

Welcome, Visitors!

Information about our church and ministries is available on the Welcome Table near the main doors. Standing nearby are church members who will be happy to answer your questions. Interested in joining the church? Our next Membership Exploration will be April 11, 2018.

For the convenience of those who need to leave the Sanctuary during worship, the service is video broadcast in the Chapel, Upper Lounge and Nursery.

Large-print bulletins are available. Please ask the ushers for a copy.

Children in Worship

Child care for infants and toddlers is available in the Children, Youth and Family Center. The Family Worship Area is open during service for children ages 3-10.

Sensory Boxes

First Congregational offers Sensory Boxes for any of our friends on the autism spectrum – adult or child. These boxes are filled with “fidgets” galore, headphones and much more. Please let us know if you or a loved one needs one of these tools.

Donating to First Congregational UCC

If you are enrolled in automatic contributions, you may still participate in the weekly offering by submitting a Giving Card, found in the pews. We encourage members and friends of First Congregational to assist us in planning our budget by pledging each year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and may be placed in the offering plates at any time.

Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible from www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons. To subscribe to a podcast of the sermon audio, please visit www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons/feed and choose an option. Videos are also accessible through our YouTube channel at www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1stCongo.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org/read-it-here to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

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Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Communion

We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. Our communion elements are gluten-free; however, they are made in a facility that also processes wheat products.

Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sunday's are March 18, April 22, and May 13. If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, February 16	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, February 18	8:45 AM	Sunday, February 18
Main Door Greeter	John and Eileen Hoft-March	Ann Collins
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		Diane Ragus
Lay Readers	Bill Ritcey	Sue Mauthe
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm
Counters, February 19	Rose Heinz	

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms after worship today.

Kindergarten/1st Grade	Theater Room	4th Grade	Art/Kitchen Room
2nd/3rd Grade	Scripture Tent Room	5th/6th Grades	Computer Lab Room

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

8:45 and 10:30 AM

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.
Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.*

PRELUDE

*Forty Days and Forty Nights
Cantabile*

Peter Lutkin
Cesar Franck

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

WELCOME AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate the final trip to Jerusalem.

People: **Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth.**

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: **Lent calls us to penitence, accountability and preparation.**

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

People: **Lent calls us to a journey where we face the darkness without holding a flashlight.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see p. 6)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Right Side: Lord, have mercy;

Left Side: Christ have mercy.

Leader: We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Left Side: Lord have mercy;

Right Side: Christ have mercy.

Leader: We admit to those places in our lives where a vague interest has become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do or whether we are still in control.

Right Side: Lord have mercy;

Left Side: Christ have mercy.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding savior, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and, for our better living, give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow but the grace you offer today. We ask this for your love's sake. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*LENTEN RESPONSE (see p. 7)

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND

Refrain only: introduced by choir, **repeated by ALL**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 service)/JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING (both services)

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School at the 8:45 AM service. At the 10:30 AM service, children may go to the Family Worship Area or remain in the pews to worship with their families. This morning's Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Fox Valley Warming Shelter).

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**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, for ever. Amen.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27

Taizé/Hopson



Refrain: introduced by choir, **repeated by ALL**

Versus sung by the choir or cantors, followed by **refrain sung by ALL**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Panis Angelicus

C. Franck

8:45 AM: The LU Music Scholars; Luke Honeck, *tenor*

10:30 AM: The Sanctuary Choir; Annie Mercado, *soprano*

The Angelic bread becomes the bread of humans.

The heavenly bread gives an end to mortal imaginings.

O wondrous thing: the poor man, the slave and humble one feasts on the Lord.

Thee, three-fold Godhead, yet one, we beseech.

In this way Thou visitest us as we worship Thee.

By Thy paths, lead us to where we strive,

Towards the light wherein Thou dwellest. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOSPEL READING

John 11:17-44 (NT p. 127)

MEDITATION

“The ‘No’ Before ‘Yes’”

Rev. Steve Savides

***CLOSING HYMN (see p. 7)**

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND

Refrains: ALL St. 1, 2, & 3: soloists

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Just As I Am

Charles Ore

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY’S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Luke Honeck, Emily Richter, Alex Quackenbush, *cantors*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars; Luke Honeck, *tenor*

10:30 AM The Sanctuary Choir; Annie Mercado, *soprano*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Jesus Washes Feet”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture readings: John 13:1-17

Music: 8:45 AM: Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM: LU Music Scholars



Members in Service Next Week

Friday, February 23	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Sheryl DeHart	
Sunday, February 25	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Jack and Sandra Vanden Boogaard	Jean and Ed Coenraad
Bridge Greeters	LouAnn Graf	
Welcome Desk	Dave and Julie Gamm	
Lay Readers	Eilene Hoft March	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Mark Mauthe	Tim Hanna
Multi-Media – video	Sue Mauthe	Shannon Glenn
Counters, February 26	Sue Wisneski	



JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified. In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.

All who are affected by violence, especially those who live in the Kerio Valley of Kenya
David Adams and family
Debbie Adams' brother Jim
Jill Anthony's neighbors, John and Katie
Jill Anthony's sister and brother-in-law
Katie Behl
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-Grade
Dena Collier
Jim and Rachel Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Evelyn Gelbke
Ivo Geurts
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
Mary Guenther
Maggie Hendrick
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen
Nancy Jones, mother of Linda Jones Pierron
Our Kenyan partners and students
All those affected by plant closures, especially KC
Eunice Klemp
Joy Kubiak
Dianne Lang
Lisa Malone

Carrie McClory, daughter of Brenda & Phil Gabrielson
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in-law
Ellie Olson
T. J. Ott, brother of Tom Ott
Families and children of Palestine, those who work for peace in challenging times
Evelyn Platt, Todd Platt's mother
Paula Chandler's son-in-law, Tim Radtke
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt
Jim Schwantes
Kathy Smudde, sister of Lyle Van De Hey and Janice Schmitz
Amanda Spindler
Syrian refugees
Jean Van Wagenin
Our veterans and their families
The victims of the killings and their families in Parkland, Florida
Carol Voskuil, sister-in-law of Mary and Jerry Dees
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia Wardle
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family

THE OPEN DOOR

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Pastor's Message

I Have Set You an Example

A laywoman from one of the churches in our Wisconsin Conference told a story about her grandson. Her little grandson has been receiving treatment for leukemia but his cancer, thank God, was in full remission. The three-year-old boy had a routine check-up at the doctor's office. He sat up on the examining table, his little legs hanging over the side, while the nurse got a stethoscope. *"What's that for?"* the little boy asked. *"I'm going to listen to your heart,"* the nurse told him as she held it up to his chest. After a moment of silence, the little boy quietly asked her, *"Do you hear Jesus?"*

Sometimes our faith, so often difficult and confusing, is simple - *"Do you hear Jesus?"*

We begin the season of Lent acknowledging that we desperately need those who would speak the Gospel by following Jesus' example. In our present culture of greed and violence, we need an example of selfless service rather than self-serving greed. We live in a one up/one down culture - where we want to divide people and situations into winners and losers. And yet here is Jesus, the one whose name is exalted above all others, who ties the towel around his waist and goes down to his knees; who washes and heals; who acts as servant. How different an example Jesus provides us from those who surround us in our culture.

I remember UCC pastor and scholar Douglas Meeks commenting on the lack of young people in our churches by saying the problem is we are not different enough from the world to interest our children. What kind of example do we set? When our children listen to us, do they hear Jesus? When they watch us, do they see Jesus?

Will we faithfully follow the example of our Lord and Savior and devote ourselves to healing, to serving others? In us, will others hear and see Jesus?

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Social Singles Chatters

The next Social Singles Chatters meeting will be at Butch's Pizza, 510 W. Kimberly Ave in Kimberly on February 21 at 11:30 AM. Please R.S.V.P to Sue Ahrens at (561) 531-3211. Thanks!

Wine and Word

February 20 • 6:30 PM

Please join us to discuss *Lab Girl*, described by reviewers as an "illuminating debut memoir of a woman in science; a moving portrait of a longtime friendship; and a stunningly fresh look at plants that will forever change how you see the natural world." We will be meeting at Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill, 124 N. Appleton St., Appleton.



Fun, Fellowship, and Food

We want to organize a group of people to meet for evenings of enjoying dinner and being together three to four times a year. The dinners would be held at members' homes. Each home would host a group of seven to eight people and the group would prepare a planned menu. The cost would be shared equally; we expect that to be \$13-15 per person. If this sounds interesting, please contact one of us: Dan and Cheryl Nisler at 540-6046 or Doug and Pat Nelson at 731-4693 or the church office at 733-7393. An organizational meeting will be held in early April.

Church Women United 2018 World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2, 2018
St. Bernard Catholic (rear entrance)
1617 W. Pine St., Appleton

This year's speaker will be Jackie Draws who is currently serving as Interim CEO/President to Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin. Her talk will be focused on "Environmental Stewardship - Going Green for Good." To register contact Jayne Henrich at (920) 246-8569.

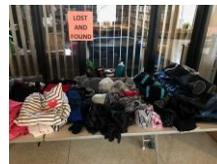
- 9:00 AM - Registration - Coffee and Snack
- 9:30 PM - Program

We will also be collecting items for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Items needed include bathroom tissue, paper towels, 39-gallon garbage bags, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, belts (new or used), razors, and laundry detergent.

Administration

Lost and Found

Our lost and found bin is overflowing! We have set up a table with all the items on it by the church office. Please look through the items and see if anything is yours. We will leave it out for a couple of weeks, but then will be donating the items. Thanks!



Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Make a Joyful Noise!

This week's Joyful Noise collection will benefit the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Church School children just finished their rotation learning about the parable of the Good Samaritan and this collection will help them to continue to carry out the message of that story. They have also been busy making Helping Hand Booklets, Kindness Stones and Kindness Blankets that have been donated to Project Linus. Help them Sunday, February 18 as they collect for those in need at the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Give any loose change you can! The children thank you!

Winter Beach Party

February 21 • 5:30-7:30 PM

You're invited to a winter beach party at First Congo! Join us for a fun night of games, beach volleyball, music, cookout food, "carnival" treats and many other fun surprises. This fun event will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The movie *Finding Dory* will also be playing in the Common Grounds. Come in your "beach wear" (Hawaiian shirts, shorts, flip flops, etc.) as we will be turning up the heat! Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends! RSVP to

<http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Jennifer%20DeWitt> if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare! If you are able to help with set-up, grilling,



servicing, or cleaning up please let Jennifer know! Thanks!

First Congo Church School News

It is hard to believe, but we are already in the 4th rotation of Church School! Last week the children helped in the creation of prayer flags that were used in the Ash Wednesday service. A special lesson focusing on the different types of prayer introduced the concept of prayer flags to them and then they settled in to create individual works of art. They took the project very seriously and did wonderful work! This week they will begin to learn about the Parable of the Talents. Lessons will also weave in elements of the Olympics, but the focus will be on learning about all different types of talents and ways to use them to serve God. Many thanks to the fantastic teachers who are volunteering their time to teach for the next four weeks. They include: Shari Mitchell, Sarah Wilterdink, Janet Wiedenfeld, Heidi Richter, Jessica Lindsay, Deanna Kubiak, Kristina Smits and Carla Gabbey. Please thank them if you see them!

Pastor Hatch Sabbatical 2018

After seven years of service, Pastor Nick is happy to share that he has submitted a plan for a three-month sabbatical that was approved by Church Council. It's called *A Season of Ecological Justice* and it will be happening this year, June 4-August 26. We have carefully planned out all ministry responsibilities to ensure that nothing will be left undone during his

absence. It's important to note that at our church a Sabbath is understood as a time for personal renewal and a season to prepare for the years of service to come.

Worship and Music

A diverse community practicing faith, finding spiritual connection and experiencing the Holy through artful sound.

Wherever You Go: The Story of Ruth – Save the Date!



The cast is busy rehearsing for this year's Intergenerational Musical, *The Story of Ruth*, on Wednesday evenings and Sundays after worship services. You will be able to see the results of their hard work on Saturday evening, March 10 at 7:00 PM or Sunday, March 11, during the 10:30 AM worship service.

On Saturday evening before the performance our high school mission trippers will host a Pig Roast Dinner to help them raise funds for their trip to Pine Ridge, SD. Come enjoy an Apple Cider Hickory Smoked Pig, live Bluegrass music and a silent auction. The dinner starts at 5:30 PM and will be served until 6:45 PM with the performance starting at 7:00 PM.

Vocal Duet Recital

Mother and daughter Dr. Karen Leigh-Post and Ashleigh Kreider will perform a vocal duet recital in our Sanctuary on Sunday,



February 25 at 3:00 PM. Pianist Anthony Padilla of the LU Conservatory Faculty will join them. The program will include music of Mendelssohn, Reger, Delibes, Offenbach, Puccini, and Mozart. A reception will follow. Save the date!

Mission and Service

Building relationships, serving others, pursuing justice.

Back Bay Mission Trip Items Needed



Those of us headed to Back Bay Mission in March would like to take some things we think their clients could use. Please help us fill the box in the narthex with donations of **nutrition/protein bars** and **travel-sized toothpaste**.

On previous trips to Back Bay Mission, we personally saw a big need for nutrition bars (e.g. Balance, Special K, or Power bars – the types with protein) and travel-size toothpaste. Clients of the day shelter come in in the morning and receive a snack while waiting for a shower. The “snack” is probably the only food they have until lunch – which is a two-mile walk away. And the folks just aren't able to carry a full-size tube of toothpaste around. So we would like to emphasize those - but we will gladly take anything on the Back Bay Wish List posted on the box. Please bring donations

by March 14. P.S. If you have a Thrivent account and have not earmarked your Action Grant for something this year, that \$250 could help us collect even more items for Back Bay Mission. Contact Nancy Brown-Koeller for questions about a Thrivent Action Grant.

Adult and Family Wilderness Survey

Part of Pastor Nick's Sabbatical will be spending time outdoors preparing to put together an outdoor and wilderness ministry for families and adults. This will be a 5-7-year rotation of experiences meant to deepen one's spirituality in an outdoor setting. If you have any interest in canoeing, backpacking, or adventuring from a lodge or retreat center, please take a few minutes to provide information to Pastor Nick through this survey, listed at the end of the article, anytime during the month of February. The results from this survey will greatly influence the location and configuration of future outdoor and wilderness ministry opportunities.

Thanks for your time!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QSTNT2R>

Why I Volunteer at Leaven

For over 5 years I have been a volunteer interviewer at LEAVEN (limited emergency assistance valley ecumenical network). My role is to gather information from clients and then assess ways to help them after meeting with a caseworker. I quickly learned how easy it is for someone to need emergency help when a

crisis occurs. This may often be because of a loss of employment, medical issues or higher than expected utility bills. Like many of us, I've never had to worry about getting to work because my car broke down, or I can't work because of a medical emergency with me or my children, and not having family to help. Sometimes clients really hate asking for help and are scared and angry. I hope that I am always able to listen to them in a nonjudgmental way, treating them with respect and dignity. It has certainly made me realize how lucky I am.

One of the reasons that being at Leaven is rewarding is because of the dedicated leadership of Mary Persons and all the other people who give their time and talents. The goal is to help clients to work toward being self-sufficient, not just give them a "band-aid." Leaven is working with an ever-expanding network of other agencies to see that there is help from many different resources. All this can be overwhelming but by bringing many of these supportive services together in the new building addition, it is a step toward improving their situation for the long-term. It makes me feel that I am giving a hand-up, not a hand-out and I hope that I am helping in a small way.

-Faith Mauk

Help the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 18-March 11, 2018

We will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family radio's annual "Help

for the Homeless” hygiene drive being held February 19 – March 12. Please place your donations in the *Help for the Homeless* collection box located in the main gathering area by March 12. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most urgently needed items are cleaning supplies, laundry soap, garbage bags, dental and hair care, baby diapers, paper products, and feminine care. This drive takes place in 15 communities such as, Appleton/Fox Cities, Chilton, Fond Du Lac, and many others, but **your donations will remain in this community.** Note: Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of non-food items such as soap and diapers. For more information, visit thefamily.net or contact Heidi Prahl at heidip@thefamily.net or (920) 749-9364.

91.9 FM Fox Cities

The Family **HELP**
For the **HOMELESS**

Hygiene Drive
Feb. 18 – March 11

Donate Personal Care Items for
18 LOCAL Fox Cities Crisis Programs

Help ease the financial strain on your local crisis programs and those they serve!

Most Needed Items:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Hair Care
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Needs
- Deodorant
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bathroom Tissue
- Dental Care
- Paper Towels
- Diapers/Baby Care
- Body Lotion
- Face/Bath Soap

Donations Remain in the Communities Where Collected!

Thanks to our Sponsors! More information at thefamily.net or 800-236-9364

You're invited to a

Winter Beach Party

Wednesday, February 21
5:30 to 7:30 PM
Fellowship Hall
Cookout Dinner and Family Fun Time

Join us for fun beach games, music and food!
Finding Dory Movie in Common Grounds.
Dress beachy and bring your friends!

RSVP to jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org or 920-851-6938

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Calendar for February 18–February 24

Sunday, February 18

- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM **Worship** – *Sanctuary*
- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM **Church School** - *Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen, East Conference Room, Computer Lab, 4-year-old Room*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **High School Sunday Groups** - *Common Grounds*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Stephen Ministries** – *Library*
- 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM **Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal** – *Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen*
- 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM **LU Scholar Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room*
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

Monday, February 19

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
- 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Boy Scout Troop 8** – *River Room, West Conference Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Fox Valley Flute Choir Rehearsal** - *Computer Lab*

Tuesday, February 20

- All Day** **Polling Place for City of Appleton** – *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Winter Session** – *River Room*
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Communications Meeting** – *Library*
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **Chrysalis - “Listen Up!” Bible Study series on Luke** – *Upper Lounge*
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Yoga @ the Congo** - *River Room*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **ESTHER Transportation Funding Task Force** – *First United Methodist Church, Appleton*
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Wine and Word: “Lab Girl”** – *Appleton Street Sports Bar and Grill*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Horizon Ministry Team** – *Library*
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, February 21

- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Social Singles Chatters** – *Butch's Pizza*
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **ESTHER Communications** – *West Conference Room*
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Children's Choir rehearsal** - *Choir Room*
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Winter Beach Party** – *Fellowship Hall/Theater*
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal** – *Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, River Room, Kitchen*
- 5:45 PM – 6:25 PM **Youth Handbells Rehearsal** – *Amistad Room*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Confirmation Class with Mentors** – *Chapel*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Middle School Classes** – *Theater/Scripture Tent/Art/Kitchen*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room, Sanctuary, Chapel, East Conference Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Church Mice Youth Group** - *East Conference Room*

Thursday, February 22

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Winter Session** - *South Fellowship Hall*
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **AA - Search for Serenity Group** - *Common Grounds*
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **TnT-SOAR Fox Cities** – *South Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** – *Common Grounds*

Friday, February 23

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Bulletin Assembly** – *Library*
- 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM **N. A.** - *Common Grounds*
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Al-Anon** - *Upper Lounge*

Saturday, February 24

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



Dr. Karen Leigh-Post and Ashleigh Kreider Vocal Duet Recital

with pianist Anthony Padilla

February 25 • 3:00 PM

A free-will
donation to
benefit our
Music Ministry.

Includes music of
Mendelssohn,
Reger,
Delibes,
Offenbach,
Puccini, and
Mozart.

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First Congregational Still Speaking Players Present:

Wherever You Go: The Story of Ruth

Original Musical by Steve and Dee Savides

Music by David Stoddard

Saturday, March 10

Musical Performance at 7:00 PM

Pig Roast Dinner: 5:30 PM

**Suggested Donation: \$20/person and \$50/family
and**

Sunday, March 11

Musical Performance at 10:30 AM

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