

Subject: FW: What's Happening - Week of August 16, 2020
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WHAT'S HAPPENING SUNDAY - AUGUST 16, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE

In-person worship resumes*
Live-streamed at 10 am

Sermon

“Character”

Lesson

Genesis 45:1-28



*Joseph and
his brothers*

*Call or email FCC Office by noon Thursday to attend in person.
Watch online: firstchurchtosa.org. Link is on the Home Page - Worship

Saturday Under the Steeple

August 15, 2020 - 4pm

(meet outside the church building)



“Team Player”

Peggy Griffith, speaker

Scripture - Romans 12:1-8

- Bring a lawn chair, your Bible and wear a mask.
 - Or watch the 4 pm live stream on Facebook.
 - Service will be posted to YouTube.
- The link is on the firstchurchtosa.org home page.



Trivia Game on Zoom

Wednesday, August 26 ~ 7:00 pm

Winners receive a \$10 gift card to
Black Twig Bakery in Tosa Village

EZ instructions for joining the Zoom event will be emailed.



Fun for all ages!
Sponsored by the
Board of Fellowship





Finally! Something to cheer for!

FCC MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

August 18 — 7:30 pm..... Hart Park

We will observe the practice of spectator social distancing.

You'll call it fun.
They'll call it home.

Help build a future for a family in need.



First Church is a member of the Habitat for Humanity Church Coalition, which is sponsoring the building of a house at 2235 N. 24th Place in Milwaukee. Volunteers are needed to help with framing. To facilitate social distancing, the framing will be completed over 12 days with smaller crews. Work days are 8:15 am to 3:00 pm. Please sign up by Wednesday the week prior to your work day. Choose from the proposed dates:

THURSDAYS

August 20
August 27
September 3
September 10

FRIDAYS

August 21
August 28
September 4
September 11

SATURDAYS

August 15
August 22
August 29
September 12

Sign-up online at mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/churchcoalition. You will be prompted to create an account and sign a waiver the first time you volunteer. You must be age 18 or older.

Bring a mask, bring a lunch and bring hope to a family in need.



Thank you to Quilters Anonymous
for creating an a beautiful assortment
of complimentary masks for church members.

The masks are available in the Narthex.



Mary Ann Bickerdyke was a Congregationalist

Ken Burns' acclaimed documentary, *The Civil War*, refers to the amazing battlefield nurse, Mary Ann Bickerdyke, as a Quaker. She was a Congregationalist.

Mary Ann Ball studied at Oberlin College, co-founded by Congregationalist John Shipherd and one of few colleges to admit women. Her interest in herbal remedies served her well when worked as a nurse during the cholera epidemic of 1837 in Cincinnati. She settled into family life when she met Robert Bickerdyke, a widower with three children, and had two children of her own. Not long after the family moved to Galesburg, Illinois, Robert and one child died. Mary Ann supported herself and her children by making botanical medicines and tending to the sick. She also joined the local Congregational Church pastored by Reverend Dr. Edward Beecher, founder of *The Congregationalist Magazine*.

Hearing of the deplorable conditions at the Union camp and hospital at Cairo, Illinois, the congregation collected money and supplies. Mary Ann volunteered to deliver the donation. She left her young children with a friend in Beloit, Wisconsin. Mary Ann was horrified by the camp's filthy conditions and set about sanitizing tents, setting up field kitchens and creating laundries. She had barrels made into tubs so the soldiers could bathe and dress in clean clothes. In fact, she worked until the war's end, following the armies of the western theatre and establishing more than 300 field hospitals. With the help of escaped slaves she tended the wounded during the day and, at nightfall, carried a lantern into battlefield and retrieved wounded

soldiers. They also cared for the cows and chickens Mary Ann acquired to provide soldiers with fresh eggs and dairy. When a soldier died, Mary Ann would send his personal affects to his family. She provided excellent care to all, whether black or white – Union or Confederate. At the Battle of Vicksburg her determination rankled some of the staff. General Grant was her champion, so staff took their complaints to General Sherman. He threw up his hands and said, “She outranks me!” For her part, Mary Ann was driven by a divine calling. She said, “I have a commission from God Almighty to do all I can for every miserable creature who comes in my way; he is always sure of two friends, God and me.”

Following the war, Mary Ann worked at the Home for the Friendless in Chicago. With the aid of Colonel Charles Hammond, a Congregationalist and president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, she helped 50 veterans’ families move to Kansas as homesteaders. She later became an attorney, helping Union veterans with legal problems.

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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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