

November 3, 2024



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 3, 2024 9:30AM

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Communion Sunday ~ All Saints Sunday

PRELUDE

Deep River and Shall We Gather at the River

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Tune By Robert Lowry

Setting by Sylvia Oines

Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Siblings in Christ, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

All: God weeps with us.

One: As we give thanks for saints who have lived in faith,

All: God give thanks with us.

One: As we struggle for justice,

All: God struggles with us.

One: As we strive for peace,

All: God strives with us.

One: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: God works with us.

One: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: God blesses us.

One: Siblings in Christ, rejoice.

All: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 2)

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: Robert Lowry

HANSON PLACE
87 87 and refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the prayer request cards will be collected.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #109

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. 1

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

(After the Children's Hymn, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Barbara Airis

Cheryl Benzschawel

Jim Brygger

Nancy Buchanan

Robert Christie

Wayne Defferding

James Edwards

Heidi Erstad

Esther Gehrt

Dorothy Hawley

Jennifer Hill

John Jensen

Sharon Koberstein

Robert "Bob" Rector

Judy Schneider

Paul Siket

Harry Spiegelberg

Roger Spindler

James Tarr

Ginger Uehling

Karla Wegner

Debbi Weiland

Sharon Younger

*HYMN (see bulletin page 7 and 8)

For All the Saints

St. 1

SINE NOMINE

FINAL BELL

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6a

Dave Frederick

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I

am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

SERMON "A Very Long Table"

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

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 (see bulletin page 10)

Be Still, My Soul (excerpt)

Music by Joel Richard Jude Jicha, 2024

Poetic translation by Jane L. Borthwick (1813-96)

based on poem by Katharina von Schlegel (1697-1768)

First print edition gifted to the Sanctuary Choir and LU Music Scholars
of First Congregational UCC, Appleton, WI

Joel Jicha, *bass soloist & conductor* Sanctuary Choir

Congregation joins in singing stanza four

*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.

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.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Composer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: We give you thanks, most gracious God, for this feast.
We give you thanks for the Communion of the Saints.
We give you thanks for your presence among us.
Give us grace that we may grow in love, glorifying you in all things,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 7 and 8)**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

St. 2-5

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in F

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Dave Frederick, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Joel Jicha, *bass, composer, and conductor*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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USHER TEAMS

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

DECEMBER USHERS: **Team 1**

AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Nick Hatch Mark 12:38-44

Veteran's Day Observed; Joyful Noise Offering

Musicians: Karma's Mailbox; Children's Choir

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17	10:30AM-12:00PM	Alternative Christmas Market
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WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

For All the Saints



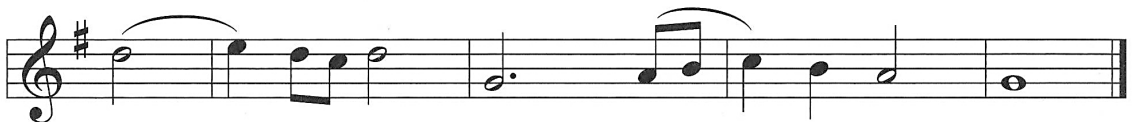
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

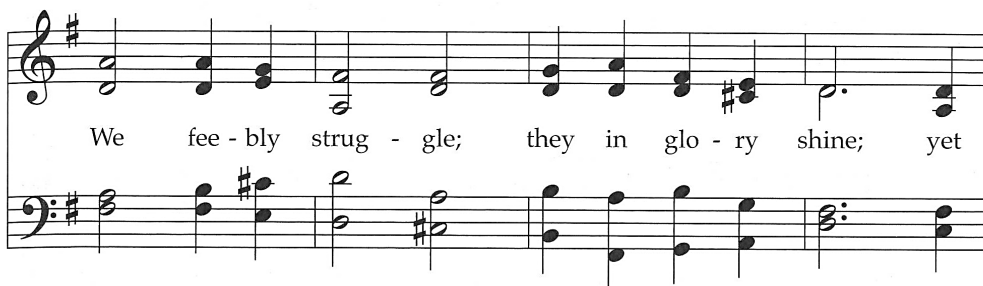
TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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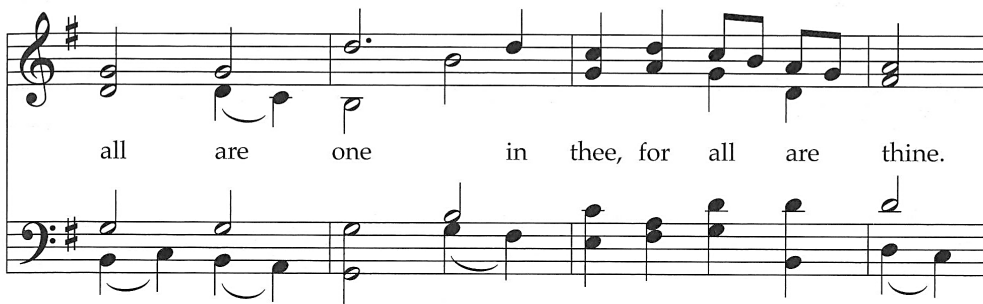
Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! to stanza 4

Be Still, My Soul

(hymn arrangement)

$\text{♩} = 40-48$

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends depart
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is haste-ning on

bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
to guide the fu-ture as he has the past, thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let no-thing shake.
and all is dark-ened in the veil of tears, then shalt thou bet-ter know his love, his heart,
when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-a-point-ment, grief and fear are gone,

with ev'-ry change he faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul:
All now mys-ter-ious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul:
whocomes to soothe thy sor-row and thy fears. Be still, my soul:
sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul:

thy best and heav'n-ly friend. Through thor-ny ways leads to a joy-ful end.
the waves and wind still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
thy Je-sus can re-pay from his own full-ness all he takes a-way.
when change and tears are past, all safe and bles-sed we shall meet at last.

Words: Jane L. Borthwick
Music: Joel R. Jicha

Joel Jicha 2024

A Letter from the Composer RE: *Be Still, My Soul*

To the Congregation, Laypersonage, and Staff
of First Congregational UCC Appleton WI:

When I joined the ranks of your choir, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. In a brief reunion with one of my former professors, Dr. Karen Leigh-Post, while I was her department store cashier, she told me "I have a new choir for you." This was after the recent passing of your former music director, Mary-Kaye Easty, for whom I had served as cantor and choir assistant for several years at Zion Lutheran. Less than twenty minutes later, I received the call, at work, from the good maestro Albrecht, to audition and substitute for one of the overseas Lawrence Music Scholars. I expected the usual church choir of forty altos, a couple basses, the occasional tenor or soprano, and of course the organist's husband. I expected the usual old repeated hymns and arrangements. I expected a congregation having the common demographics of "greying hair," "free childcare," and "forced to be there." I expected the all-too-common group of upper-middle class white folks patting themselves on the back for being good people while failing to pursue the work of God and the mission of Jesus Christ. You have successfully defied my expectations and presuppositions again and again over the rolling years.

Due to a diversity of traumatic experiences, it is very difficult for me to relate and connect with other people on a substantial level. It is hard to receive love and affection without suspicion. I do not say all that I should to those who are a meaningful part of my existence, for vulnerability is my greatest fear. Despite a great deal of awkwardness and fleeing from overwhelming social situations, I feel your warmth and I see your love. You've helped to show me that love is not something that you do but something that you can become. You still often make me blush. I thought I had just booked a one-year choir gig, but apparently there were greater plans at work. Some days I feel as if I am a string of trauma responses and coping mechanisms. Some days I must battle with myself, by the grace of God, so I don't get catatonically trapped inside my own anxious mind. And I know I'm not the only one who feels like they're barely getting by sometimes. When I was growing up, the only safe place to feel and express emotions was in song and prayer. When I create music, God helps to release my heart from its strangle-hold. Broken as I am, joining together with you to call upon and praise the divine makes me more whole again. You cannot begin to understand how you have helped heal me through God's love.

And on my worst days, I pray that the tempest of my soul may be still. Be still, my soul, and know that there is still love in this weary world, there is still divine work to be done, and there is still glory to come. For as long as God breathes the spirit into me and guides my feet in this land, I shall serve and join with you to glorify all that is divine beauty. From the depth of my heart, I thank you.

Yours in the Love and Light of God,
Joel "JD" Richard Jude Jicha

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
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson
Don Brittnacher	Holly Mueller
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Family and friends of Jim Brygger	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Cheryl Currier	Larry Schiedermayer
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Frank and Pat Severin
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
David Galow	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Ken Geiger	Kinsley Tarr
The family of Paul Gohdes	Gloria Tate
Margaret Hankwitz	Jack Thiel
JoAnn Helms	Peter Thiel
Shirley Hoft	James Totzke
Sandi Hurm	Those living with mental unwellness
Jean Jepson	Larry Vaubel
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Karen Waters
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.



Reminder: Kwik Trip card sales today after worship in the narthex!

E2F (Empty to Full) Pans: Today, **Sunday, November 3**, we are participating in a project to allow members to prepare pans of food, in their own home, primarily to serve Pillars, with a smaller number going to COTS & Apricity. All are serving homeless people. Willing participants can pick up an empty pan that contains the recipe & shopping list to prepare & fill the pan with an easy recipe. (Cost is approximately \$16.00) The recipes are so simple...no cooking or basic cooking required. This is a great activity for all ages and skills. (The pans are not baked; the shelter will do this.) The prepared pan is returned on Sunday, November 10, before the church service. If you're unable to bring the pan back on November 10, it can be placed in the church kitchen freezer the week before. Call the office to make sure the kitchen is open.

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

**First Wednesday
Supper**

Wednesday, November 6
6:00 – 6:30pm

Register and join us for this free-will offering event.
We hope to see you there!

This month's meal:
Sloppy Joes & Apple Crisp Dinner

Register here!

920.733.7393 www.uccappleton.com info@uccappleton.org

The flyer features a blue background with a large yellow sun and a white plate containing a burger, a bowl of apple crisp, and blue cutlery. The text is in white and yellow, with a QR code in the bottom right corner.

Book Discussion: Trains, Jesus, and Murder: On November 7, 2024, First Congregational's Theology Discussion Group will begin discussing its next book, *Trains, Jesus, and Murder: The Gospel According to Johnny Cash* by Richard Beck (2019; 205 pp.) "Saints and sinners, all jumbled up together." That's the genius of Johnny Cash, and that's what the gospel is ultimately all about. Johnny Cash sang about and for people on the margins. He famously played concerts in prisons, where he sang both murder ballads and gospel tunes in the same set. It's this juxtaposition between light and dark, writes Richard Beck, that makes Cash one of the most authentic theologians in memory. *Trains, Jesus, and Murder* explores the theology of Johnny Cash by investigating a dozen of Cash's songs. If you enjoy reading and discussing good books on themes of religion, spirituality, justice, and growth in faith, we invite you to join us on November 7 as Theo Group begins reading this new book together. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month 12:00-1:30PM, with some participants gathering on site at Chefo's Pancake House in Kimberly and others participating online on Zoom. For more information about Theo Group, scan this QR code, visit <https://www.uccappleton.org/projects/theology-discussion-group> or contact Steve Hirby on Realm or through the church office.



Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **November 7, 2024**. 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.

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!!

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.

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, dhanson1@new.rr.com

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. Early bird individual tickets are available until November 1. Purchase **tickets** 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 all-white 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 davgamm@aol.com or call at (920)428-7423.

World Relief Donations: 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.

Advent Study: The Christmas Letters:



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

Resources for the Election Season: As Christians, our faith shapes every aspect of our lives - including our political convictions. Though we often come to different conclusions - we are what some observers have called a "purple" church - it is encouraging to know that we share a common commitment to the way of Jesus. Many members and friends of our church have found the guidance provided by Wisconsin Council of Churches useful. To access the policy statements provided by this ecumenical organization, please visit <https://www.wichurches.org>. The United Church of Christ has also gathered resources, including advocacy materials, at <https://www.ucc.org/our-faith-our-vote/>. Additionally, consider praying this prayer crafted by the Rev. Kimberly Deckel: *Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our democracy and voting system – a system that continues to suffer from inequity. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a humble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in you. We commend this nation to your care, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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 6, 13, 20**.

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.

**ALTERNATIVE
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

10:30 - NOON, NOVEMBER 17
FELLOWSHIP HALL
PURCHASE "ALTERNATIVE"
GIFTS THAT BENEFIT OUR
MISSION PARTNERS

WITH...
BRUNCH
BAKE SALE
LIVE MUSIC

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

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Christmas Caroling ADVENTURES FOR ALL

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CAROLING WILL BE INDOORS! .**



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to sign up for
Dec. 15th!

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



Scan me
to sign up for
Dec. 11th!

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 4

- 5:30-7:00PM Grounds Committee Meeting – *Isaiah Project Room*
6:00-7:30PM IPAC Meeting – *Upper Lounge and Zoom*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, November 5

- 9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *River Room*
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts – *HS Youth Room*
7:00-9:00PM Worship & Music Ministry Team – *Upper Lounge*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, November 6

- 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 – *Fellowship Hall*
6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group – *MS Youth Room/HS Youth Group – HS Youth Room*
6:30-7:30PM No Prep Bible Study – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*
7:30-8:00PM Youth Trip Leadership Meeting – *HS Youth Room*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, November 7

- 9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ *Chefo's Pancake House*
12:00-2:30PM Clergy Support & Study Group – *Upper Lounge*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
5:00-7:30PM Pillars Dinner @ *Pillars Adult Shelter*
6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership – *Isaiah Project Room*
7:00-8:30PM EJWG Post Summit Planning Committee – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, November 8

- 7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, November 9

- 4:30-8:30PM Karma's Mailbox – *Sanctuary*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

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Sunday, November 10

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Joyful Noise – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:30-11:30AM	CYF Committee Meeting – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children’s Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Church Family Handbells – <i>Amistad Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Adult Ed Series: Music & Spirituality – <i>Chapel</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – <i>MS Youth Room</i>
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars’ Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>

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

- 9:25AM-12:00PM *Childcare – Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Sunday Worship/ All Saints Sunday – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
- 9:30-10:30AM *Children’s Ministry: Chat in Chapel – Chapel*
- 10:30-11:00AM *Kwik Trip Fundraising – Narthex*
- 10:30-11:30AM *Children’s Choir – Choir Room*
- 10:30-11:30AM *Church Family Handbells – Amistad Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM *Parents Book Study – MS Youth Room*
- 10:45AM-12:00PM *Membership Exploration Gathering – 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
K-5th Graders - Chapel (returning for communion)		

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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