

First Congregational United Church of Christ

October 13, 2024



Brude Davis

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2024

9:30AM

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost ~ Bible Sunday ~ Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

PRELUDE

Kuortane/Nyland (O Jesus, I Have Promised)

Finnish Folk Tune
Setting by Robert A. Hobby

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

If Ye Love Me (John 14:15-17)

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

LU Music Scholars

*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;
Ev'n the Spirit of truth.*

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22:3-5)

One: God, you are holy, enthroned upon our praises and those of Israel.

All: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

One: To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

All: God, you are holy, so we offer our praises to you today and forever!

*OPENING HYMN #295

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

MUNICH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BIBLE PRESENTATION Sarah Wilterdink and Renae Salvia

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Joyful Noise Celebration, the children will follow their teachers to the CYF building.)

All: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We hope as you read the Bible, you will bring your faith, doubts and questions, too. We promise to be a loving, listening and teaching community. We want to grow with you in knowledge, faith, and love.

A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

(This month's A Joyful Noise Offering will be used to purchase candy for our Trunk or Treaters.)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON *“Delayed Gratification?”*

Pastor Nick Hatch

*HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Martin Luther (1483-1546)
harm., J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.**

***CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 4)**

O Jesus I Have Promised

NYLAND

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Now I Walk in Beauty (Navajo prayer)

Gregg Smith (1931-2016)

Now I walk in beauty, beauty is before me, beauty is behind me, above and below me.

POSTLUDE

St. Denio (Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

Welsh melody
Setting by Matthew H. Corl

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

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

Renae Salvia, *Associate Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*

Sue Wisneski, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F Bb Ab Bb

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Let us know
you are here!

SIGN-IN



A vital part of our church's ministry is knowing our current membership. So, for stewardship season we ask that everyone, each week, individually sign their name and pass the blue friendship pads, so we know everyone who is involved with Sunday worship. If you are worshipping online, we ask that you check in on Facebook and let us know you are attending.

USHER TEAMS

OCTOBER USHERS: **Team 3:** Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Cathy Paynter, Ryan St. Clair, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun

NOVEMBER USHERS: **Team 2**

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey Mark 10:35-45

Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir;

Dr. Karen Leigh Post and Tanvi Thatai, *soloists*

ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, October 19	8:00AM-4:30PM	"We Are Still Here" Indigenous Celebration
Sunday, October 20	11:30AM-1:00PM	Trunk or Treat in the CYF parking lot
Sunday, November 3	10:45AM-12:00PM	New Member Exploration Gathering

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

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.

Isaiah Project Grounds Task Force Invite: This morning, immediately after the worship service, members of the Isaiah Project Grounds Task Force invite you to walk with them to two of our most important outdoor settings: the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth. Meet the members of the Task Force outside the front doors. They will answer your questions about the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth and listen to your ideas about how our grounds can better serve our congregation and the wider community.

Give a Gift to Your Family! Join us **TODAY, Sunday, October 13 (10:45AM-12:15PM) or October 16 (3:00-4:30PM)** for an Advance Care Planning Workshop in the Upper Lounge. Ensure your spouse, partner, or family member is legally authorized to make medical decisions for you in an emergency. Wisconsin law requires anyone 18 or older to have a written advance directive for this to happen. Consider events like Covid-19, accidents, or sudden illness - having a plan in place is crucial. Whether you're creating your first plan or updating an existing one, this workshop will guide you through choosing a healthcare agent, completing your directive, and sharing it with loved ones. Register via Realm or call 920-997-8412. Space is limited to 20 attendees; day of walk-ins accepted if seats are available. More info: fvacpp.org/advancecareplanning. This workshop is provided by First Congregational UCC Faith Ambassadors and the Fox Valley Advance Care Planning Partnership.

Church Family Handbell Workshops - Come Ring! Church Family Handbell Workshops begin on **Sunday, October 27** in the Amistad Room at 10:30AM (right after worship.) Come experience ringing our Whitechapel Handbells and have fun learning a variety of techniques under the leadership of Beth Vercoouteren! Open to elementary age through adults; *families are encouraged to come ring together!* Workshop rehearsals continue each Sunday morning at 10:30AM (you do not need to attend every week) with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, November 23 (time tba, based on schedule of the participants.) We will perform in 9:30AM worship on Sunday, November 24, with special music that celebrates Thanksgiving. To register, please contact Beth Vercoouteren at (920) 740-3571, or speak with our music staff, John and Nathan. Thank you!



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Free Sloppy Joe Lunch, Bounce House & More!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Raindate: SATURDAY, October 26

11:30AM - 1:00PM



**COLLECT TYPICAL TRICK-OR-TREAT GOODIES & TRINKETS
AS WELL AS RESOURCES & FREEBIES
FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HERE TO HELP US!**

We Need More Trunks and Tailgates for our TRUNK OR TREAT: Are you able to help by decorating your vehicle? If it helps, we can provide treats for you to hand out. Complete the form in this bulletin, call 920-851-4518 or email Sheila to let us know how you can support this wonderful community event.

The NAMI Walk: The Mental Health Task Force thanks the members of the Faith, Hope and Love team and those who donated in support of the NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) Fox Valley walk on October 5. Our team was in the top five fundraisers at over \$3700. We had over 30 people walking on our team. Great response in only our second year.

Women's Fellowship Group: Wild Women of First Congregational UCC is a group that brings women of the church together for fun and fellowship. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM for dinner at Stone Arch Brew Pub in Appleton. You can order dinner, a beverage or just come and join the conversation. To get more information or to RSVP please contact Sue O'Neill (920- 858-9923) or abelwoman10@yahoo.com.

Spread Joy and Community Through Flowers! Each Sunday, our worship is enhanced by a beautiful floral arrangement. Let us share this beauty with those who are unable to join us in the sanctuary! The Worship and Music Team is creating a team of volunteers to deliver partial arrangements to members' homes after service. If you have a vehicle and a few minutes to spare on your way home from church on a few Sundays each year, please contact Cindi Ritcey Fox at crfox@financialcp.com

If you have an interest in gardening... we are looking for some extra hands and tools to help weed the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth Garden before fall. I will be available October 14, 15 and 16 to meet anyone and can be flexible with time. Call Leigh Grube at 920-851-3531.

NOAHH Requests: A homeless family has secured an apartment as of October 1. They need the basics for this apartment. Anything will be appreciated. Please call Barb at 920-832-5515 Human Services or Sue Ahrens 561-321-3211 for further information.

Reminder from the Mental Health Task Force: During the month of October, we are asking church members to complete the Congregational Mental Health Survey. The survey is available by QR code in the Open Door or on posters in the narthex or on social media postings. The task force wants to hear from the congregation about the mental health issues that concern people, what they'd like more information about or where they need support. Please take several minutes to read the [Mental Health Survey Letter](#) and complete the survey. There are also paper copies available of the letter and survey in the narthex. Thanks!!

Don't be afraid to ask for help

We want to hear from you!

Congregational Mental Health Survey

- What are the challenges in your life?
- How do you cope with life's challenges?
- What challenges do you see in the people around you?
- What do you want to learn about mental wellness?

SCAN TO TAKE ONLINE SURVEY

100% Anonymous!

Support, Connect, Community

All ages are welcome to fill out the survey!

Available 24/7
Mental Health Support
Call or Text **988**

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For questions about the survey, please contact the front office at 920.733.7393 or info@uccappleton.org

*Physical survey copies are available in the Narthex

Membership Exploration Gathering: Are you new to First Congregational and want to



learn more about our faith community? Would you like to find a place to ask your questions of faith and call your faith home? Then join Pastor Katherine and Pastor Nick after worship Sunday, **November 3, 10:45AM-12:00PM** in the Upper Lounge. We'll be talking about our journeys of faith. We will share about this church, our theology, and get to know one another. We hope to listen to the story of your spiritual journey and the questions that have guided you to seek new answers.

Please RSVP for the new Membership Exploration Gathering by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by contacting the front office at info@uccappleton.org.

New members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, November 17.

Library Picks for October: With Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 14, we want to feature 4 books (one each week during the month) that you might want to check out.



Our own IPAC (Indigenous Peoples' Allies Committee) recommends:

Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer. Despite this "how to do it title," this modern classic is a gem. It offers answers to nearly 200 thought provoking questions about indigenous people. If you would like to know more about Native Americans, but are concerned

that your questions might be offensive, this read is for you. The author answers questions that are thoughtful and outrageous and always interesting. This book has proven to be an essential resource for non-native people wishing to know more. When IPAC members spoke at the UCC church in Sturgeon Bay, this is one of the top three books they encouraged the church to purchase.

No Prep Bible Study: Pastor Katherine will lead a Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30PM in the Upper Lounge. There is no preparation required to participate! We will use brief videos from The Bible Project at the beginning of each gathering. Bring your Bible and an open mind. Dates include **October 16, 23; and November 6, 13, 20**. Email kwpershey@uccappleton.org to sign up or request more information.

Join Wednesday Prayer Chapel! Need a mid-week faith boost? Want to connect with other church members and see different locations of our church's property? Wednesdays at noon, join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel. This will be held weekly and be live streamed from the church for around 20 minutes. Gather to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community. We look forward to seeing you for this personal mid-week touchpoint.

Volunteers Needed: Do you like to read to children? Two volunteers are needed to read aloud to children ages 5-10 during our “We Are Still Here” Indigenous Peoples’ Day Celebration (more information below) on Saturday, October 19. One or two 20-minute segments are needed between 11:00AM-12:00PM or 1:00-2:00PM. We have the books in the church library. Contact Barb Weyenberg at weyengrif@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!

**2nd Annual
WE ARE STILL HERE!
A DAY TO CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS CULTURE**

**Saturday, October 19 at First Congregational UCC
724 E. South River St., Appleton, WI**

<p>9:30am Doors Open, Browse Native Artisan Tables and Art Gallery</p> <p>10 - 11:30am Diamond Painting Workshop (for ages 10 - 100; under 10 welcome with adult)</p> <p>11am - Noon Indigenous Story Time for Kids</p> <p>11am - Noon Noon Traditional Food Preparation Demonstrations with Oneida Chef, Arlie Doxtator</p> <p>Noon - 1pm Indian Taco Lunch (free)</p>	<p>12:30 - 1pm Art Gallery Talk with Oneida Breadwork Artist, Sayokla Kindness</p> <p>1 - 2pm Indigenous Story Time for Kids</p> <p>1 - 2:30pm Beginner Beadwork Class (for ages 12 - 100, suggested donation \$10)</p> <p>2:30 - 4pm Strawberry Moon Women Singers</p> <p>4pm Four Directions “Give Aways”</p>
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Questions?
Contact Jerry Dees
jdees2119@gmail.com

Throughout the day, look for roving Oneida Storyteller Debra Morningstar carrying her STORY BAG as she shares stories of How Raccoon Got His Mask and How Dogs Got Their Bark

Guest Musicians - Strawberry Moon Singers

“Continuing the Circle” Baby Baskets: Did you notice the traveling playpen in the narthex or the library? Indigenous Peoples’ Allies Committee (IPAC) is supporting a baby supply drive for First Nations Outreach, Inc. Please consider donation items or money to help our indigenous neighbors with newborns. Wish list: Huggies Little Snugglers (size newborn), Huggies fragrance free wipes, Johnson’s baby lotion and baby wash, baby bath towels and wash cloths, newborn onesies, sleepers (size 0-3 months), baby blankets (small), baby moccasin kits at craft stores, dream catcher supplies. For more details, see the complete list attached to the baby playpen. To give a monetary donation contact Barb Wisneski at bwisneski11@gmail.com. Indigenous Peoples’ Day is October 14. **Items will be collected through the month of October.**

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 14

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, October 15

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*
2:30-3:30PM Endowment Trust Committee – *Church Library*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
6:30-8:00PM Safety Committee – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-7:30PM Fireside AA Pre-Meeting – *Chapel*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, October 16

12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel – *Chapel*
12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*
2:00-3:00PM Peabody/Heritage Worship @ the Chapel at Peabody
3:00-4:30PM Advance Care Planning Workshop – *Upper Lounge*
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*
6:30-7:30PM No Prep Bible Study – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class @ Pillars Family Shelter
6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group – *MS Youth Room*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 17

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
9:30-10:30AM Adult Education Meeting - *Chapel*
11:00AM-12:00PM Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
12:00-1:00PM CAT/CMT Meeting – *Upper Lounge*
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ Chefo's Pancake House
6:30-8:00PM Family/Friends NAMI Mental Illness Support Group
– *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership – *Project Isaiah Room*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 18

1:00-5:00PM We Are Still Here setup – *Narthex, Fellowship Hall*
7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM N.A – *Common Grounds*

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Saturday, October 19

8:00AM-4:30PM

We Are Still Here – Fellowship Hall, River Room, Narthex, Kitchen, Upper Lounge

7:00-8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds

Sunday, October 20

9:25AM-12:00PM

Childcare – Childcare Room

9:30-10:30AM

Sunday Worship – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel

9:30-10:30AM

Children’s Ministry – CYF Wing

10:30-11:30AM

Children’s Choir – Choir Room

10:45-11:45AM

Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room

10:45-11:45AM

Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – MS Youth Room

11:30AM-1:00PM

Family Day: Trunk or Treat – CYF Parking Lot

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

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, soil, 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 free. All are welcome to join us!

Donating to First Congregational UCC, Appleton: We have many convenient ways to donate. Giving envelopes are in the pews and may be put in the offering plates, checks can be mailed to the church, you can visit our webpage and click "Give," or you can text FCUCC GIVE to 73256. **Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.*

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.

~Today's bulletin cover photo courtesy of Bruce Danz~

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/Bible Sunday/Indigenous Peoples’ Sunday/
 A Joyful Noise Offering – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
 9:30-10:30AM Children’s Ministry – *CYF Wing*
 10:30-11:30AM Children’s Choir – *Choir Room*
 10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – *MS Youth Room*
 10:45AM-12:00PM Advance Care Planning Workshop (see page 7) – *Upper Lounge*
 5:00-6:00PM LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*
 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
Theater	Art Kitchen K/1st Graders	Science Room 4th/5th Graders
Scripture Tent 2nd/3rd Graders		Middle School Room

We are “The Church of the Open Door,” a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.



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