

First Congregational United Church of Christ

November 24, 2024



THANKFUL
for All Our
BLESSINGS

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2024 9:30AM

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ Reign of Christ ~ Thanksgiving Observed
New Member Sunday ~ Church Family Handbells Sunday

PRELUDE

Minuetto and Trio from Sonata in E-flat Major, Op. 31 No. 3

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Fanfare

T. Susa

arr. Kevin McChesney

Church Family Handbells, Beth Vercouteren, *director*

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ.

All: We are thankful that Jesus Christ is the ruler of our lives.

One: Today we put ourselves within the promises of God, past, present and future.

All: Today we claim the promises of God for our lives and for the world.

One: Let us worship with hearts of gratitude and Spirits of Joy.

All: Let us worship this amazing God, Promiser, Christ and Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

St. 1 & 2 - All, St. 3 - Choir, only, St. 4 & 5 - All

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.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #103 (Sung by all as the children exit)

Jesus Loves Me

St. 1

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Susan McFadden

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 93 (see bulletin page 7)

setting, W. Beckstrand

Refrain introduced by the choir, then repeated by all

Verses sung by cantors/choir, refrains by all

SERMON *"The Alpha & Omega!"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

*HYMN #526

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

New Born Again

arr. Kevin McChesney

Church Family Handbells

*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 Brad Henning, Lynne Henning, Betty Kaye,
Jeff McLaughlin, and Tami McLaughlin

*** UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

WELCOME AND GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN #27**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (see below)

Peace

Weston Priory

Please sing following choir introduction

WESTON PRIORY
GREGORY NORBET, O.S.B.

Peace I leave with
you, my friends, peace the
world can-not give. Peace I
leave with you, my friends, so
that your joy be ev - er full.

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POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Susan McFadden, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Church Family Handbells with Beth Vercoouteren, *Director*

Ringers: Marlessa Benson, Evan Carlson, Pat Hirby, Joel Jicha, Elizabeth Keggi,

Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette, Susan McFadden, Elizabeth Melchert,

Paul Nulton, Shelley Nulton, Preston Parker, Abby Schmidt, Joanna Schmidt,

Mary Jean Shimek, Brenda Timm, John Albrecht

Sanctuary Choir

Curtis Anderson, *cantor*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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USHER TEAMS

NOVEMBER USHERS: **Team 2:** Mike Weaver, Liz Dettwiler, Doug Gilbert, Becky Gilbert
Wayne Lannoye, Susan Forsythe

DECEMBER USHERS: **Team 1**

AUDIO & VIDEO: Dave Frederick, John Aaholm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Advent: Hope Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey Luke 21:25-36

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

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)

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Psalm 93 | A Responsorial Setting

Refrain

C Dm C/E C9 C

Ev - er since the

Gm7 F6 B^b2 B^bmaj7 Gm7 B^b/C C

world be - gan, your throne has been es - tab-lished.

Refrain

- 1 The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- 2 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. *Refrain*
- 3 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 4 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 5 Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore. *Refrain*

Tone

C Gm7 C E^bmaj7 Gm7 C2 C

The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Lectionary: Ascension Day (A,B,C); Reign of Christ (B).

Words: Psalm 93

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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 Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara Don Brittnacher Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober Family and friends of Jim Brygger Cheryl Currier Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family David Galow The family of Paul Gohdes Margaret Hankwitz JoAnn Helms Shirley Hoft Sandi Hurm Jean Jepson Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube Kathy Lannoye Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	Elizabeth McNally Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson Holly Mueller Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya Anika Quillman Larry Schiedermayer 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 Karen Waters
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Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.
 Thank you!

Northeast Association Ecclesiastical Council Invitation for Derek Elkins

Friends,

As many of you know, I have been a Member In Discernment with the UCC for the last two years, and First Congregational in Appleton has been a wonderful support. I began serving as Pastor of First UCC in Green Bay in August of this year, which is why you haven't seen me around very much. The last step in my ordination process is an Ecclesiastical Council at which I will lead a short worship service and respond to questions about my ordination paper from members of the Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ. People who attend the Ecclesiastical Council and are members of a UCC church in the Northeast Association of the WI Conference take a vote at the end of the gathering about whether or not I am suitable for ordination. If all goes well, my Ecclesiastical Council will be followed by an ordination service in the spring.

My Ecclesiastical Council is scheduled for 2pm at First UCC in Green Bay on Dec 7. I would love for you to join us, and I completely understand if you aren't able to make it since there's a lot going on in a busy time of year. The event will be live streamed on YouTube and can be accessed from the main page of the website, firstgb.org. Please know how much our church's support has meant to me over the last few months and how excited I am to take this next step in following God's call.

Peace,

Derek

Pastor, First UCC in Green Bay

firstgb.org

"Caring comes from the Gothic word *kara*, which means 'to lament'. So caring is not what a powerful person gives to a weaker one. Caring is a matter of being there... lamenting right along with the one who laments." -- Fred Rogers, *Life's Journeys*
According to Mr. Rogers, 88.

The Open Door Announcements

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

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!

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!



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.

Mental Health Announcement: In partnership with the Mental Health Task Force the library has a selection of books on mental health conditions and wellness. Have you checked them out? There are memoirs reviewing people's lived experience, reference books that help explain signs and symptoms of mental illness, books that help family members understand how they can help support loved ones with mental health challenges and even books to help maintain mental wellness. We have been adding books to our collection so stop in and see what's new. There is even a list of mental health books to make them easy to find. The library is open every Sunday after church and during office hours on weekdays.

Mental Health Spotlight: Did you know that a valuable mental health resource regularly meets right here at First Congregational? Our mission partner, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Fox Valley's Faith Based Family Support Group gathers on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00PM. What a convenient way for all of us who support loved ones living with mental health challenges to learn and get much needed support! This free, peer-led gathering is not a therapy group; it's a safe, non-judgmental environment based on lived experiences. Those who attend receive respect, understanding and encouragement. The faith-based aspect is incorporated as group members share how their spirituality gives them strength to support their loved ones. Though not specifically Christian, all who attend believe in a higher power. Many of the participants (14 on average), individuals and couples, attend every month whether their loved one is in crisis or not, so they can offer hope and support to other attendees. If you'd like to get connected with this group, contact Vivian at 920-740-3499 or vivian@namifoxvalley.org. Please remember that you are not alone, and our church embraces inclusion and compassionate support for all who live with mental health challenges and to those who love and support them.

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.

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.

Advent Study: The Christmas Letters: You may or may not know the story of your birth. If you do, there is something special about hearing your origin story again and remembering how it all began for you. That's why we observe Advent: to celebrate how it all began for us. In *The Christmas Letters*, Magrey deVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you'll come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before. Read the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as your first Christmas letters of the season and find within them an invitation from God to deepen your understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ. The study will convene in the Upper Lounge following worship (10:45-11:45AM) throughout the Sundays of Advent (**December 1, 8, 15, and 22**). We will be placing a book order on November 14; if you wish to purchase a book through the church you must sign up by that date. Sign up on Realm or use the QR code. Contact Mary Dees or Pastor Katherine with any questions.



Help our Neighbors Shelter from the Cold: There are 135 Pillars emergency shelter beds in the Fox Cities, and they are always full. In October, clients who got into shelters waited 1-55 days from the time they were added to the Pillars waitlist. The number of people experiencing homelessness in our community is on the rise - a record high of 148 people were unsheltered during the night in the July Point-In-Time count. And federal COVID funding has ended for Pillars Winter Shelter Overflow Program (WSOP) whose goal is to keep more people safe from the elements during the most brutal season to be outdoors. In the winter of 2023/2024, the WSOP hotel model served 158 individuals with 2,438 bed nights. This crisis presents our church with an opportunity to love our neighbors who can't find a safe overnight shelter when the weather turns cold. While the focus of the Economic Justice Work Group is systemic change, a plan was devised to raise \$20,000 to support Pillars WSOP to meet this immediate need. In addition to your prayers, please consider donating towards this goal. You can do so by writing a check to the church (noting "Pillars WSOP" in the memo) , clicking the "Give Now" tab on our website (uccappleton.org) and selecting the "Pillars WSOP" fund, and/or choosing "Pillars, Fox Cities" on the Alternative Christmas Gift Market options.

Coming Soon - Native Cinema Showcase: In just one week, you can stream some of the year's best in Indigenous film from the comfort of home, all for FREE! Our Native Cinema Showcase Online runs through Friday, November 29, 2024, 11:59 PM ET. The museum's Native Cinema Showcase is an annual celebration of the best in Native film. In honor of the museum's twentieth anniversary in Washington, DC, the theme of looking back and moving forward is highlighted in films that explore the challenges still confronting Indigenous peoples on disparate fronts, including sports, missing and murdered Indigenous women, intergenerational trauma, and repatriation of the land with buffalo. Learn more about the 33 films (25 shorts, 8 features) representing 25 Native nations in 8 countries: U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Norway, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Finland films included in the showcase on our site:

<https://americanindian.si.edu/native-cinema-showcase-2024/>



The poster features a dark red background with white snow at the bottom. In the center, four diverse children wearing winter hats and scarves are singing from green songbooks. To their right is a decorated Christmas tree with a yellow star on top and several wrapped gifts at its base. Musical notes float around the children. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'The Church of the Open Door' and 'FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST'. The text is in various colors, including white, yellow, and red.

Christmas Caroling
ADVENTURES FOR ALL

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

**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!

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

Scan me to sign up for Dec. 11th!

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



[Must pre-register here by December 1, for Hanging of the Greens Dinner](#)



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.

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

June 14 - 21

2025 YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

Asheville, North Carolina

Spread God's love those living with poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity, in both urban and rural settings. Be the hands of God as we assist thousands in rebuilding after a hurricane. Learn immediate and tangible ways that we can bring our hands-on, justice-seeking, knowledge and skills back to the Fox Valley, in order to put them into practice in our own communities.

Limited Registrations

Incoming 9th - Outgoing 12th Graders

Church Members, Guests & Friends

Mentors & Adult Chaperones Needed

Register On Realm or Call Our Church Office





Submitting items for Weekly Church Emails/Social Media/Website Announcements / Sunday Bulletin Open Door Announcements

1. The hub of communication will be our **website**.
2. **Weekly Emails** will be sent out Tuesdays and on Fridays.
 - a. Mid-week Emails will be sent out late in the day on Tuesdays to provide updates about activities occurring in the church for the remainder of the week.
 - b. Friday Emails will provide the virtual version of the coming Sunday's "Open Door," which includes the **weekly bulletin** along with its attached announcements.
3. Look for us on **social media**.

Articles/items submitted for **Weekly Church Emails/Social Media/Website Announcements** should be **100 words or less** and can also include pictures and clipart and links for people to "learn more."

Articles submitted for the **Sunday Bulletin's The Open Door Announcements** are limited to **2 Sundays per month** and are subject to editing for clarity and/or space available.

Deadline for submitting articles for any announcement is 4:00PM on Tuesday.

Submit articles, questions, or ideas to opendoor@uccappleton.org.

Guidelines for Worship Service Announcements

- Requests for announcements must come to both pastors a week in advance (not the week or day of the service). These must be submitted in writing and less than 100 words; these are brief announcements!
- We have a maximum of three announcements per week, first-come, first-served at the discretion of the pastors. Multi week announcements are discouraged.
- Generally, the pastor leading the worship service that week makes the announcement themselves. Exceptions are made.
- If the pastor cannot fit this request into worship, it will go into the bulletin, and the one making the request notified as time allows.
- Mission Moments are also available on a limited basis. These are longer and highlight critical needs or commitments for our faith community.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 25

6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, November 26

4:00-5:30PM Outreach Ministries Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

6:00-7:30PM Council Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group - *Common Grounds*

7:00-7:30PM Fireside AA - *Chapel*

7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts - *Fellowship Hall*

7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, November 27

9:45AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Meeting - *Isaiah Project Room*

12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel - *Chapel*

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir - *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, November 28

12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, November 29

7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon - *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:30PM N.A - *Common Grounds*

Saturday, November 30

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Sunday, December 1

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*

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 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](#).

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

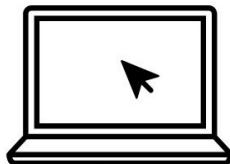
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

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.

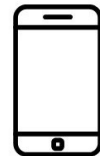
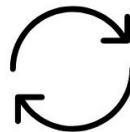
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TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

- 9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare – *Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship/New Member Sunday/Reign of Christ/ Thanksgiving Observed - *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 Community Partnership – *Upper Lounge*
- 10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – *MS Youth Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM Adult Ed Series: Music & Psychology – *Chapel*
- 5:00-6:00PM LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*
- 7:00-8:00PM 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
Theater	Art Kitchen 2nd/3rd Graders	Science Room K/1st Graders
Scripture Tent 4th/5th Graders		

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