



May the light from this candle
proclaim that God's hope is coming

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 1, 2024 9:30AM
First Sunday of Advent ~ Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme) BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Vince Salvia

One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight. I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer - and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight. In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

All: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world. May the light from this candle proclaim that God's hope is coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

One: Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 5)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Wilderdink

(During the Children's Message, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Message, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #109 (Sung by all as the children exit)

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down.
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36

Debbie Wagner

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a

parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

SERMON *"Waiting in Hope"*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

*HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

MCGEE

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click "Give" to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION (see bulletin page 7)

Jesus, Hope of the World

D. Light and P. Tate

Refrain is introduced by the cantor, then repeated by all.

Congregation sings additional material as printed.

Sanctuary Choir, Cantors, Congregation

*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements.
Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free and alcohol free.*

One: May you know that the God of comfort is with you.

All: And may you see the God of hope with you.

One: Open wide our anxious hearts!

All: We open them to God's peace.

One: Let us give thanks and share our joy.

All: In this space and time, we offer God our love and praise.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Sung by all)

Wait for the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical notation continues on two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Text: Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body,
For hope that we begin to see,
And for comfort from the Prince of Peace,
We share our gratitude, Gracious God.
Encourage us in these shortened days.
Through the long nights of this season,
May your hope carry us until dawn arrives again.**

***CLOSING HYMN #128**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers & Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Swedish folk tune and Oso by Geonyong Lee

Setting by Nancy M. Raabe

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Sarah Wilterdink, *Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

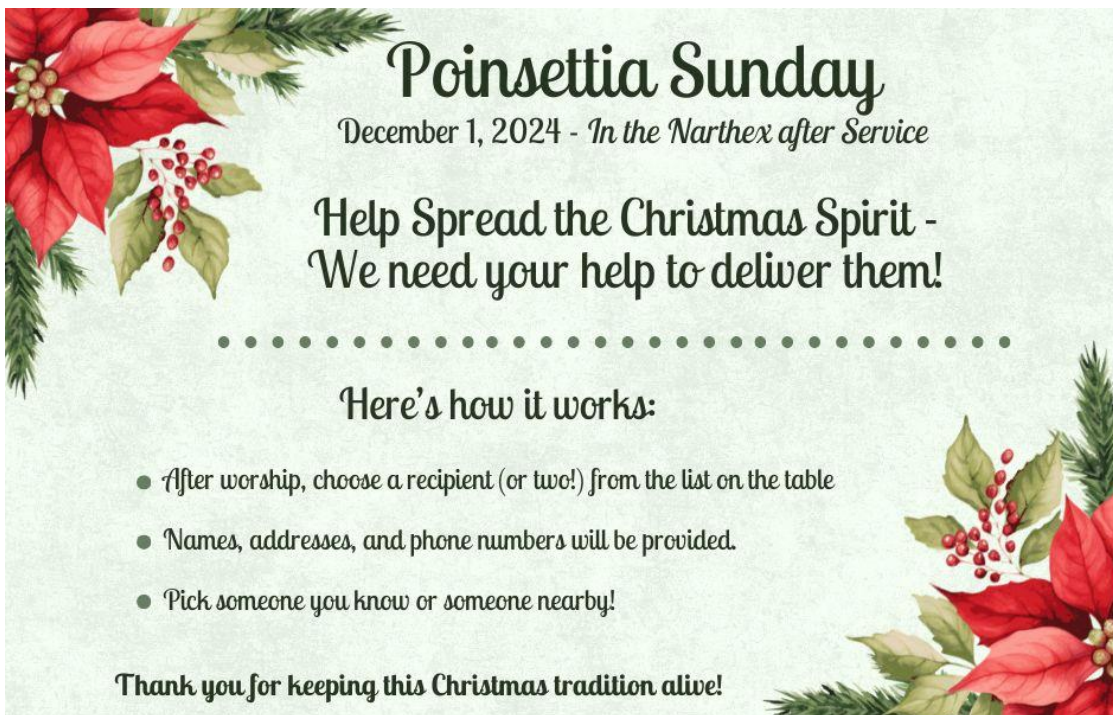
Jennifer Kosloski, Terry Gottfried, Kris Glenn, and Joel Jicha, *cantors*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Poinsettia Sunday
December 1, 2024 - *In the Narthex after Service*

**Help Spread the Christmas Spirit -
We need your help to deliver them!**

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Here's how it works:

- After worship, choose a recipient (or two!) from the list on the table
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers will be provided.
- Pick someone you know or someone nearby!

Thank you for keeping this Christmas tradition alive!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL
8.7 & 7.2
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison C F Dm7 G7 Em

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

C7 C F Dm7 G7 Em

God with us, re-vealed in us,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C F/C C (D.C. (final))

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

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Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate

REFRAIN

Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus,
light in our dark - ness, here we a -
wait you, O Mas - ter Di - vine. Here we re -
ceive you in bread and in wine:
Je - sus, hope of the world.

VERSES

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!
1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!
To Refrain
1. Shep-herd your peo - ple in love!
2. Come and be Lord of our hearts!
3. Shat - ter the dark-ness of death!
4. Ban - ish our doubt and our fear!

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USHER TEAMS

DECEMBER USHERS: **Team 1:** Dennis Korth, Gale Korth, Kim Hanson, Dale Hanson, Tom Tatlock, Jim Thaldorf, Carol Valeri, Sue Wisneski, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette
AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace Pastor Nick Hatch Baruch 5:1-9
Musicians: Sanctuary Choir & Brass "Gloria" by Trotta

ON THE CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 4	6:00-7:30PM	Hanging of the Greens Dinner & Worship
Wednesday, December 11	6:00-8:30PM	Christmas Caroling: Confirmation and Youth Groups
Sunday, December 15	10:45AM-2:00PM	Christmas Caroling: Multi-generational

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community

Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.
 Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393
In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.

Lyndee Aleman	Elizabeth McNally
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Holly Mueller
Don Brittnacher	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Family and friends of Jim Brygger	Anika Quillman
Cheryl Currier	Larry Schiedermayer
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Frank and Pat Severin
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
David Galow	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
The family of Paul Gohdes	Kinsley Tarr
Margaret Hankwitz	Gloria Tate
JoAnn Helms	Jack Thiel
Shirley Hoft	Peter Thiel
Sandi Hurm	James Totzke
Jean Jepson	Those living with mental unwellness
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Larry Vaubel
Kathy Lannoye	Karen Waters
Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	

Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.
 Thank you!

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please visit our website, weekly e-newsletters, and social media.

Helper(s) Wanted: We are looking for a helper(s) for our Christmas Eve services, this person would be paid to be on hand to do snow removal, help pastors with set-ups, and minor custodial clean up. Contact Bart at bforseth@uccappleton.org or 920-858-7636 for more information. Childcare workers are also needed for Christmas Eve at the 9:30AM and the 4:00PM Worship Services, earn \$30 per session (background check required.) Contact Sarah at swilterdink@uccappleton.org if interested.

Back Bay Mission Shrimp Sale: Sundays: **December 8, 15 and 22.** Pick up a package (or two!) of individually flash-frozen-right-on-the-boat gulf shrimp. Available in our narthex in 1lb packages, your purchase supports Back Bay Mission. Our price of \$15 per package allows you to enjoy delicious gulf shrimp and helps the only UCC ministry on the Gulf Coast. We are grateful to Jacobs Meat Market in Appleton for supplying shrimp for the sale again this year.

Come Sing in the 8:00PM Christmas Eve Choir! Our Sanctuary Choir welcomes



additional high school age through adult singers for our 8:00PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols! (NOTE: This is our single evening service at **8:00PM on Tuesday, December 24.**) Each year we include familiar carol arrangements, in addition to new music. Returning college students, young adults, choir family members, spouses and partners of choir members, members and friends who love singing, etc...all are welcome! We ask that you join us for 7:00-8:30PM rehearsals on **Wednesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 18** to rehearse the music. Please RSVP to John for these dates. Your **attendance at BOTH rehearsals is preferred**, of course, but let me know if only one of the dates is possible for you. String and wind instrumentalists will make music with us, also! Interested? Questions? **RSVP via e-mail to John Albrecht, Music Director, at jalbrecht@uccappleton.org**, or call John at the church, 920-851-8097 (direct line), or speak with John or Nathan, organist, **so that our choir librarians can prepare a choir folder for you.** Thank you!

NOAHH Requested Items: For 2 disabled adults: 2 recliners, a love seat, 2 bedside tables, 2 dressers, queen bed frame, TV stand, 2 lamps, and a set of silverware and knives. For a formerly homeless family: cleaning supplies, sheets and comforter for a twin and a queen size bed, kitchen table and chairs, toddler bed frame, kitchen pots and pans and silverware. For a mother with 4 children who left her abusive husband and is now living with her great grandmother: a microwave and dishes. Call Barb Mincheff at 920-832-5515.



[Must pre-register here by December 1, if eating at Hanging of the Greens](#)



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS DONATION

Your Name _____

Donation Amount _____



Make check payable to 'FCUCC' with
 memo 'Holiday Decorations Donation.'

Please word the following as you would like it to appear in the Christmas bulletin:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In celebration of _____

Drop this form off in the offering plate or return it to the church office or email your information to info@uccappleton.org by Monday, December 16, 2024.

Coffee Hour Coordinator Needed: We wish to first raise our coffee mugs to Mary Sullivan, who swooped in to coordinate the now-very-popular coffee hour after service each Sunday. It's a booming ministry -- and so great to hear all the chatter after church! -- you might say it's even "perky"! Mary's moving on to some other volunteer obligations and needs to step back and let someone else take the lead. She has laid the groundwork to make it easy for someone to step in. Duties include overseeing the sign-up sheet and making sure all Sundays are full (with an occasional arm twist or asking help from a group). You would also have full support and deep gratitude (someone to lean on) of the Fellowship Team. Interested? Contact Mary Willems (Congregational Life/Fellowship) at willems4@twc.com



2025 Coffee Hour Sign Ups Ready and Waiting: The 2025 (at least the first quarter!) signup sheets are waiting for YOU to serve coffee after service on Sundays! We want to 'espresso' our thanks to those who have helped in the past to make this important part of our church life possible.....our cup runneth over. Do you have a group/cause dear to our church that would like to promote on any given Sunday? Family group? The possibilities are endless. Please consider helping us in the new year -- it's pretty easy (and the Fellowship Team is looking for ways to make it even easier....stay tuned!). The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex by the library window. Check your calendars, grab a friend/group and sign up TODAY!

Library News: The theme for the library this month is Advent and Christmas. We will have a display of books in the narthex on Sunday after church, but since we have dozens of books on Advent and Christmas, many of them will be on display in the library. Please take time to come see them all. Here are two: 1. From Amazon - "*The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*" by Janice Cohn. This beloved children's book recounts the true story of how an American town took a stand against hate and antisemitism during the holiday season of 1993. At a time of division and incivility in our country, with the alarming rise of antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, true stories like *The Christmas Menorahs* are needed more than ever to show children and adults alike what our "better angels" can achieve. 2. From Amazon - "*Startling Joy*" by James Schaap. A gift. The baby. The pageant. The parties. The worship. The afterglow. The story. These are the elements of almost every Christmas. In this book the author takes a look at each of these elements through seven stories that show how imperfect people can find joy and grace in an imperfect world.

Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **December 5, 2024**. Check out the link to sign up! [Pillars Sign Up](#) We will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy fellowship. For questions contact Shelley Nulton, snulton@att.net or 920-202-4419.

Congregational Mental Health Survey Results: Thanks to all who completed the congregational mental health survey in October. The results are helpful as the Mental Health Task Force determines our next steps. The number of responses was quite small at 33. (If you still would like to complete the survey, there will be paper copies available on the table near the library windows in the narthex until December 31.)



The great majority of those surveyed choose healthy coping methods. People reported a variety of mental health and emotional challenges. The most common is anxiety, reported by 61% of respondents. The next six in order of frequency are depression, stress, sadness, feeling overwhelmed, grief and loneliness.

The most common response about wanting community support is a request for grief support. The next most common response is a wish for a sense of community, requesting help with anxiety, a women's group, connection to ease sadness, depression and loneliness, a community support group and fun activities.

The resources and programs the respondents want are again support groups, activities in nature, a meditation program, social opportunities, education and referral information. Some of these are offered already; we will work to make them more robust.

The topics most concerning to the people are big issue anxiety (climate change, the political climate), spirituality and mental health, women's support, issues of aging, managing grief and loss and relationships.

Looking at the surrounding community, the respondents are interested in working with others in the community to recruit and retain mental health professionals. Also, they want to make sure that other groups can continue to use our space. They would like to strengthen connections with other faith communities and to learn what other faith communities are doing regarding mental health.

Those answering the survey are willing to share their time, helping to organize events, share their own mental health story and lead support groups or book studies. (If you don't see your answers here, don't worry. All the information has been captured.)


If you'd like to discuss these results further or have questions, please join members of the Mental Health Task Force in the Upper Lounge at **10:45-11:30AM today, December 1.**

KWIK TRIP CARD SALES TODAY AFTER WORSHIP IN THE NARTHEX!

BLACK FRIDAY SALE!!!


5-ULTIMATE CAR WASHES FOR ONLY \$33!

**\$12 Per card goes directly to our June 2025 youth trip
(Helping with Hurricane Relief in Asheville, North Carolina)**




**Fundraising
CARD PROGRAM**

Order Form



Member Name _____

Special notes _____



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QTY	Car Wash (5ct)	Total
1	\$36.00	

QTY	Grocery Only	Total
1	\$5.00	
1	\$10.00	
1	\$20.00	

QTY	Fuel Only	Total
1	\$20.00	
1	\$50.00	
1	\$100.00	
1	\$200.00	
1	\$500.00	
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Total:

Office use Only

Payment Type:

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Card Number _____

_____/_____/_____
Expiration MM/YY

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Initial here if you would like to pay the 2% processing fee

Member Signature _____

I authorize First Congregational UCC, Appleton and their payment processor to charge the above card. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to adjust or terminate the authorization.

How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?

Car Wash Cards – 44%!

Grocery Cards – 15%

Gas Gift Cards – 10%

Christmas Caroling ADVENTURES FOR ALL



WE WILL BE TAKING A BUS AND ALL CAROLING WILL BE INDOORS!
REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1

Multi-Generational

Sunday, December 15
10:45AM - 02:00PM
Light Lunch Provided
Bring Your Own Drink



Scan me
to sign up for
Dec. 15th!

Scan me
to sign up for
Dec. 11th!



Confirmation & Youth Groups

Wednesday, December 11
06:00 - 08:30PM
Pizza Provided
Bring Your Own Drink

Contact the front office, scan the QR Codes, or go to Realm to sign up!
Info@uccappleton.org / 920.733.7393

WINTER COATS

AND HATS | SCARVES | GLOVES | BOOTS | SOCKS

Donate your gently used adult's and children's cold weather gear and help someone stay warm during the cold winter months.

collecting
through
November

Outreach Ministries on behalf of
World Relief - Fox Valley



For More Information
contact Ann Gain
anngain@gmail.com

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 2

5:30-7:00PM Isaiah Task Force Meeting – *Isaiah Project Room*
6:00-7:30PM IPAC Meeting – *Upper Lounge and Zoom*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, December 3

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*
4:00-6:00PM All Isaiah Meeting – *River Room*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts – *HS Youth Room*
7:00-9:00PM Worship and Music Ministry Team – *Upper Lounge*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

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Wednesday, December 4

- 12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel – *Chapel*
12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*
6:00-8:00PM Hanging of the Greens: 6:00PM Dinner and 7:00PM Service –
Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, December 5

- 9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ *Chefo's Pancake House*
5:00-7:30PM Pillars Dinner @ *Pillars Adult Shelter*
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership – *Isaiah Project Room*
6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, December 6

- 7:00-8:00PM AI-Anon – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00-11:45AM Major Work Sunday Dress Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*
1:00-5:00PM Women's Craft Circle – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Sunday, December 8

- 9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare – *Childcare Room*
9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship/Advent 2/Major Work Sunday - *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
9:30-10:30AM Children's Ministry – *CYF Wing*
10:30-11:30AM Children's Choir – *Choir Room*
10:30-11:30AM Back Bay Shrimp Sale - *Narthex*
10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – *MS Youth Room*
10:45-11:45AM Confirmation Class (no mentors) – *HS Youth Room*
10:45-11:30AM WISE Covenant – *Upper Lounge*
11:00AM-12:00PM Advent Study: The Christmas Letters – *Chapel*
6:00-7:00PM Songs and Stories Christmas Edition - *Sanctuary*
6:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*
7:00-8:00PM AL ANON – *Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge*

Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Kindergarten and first graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2nd-5th Sundays of each month. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



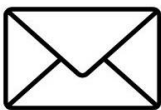
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Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

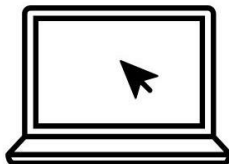
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

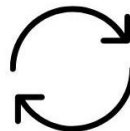
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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

- 9:25AM-12:00PM *Childcare – Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Sunday Worship/ Advent 1 - Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Children’s Ministry: Chat in the Chapel – Chapel*
- 10:30-11:00AM *Kwik Trip Fundraising – Narthex*
- 10:30-11:30AM *Children’s Choir – Choir Room*
- 10:45-11:30AM *MH Survey Results Meeting – Upper Lounge*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – MS Youth Room*
- 11:00AM-12:00PM *Advent Study: The Christmas Letters – Chapel*
- 6:00-8:00PM *First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*
- 7:00-8:00PM *AL ANON – Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

Upstairs, to the left	Upstairs, to the right	Downstairs
Childcare Room Infants & Toddlers	Nursery	Little Angel’s Room Preschoolers
K-5th Graders - Chapel (returning for communion)		

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