

**Subject:** What's Happening - Week of May 17, 2020

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## FIRST CHURCH LENDS A HAND

With more people unable to work, the demand on Tosa Food Pantry has increased. The Board of Stewardship and Benevolence recently sent Tosa Food Pantry a check as part of our Easter Special Offering intent. We received the following letter in response. Know that you're assisting others during this difficult time!



May 3, 2020

Jillian Bruss, Financial Secretary  
Mike Huitink, Chair, Board of Stewardship, Benevolence, and Church Relations  
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa  
1511 Church Street  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Dear Ms. Bruss and Mr. Huitink,

Wow! As the treasurer of the Tosa Community Food Pantry, I send letter of thanks which our donors can use for tax purposes. \$50, \$100, from so many generous people around Wauwatosa.

But checks for \$5,388? That just doesn't happen.

Thank you so much for your Easter Special Offering. We recently received your check (check number 25779, dated 4-23-20).

Your donation comes at a time where the need has never been greater, due to the COVID-19 virus. The money will go towards the pantry's purchase of food and other necessities for Wauwatosa area people in need. And there is a real need. Thanks again!

Sincerely,



David J. Brand, Treasurer, TCFP

## WHAT'S HAPPENING SUNDAY - MAY 17, 2020

### Sunday Online Worship Service 6th Sunday of Easter

**Sermon**  
"This Unknown God"

**Lessons**  
Acts 17:16-34

**Minister:** Rev. William S. Trump



*Go online on to the FCC home page — [firstchurchtosa.org](http://firstchurchtosa.org) —  
for the link to the service*

# *Saturday Under the Steeple*

May 16, 2020 at 4pm — online



*Asking the Promise Keeper*

Pat Reddy, speaker

To view the service:

- Go to [firstchurchtosa.org](http://firstchurchtosa.org) home page
- Scroll down to WORSHIP SERVICES
- Click on “view on Facebook”



# Vacation Bible School

August 10 - 14, 2020

For information contact:

*Tonia Wallner*  
*tonia@firstchurchtosa.org*



## Congratulations Graduate!

Alissa Elwing, daughter of Mike and Holly Elwing, graduated from Carroll University on Saturday, May 9, 2020, with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Contact the church Office at 414.258.7375 or email [marianne@firstchurchtosa.org](mailto:marianne@firstchurchtosa.org) if you have a 2020 graduate to congratulate!



## Zabdiel Boylston was a Congregationalist

Zabdiel Boylston was a successful and wealthy doctor who gained a reputation as a scholar and scientist for his scientific research into the flora and fauna of

North America. Born in Brookline, Massachusetts in 1680, Boylston never went to medical school – there were none in North America until 1765. He learned his profession while an apprentice to his father, who had been a physician in England, and by training under a Boston physician. Boylston performed the first surgical operation by an American, the first removal of gallstones, and the first surgery to remove a breast tumor. It was the smallpox epidemic, however, that led to his greatest claim to fame.

In 1721, Boston experienced a terrible outbreak of smallpox. Over half the population was infected, and 844 were recorded as dying within a year. The probable source of infection were the ships bringing enslaved people from the Caribbean. In particular, smallpox spread like wildfire among the people packed into holds with no fresh air, no sanitation, bad nutrition and zero care. The famous Puritan minister, Cotton Mather, was given a slave who was not ill and named him Onesimus. Previously sickened with smallpox himself, Onesimus described a crude inoculation technique that he believed had prevented him from becoming infected on ship and suggested it be used to help stop the current outbreak.

Cotton Mather distributed pamphlets to all Boston physicians urging them to use the inoculation described by Onesimus. When no one responded, Mather wrote a personal letter to Boylston. Boylston responded by first inoculating his own son and two enslaved Africans. All three experienced a mild case of smallpox, recovered, and developed an immunity to the disease.

Boylston inoculated 241 people in all. Only six died, four of whom already had a full-blown case of small pox before the inoculation. That's compared with one in seven smallpox deaths among the infected Boston population. Even so, there were calls to try Boylston for murder. He took to visiting patients at night and in disguise. Mather, too, was vilified in the papers and threatened with violence. Someone even threw an incendiary device into his house.

In 1796, Dr. Edward Jenner, an English physician, invented the smallpox vaccine,

which injected the person with cowpox. The vaccine underwent further refinements over the centuries and became used worldwide. The last known case of smallpox was in 1978.

Robert Hellam



FYI...all email blasts come from Jill's computer, you are welcome to respond to any email blast but know Jill receives it and will forward your message to the appropriate person if need be.

Here are emails for others of our staff and you are welcome to email us anytime!

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Stay safe and healthy!

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