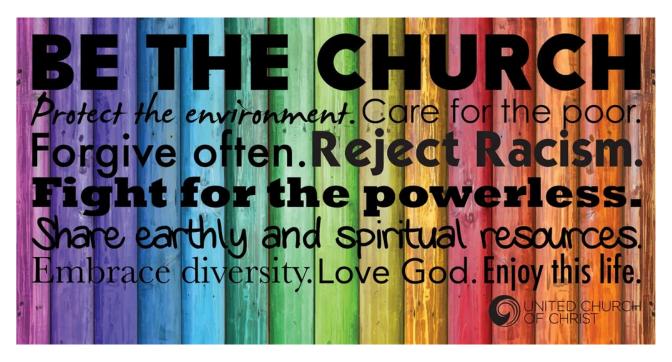
# First Congregational United Church of Christ

# November 10, 2024





## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 10, 2024

9:30AM Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ A Joyful Noise Offering ~ Veterans Day Observed

#### PRELUDE

This Is My Song

Karma's Mailbox Band

**FINLANDIA** 

#### CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

#### WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Traditional Hymn based on Spanish Folk Melody

I'm Going on a Journey

E. Bonnamare

This new song celebrates our baptisms & journey through life as God's children.

Children's Choir Chris Danz, pianist

\*Please Rise in Body or Spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 146

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live,

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Glad are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

All: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in us.

## \*OPENING HYMN #527

For the Fruit of All Creation

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#### VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

(During this time all those who have served in any branch of the Armed Forces are invited to stand. A microphone will be passed so they can share the branch and dates of their service.)

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

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

#### SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

SERMON "Not Just a Son, Not Only a Coin"

#### \*HYMN #386

We Are One in the Spirit

#### MOMENT FOR MISSION: ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

#### 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#### \*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.

#### VETERANS DAY LITANY

One: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave and have lived upright lives and ministered to others.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

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Pastor Nick Hatch

ST. BRENDAN'S

One: For those who served their country and for those who continue in their service this day.

## All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For those veterans whom we neglect and who suffer mental illness or physical challenges because of their service.

## All: We ask for your comfort and mercy, O God.

One: For all people who inhabit this land with all its liberties.

## All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For all the ways in which you call us to love beyond our division, hurt and pain. All: We give you thanks, O God.

## 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 #454

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everywhere I Go

BEACH SPRING

Tim Timmons

## THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor* Bill Ritcey, *Lay Reader* Children's Choir Chris Danz, *pianist* 

Karma's Mailbox Band: Kristine Glenn, *soprano*, Tami Johnson, 12 string guitar, alto, Debbie Wagner, *mandolin*, guitar, alto, Steve Hirby, *banjo*, *baritone*, Shannon Glenn, guitar, bass guitar, baritone, John Aaholm, percussion, Phil Gabrielson, *harmonica*, *baritone*, Paul Nulton, guitar, tenor John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries

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This weekend, I am preaching at four of the seven worship services at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, as part of a special series on women in leadership called *Her Spirit*. First-Plymouth is one of the largest congregations in the United Church of Christ and is led by gifted clergy and staff with a faithful vision for ministry. I was grateful for this invitation; it's a wonderful opportunity to learn from an innovative community of faith and establish a connection with a vibrant church in our denomination. However, I regret that this means that I am not with you this Sunday. No matter the results, the days after a presidential election are a tender time for many - especially in this deeply divided era. As it is, I am with you in spirit and will gratefully worship via livestream - I need to hear Pastor Nick preach the good news and listen to our children sing praises to God.

Blessings,

Pastor Katherine



## **USHER TEAMS**

NOVEMBER USHERS: **Team 2:** Mike Weaver, Liz Dettwiler, Doug Gilbert, Becky Gilbert Wayne Lannoye, Susan Forsythe DECEMBER USHERS: **Team 1** AUDIO & VIDEO: JD Jicha, Rod Reynolds, Matt Feuerhelm

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey Mark 13:1-8 Musicians: Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars; Youth Handbells

| ON THE CALENDAR        |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday, November 17    | 10:30AM-12:00PM Alternative Christmas Market       |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, December 4  | 6:00-7:30PM Hanging of the Greens Dinner & Worship |  |  |  |
| Sunday, December 8     | 6:00-7:00PM  | Songs & Stories Christmas Edition                    |  |  |
| Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00-8:30PM  | Christmas Caroling: Confirmation and<br>Youth Groups |  |  |
| Sunday, December 15    | 10:45AM-2:00PM                                     | Christmas Caroling: Multi-generational               |  |  |

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

| Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.  |  |  |  |  |
| Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393<br>In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600. |  |  |  |  |
| yndee Aleman Elizabeth McNally   |  |  |  |  |
| Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew  | Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson |  |  |  |
| Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara   | Holly Mueller                            |  |  |  |
| Don Brittnacher  | Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with   |  |  |  |
| Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober   | cancer                                   |  |  |  |
| Family and friends of Jim Brygger  | Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya       |  |  |  |
| Cheryl Currier   | Anika Quillman                           |  |  |  |
| Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile   | Larry Schiedermayer                      |  |  |  |
| Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family  | Frank and Pat Severin                    |  |  |  |
| David Galow  | Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie               |  |  |  |
| Ken Geiger   | Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries |  |  |  |
| The family of Paul Gohdes  | Kinsley Tarr                             |  |  |  |
| Margaret Hankwitz  | Gloria Tate                              |  |  |  |
| JoAnn Helms  | Jack Thiel                               |  |  |  |
| Shirley Hoft   | Peter Thiel                              |  |  |  |
| Sandi Hurm   | James Totzke                             |  |  |  |
| Jean Jepson  | Those living with mental unwellness      |  |  |  |
| Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube  | Larry Vaubel                             |  |  |  |
| Kathy Lannoye  | Karen Waters                             |  |  |  |
| Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart  |  |  |  |  |
| Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.  |  |  |  |  |
| Thank you!   |  |  |  |  |

## The Open Door Announcements

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

**Helper(s) Wanted**: We are looking for a helper(s) for our Christmas Eve services, this person would be paid to be on hand to do snow removal, help pastors with set-ups, and minor custodial clean up. Contact Bart at <u>bforseth@uccappleton.org</u> or 920-858-7636 for more information.

Listening Sessions - Our Buildings: The Isaiah Building Task Force is holding interviews with staff and reviewing past research. We have also sent surveys out to groups who use our buildings. While doing this work, we are also hosting general listening sessions. The purpose is to hear from people who perhaps are newer here or have thoughts and opinions on what they see as advantages or disadvantages to the buildings and what they would like to see in the future. These are open-to-anyone discussions. Please join us in the Isaiah Room (lower level) on one of these days/times: Wednesday, November 13, 4:00PM or Thursday, November 14, 1:30PM or 6:30PM. For more information contact Dale Hanson, <u>dhanson1@new.rr.com</u>

**2025** Service-Learning Youth Trip Informational Meeting: On Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30PM, all 8th-12th graders and their adults are invited to attend this informational meeting as we plan our youth service-learning trip with Asheville Youth Mission on June 14-21, 2025. Set in the mountains of North Carolina, Asheville Youth Mission is where young people can get a look deeper inside a beautiful tourist town. Participants will work with agencies that stand with our friends in poverty, homelessness and food insecurity, in both urban and rural settings. In order for us to go on this trip, we will need one adult for every six youth attending. Please discuss this necessary, humbling, and amazing trip with your families and let <u>Sarah</u> know of any questions you may have.

HoHoHo.....Let's GoGoGo.....to the Annual Alternative Christmas Market! Sunday, November 17, from 10:30AM-12:00PM, in Fellowship Hall to support our mission partners. An "alternative gift" is a monetary donation you make to a mission partner as an alternative to buying a traditional material gift item. These alternative gifts emphasize the love, peace, and grace that are at the center of the Christmas message. Join us for gift shopping, live music by Karma's Mailbox, brunch, and a bake sale. We are in need of donations for the bakery sale, which can be delivered Saturday morning or Sunday before worship and the market. Thank you for over 30 years of generous donations and gifts of hope!!

<u>Need a mid-week faith boost?</u> Join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel, Wednesdays at noon to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community. Last Chance to Support Turtle Trekkers! Volunteers from FCUCC have pledged to walk 100 miles per person between September 1 and November 17 to raise funds for our mission partner, Re-Member. Donations to the Turtle Trek will support the purchase of winter fuel for the Oglala Lakota people on Pine Ridge reservation. If you wish to give to this fund-raiser, please make your checks out before November 30 to "FCUCC Appleton" with a note in the memo line indicating "Turtle Trek Challenge." For questions, contact Eilene Hoft-March at Eilene.Hoft-March@lawrence.edu.

**QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training**: How can you help support someone who is experiencing mental health conditions? How do you show you care? How can you potentially save a life? On Tuesday, **November 19**, 11:00AM–12:30PM, FCUCC will be offering QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training to the congregation. The presentation will provide information about suicide risk factors and warning signs, how to have a difficult conversation about suicide, how to persuade the person to stay alive and how to refer the person to help. For more information, contact Mary Sullivan at msullivan623@yahoo.com or 920-740-9452. Sign up in Realm or by calling the church office (920)-733-7393.

**No Prep Bible Study:** Pastor Katherine is leading a No Prep Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30PM in the Upper Lounge. Dates include **November 13 and 20**.

**Fox Valley Flute Choir Fall Concert** will perform a fall concert in the church sanctuary Saturday, **November 23** at 4:00PM. The event is free and open to the public. Enjoy classical works by Kuhlau, Mozart, Samuel Barber, de Boismortier. More contemporary pieces will be performed: a variation on a traditional folk tune by composer Kelly Via. An arrangement of an ethnic piece will also be on the program. Fox Valley Flute Choir is a group of 18 flutists who perform on piccolo, C flutes, alto, bass. The group rehearses in the church sanctuary. Usually, the group performs four concerts a year. They are under the direction of Dr. Marc Sackman.



<u>Wall of Resistance</u>: Don't you think that knowledge is power? Having resources and support helps us when we struggle? At FCUCC we have a Wall of Resistance of Mental Health Resources. If you have questions or want more information about a mental health issue or resources in our area, please check out the brochure rack and bulletin board near the bathrooms across from the Upper Lounge. We're adding new information all the time! Please let us know if there is a topic you'd like added. **NOAHH Requests**: Queen size mattress topper, size 3XL sweatpants with pockets, 5XL shirts and sweatshirts, children will be reunited with their mom on November 18. She lives in a hotel and is in need of boys 4T snow pants, size 6 boots and toys, books, etc. for a 3-year-old and the 6-year-old. Open requests can be found at <u>www.hhsvolunteers.org</u> Call Barb Mincheff 920-832-5515 at Human Services for pick up.

**ESTHER's 20th Anniversary Banquet**: Help ESTHER celebrate 20 years of Justice, Hope and Action in the Fox Valley Region on Saturday, **November 16**, 2024, at Waverly Beach.



Doors open at 4:30PM with dinner at 6:00PM. The keynote speaker is Keith Findley, professor emeritus, UW Law School, and Co-founder, The Innocence Project. Purchase <u>tickets</u> here or use

the QR code. Tables for eight guests are available as well. Please consider celebrating with us!



## ESTHER Book Note: Redeeming

Justice: From Defendant to Defender: My Fight for Equity on Both Sides of a Broken System, by Jarrett Adams. Keith Findley, keynote speaker at ESTHER's 20th Anniversary Banquet, is a key figure in this 2021 book by Jarrett Adams. Adams was seventeen when an allwhite jury in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, sentenced him to twenty-eight years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit. In this unforgettable memoir, Jarrett recalls the journey that led to his

exoneration - and inspired him to devote his life to fighting the many injustices in our legal system. With time running out for him to file his appeal, the Wisconsin Innocence Project at the University of Wisconsin Law School offered to represent him, both in drafting his appeal and representing him in court.

**Looking for Pillars Kitchen Leader**: First Congregational UCC has been preparing and serving dinner at the Pillars Adult and Family Center the first Sunday of every month for over 30 years. We have always had a very energetic and giving team of volunteers that prepare and serve dinner and interact with the residents. We are looking for an energetic leader for our team that will organize a schedule of volunteers to provide, prepare and serve food to 40-55 residents. If you may be willing to consider this very worthy mission and service opportunity, please contact Dave Gamm at <u>davgamm@aol.com</u> or call at (920)428-7423.

<u>Advent Study: The Christmas Letters</u>: 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.



<u>**Thank You**</u>: First Nations Outreach, Inc. would like to thank First Congregational United Church of Christ and IPAC for their generous gift of baby items for our "Continuing the Circle" Baby Basket. Items will be given to our low-income Native American newborn babies. May God Bless your cheerful giving. Barbara Wisneski, First Nations Outreach, Inc.

<u>World Relief Donations</u>: World Relief is in need of warm items for winter. Donations will be accepted in the narthex in the month of November. New or gently used items needed are adult & child winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and boots.



anging of the Greens

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC 724 E SOUTH RIVER STREET, APPLETON

6:00 - 7:00PM Dinner while creating ornaments

7:00 - 7:30PM Interactive Worship Service with placing of the Christmas Symbols



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Christmas Caroling



WE WILL BE TAKING A BUS AND ALL **CAROLING WILL BE INDOORS!** .





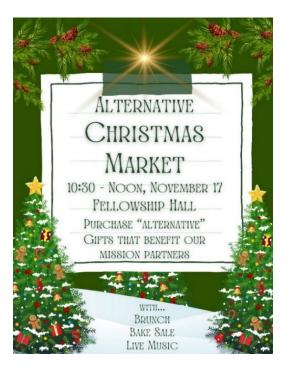
**Multi-Generational** Sunday, December 15 10:45AM - 02:00PM Light Lunch Provided Bring Your Own Drink



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

## Register by December 1

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



# When in Our Music God is Glorified

#### 10:45AM in the Chapel

October 6 David Cook on Music & Physics

October 27 Paul Nulton on Music & Justice

November 10 Terry Gottfried on Music & Psychology

November 24 (Note date change) Katherine Willis Pershey on Music & Spirituality

## This Week's Schedule

| Monday, November 11 |   |  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 1:00-2:30PM         | Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds                                     |  |
| 5:30-6:30PM         | Private Event - Fellowship Hall                                   |  |
| 5:30-7:00PM         | Grounds Task Force – Isaiah Project Room                          |  |
| 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, November   | <u>: 12</u>   |  |
| 9:00-10:00AM        | Strong Bodies – Fellowship Hall                                   |  |
| 1:00-2:30PM         | HR Committee Meeting - Upper Lounge                               |  |
| 1:00-3:00PM         | Isaiah Building Task Force – Isaiah Project Room                  |  |
| 1:30-3:00PM         | Racial Equity – <i>by Zoom</i>                                    |  |
| 2:00-4:00PM         | Library Committee – Church Library                                |  |
| 5:30-8:30PM         | Private Event – Fellowship Hall                                   |  |
| 6:00-8:00PM         | Wild Women of First Congregational @ Stone Arch Brewpub, Appleton |  |
| 6:30-7:30PM         | Living Sober AA Group - Common Grounds                            |  |
| 7:00-8:00PM         | Technology Committee – by Zoom                                    |  |
| 7:00-8:30PM         | Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall                                      |  |
| 7:45-8:45PM         | Fireside AA – Common Grounds                                      |  |

## Wednesday, November 13

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|--------------------|---|
| 10:00-11:45AM      | Isaiah Project Meeting – Isaiah Project Room                    |
| 12:00-1:00PM       | Prayer Chapel – <i>Chapel</i>                                   |
| 12:15-1:00PM       | Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – Upper Lounge               |
| 4:00-5:00PM        | Building Listening Session – Isaiah Project Room                |
| 4:30-5:30PM        | MS Youth Group @ The Fox Valley Humane Association              |
| 5:00-7:00PM        | New Voices Meeting – <i>Library</i>                             |
| 5:45-6:25PM        | Youth Handbells – Amistad Room                                  |
| 6:30-7:30PM        | MS Youth Group – MS Youth Room                                  |
| 6:30-7:30PM        | Youth Service Trip Info Meeting - HS Youth Room                 |
| 6:30-7:30PM        | No Prep Bible Study - Upper Lounge                              |
| 7:00-8:30PM        | Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary                         |
| Thursday, Novembe  | <u>er 14</u>  |
| 9:00-10:00AM       | Strong Bodies – Fellowship Hall                                 |
| 12:00-1:00PM       | AA Search for Serenity Group – Common Grounds                   |
| 1:30-2:30PM        | Building Listening Session – Isaiah Project Room                |
| 6:30-7:30PM        | Congregational Life Committee – Upper Lounge                    |
| 6:30-7:30PM        | Building Listening Session – Isaiah Project Room                |
| 7:00-8:00PM        | Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds                               |
| Friday, November 1 | <u>5</u>  |
| 1:00-6:00PM        | Memorial Service – <i>Upper Lounge, Sanctuary, Narthex</i>      |
| 7:00-8:00PM        | Al–Anon – <i>Upper Lounge</i>                                   |
| 7:00-8:30PM        | N.A – Common Grounds  |
| Saturday, November | <u>r 16</u>   |
| 9:00AM-2:00PM      | Alternative Christmas Market – Fellowship Hall                  |
| 7:00-8:00PM        | Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds                               |
| Sunday, November   | <u>17</u>   |
| 9:25AM-12:00PM     | Childcare – Childcare Room                                      |
| 9:30-10:30AM       | Sunday Worship - Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel                |
| 9:30-10:30AM       | Children's Ministry: Fall Crafts on the Bridge – Bridge         |
| 10:30-11:30AM      | Children's Choir - Choir Room                                   |
| 10:30-11:30AM      | Church Family Handbells – Amistad Room                          |
| 10:30AM-12:30PM    | Alternative Christmas Market – Fellowship Hall                  |
| 10:45-11:45AM      | Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room                              |
| 10:45-11:45AM      | Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences - MS 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 "<u>Give</u>," 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.

The flowers are donated by Cathy Paynter in memory and honor of her mom and dad.

**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 <u>Facebook: FCUCCAppleton</u> or <u>Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton.</u>

**Open Door Announcements** can be shared by emailing <u>opendoor@uccappleton.org</u> 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

| 9:25AM-12:00PM | Childcare – Childcare Room                                      |
|----------------|---|
| 9:30-10:30AM   | Sunday Worship/Joyful Noise – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel   |
| 9:30-10:30AM   | Children's Ministry – CYF Wing                                  |
| 10:30-11:30AM  | CYF Committee Meeting – HS Youth Room                           |
|                | No Children's Choir Rehearsal today                             |
| 10:30-11:30AM  | Church Family Handbells – Amistad Room                          |
| 10:45-11:45AM  | Parents Book Study - MS Youth Room                              |
| 10:45-11:45AM  | Adult Ed Series: Music & Spirituality – Chapel                  |
| 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                          | Nursery                | Little Angel's Room |  |  |
| Infants & Toddlers                      |                        | Preschoolers        |  |  |
| Theater                                 | Art Kitchen            | Science Room        |  |  |
|   | 2nd/3rd Graders        | K/1st Graders       |  |  |
| Scripture Tent                          |                        |                     |  |  |
| 4th/5th Graders                         |                        |                     |  |  |

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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