

First Congregational United Church of Christ

September 22, 2024



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22, 2024

9:30AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Installation Service

PRELUDE

Allegro moderato from Concerto for Oboe

Alessandro Marcello (1673-1747)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ* Jennifer Hodges Bryan, *oboe*

RINGING OF THE BELL

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What delight it is for us, like trees planted by streams of water,
to stand and worship God.

All: Rejoice! The Lord watches over us.

One: We bring our whole hearts to meditate on God's word.

All: Together we celebrate in God's presence.

One: Let us lift our minds and spirits to honor the Giver of Life.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #469

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S HYMN #257 (There will not be a children's message today.

The children may cross the bridge for Sunday School at this time.)

This Is the Day

**All: This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

ANTHEM

Psalm 1

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Text adapted from verses 1-3

Sanctuary Choir and Oboe

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1

Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that
sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON *"A Daily Prayer"*

Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson

*HYMN (see bulletin page 4)

Trees

DIX

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

Ornament of Grace

Bernard Wayne Sanders (b. 1957)

*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.**

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION AND PASTOR

Rev. Jane Anderson

ORDER OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

People: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION AND EXHORTATION

COVENANT

People: We, the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ, covenant with Pastor Nick and Pastor Katherine, promising to labor with them in the ministry of the gospel and to give them due honor and support. We gather with them and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION

All: Thanks be to God!

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 5)

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

The cross, **we will take it.**
The bread, **we will break it.**
The pain, **we will bear it.**
The joy, **we will share it.**
The Gospel, **we will live it.**
The love, **we will give it.**
The light, **we will cherish it.**
The darkness, **God shall perish it!**

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress)

Tune by Martin Luther
Setting by Charles Ore (b. 1936)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson, Rev. Jane Anderson, Rev. David Colby, Darlene Ott
Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*, Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*, Jennifer Hodges Bryan, *oboe*, John Aaholm, *timpani*
Sanctuary Choir, John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Trees

G C G C Dsus D G

(Ps. 1) 1 Tree of Wis-dom, fruit-ful, green, flour-ish-ing be - side the stream;

(Ps. 26) 2 Tree of Jus-tice, ev - er bless; shade me with your right-eous-ness.
 (Ps. 52) 3 Tree of Plen-ty, feed my soul; nur-ture me, and make me whole.

C G C Dsus D G

spread your knowl-edge day and night; make your law my true de - light.
 Teach me how to live your ways, and my lips shall sing your praise.
 Give me strength, cast fear a - side; let me in your love a - bide.

D G C Dsus D G

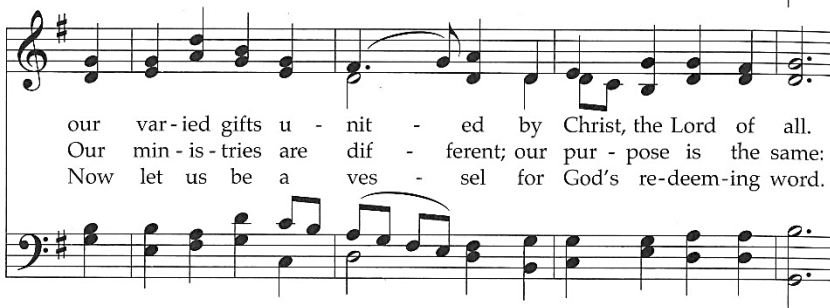
Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be strong and splen-did as a tree.
 Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be ev - er branch-ing as a tree.
 Fash-ion me, O Lord, to be firm - ly plant - ed as a tree.

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We All Are One in Mission



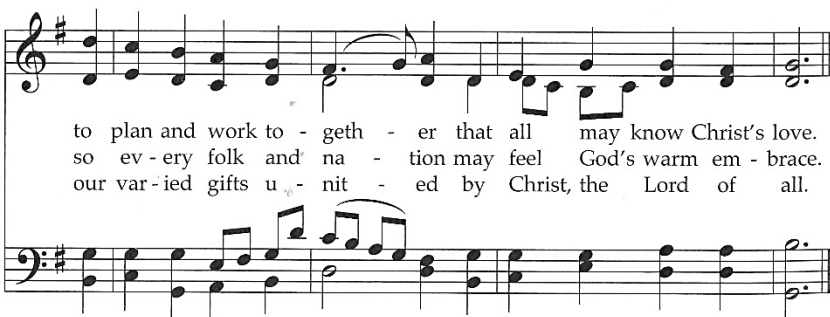
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

USHER TEAMS

SEPTEMBER USHERS: **Team 5:** Rick Behm, Tim Bauer, Peter Carman, Abby Schmidt
Andy Schmidt, Karen Crawford; **Team 6:** Jeff Schang

OCTOBER USHERS: Team 3

AUDIO & VIDEO: Shannon Glenn, John Aaholm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Stewardship Kickoff Sunday Pastor Nick Hatch Mark 9:38-50

Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; The Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars

ON THE CALENDAR

Friday, September 27- Sunday, September 29		Women's Fall Retreat at Moon Beach Camp
Sunday, September 29	9:30-10:30AM	Stewardship Kickoff Sunday
Saturday, October 19	8:00AM-4:30PM	"We Are Still Here" Indigenous Celebration
Sunday, October 20	11:30AM-1:00PM	Trunk or Treat in CYF parking lot
Sunday, November 3	10:45AM-12:00PM	New Member 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	Nancy Kandler
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	The Korth family as they grieve the loss of Allen Korth, Dennis's brother
Ray Bauer	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Elizabeth McNally
Don Brittnacher	Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Family and friends of Jim Brygger	Larry Schiedermayer
Cheryl Currier	Frank and Pat Severin
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
David Galow	Kinsley Tarr
Ken Geiger	Gloria Tate
The family of Paul Gohdes	Jack Thiel
Margaret Hankwitz	Peter Thiel
JoAnn Helms	James Totzke
Shirley Hoft	Those living with mental unwellness
Sandi Hurm	Larry Vaubel
Jean Jepson	Karen Waters
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Wilma Wydeven
Kathy Lannoye	

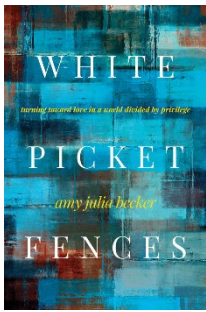
Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.

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.

The Isaiah Project Finance Team is excited to invite you to a roundtable meeting on Sunday, **September 29**, 10:45AM-12:00 PM in the Upper Lounge. As part of our discovery process, we're exploring the possibility of a Capital Campaign to remodel our main building. We would love to hear from those who have experience with similar projects, whether through another church, a non-profit organization, or another build-out and financing effort. If you have a background in accounting or finance - **we especially want to hear from you!** Your expertise and input are crucial as we consider all voices and explore creative solutions to manage these costs effectively. Please join us and share your ideas - we value your participation and look forward to hearing from you!



(Mostly) Parents Book Study: Join us Sunday mornings for a small group book discussion covering *White Picket Fences – Turning Toward Love in a World Divided by Privilege* by Amy Julia Becker. Starting **September 29**, we will read a chapter each week, and then meet for a discussion using the author's guide to lead us. The group meets during Children's Choir rehearsals, and additional childcare is available for the non-choir children. We meet in the Middle School Room after worship service. Again, **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE!** Contact burton.andrewd@gmail.com with any questions.

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 **September 25; October 9, 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.

Please join us for Kenya Sunday and World Communion Sunday on October 6. Kenya crafts from this years' trip will be offered after the service for a free will offering. Coffee, chai and treats will be available in the narthex. Come hear about this amazing program and its importance. Sponsors may bring letters to students if you want.

Outdoor Fun and Fellowship - Sunday, October 6: We're O.F.F. to the Navarino Nature Center to walk, stretch and reflect on the GRACE® Trail there. Nancy Brown-Koeller will be the guide on the one-mile trail, and Pastor Katherine will guide us through some



gentle yoga stretches and reflections at stops along the trail that ask thoughtful questions. (And let's think about a trail like this on our campus.) Meet either at 11:45AM in the parking lot next to McDonalds on Northland Ave., Appleton to caravan or carpool OR at 12:30PM in the lower parking lot of NNC. You will be back in time for the Packer game. Contact Nancy 715-853-6625 to sign up or with questions.

Give a Gift to Your Family! Join us on **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 -in's 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.

Upcoming Start Dates for the Fall Music Season:

Children's Choir (grades 2-6): Sunday, September 29, 10:30AM (right after worship)

Church Family Handbells Workshop (children through adults): Sunday, October 27, 10:30AM, rehearsing each Sunday, ringing in worship on Sunday, November 24.

You are still welcome to join the **Sanctuary Choir** (Wednesdays, 7:00PM) and the **Youth Handbells** (Wednesdays, 5:45-6:25PM)!

AAUW Book Sale: Have you seen the AAUW (American Association of University Women) book bin by the church office? It's the perfect place to donate those used novels, non-fiction favorites, children's books, cookbooks, & many more to a good cause! For 87 years AAUW has had an annual used book sale to raise money for scholarships for local women. Just put your books in the bin, & we'll take it from there!



Reminder: Kwik Trip cards (to support the 2025 Youth Trip) are available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month in the narthex after worship, and ALWAYS available for purchase in the church office during office hours.

Library News: The September book theme is something completely new. Since we will be celebrating the installation of our Co-Pastors in September, they volunteered to share their Pastors' Picks. They both chose books currently in our library that they especially enjoy and wrote short blurbs explaining what they liked. These books will be on display (when they're not checked out) each Sunday during the month of September. You can check them out first come-first serve during the month. They can only be checked out for 2 weeks and we'll have a waiting list.



Here are the Pastors' Picks from Pastor Nick and Pastor Katherine for September 22. The great books just keep coming. Come see them.

Mere Christianity by CS Lewis (Pastor Katherine)

CS Lewis can be infuriating, but this book always makes me want to become a Christian all over again. It contains Lewis's famous contention about Jesus: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Daring Greatly by Brene Brown (Pastor Nick)

I pretty much love anything Brene Brown but this book has substantially influenced the leadership I have chosen to model to our church. In a world where vulnerability can be seen as weakness and leadership requires the appearance of "strength", I found Brene's insights into the human condition especially poignant navigating our transitions and choosing to remain open to new roles and new relationship. This book is also a favorite of my wife Amanda!

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone (Pastor Katherine)

James H. Cone was one of the foremost Black liberation theologians, and this book is his most searing and accessible work of constructive theology. The lines he draws between the suffering of Jesus on the cross and the suffering of Black people on lynching trees are indelible. I will never be able to consider one without the other again.

Our Newest Mission Partner: Henderson Settlement is located in Frakes, KY - the poorest county in Kentucky. Volunteer work teams and individuals come together to repair the homes of the residents in this Kentucky/Tennessee area. Volunteers select the repair projects, raise the money, and complete the projects within their abilities. Home repairs can range from building a ramp, replacing windows, doors, and siding, installing new kitchen cabinets, or installing metal roofing. People who prefer to stay on campus find volunteer opportunities in the thrift store, helping with the infant and young mother program, food pantry, and senior program. Volunteers are vital to the ministry Henderson Settlement is able to provide to area residents. How can you help our newest mission partner?

- *Financial Giving
- *Amazon Wish List
- *Henderson Settlement Needs List
- *Volunteer

Visit the website, www.hendersonsettlement.com, for specifics of how to donate or specifics of what is needed. Henderson Settlement will celebrate 100 years of helping the people in this area in 2025. Now is a perfect time to think about how you may assist the Settlement and the people. Flyers are available by the Outreach Missions bulletin board. Our ecumenical group will be at Henderson Settlement October 6-12, 2024. Thank you for prayerfully considering your role in assisting this mission partner. Contact LouAnn Graf for more information or help in navigating the Henderson Settlement website. lmgraf53@gmail.com or 920-740-2419.

NOAHH Requests: A mother just moved into her own apartment, has a newborn and a 3-year-old who is in and out of home care. She needs nursing bras, breast pump, dish rack, bath towels, kitchen towels, vacuum and a kids table or easel, and another client is still in need of a small kitchen table and chairs. In 2006, there was a pen pal program associated with NOAHH. The lady, who has been writing to a gentleman, has terminal cancer and would like someone to take this over. He lives in a group home and is now 50. He loves receiving cards, notes, etc. His parents have both died and is excited when he can correspond with people. Please call Barb at 920-832-5515 Human Services or Sue Ahrens 561-321-3211 for further information.

Membership Exploration Gathering on the Calendar: 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 us after worship Sunday, **November 3**, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the Upper Lounge/Chapel. Watch future announcements for more details. New members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, November 17.


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

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, October 2
 06:00-7:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Come play games with our youth,
your family, your friends, or new friends!

We'll have lots of "classic" board games
and card games available to choose from.

You're welcome to bring your own game
that is well-known or easy to learn!



Dinner will be available
if pre-registered!

Hot Dogs,
Veggie Dogs,
Fruit & Cookies

Sign up using the QR Code or
contact the front office at
info@uccappleton.org /
920.733.7393



Pre-register for the October 2 meal here: [First Wednesday Meal Sign Up](#)


 —The Church of the Open Door—
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 724 E South River Street, Appleton

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!

ESTHER Community Book Read Event: ESTHER invites the community to a common read: *Poverty by America*, #1 New York Times Bestseller, by *Evicted* author Matthew Desmond. Tuesday, **October 1, 2024, 6:30-8:00PM**, at 116 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton. We'll be reading and discussing the book throughout October. At the kickoff, books will be available for purchase, and you can sign up for one of several discussion groups or your group can hold its own discussions. Guides available. For more information, call 920-843-8083.

NAMI Walk on Saturday, October 5, 9:00-11:00AM at Fox Cities Stadium: Join the Mental Health Task Force for this 5K (3.1 miles) walk that supports a great cause, raising money to support the wonderful programs offered by NAMI to help those who live with mental health conditions. If you can't walk with us, please consider a donation to help support the cause. Use this link to either donate or join us on the walk.

<https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1546> or use the QR code. Remember our team's name – Faith, Hope and Love. For questions or more information, please contact Mary Sullivan msullivan623@yahoo.com or 920-740-9452.



ESTHER's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Justice in Crisis:
Mass Incarceration in America

Film focuses on:

- racial disparities in America's prisons
- drug-related incarceration rates
- how societal fears exacerbate the system
- less expensive interventions

Panel Discussion and Q & A

Dante' Cottingham, Impacted Person & Reentry/Outreach Specialist at Frank J. Remington Center
LaKeisha Haase, Former Winnebago County Judge
Mark Rice, Impacted Person & WISDOM State Coordinator Transformational Justice
Dr. Matt Richie, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, UW-Oshkosh
Shannon Ross, Impacted Person & Executive Director of Correcting the Narrative/The Community
Department of Corrections Representative TBA



FREE TO ATTEND

REGISTER HERE:



October 8, 2024, Tuesday

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM [esther-foxvalley.org/justicefilm](https://www.esther-foxvalley.org/justicefilm)

Fox Valley Technical College,
1825 N. Bluemound Rd., Appleton,
North Parking Lot
Room A170, Entrance: 16 **In-person and Virtual**



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

9:30am

Doors Open, Browse Native Artisan Tables
and Art Gallery

10 - 11:30am

Diamond Painting Workshop
(for ages 10 - 100; under 10 welcome with adult)

11am - Noon

Indigenous Story Time for Kids

11am - Noon

Noon Traditional Food Preparation Demonstrations
with Oneida Chef, Arlie Doxtator

Noon - 1pm

Indian Taco Lunch (free)

12:30 - 1pm

Art Gallery Talk with Oneida Breadwork
Artist, Sayokla Kindness

1 - 2pm

Indigenous Story Time for Kids

1 - 2:30pm

Beginner Beadwork Class
(for ages 12 - 100, suggested donation \$10)

2:30 - 4pm

Strawberry Moon Women Singers

4pm

Four Directions "Give Aways"

Questions?
Contact Jerry Dees
jdes2119@gmail.com

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



Guest Musicians - Strawberry Moon Singers

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.



CABIN FEVER CRAFT CIRCLE

Ladies! Come craft with us!

Every 1st Saturday of the Month

1:00 - 5:00PM

FCUCC Upper Lounge

- Bring whatever project you're working on!
- Feel free to bring a snack to share!
- Come join us for fellowship & fun!
- No need to register—Just come on out!
- Let's get CRAFTY!

For information, email Debra Morningstar at dawest@centurytel.net



Volunteers Needed!

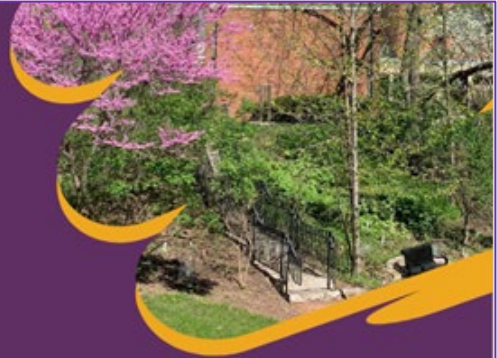
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- Communion Serving
- Ushering
- Hospitality
- Coffee Serving

INTERESTING IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact us at 920.733.7393
OR email info@uccappleton.org

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.

Submitting items for Weekly Church E-Newsletters /Social Media/ Website Announcements /Sunday Bulletin Open Door Announcements

1. The hub of communication will be our **website**.
2. **Weekly E-Newsletters** will be sent out mid-week and on Fridays.
 - a. The mid-week E-news will be sent out late in the day on Tuesdays to provide updates about Wednesday evening activities.
 - b. The Friday E-news 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 E-Newsletters /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.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*

11:00AM-12:00PM Staff Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

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*

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

Wednesday, September 25

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*

5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells - *Amistad Room*

6:30-7:30PM No Prep Bible Study - *Upper Lounge*

6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group - *MS Youth Room/HS Youth Group - HS Youth Room*

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

7:30-8:00PM Youth Trip Leadership Meeting - *HS Youth Room*

Thursday, September 26

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*

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

6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) - *River Room*

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

Friday, September 27

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

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

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare - *Childcare Room*

9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship/Stewardship Sunday - *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*

10:45-11:45AM Confirmation Class - *HS Youth Room*

10:45AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Finance Team Roundtable Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

11:45AM-12:15PM Confirmation Mentor Training - *HS Youth Room*

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*

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.

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

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 9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship/Installation Service – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
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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

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