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## What's Happening at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Sunday ~ January 28, 2018 / 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am in the Chapel / Chapel Worship Service

10 am in the Nave / Traditional Worship Service – followed by the Annual Meeting

Sermon Title: "Gather and Sent"

Minister: Rev. Bill Trump

Lessons: John 17:6-26

### LECTIONARY READINGS:

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Old Testament | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 |
| Psalmody      | Psalm 111            |
| New Testament | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 |
| Gospel        | Mark 1:21-28         |

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, January 25  
9:00 am Big Band - Social Hall  
10:00 am Sidetracks - Library  
6:30 pm Handbells - LL5  
7:00 pm BSF - Parlor, Social Hall

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7:30 pm FCC Choir - LL1

Friday, January 26

9:00 am Harmony Singers - Lounge

6:00 pm Fab Flicks at First - 302

Saturday, January 27

8:00 am Civic Music H.S. Compe?? on - 200, 201, 202, Kitchen, LL1, Parlor, Social Hall

3:00 pm Saturday Women's Ministry – 107

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Chapel Worship

8:45 am Adult Learning Hour - 107

9:00 am Nursery - 106

Discovery Kids - LL5

Jr. Choir - LL4E

10:00 am Worship in the Nave -

Children in Church/SS/PF

10:30 am Annual Mee?ng - Nave

11:15 am Co?ee Fellowship

Monday, January 29

9:15 am SWCW - Parlor

7:00 pm AI-Anon - LL1, LL2, LL4W

8:00 pm AA-Charlie Stone Group - LL5

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Yoga - Social Hall

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - LL5

8:00 pm AA-United We Stand – LL4W

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 am Women's Ministry - Parlor

6:00 pm Debtors Anonymous – LL5

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

8:00 am Cook for St. Vincent's - Kitchen  
9:00 am Harmony Singers - LL1  
5:15 pm Serve at St. Vincent's

Saturday, February 3

10:00 am Purls of Wisdom - Library  
3:00 pm NO - Women's Ministry - 107

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & DATES

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

**Additional new meeting 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 addition to "stepping" out with a new study, we will be adding a new meeting for Women's Ministry to meet. Women's Ministry (original meeting) have begun this past Wednesday on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new additional meeting will begin on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium!

##### 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)

### ST. VINCENT MEAL PROGRAM

Friday, February 2

*Preparation:* 8 to 10 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Litle, 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!

### The Torah - Parts One & Two

Saturdays, February 10 & 24 respectively / 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Conference Room

The Torah Part One - Saturday, February 10 - 9:30 AM to Noon

Pastor Barry will present 'The Torah Part One' which will begin with a discussion of the various methods to approach interpretations of the Bible.

The Torah Part Two - Saturday, February 24 - 9:30 AM to Noon

Continued exploration of the books of the Torah, which are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

### 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).

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

### Wednesday, February 14 at 12 noon in the Chapel

"The Question" - Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a season of preparation. This coming Ash Wednesday we will hold a worship service in the Chapel for scripture readings and to explore the questions which the Lenten season presents to us.

This year the Ash Wednesday Service is planned for Noon for 20 minutes in order to provide our members the opportunity to begin Lent at an informal time allowing you to attend during the lunch hour. Ashes will be available after the service if you wish. ~ Pastor Barry

### 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 Gatherings

**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.

### 30 Hour Famine – World Vision

**Friday & Saturday – March 2 & 3 at First Congregational Church**

When: Friday, March 2nd; 7:00 pm - Saturday, March 3rd; 3:00 pm

Where: First Congregational Church in Wauwatosa.

Who: Youth participants grades 3-12;

College/Young Adults willing to counsel

What: An over-night event filled with thought-provoking discussions, games, inspirational videos, and service events — and mash them all up into an unforgettable day-and-a-half of fasting from technology (and/or food) while raising funds for the hungry. What's different about this year's 30 Hour Famine is that fund-raising is required. In order to attend the event, each participant must raise a minimum of \$40. Please raise as much money as you can, as the collected donations will be used to provide food and supplies to countries all around the world dealing with famine, drought, and war.

Fund-raising can be done by collecting checks, or through online donations. Information about fund-raising will be sent out in the What's Happening email blast. Please RSVP by Monday, February 29th to this email: [wca.youth@gmail.com](mailto:wca.youth@gmail.com) or by replying to our Facebook event (join the group WCA Youth). Fund-raising can be done any time between now and the event, but we'd like to have the RSVP as soon as possible. Contact Tonia if you have any questions.

## WEEKLY CLASSES

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

Women's Ministry began the new year with a new study in addition to "stepping" out and have added an additional time for Women's Ministry to meet. Women's Ministry (original) will be using the Beth Moore's study "Stepping Up – a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent". The Saturday sessions begin this Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 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@deltaformsllc.com](mailto:patreddy@deltaformsllc.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 are 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

### Cookie Bakers Needed!

One of the services FCC provides for members and their families is fresh baked goods for funeral & memorial services and receptions. We are looking to add to our current list of wonderful volunteers. It involves baking a batch of cookies or bars for an upcoming funeral and dropping them off at the church some time beforehand. If you enjoy baking and have an interest in this worthwhile and truly appreciated ministry, please let the office know. Contact Jill Bruss: 414-258-7375 or [jill@rstchurchtosa.org](mailto:jill@rstchurchtosa.org)

### Mark your calendars! ~ Saturday, April 14, 2018

#### Youth Mission Italian Dinner & Auction

You'll find donation forms on the Gathering Table. Please note! 2018 Youth Mission Auction Donation forms are due in the church office by Monday, April 2.

Tickets for the Dinner go on sale Sunday, March 4.

## 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!

## Elevator Questions?

Please join us on one of the four Sundays at 11:15 am in the Parlor 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.

## Caring Corner as of January 25, 2018

### Death

Becky Davis passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018. A memorial service will be held today at First Congregational Church at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Social Hall.

George Sirotkin passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Services were held Saturday, January 20, here at FCC.

Recovering at Home ~ Dick Buchman

### Congratulations

Lucas Stewart Davis, born September 30th, 2017 is welcomed by adoption to parents, Brian & Krista Davis, and sister, Piper. He is the grandson of Sandy Davis (and the late Stew Davis) and great-grandson of Becky Davis.

Tonia Wallner has been selected as Moderator-elect for the Wisconsin Congregational Association. (website: [www.wiscongregational.net](http://www.wiscongregational.net)) The 2018 Leadership Summit & Annual Meeting will be held here at First Congregational Church April 27 & 28th. Save the date!

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>           |
| Organist & Pianist                  | Rhonda Kwiecien             | <a href="mailto:rhonda.kwiecien@gmail.com">rhonda.kwiecien@gmail.com</a> |

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

What's Happening at First Church

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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 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.)

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***FCC Annual Meeting***  
*Sunday, January 28th at 10:45 a.m.*  
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.

— Attachments:

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