlin,
Phil Callen & Randy Goelzer

Servers at St. Vincent de Paul / Connie Lisle, Chris & Ron Weiss, Barry & Sue Szymanski, Laura Wright, The Elwing Family and Don & Jill Schaefer

Purls of Wisdom

Saturday, February 3 – 10 am to Noon

The knitting/crocheting group at FCC meets the first Saturday of every month from 10 am to noon in the Library. One goal of the knitting group is to make prayer shawls for those who are sick or recovering. All are welcome to join the fellowship of Purls of Wisdom!

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@firstchurchtosa.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: Roast 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

Women's Ministry will begin the new year with a new study in addition to "stepping" out and adding an additional time for Women's Ministry to meet.

Women's Ministry (original) will begin on January 3rd at 7am, and the new additional time will begin on Sat. January 20th at 3PM. Both times will use Beth Moore's study "Stepping Up – a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent". If you will be attending the Saturday time please sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium!

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 office for \$6. Everyone is encouraged to join us at any time.

For more information, contact Pat Reddy at: 414-771-8292 or patreddy@deltaformslltd.com

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

All men are invited to attend 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 starting 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. Starting 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 reflections on the contents.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2018 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has turned in his or her pledges for 2018. Thank you for your faithful support of First Church!

Flowers for the Nave

Honor special occasions or someone you love by donating flowers for the Nave's 10 AM service. Sign-up is located in the Atrium!

Join a Board ~ We need you!

The Nominating Committee seeks potential new members who have an interest/desire to help serve the church and its membership. The Boards meet once a month throughout the calendar year. Board membership is a great way to get to know fellow church members better and to help be an exciting part of how the church is run. This is a two-year commitment with potential for a third year, if you are available. We'd love to hear from you!

Check out the January issue of THE COLUMNS for current members and openings on the following Boards: Council, Deacons, Fellowship, Care Board, Christian Education, Stewardship & Benevolence, and Trustees.

Contact Chip in the church office (414) 258-7375 if you have an interest in serving and/or learning more.

Elevator Questions?

Please join us on one of the four Sundays in February following the 10:00 am service. We will discuss the process and progress of the Elevator Project and will field your questions.

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 11, 2018

In Our Prayers

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

Janet Schalm 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

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

Senior Minister	Rev. William S. Trump, Jr.	trumpb@rstchurchtosa.org
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care	Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski	barry@rstchurchtosa.org
Moderator	Nick Sgarlata	sgarlatanc@aol.com
Administrator	Michael "Chip" Smith	chip@rstchurchtosa.org
Office Administrator & Coordinator	Jill Bruss	jill@rstchurchtosa.org
Music Director	Dr. Patrick Dill	dillp@rstchurchtosa.org
Director of Christian Education	Tonia Wallner	tonia@rstchurchtosa.org
Junior & Cherub Choir Director	Roxanne Trump-Miles	daveroxmiles@aol.com
Organist & Pianist	Rhonda Kwiecien	rhonda.kwiecien@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
Phone: 414-258-7375 / Cell: 414-690-7997
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday / 9 am to 4:30 pm
Fridays / 9 am to 12 Noon

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY -
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 5th Wednesday of the month.)

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