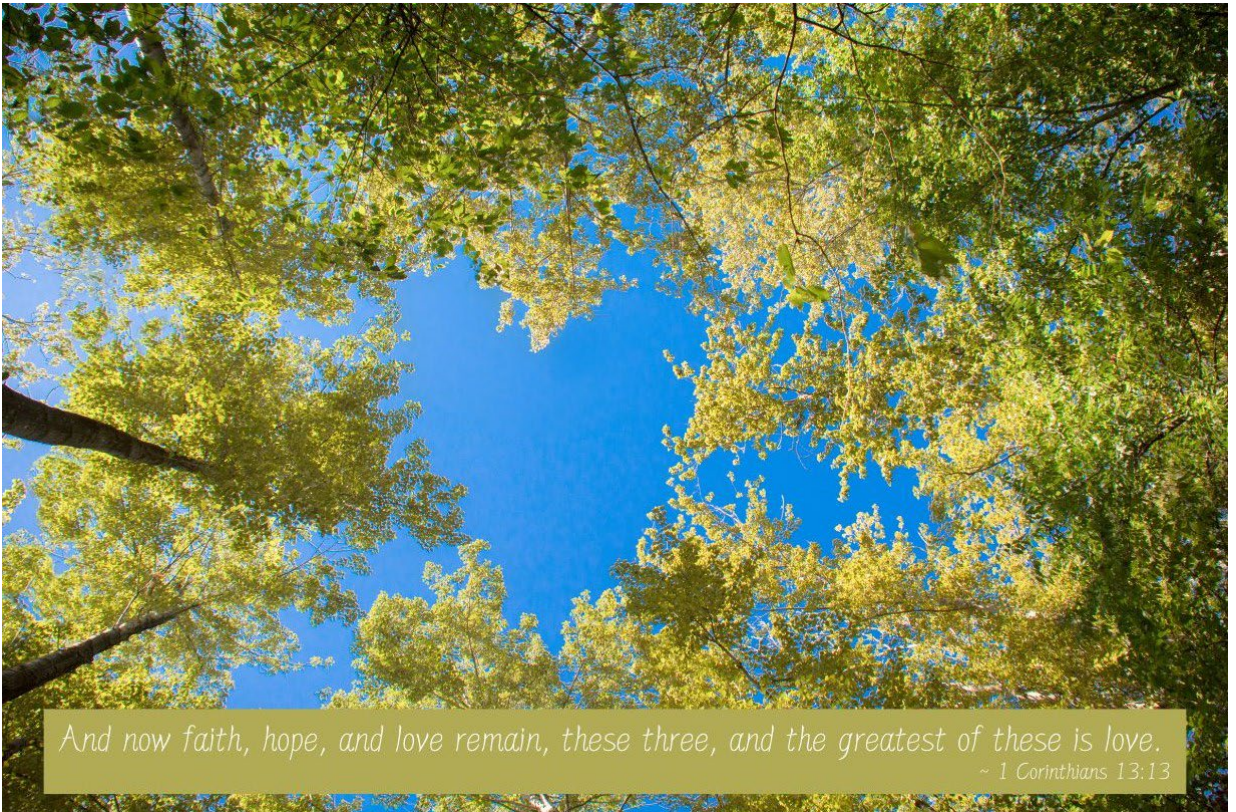


First Congregational United Church of Christ

February 2, 2025



*And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.
~ 1 Corinthians 13:13*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2025 9:30AM
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

God Be Praised and Blessed

Tune by Johann Walter

Setting by Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Salvia

One: We gather to worship God.

All: We gather to hear stories of faith, hope and love.

One: Doubt, fear, and hatred are real, and can shake even the strongest.

All: God will shape us into faithful and hopeful people.

One: God will fill us with love that passes all understanding.

All: Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 4)

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

BRIDEGROOM

ANTHEMS

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

K. Thomerson

Children's Choir

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual

Children's Choir with Church School

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Message, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

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.**

MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Mike Radtke

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13:1-13

Sue Wisneski

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON "Just Love"

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

*HYMN #68

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

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

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Sanctuary Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

***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 & CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: 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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements.
Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free and alcohol free.*

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Selections from 1st book of Pieces for Harpsichord

Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God. In your gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to new life. Send us forth with courage and joy to follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 5)**

Rise, Shine, You People!

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rise, Shine, You People!

Tune by Dale Wood
Setting by David Cherwien (b. 1957)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Vince Salvia, *Director of Operational Ministries*

Sue Wisneski, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Children's Choir: Violet Arnoldussen, Elise Burton, Harlow Cartier, Malin Cartier,

Addie Gingerich, Elijah Hatch, McKenna Jahnke, Hazel Meier, Stella Meier,

Anders Schlabach, Joanna Schmidt, Abraham Slowinski, Henry Slowinski,

Elena Steffens, Evy Van Thull, Lou Van Thull;

John Albrecht, *director*; Nathan Birkholz, *accompanist*

Church School Children

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels



1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, not for wis - dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this
kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:
ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.
lieves and suf - fers long:
reign in ev - 'ry heart:

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Music: Peter Curtis, b. 1937

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BRIDEGROOM
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Rise, Shine, You People!



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

FEBRUARY USHERS: Rick Behm, Tim Bauer, Peter Carman, Karen Crawford, Abby Schmidt, Andy Schmidt
AUDIO & VIDEO: Seb Pershey, Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Pastor Nick Hatch
Music: Sanctuary Choir, Youth Handbells Luke 5:1-11

Bring your change for the Joyful Noise Offering: 4th and 5th graders will come around with tin pails to collect our pocket change - every donation, large and small, helps us to do God's work and spread God's love. The Joyful Noise Offering for February will benefit the Middle School summer retreat.

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9	9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry: Valentines on the Bridge
Saturday, February 15	6:00-8:00PM	All Church Valentine's Dance
Sunday, February 23	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.

Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Elizabeth McNally
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Holly Mueller
Don Brittnacher	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Anika Quillman
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Frank and Pat Severin
David Galow	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
The family of Paul Gohdes	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Friends and family of Helen, as she recovers from a fall	Kinsley Tarr
JoAnn Helms	Gloria Tate
Shirley Hoft	Jack Thiel
Sandi Hurm	Peter Thiel
Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer	James Totzke
Jean Jepson	Those living with mental unwellness
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Larry Vaubel
Kathy Lannoye	Karen Waters

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.

Church's Name Survey: At our Congregational Meeting earlier this month, Church Council invited the congregation to have a conversation about our church's name. In the weeks since, we've certainly been talking! In addition to two onsite conversations and one Zoom conversation, many members have reached out to share their reflections and opinions with our church's leadership directly. We are grateful that these conversations have unfolded with a spirit of graceful engagement and continue to be rooted in prayerful discernment about who God is calling us to do and be as a church. The next step in our dialogue is an All-Church Survey. This survey will be open through February 7. Each member of your household is encouraged to fill out one response. There are several types of feedback opportunities. This includes requests for feedback on the names developed in consultation with our communications and website agency, opportunities to share your own suggestions, and space for longer reflections. We reiterate that nothing has been decided. Thank you for participating in this important conversation! Open survey link: [Church's Name Change Survey](#) or use the QR code.



Prayer Gathering: Many members of the LGBTQ+ community are feeling vulnerable and uncertain in light of recent actions limiting civil and human rights, and the potential for further harmful legislation. As an Open and Affirming congregation, we are committed to following the way of Jesus, being a place of refuge and safety, and to raising our voices to advocate for justice for all of God's beloved children. Today, **February 2** at 10:45AM, Pastor Katherine welcomes all LGBTQ+ members and allies to gather in the chapel for a time of prayer and conversation.

1st Wednesday Dinner: Join us Wednesday, **February 5**, for soup, corn dogs and cookies in Fellowship Hall. Open link here: [Sign Up Here for Dinner](#)

Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **February 6**. Check out the link to sign up! [Pillars Sign Up](#) We will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy fellowship. For questions contact Shelley Nulton, snulton@att.net or 920-202-4419.

Library: Are you looking for a way to get involved at church and meet new people, but you really don't have much time? Come volunteer in the church library. We're looking for a few people to help to check books out of the library. It's Sunday mornings – set up a display before church and staff the table after church (10:30–11:15AM). Volunteer as often as you want – every Sunday or a few times a year. For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Sullivan msullivan623@yahoo.com or 920-740-9452.



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

The Isaiah Corner: The Isaiah Project elevator speech (above) references a 'Steering Committee' and 'Task Forces.' Who are the congregants that are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development and discernment to provide recommendations for our building, grounds and neighborhood presence?

Let us know if you have any comments, questions or ideas. Talk to us directly or use the comment cards by the Isaiah Box (located in the Narthex).

Steering Committee: Nancy Brown-Koeller (lead), Steve Hirby, Pastor Nick Hatch, Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, Kris Hietpas, Chip Gabbey, Susan McFadden, Bill Ritcey, Kim Hanson, Vince Salvia, Sarah Wilterdink

Building Task Force: Dale Hanson (lead), Kris Hietpas (SC liaison), Teena Van Driest, Sue Toussaint, Wayne Lannoye, Art Hage, Don Hietpas

Grounds Task Force: Art Hage (lead), Susan McFadden (SC liaison), Dave Gamm, Levi Gingerich, Jack Vanden Boogaard, Sue Detienne, Wayne Lannoye, Rick Behm, Leigh Grube

Community Partnerships Task Force: Amy McGowan, Steve Hirby (SC liaison), Cindi MacSwain, Marlessa Benson, Wanda Van De Hey

Finance and Capital Campaign: Bill Ritcey (lead, SC liaison), Jann Kostecke, Cindi Ritcey Fox, Don Hietpas, Kris Hietpas, Gavin Salvia

2025 Back Bay Mission Trip: The 2025 Back Bay Mission trip is scheduled for **April 27** through **May 2**. Volunteers will work with the housing rehabilitation ministry. There are also opportunities to work at the Micah Day Center, the food pantry and Loaves and Fishes. Join us at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi for some fun and fellowship. I need to know by March 1 if you are interested in joining us. Please contact Ken Jahnke at kjahnke@new.rr.com or call 920-427-5996 with your questions.

Summer 2025 Youth Volunteer Weekend: Current middle and high schoolers (6th grade-12th grade), here is a new opportunity if you aren't able to go on the week-long mission trip. Join us for a volunteer weekend, Friday, June 20-Sunday, June 22, getting to help clean up the UCC Camp, Daycholah Center, in Ripon, WI! When not working, you can also enjoy its beautiful land and activities! Bring your friends too! Please email Renae with questions or to sign up. rsalvia@uccappleton.org

Marriage Enrichment Workshop: 3rd Annual Marriage Workshop with Doug, Saturday, **February 15**, 2025, 8:30-11:30AM at Samaritan (1205 Province Terrace, Menasha WI 54952). Cost is \$50 per couple (includes a light breakfast). Celebrate love and connection the *day after Valentine's Day!* Start your day with this enriching workshop and make it the perfect kickoff to a date day focused on your relationship. Join us for a meaningful and uplifting experience designed to strengthen your marriage. Drawing on over 30 years of counseling and ministry expertise, Doug Bisbee (MDiv, MAC, LPC) will guide you through practical, faith-based strategies to build a resilient and thriving relationship. What to expect: focus on building strengths in your relationship, tools and insights for deeper connection, and a welcoming environment for all faiths, religions, and spiritualities. Start your morning with a light breakfast, fellowship, and inspiration for your journey together as a couple. **Space is limited – register today!** [Open link here](#) to register or scan the QR code.




Need a mid-week faith boost? 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.

NOAHH Requests: A mom is requesting assistance providing (late) Christmas gifts to her 6 children. She was incarcerated for a significant amount of time and recently released. She would like to give gifts to them for Christmas but is unable to afford it. 1. 5-year-old girl, size 6 clothes. She is into "typical girl stuff." 2. 2-year-old boy is size 2T. 3. An infant boy is size 12 months. 4. 8-year-old boy is into superheroes. 5. 12-year-old boy is into video games, basketball, and other typical boy stuff. 6. 15-year-old girl is into self-care products such as bath bombs and candles. A mom is requesting assistance with obtaining these kitchen items: plates, bowls, cups, silverware, sippy cups, kid size utensils. She recently obtained her own housing and is working toward reunification with her children. These items will help her engage in successful visits with her children at her home and allow for her to provide meals for them. A full-sized bed frame is needed for a youth in out-of-home care. The youth lives in a foster home in Green Bay and is in need of this item. Foster mom has some physical limitations and would appreciate it if someone could deliver it. Contact Barb Mincheff at 920-832-5515 for pickup or drop-off.

Donate to the Altadena Fire Relief Effort: We've all seen the wildfire activity in Los Angeles County. Close to our hearts, we've heard the fires destroyed the Altadena Community Church, United Church of Christ. Since the onset of this disaster, Global Hope (our UCC Wider Church team) has communicated with the Southern California and Nevada Conference Minister. Global Hope is helping to connect Southern California and Nevada Conference staff, churches, and others affected by the wildfires with immediate resources while also preparing to support long-term recovery efforts. Outreach Ministries voted to send \$4000 from the Beemer Endowment to assist in their recovery effort. We know many of you would like to add to this support personally. To do that, please send a check to the church office, 724 E. South River, Appleton, WI 54915 or donate via Realm with a note "for Altadena fire." We will bundle the donations and let them know a congregation in Wisconsin is praying for them. If you'd like to send cards of care and support, please send them to: Altadena UCC c/o SCNC UCC Conference Office, 333 North Santa Anita, Suite 5, Arcadia, CA 91006.

New 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, **February 23**, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the Chapel. 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 a new community. 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.



YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING OUR YOUTH TO HELP OTHERS

Kwik Trip Cards Update
Thank you for supporting our youth group by purchasing Kwik Trip gift cards, which you can use to buy fuel and groceries. These cards are available for purchase after services on the first Sunday of each month and in the office on weekdays.
Kwik Trip sells the gift cards to our youth group at a discounted price. When you purchase them at face value, you're paying the same regular price you would at the pump or in-store. This means you contribute to the youth trip without spending any extra money. Thanks to your purchases, we've already raised \$2,000 toward this year's youth trip! To make purchasing even easier, we now accept cash, checks, and credit cards.
We deeply appreciate your continued support of this program. Thank you for helping our youth grow and participate in meaningful activities!

Stock Sales
FCUCC has a tradition of selling Youth Mission Trip Stock Shares. When you purchase "stock" in the youth trip, you are investing in the work, learning and fellowship that our youth will experience while on our trip. When you purchase a stock of any dollar amount, you will receive
-An official stock certificate
-Daily emails of our adventures
-A postcard sent with gratitude.

FEBRUARY IS YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISING MONTH
Every Sunday: Kwik Trip Cards and Stock Sales
February 15: Much-Anticipated All-Church Valentine's Dance & Social
February 16: Bake Sale after Worship



Order Form



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Kwik Trip Cards
and
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sales today
(and every Sunday
in February)
in the narthex!

Member Name _____
Special notes _____
Date _____

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How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?
 Car Wash Cards – 44% Grocery Cards – 15% Gas Gift Cards – 10%



This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 3

8:00AM-12:00PM

CPR Training – *Fellowship Hall*

3:30-5:00PM

IPAC Meeting – *Upper Lounge and Zoom*

6:30-8:30PM

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, February 4

9:00-10:00AM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*

1:00-2:30PM

Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*

6:30-7:30PM

Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*

7:00-8:30PM

Boy Scouts – *Fellowship Hall*

7:00-9:00PM

Worship & Music Ministry Team – *Upper Lounge*

7:45-8:45PM

Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, February 5

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*

6:00-6:30PM

1st Wednesday Dinner: Soup, corn dogs and cookies – *Fellowship Hall*

6:30-7:30PM

HS Youth Group – *HS Room*; MS Youth Group – *MS Room*

6:30-7:30PM

Bible Study – *Chapel*

7:00-8:30PM

Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 6

9:00-10:00AM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*

12:00-1:00PM

AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

12:00-1:30PM

Theology Discussion Group @ *Holidays Pub & Grill*

5:00-7:30PM

Pillars Dinner @ *Pillars on College Avenue, Appleton*

6:30-7:30PM

Community Partnership – *Isaiah Project Room*

7:00-8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, February 7

7:00-8:00PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:30PM

N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, February 8

7:00-8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Sunday, February 9

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: Valentines on the Bridge – *Bridge & CYF Wing*

10:30-11:00AM

Kwik Trip Cards & Stock Sales – *Narthex*

10:30-11:30AM

Children's Choir – *Choir Room*

10:45-11:45AM

Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – *Common Grounds*

4:30-5:30PM

LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

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 and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



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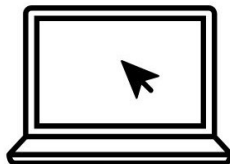
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

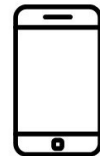
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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

- 9:25AM-12:00PM *Childcare – Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Sunday Worship – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Children’s Ministry: Chat in the Chapel – Chapel*
- 10:30-11:00AM *Kwik Trip Cards & Stock Sales – Narthex*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – Common Grounds*
- 11:00AM-12:00PM *Adult Education – Upper Lounge*
- 4:30-5:30PM *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		Downstairs
Childcare Room Infants & Toddlers		Little Angel’s Room Preschoolers
K - 5th graders will return to partake in Communion with their families.		

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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