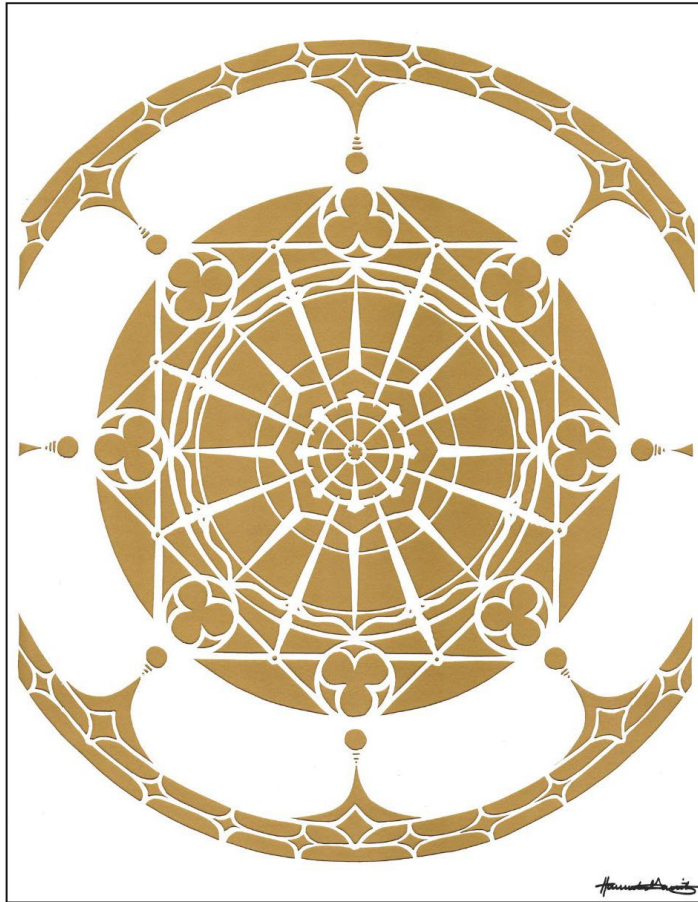


First Congregational United Church of Christ

March 9, 2025





***Temptations* by Hannah Garrity**

Inspired by Luke 4:1-13; Paper lace

In this image, concentric circles depicting the temptations that Jesus meets in the wilderness radiate outward. A crown and swords echo the power of kings that the devil offers to Jesus. Steeples point outward between the swords. Jesus quotes scripture in verse 12 of this Luke passage: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” And yet, the devil continues to test. Nails in the center foreshadow Jesus’ death on the cross. I depicted this story within the structure of a stained glass window. Where in our religious structures do we find temptation winning the day? Where do our selfish actions fall on this temptation continuum? May we see the abundance before us, dispelling the desire for more.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

9:30AM

First Sunday in Lent ~ Joyful Noise Offering ~ New Member Sunday

PRELUDE

Sojourner (I Want Jesus to Walk with Me)

African American Spiritual
Setting by Raymond Henry

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant (1525-80)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.*

*To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. Amen.*

Sanctuary Choir directed by Shelley Nulton

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power-

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth-

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control-

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Teach us to live as you live.

All: Teach us to love as you love.

One: Forgive us when we don't.

All: Gratefully we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear and believe this good news:

All: God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE #183**

What Wondrous Love Is This (St. 1)

WONDROUS LOVE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this! That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to the CYF building.)

A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

(This month's A Joyful Noise Offering will be used for Lenten family bags.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

Deb Hoogesteger

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON *"The Family of Adam"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

HYMN (see bulletin pages 7 & 8)

On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Stanzas 1-3 sung by cantors; Refrains and Stanza 4 sung by **All**

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

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

arr. Kevin Memley

Sanctuary Choir

***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.**

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.)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

Today we welcome: Grace Christensen, Justin Christensen, Karen Craddock,
Brian Finman, Lyn Finman, Susan Houston, Chad Leder,
Katy Leder, Nate Leder, Nancy Paul, Lorenzo Pisan, Susan Pisan,
Vince Salvia, William Zabel

***UNISON WELCOME**

**We thank God for the faith within you.
We thank God that you are here.
We welcome you with love, acceptance, and respect,
no matter where you are on your faith journey.
Together we will worship and work, learn and grow.
Together we will work for peace and justice,
and care for each other in times of need.
Together we will be faithful stewards of God's grace,
following Jesus into the world to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 9)

When We Are Tested

SLANE

This hymn text was written by the Rev. Dr. Ruth C. Duck (1947-2024), esteemed theologian, poet, hymnist, and ordained UCC minister. She leaves the church with a large and rich body of hymnody (some 200 hymn texts and psalm paraphrases) that is deeply scriptural and inclusive. Her sense of multiculturalism enabled issues of justice, equality, and care for God's creation to shape her creative crafting of hymns and worship resources.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Duo

Guillaume Lasceux (1740-1831)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Deb Hoogesteger, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir directed by Shelley Nulton

Ben Keating, Ave Van Til, and Greta Wright, *LU Music Scholar cantors*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Ordination of Derek Elkins

March 30 at 2:00PM

We are thrilled to host the Ordination of Derek Elkins on March 30 at 2:00PM. Derek is one of our Members in Discernment and served as a ministry intern during the summer of 2023. Derek is currently serving as the Pastor of First UCC in Green Bay. The ordination service will feature special guests from the Wisconsin Conference and our ecumenical partners, music from Karma's Mailbox, and an offering to benefit the Members in Discernment Scholarship Fund. It will be livestreamed.

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
 Music: A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress
 Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

CONSOLATION
 CM

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

On Eagle's Wings continued on page 8...

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All

And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957
Music: Michael Joncas
Text and music © 1979 OCP Publications

ON EAGLE'S WINGS
Irregular

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

MARCH USHERS: Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Susan Houston,
Ryan St. Clair, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun, Bruce Valk
AUDIO & VIDEO: Sue Forsythe, Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday in Lent Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey Luke 13:31-35
Music: Sanctuary Choir, LU Music Scholars, Youth Handbells

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16	11:00AM	Family Day: Bowling @ The 10 th Frame
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

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.

Amanda, who has terminal cancer Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara Don Brittnacher Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober Karen Craddock Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family David Galow The family of Paul Gohdes Colton Heimlich JoAnn Helms Shirley Hoft Misty Hofman Sandi Hurm Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer Jean Jepson Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube Jim Kriner Kathy Lannoye	Joseph Martin Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart Elizabeth McNally Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with Cancer Dean Ostrander Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya Anika Quillman Frank and Pat Severin Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries Kinsley Tarr Gloria Tate Jack Thiel Peter Thiel James Totzke Those living with mental unwellness Larry Vaubel Dave White
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Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.
 Thank you!



Read more about Susan here!




Growing Older in the Age of Longevity

March 09, 2025 | 10:30 - 11:30AM

Upper Lounge

Susan McFadden Ph.D will be presenting on March 9 after service in the Upper Lounge about a topic that resonated with many in our recent mental health survey: Aging and Mental Well-Being.

She'll cover:

- How to make social connections when feeling isolated
- Maintaining friendships as we age
- Living a fulfilling life with dementia

Register here!



The Open Door Announcements

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

Lenten Yoga Class: Join Pastor Katherine for a 6-week gentle slow flow yoga session during Lent in the River Room; **March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6**, from 4:15-5:15PM. Bring a yoga mat and a block if you have one.

Join Pastor Nick for a Lenten Devotion: Wednesday Prayer Chapel at noon will resume after Easter. Instead join Pastor Nick for a Wednesday evening devotional through Lent. Would you like to participate in a Lenten devotion with fellow church members? Do you want to deepen your scriptural understanding of Jesus' call to disrupt power? If so, join us for *A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power: Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar in the Upper Lounge. Together, we will explore Jesus' call to be forces for healing and hope in a fractured world. We will reflect on the structures of power around us and examine how we participate in or resist them. Our study will focus on biblical texts that are subversive, countercultural, and counterintuitive. Each week, participants will have a daily devotion to complete at home. Then, on Wednesdays, we will come together to engage with the devotion of the day and pray as a group. The study meets from **March 12 to April 9**, from 6:30-7:30PM, both in person and on Zoom. You are welcome to attend once or every week. Books are available in the main office for \$13.00. Please register via [Realm here](#).

Church Women United Book (CWU) Study: Register today to join a book study, sponsored by Church Women United in Wisconsin and led by members of the CWU Leadership Team, on **March 12 and 26 and April 9** from 2:00-3:00PM. *"The Emptiness of Our Hands: 47 Days on the Streets,"* by Phyllis Cole-Dai and James Murray. It is open to interested women across the state, via Zoom. There is no charge to participate, yet registration is required. Synopsis: Though the events recounted in the pages of this book occurred in 1999, it remains as relevant as ever. For 47 days in 1999 Phyllis Cole-Dai and James Murray lived by choice on the streets of Columbus, Ohio, the fifteenth-largest city in the United States. They went to the streets with a single intention: to be as present as possible to everyone they met, offering them sustained and nonjudgmental attention. Such attention is the heart of compassion. A deep embrace of this stumbling journey into practicing mindfulness on the streets might best be articulated as questions:

- How do we treat others as we would have them treat us?
- How do we love our neighbors, including those who seem "alien" and "other?"
- How do we extend hospitality to strangers, allowing them an honored place among us?

Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net. CWU is a Christian women's movement bringing together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian friendship, prayer, advocacy and action for peace with justice in the world.

Pastor Nick's "Moment for Congregational Care" from Sunday, February 9, is available to read on the church website - on the homepage under "A Word from Our Pastors," or this link <https://www.uccappleton.org/post/moment-for-congregational-care>.



Outreach Ministries Bulletin Board: Did you know that the Outreach Ministries liaisons to our Mission Partners put up a new bulletin board display every month? The Outreach Ministries bulletin board in the narthex, across from the elevator. Each month highlights the work of one of our Mission Partners. This month's bulletin board display tells a visual story of a service trip to Back Bay Mission. Check it out - this month and every month!

Library News: The theme for March is Women's History. Come learn about women who did great things. Here are a couple titles to consider. *"Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer and Sex Changed a Nation"* by Leymah Gbowee and *"Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman"* by Sharice Davids.

(Mostly) Parents Book Study: Join us Sunday mornings after worship for a small group book discussion covering *A Faith of Many Rooms* by Debie Thomas. We will read a chapter each week and then meet for a discussion. The group meets in the Common Grounds during Children's Choir rehearsals, with additional childcare available for non-choir children. Contact betsyschlabach@gmail.com with any questions.

Please Join Us!!! You are invited to join in a discussion regarding the **Just Peace in Palestine and Israel Resolution** put forth by the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Board of Directors. This resolution was submitted by the Palestine Justice Working Group of the Wisconsin Conference. This Resolution will be voted on at this year's WI Conference Annual Meeting. The process for adopting a resolution of witness requires a vote of the of the Annual Meeting when first introduced, followed by one year of study and engagement by local congregations. If 30% of UCC churches do some study of the Resolution, a confirming vote will be taken at the 2025 Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. The last discussion will be **March 23 at 11:00AM**. For the contents of the resolution and additional resources visit: The Wisconsin Conference, **Palestine Justice Working Group website**. It will also be on the table outside of the church library. If you cannot attend but would like to provide feedback regarding the Resolution or have questions, please contact Mary Dees at (920) 915-0177.



When you hear "The Isaiah Project," think "infrastructure." The Steering Committee and four Task Forces are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development, and discernment to provide recommendations to Church Council about our buildings, grounds, and neighborhood presence. These recommendations will address our current and future needs and support our mission and priorities.

The Isaiah Corner:

Steering Committee: Invitation for Questions

If you have questions about what is going on with the Isaiah Project, we want to hear from you! There are multiple ways to pass your questions along. You can speak to one of the Isaiah representatives in the narthex after worship (look for the orange buttons!) You can submit a paper question or comment in the Isaiah Box on the welcome desk in the narthex. You can submit online at <https://www.uccappleton.org/the-isaiah-project> (click the button labeled, "Isaiah Box, Questions, Comments, and Ideas"). Or you can email Director of Operational Ministries Vince Salvia at vsalvia@uccappleton.org. As a Congregational church, we want every voice to be heard! Questions and responses addressing matters of general interest may be published in The Isaiah Corner in future issues of the Open Door.

Save the Date! The Isaiah Project team invites you to an update session on Sunday, March 16 after the church service. Come hear of and ask questions of what each of the task force teams (Building, Grounds, Community Partnerships, Finance) have been focusing on. We look forward to you joining us in person or online.

March 16, 2025, from 10:45AM-12:00PM in Fellowship Hall

Join on Zoom via: <https://tinyurl.com/4d4h2fyn> or this QR code



ESTHER Madison Action Day: Join ESTHER for Madison Action Day 2025 in Madison, WI on **April 10!** Engage with policymakers, connect with advocates, and make your voice heard. We are sharing our priorities for the State Biennium Budget. Together, we can create a more equitable future. Includes the morning plenary, a box lunch and Madison Action Day T-shirt. We are taking a coach bus with bathrooms. Sign up for the bus at the time of registration, additional \$10 per person towards bus costs. Arrive at Madison Masonic Center by 9:00AM. Finish meeting with legislators by 4:00PM for return to the Fox Cities. \$35 Early Bird/person.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/madisonactionday2025>

IPAC Announcement for Brothertown Fundraiser: The Brothertown Indian Nation is holding an All You Can Eat Chili Luncheon fundraiser on **Sunday, March 9, 11:00AM-2:00PM**, to raise funds to purchase a new tribal ID printer which costs over \$5,000. The dinner includes chili (all you can eat), cheese sandwiches, crackers, beverage (soda, water or coffee) and dessert. Brothertown Bingo Hall (BINCC), 311 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. [Brothertown Chili Fundraiser poster](#)

Now Filling! EASTER EGGS

PENNIES, TRINKETS, STICKERS, CANDY...
What can fit in a plastic egg??

Please donate egg fillers
by Sunday, March 23
 so volunteers have time to fill the eggs here at church.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.
 The Lord is good to all.

Thank You for Your Generosity, Your Excited FCUCC Children

The Church of the Open Door
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE 10TH FRAME
 618 W Wisconsin Avenue
 Appleton

BOWLING Party

Only \$10

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 11:00AM

Bowl 1 or 2 Games: You Choose
 Shoes, Pizza & Soda Included
 Bring \$10 Per Person/Max \$30 Per Family to the Alley That Day
 (The cost is being offset by FCUCC.)

HURRY!!!
 EMAIL SWILTERDINK@UCCAPPLETON.ORG
 OR CALL THE FRONT OFFICE
 ASAP TO SAVE A SPOT ON THE LANES
 (MINIMUM: 10 BOWLERS, MAX: 30)

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 10

1:00-2:30PM Prayer Shawl – *Common Grounds*
6:00-7:30PM Mental Health Task Force – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:30PM Prayer Shawl – *Common Grounds*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, March 11

8:30-9:30AM Touchmark Pastoral Group @ *Touchmark*
9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
10:30AM-4:30PM Curious Co-op Rehearsal – *Theater*
1:30-3:00PM Racial Equity – *by Zoom*
2:00-4:00PM Library Committee – *Library*
6:00-8:00PM Wild Women of First Congregational @ *Stone Arch Brewpub Appleton*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:00PM Technology Committee Meeting – *by Zoom*
7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts – *Fellowship Hall*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, March 12

9:30AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Meeting – *Isaiah Project Room*
12:00-8:00PM Curious Co-op Rehearsal/Setup/Performance – *Theater*
12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*
4:30-5:30PM MS/HS Volunteer @ *Fox Valley Humane Society*
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*
6:30-7:30PM HS Youth Group – *HS Youth Room / MS Youth Group – MS Youth Room*
6:30-7:30PM Lenten Devotional: Turning Over Tables – *Chapel & Zoom*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*
7:30-8:00PM Youth Trip Leadership Meeting – *HS Youth Room*

Thursday, March 13

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
12:00-8:00PM Curious Co-op Rehearsal/Setup/Performance – *Theater*
6:30-7:30PM Congregational Life Committee – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, March 14

10:00-11:30AM Bulletin Folders – *Library*
10:00AM-12:00PM Grounds Task Force Meeting – *Isaiah Room*
12:00-8:00PM Curious Co-op – *Theater*

7:00-8:00PM	Al-Anon - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00-8:30PM	N.A - <i>Common Grounds</i>
<u>Saturday, March 15</u>	
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA - <i>Common Grounds</i>
<u>Sunday, March 16</u>	
8:30-11:30AM	Private Event - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
9:00-11:00AM	Private Event - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare - <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Second Sunday in Lent/Baptism Sunday- <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry - <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:00AM-12:00PM	Isaiah Project Update - <i>Chapel</i>
11:00AM-12:30PM	Family Day: Bowling @ 10 th Frame
10:30-11:30AM	Children's Choir - <i>Choir Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms - <i>Common Grounds</i>
4:15-5:15PM	Lenten Yoga - <i>River Room</i>
7:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting - <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON - <i>Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge</i>

Land Covenant

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation. Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.

We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soils, and web of life for all future generations.

We commit ourselves through study and immersion experiences to learn the history and cultures of these peoples and their traditional knowledge.



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!



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on [Facebook: FCUCCAppleton](#) or [Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton](#).

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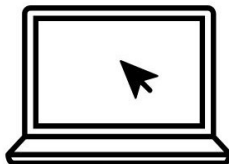
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

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.

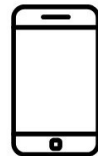
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TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

- 9:25AM-12:00PM *Childcare – Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Sunday Worship/First Sunday in Lent/New Member Sunday/Joyful Noise – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Children’s Ministry – CYF Wing*
- 9:45-10:30AM *MS Bible Study – MS Youth Room*
- 10:30-11:30AM *Children’s Choir – Choir Room*
- 10:30-11:30AM *CYF Committee Meeting – MS Youth Room*
- 10:30-11:30AM *Growing Older in the Age of Longevity – Upper Lounge*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – Common Grounds*
- 11:00AM-12:00PM *Adult Education – Chapel*
- 4:15-5:15PM *Lenten Yoga – River Room*
- 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, to the left
Childcare Room Infants & Toddlers	Nursery 2 nd & 3 rd Graders	Little Angel’s Room Preschoolers
Theater	Art Kitchen K & 1 st Graders	Science Room
Scripture Tent 4 th & 5 th Graders		

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