

First Congregational United Church of Christ

October 6, 2024



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 6, 2024 9:30AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~

World Communion Sunday ~ Kenya Partnership Sunday

PRELUDE

Te ofrecemos (Now We Offer) NICARAGUAN FOLK TUNE

Setting by Jeffrey Honoré

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

Rhythm Song

Paul Smadbeck

John Aaholm, *marimba* Victoria Daniel, *percussion*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The dawn broke, hours ago, across the face of the Kerio Valley in Kenya.

All: The sun also rose among us here in the Fox Valley of Wisconsin.

One: The day began in hope and promise, hours ago, for the people of Liter, Kamogo, Chapkum and Chebilil.

All: So it begins for us here, people of Appleton and Neenah, Menasha and Kimberly, all of the Fox Cities.

One: God's mercy and favor bless us here and there, just as Christ's calling and commissioning marks us all.

**All: We are people of the world. We are all God's children.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

One: When we worship, we do not praise God alone. When we witness, we do not bear Christ alone. When we serve, we do not carry the Spirit alone.

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin pages 7-8)

Sekai no Tomo (Here, O God, Your Servants Gather)

TOKYO

Choir - St. 1, All - St. 2-4

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Letter from a student in our Kenya Partnership

A Letter from Lulu Faith Jeruto shared by Mya Ballerstein and Renae Salvia

(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.)

Sung Response: *The Miracle Working God* A traditional song from our Kenya Partners
Introduced by the Choir, and then sung three times by ALL as the children exit.

*I saw the miracle working God. I saw the miracle working God.
He is Alpha and Omega. I saw the miracle working God (the miracle.)*

MOMENT FOR KENYA PARTNERSHIP

Mark Dougherty & Amy McGowan

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 In Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Charles V. Stanford
arr. H. Ziegenhals

Sanctuary Choir - St. 1-4, All - St. 5, Brass and Timpani

This text is the theme for the Adult Education Series beginning this morning.

1. When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
2. How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
3. So has the Church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove again the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!

55 Congregation

5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!—

Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:—

Al - le - lu - ia! —

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***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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:13-16

Jerry Dees

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

COMMUNION MEDITATION "A Snack for Everyone" Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

***HYMN #313**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

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

As we prepare to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray:
Loving God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness;
overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity; shamed, yet seeking grace:

All: Merciful God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

God of Justice, we come before you: selfish, yet seeking a generous heart;
responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

All: Loving God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance;
agitated, yet seeking serenity:

All: Gracious God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this
Communion table to be re-created through the bread and cup, and to be renewed
in our faith and commitment.

All: Forgiving God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you.

Gracious God, who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks

and praise to you. We thank you for the diversity of our planet, for the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our varieties of color and culture yet called into oneness of being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is He who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 (see bulletin page 9)

Come Let Us Eat (Sung by All, led by Cantors)

A VA DE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family gathered around this family table, while our brothers and sisters all around the world are also gathering this day. May this holy meal give us the grace to grow in love and to give glory to you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 10)

Take My Life, That I May Be

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

*BENEDICTION

***SUNG RESPONSE (#366)**

Siyahamba

SIYAHAMBA

First time: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha -nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*

Second time: **We are marching in the Light of God . . .**

Third time: **We are singing . . .**

Fourth time: **We are dancing . . .**

Fifth time: **We are praying . . .**

Sixth & Seventh times: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha -nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

JAMAICAN FOLK TUNE

Setting by John Carter

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

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

Mya Ballerstein, *Member of CYF*

Jerry Dees, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Kris Glenn, Terry Gottfried, Heather Hallett, and Joel Jicha, *cantors*

Victoria Daniel and John Aaholm, *percussion*

John Daniel, *trumpet* Dave Sawall, *trombone*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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you are here!

SIGN-IN



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

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	Kathy Lannoye
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Ray Bauer, brother-in-law of Deb Burich	Elizabeth McNally
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Scott Mertens, brother of Shari Robinson
Don Brittnacher	Holly Mueller
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

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

Sekai no Tomo

(Here, O God, Your Servants Gather)

John 14:6; Rom. 10:12-13; Eph. 1:7-14

*Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958; alt.
Phonetic transcription, I-to Loh, 1958
Transl. Everett M. Stowe, 1958; alt.*

1 Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,
1 Here, O God, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link in hand;
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chan - ges nev - er cease;
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, show us how love thrives,

Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,
look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
where, O where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us for our lives

Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me - a - te to - shi,
 As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 In de - spair our hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 Truth and cour - age, faith and power need - ed in our strife:

Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi - yu - kan.
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, Teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, Heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, Lead - er, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

This hymn was composed for the fourteenth World Council of Christian Education, 1958. Tokuo Yamaguchi has served many Japanese parishes and since 1979 has been pastor emeritus of Toyohashi Church, Aichi Prefecture. His translation of The Journal of John Wesley won official commendation.

Tune: TOKYO 7.5.7.5.D.
Japanese gagaku mode
 Arr. Isao Koizumi, 1958

Come, Let Us Eat

(Dm7) (C) (Am) (F)
 Gm7 F Dm B^b

F
Leader or All

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest;
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word;

(C) (Fmaj7) (G7) (F) (C) (Dm7)
 F B^bmaj7 C7 B^b F Gm7

All

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

(C) (F) (Dm) (Am) (Dm7) (F)
 F B^b Gm Dm Gm7 B^b

Leader or All

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er;
 Je - sus' blood poured, let us drink to - geth - er;
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er;
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom;

(C) (F) (C)
 F B^b F

All

our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured, let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Billema Kwilla, 1960s; trans. Margaret D. Miller, 1969, alt.; stanza 4, Gilbert E. Doan, 1978
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Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

USHER TEAMS

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

NOVEMBER USHERS: **Team 2**

AUDIO & VIDEO: Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Nick Hatch Mark 10:17-31

Bible Sunday ~ Joyful Noise Offering

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

ON THE CALENDAR

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

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

The Open Door Announcements

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

Sunday, October 13 is Bible Sunday: On Bible Sunday, 4th graders, *and any child who is older but has not yet received a Bible from us*, will be presented with their very own Bible. Please let us know how you would like your child's name on their Bible name plate at this link, asap or by October 11: <https://forms.gle/esGSgJUNBpghR5rV7>



Isaiah Project Grounds Task Force Invite: On **October 13**, immediately after the worship service, members of the Isaiah Project Grounds Task Force invite you to walk with them to two of our most important outdoor settings: the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth. Pastor Nick will join us to talk about the spiritual significance of both. Members of the Task Force will be on hand to answer questions and listen to your ideas about how our grounds can better serve our congregation and the wider community.

Give a Gift to Your Family! Join us 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.

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



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

No Prep Bible Study: Pastor Katherine will lead a Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30PM in the Upper Lounge. There is no preparation required to participate! We will use brief videos from The Bible Project at the beginning of each gathering. Bring your Bible and an open mind. Dates include **October 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.

Stewardship Video & Update: Our Stewardship Team collaborated with congregation members and staff to create a video invitation to consider how we will Grow, Serve, and Share in the year ahead. It contains beautiful drone photography and thoughtful testimonies from several members of our community of faith. To view [open this link here!](#) Our Stewardship season officially kicked off and concludes on October 27 when we will bless our pledges during worship. If you haven't yet received a pledge card for 2025, please contact the church office. What a gift to be part of First Congregational United Church of Christ!



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

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



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

Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah. Mark Charles is an indigenous minister who spoke about this at First Congregational UCC, Appleton in October 2019. This enlightening book is a blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary that reveals the ongoing damaging effects of the infamous "Doctrine of Discovery" created by the Christian church. This book was the springboard and call to action for the creation of our IPAC Committee at FCUCC. Cultural healing begins when deeply held beliefs are unsettled. This book drives our IPAC passion.

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

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

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

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

<p>9:30am Doors Open, Browse Native Artisan Tables and Art Gallery 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)</p>	<p>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”</p>
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Questions?
Contact Jerry Dees
jdees2119@gmail.com

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

Guest Musicians • Strawberry Moon Singers



We want to hear from you!



Congregational Mental Health Survey

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

SCAN TO TAKE ONLINE SURVEY



100% Anonymous!



Available 24/7
Mental Health Support
Call or Text 988

Support, Connect, Community

All ages are welcome to fill out the survey!



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

*Physical survey copies are available in the Narthex



Order Form



Member Name _____

Special notes _____

Date _____

QTY	Car Wash (5ct)	Total
	\$36.00	

QTY	Fuel Only	Total
	\$20.00	
	\$50.00	

QTY	Grocery Only	Total
	\$5.00	
	\$10.00	
	\$20.00	

	\$200.00	
	\$500.00	

Total:

Office use Only

Payment Type:

Cash Credit Card
 Check Online

How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?

- Car Wash Cards – 44%
- Grocery Cards – 20%
- Gas Gift Cards – 10%



Office: 920.733.7393
Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 7

3:30-5:00PM IPAC Meeting – *Upper Lounge and Zoom*
5:30-7:00PM Grounds Task Force – *Isaiah Project Room*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, October 8

8:30-9:30AM Touchmark Pastoral Group @ *Touchmark Senior Living*
9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
1:30-3:00PM Racial Equity – *by Zoom*
2:00-4:00PM Library Committee – *Church Library*
6:00-8:00PM Wild Women of First Congregational @ *Stone Arch Brewpub*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:00PM Technology Committee – *by Zoom*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, October 9

10:00-11:45AM 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 Room /HS Youth Group – HS Room*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 10

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
4:30-5:30PM ESTHER @ *116 E Wisconsin Ave, Appleton*
6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

8:00AM-2:00PM Faith Communities Housing Summit – *Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel, Common Grounds*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

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Sunday, October 13

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare - <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Bible Study/Joyful Noise Collection - <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry - <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children's Choir - <i>Choir Room</i>
10:45AM-12:00PM	Advance Care Planning Workshop - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences - <i>MS 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>

Land Covenant

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation. Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.

We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soil, and web of life for all future generations.

We commit ourselves through study and immersion experiences to learn the history and cultures of these peoples and their traditional knowledge.



Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Kindergarten and first graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2nd-5th Sundays of each month. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten free. All are welcome to join us!

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

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

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



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on Facebook: FCUCCAppleton or Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

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

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

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 – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/World Communion Sunday/Kenya Partnership Sunday – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry: Chat in Chapel – <i>Chapel</i>
10:30-11:00AM	Kwik Trip Fundraising – <i>Narthex</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children’s Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:30AM-2:00PM	MS & HS Apple Crisp Field Trip, Lunch and Apple Crisp Making – <i>Meet in church parking lot</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – <i>MS Youth Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Confirmation Class – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Adult Ed Series on Music – <i>Chapel</i>
1:00-2:00PM	Grace Trail Walk & Yoga @ <i>Navarino Nature Center</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>

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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