

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 February 10, 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.

The rose on the altar this morning is in honor of the birth on January 10 of Alexandra Kristine Messing. Congratulations to her parents, Greg and Kristin (Hietpas) Messing and her grandparents Don and Kris (Kristine) Hietpas.

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 is February 11.

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 Next Week

Friday, January 19	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Behm	
Sunday, January 21	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Rose Heinz	Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters	Kathy and Steve Hermsen	Midge Mosher
Welcome Desk	Kathi Seifert	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Readers	Michael Weaver	Janet Scheibe
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Jim O’Neill
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen
Counters, January 22		

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 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

(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

MISSION MOMENT

The Warming Shelter

based on Psalm 36:6, 7b, 8, 9

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Leader: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink for your river of delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

All: Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #249

Open Now Your Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

*INVOCATION (Please join hands or link arms)

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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON/JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION (8:45 service)

(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 use the Family Worship Area or sit in the pews to worship with their families.)

ANTHEM

Shine on Me

Spiritual
arr. Rollo Dillworth

The Women's Choir

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN #252

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

MERLE'S TUNE

St. 1 - Women's Choir

St. 2 & 3 - ALL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*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**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-10 (OT p. 1054)

GOSPEL READING (8:45 service)

John 2:13-22 (NT p. 113)

GOSPEL READING (10:30 service)

Mark 1:14-20 (NT p. 42)

MEDITATION (8:45 service)

“When the Temple is a Person, Not a Place”

Rev. Steve Savides

MEDITATION (10:30 service)

"The Bad News about Empire, and the Good News of God's Call"

Jon Pahl

***CLOSING HYMN #239**

Built on the Rock

KIRKEN

St. 1 – Women’s Choir

St. 2 & 3 – ALL

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*The Congregation Standing

We welcome Jon Pahl to our pulpit for the 10:30 service this morning. Jon is a native of Appleton, is the Peter Paul and Elizabeth Hagan Professor of the History of Christianity at the United Lutheran Seminary. He's the author of six books and many articles and essays, most recently *Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence* (NYU Press). Jon has spoken at Cambridge and Oxford, Stanford and Princeton--and at other universities, churches, and venues all over the world. He's currently nearing completion on the first English-language biography of the controversial Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, and recently relocated from Philadelphia to Clintonville with his wife of 35 years, Lisa. He loves gardening, playing the sax, and enjoying time together with extended family and friends.

TODAY’S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

The Women’s Choir

Upcoming Worship Schedule

January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 and 10:30 AM
 “Nicodemus at Night” Rev. Steve Savides
 Scripture readings: John 3:1-21
 Music: 8:45 AM: Sanctuary Choir; Children’s Choir; Jann Kostecke, *flute*; Natalie Erstad, *bassoon*
 10:30 AM: LU Music Scholars; Children’s Choir; Jann Kostecke, *flute*; Natalie Erstad, *bassoon*

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

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

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

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, January 26	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Phyllis Wallis, Judy Hinden	
Sunday, January 28	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Kevin Clavers	Sara Woodford
Bridge Greeters	Mary and Mya Ballerstein	
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	Fred Pahl	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Tim Hanna	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn	Sue Mauthe
Counters, January 29	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
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
Arlene Beyer
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-
Grade
Dena Collier
Rick Detienne's brother Tom
Jim and Rachel Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Evelyn Gelbke
Janice Gerlach
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
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
Cindi Ritcey Fox's granddaughter, Brytni
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim
Schmidt
Margaret Schomisch
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
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

January 21, 2018

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Pastor's Message

Letter to our Kenyan Partners

Sometimes the political controversy of the week sparks little more than verbal jousting and public posturing; more like a sporting event than something that effects real people and influences important events. The recent reported statement of our President, made while consulting Congressional leadership about immigration policy, could have easily fallen into that category. Yet when we received word from those involved in our Kenyan partnership, brothers and sisters in Christ from one of those African nations reportedly denigrated, we believed a counter word needed to be spoken to our partners. Below is the letter that Pastor Kathryn and I wrote together and have sent to our partners on behalf of our church.

Pastor Steve

Dear Friends of the Kerio Valley, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We hold you in our prayers every day, lifting up the burdens of violence and injustice that you face, and celebrating with you the many triumphs of your ministry; the divine miracles worked through your churches and its members! You are an example and inspiration to us of the courage granted to the faithful through God's strength and Christ's Spirit. It is our privilege to be in partnership with you in mission and our joy to be in loving relationship with you through our partnership.

We write with a sense of fear and shame that you might have heard about our President's words directed towards the nations and people of Africa. These thoughtless remarks do not speak for us or for many in our country. Through our relationship with you, we have come to love Kenya. We see the love you hold for the people and homeland that is your mission field so that it fills our hearts as well. So too do we love our own country of the United States because God has called us to spread the unconditional love of Christ here among this people and our homeland. Please know that we will continue to pray for Kenya and for all the ways in which Christ is working through you. We ask your continued prayers for us, and for the challenges faced by our nation and our ministry. We are reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." Surely God will work through our prayers and bless our nations and our world with peace.

We recently received the joyous news that some of you are planning to be with us here in Appleton in April. On this cold and snowy day in Wisconsin, let us assure you that all the snow will be gone by the time you come to visit us. We will be blessed by your presence as you are blessed by the early flowers of Spring and the warming days of Eastertide. Until then, God's peace be with you!

Yours in Christ's love,

Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides and Rev. Kathryn Kuhn



—The Church of the Open Door—

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



Membership Exploration Class

February 10, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Contact the church office to
register, (920) 733-7393**



Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*



Hot Dog Supper

Wednesday, January 24

Stop by Fellowship Hall
anytime between 5:00
and 7:00 PM for a hot

dog supper with your church family. All
are welcome! RSVP to Dianne Droster at
[http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/
Dianne%20Droster](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Dianne%20Droster).

Church Women United 2018 Annual Meeting

Friday, January 26

First United Methodist Church
325 E. Franklin Street, Appleton

This year's speaker will be Karen Nelson,
Appleton's Diversity and Inclusion
Coordinator. She will speak on "Fostering
Diversity and Inclusiveness in Our
Community". To register contact Marilyn
at 920-788-5880 or mdvofkau@new.rr.com
or Jayne at 920-246-8569 or
plainjayne@gmail.com by January 22.

- 11:30 AM – Registration
- 12:00 PM – Lunch \$10.00
- 12:45 PM – Business meeting
- 1:00 PM – Speaker

We will also be collecting items for the
Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Items
needed include bathroom tissue, paper
towels, men or women's underwear, 39-

gallon garbage bags, toilet bowl cleaner,
bleach, belts (new or used) and razors.

Membership Exploration Class

Don't forget, our next Membership
Exploration Class is fast approaching. Join
us on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
to become a member of First Congo. If
you are interested in attending, please
contact the church office at (920) 733-7393. If
you need child care, please inform the
church office by noon on January 27. If
advance requests are not made, child care
will not be available on the day of the
class.

The Membership Exploration Class is
designed for people who are considering
membership with First Congregational
United Church of Christ. This class, led by
our staff and accompanied by
contributions from the lay leadership of
the church, explores the history and polity
of the United Church of Christ, the history
and programs of First Congregational
UCC, the faith and theology of the church,
discernment of spiritual gifts for serving
God, and the meaning of church
membership and opportunities to serve
the church.

Stewardship

*Putting faith into action with our time,
passion, skills and financial gifts.*

Journey to Generosity Update

We are very encouraged as we approach
the very end this year's Stewardship

campaign. Donations on average are up and we are pleased that we've added 18 new donors during our Journey to Generosity.

Because this is a transition year into the new Realm system, we want to be sure that these changes are not causing problems for any of our donors. If you're a former auto-giver or have had a problem establishing a Realm account at the church, making your donation could be challenging. That may well account for many of the over 70 former donors who've not pledged in our current campaign.

To help make things as easy as possible, we plan to reach out to many of you by phone starting Monday, January 15. This truly is not intended to "chase" any of you, but to provide whatever assistance you might need to complete your congregation member set-up in REALM, and hopefully finalize your support for First Congo during a year of significant change in how we manage our pledge process.

Many thanks to those who have already made your generous commitment. And thanks also to those who are ready to step forward with their pledge at this time. We look forward to talking with you soon.

Blessings to you all,

Bill, Rick & Janice
Your Joyful Stewardship Team

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Ring in the New Year with Church School!

Church school will resume with a whole new rotation of lessons. Children will be learning about the parable of the Good Samaritan. Workshops feature art activities, games and other interactive ways to learn about this inspirational story. This rotation will run through February 4. A big thank you to those who volunteered to teach! If you see these people, please thank them for serving in the teaching ministry: Shari Mitchell, Amy Bowman, Kristina Smits, Dana Mattingly, Micki Heimer and Jolene Scribner.

Teachers Needed!

Church School is in full swing and First Congregational children have been learning about the parable of the Good Samaritan. They are enthusiastic about activities and appreciative of all those who volunteer to teach. Currently we are in great need of teachers for the next two rotations. Please consider teaching!! The dates of the next two rotations are: February 11-March 11 and March 18-April 22. Lesson plans will be provided for you and rooms will be set up each week. If interested, contact Colleen at <http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Colleen%20Berry>.

Worship and Music

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

Save The Date!

Please join our cast for **The Story of Ruth**, our 2018 Intergenerational Musical.

Rehearsals: Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:00 PM
and Sundays 11:30 AM-1:15 PM

The performances will be Saturday evening March 10 and Sunday morning March 11.

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. Each Christmas Eve they offer beautiful duets in our services, and we decided to expand their collaboration into a full recital! Pianist Anthony Padilla of the LU Conservatory Faculty will join them. Save the date!

Recital Supports Endowment Fund

The voice recital by Scholar graduate Kirsten O'Donnell and pianist Seth King-Gengler raised over \$400 in support of our Music Scholars' Endowment Fund. Thank you to all who attended in support of these rising artists, and in support of future young artists in our LU Music Scholars program!

A/V and Technology Volunteers Needed

The Church's technology needs your help! Recently the Church's technology has grown, and we are looking for volunteers to assist our Technology Committee this program year. Additionally, our Audio/Video capabilities in the Sanctuary have grown and volunteers are welcome to this opportunity as well. If you are interested in helping with the Church's technology or A/V, or both, please contact the church office at (920) 733-7393. Have questions? Contact Technology Coordinator Jonathan Steffen at (920) 915-7974 or email <http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Jonathan%20Steffen>.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Fox Valley Warming Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

The Fox Valley Warming Shelter provides homeless adults a hot meal and a safe place to sleep. We can offer **hope** by providing and/or serving an evening meal and giving back to those who are disadvantaged. If you have already signed up to help, thank you.

We are still looking for some parts of the meals we need to provide on Monday, January 29 and Wednesday, January 31. We are also looking for "night shift" volunteers on those same nights, from

8:00 PM-12:00 AM. Night shift volunteers may need to run laundry for the guests, prepare lunches for the following day, or just be present with shelter guests. The Fox Valley Warming Shelter is counting on our support. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Feel free to call Amy Lewis, (920) 205-1091, or Leigh Grube, (920) 851-3531, if you have any questions.

Seven Habits of Highly Depolarizing People



January 25 • 6:15-8:30 PM
Menasha Public Library, Company
E Room
440 First Street, Menasha

Please join Stronger Together Fox Valley, ESTHER and Fox Cities Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship at this workshop as they build capacity in our community for respectful dialogue about important issues. Space is limited so please register today at strongertogetherfv@gmail.com. Your registration will enable them to send you the Seven Habits article to read and practice issue background to review before the gathering.

A \$10 donation at the door is suggested to support their collaborative community-building work.

Volunteer Needed

The Fox Valley Warming Shelter is still looking for a dedicated volunteer to join their team and be an advocate for our church.

The position involves:

1. Communication with FVWS Volunteer Coordinator for dates and events.
2. Organize days for the Congo members to volunteer meals and shifts.
3. Make announcements in church.

Please inquire: Leigh Grube 920-851-3531 or Amy Lewis 920-205-1091.

Power of Grace, a play



January 27 • 6:30 PM
Fox Valley Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship

In this performance, women formerly incarcerated in Illinois share their thoughts and feelings about the experience in order to break down stereotypes and encourage awareness regarding the U.S. criminal justice system. The play is a window into the personal experience of incarceration and represents a ritual of self-liberation. Presented by ESTHER and Fox Cities EXPO (Ex-Prisoners Organizing).

For the soul of a nation, no deportation

January 28 • 3:00-4:30 PM
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2600 E. Phillip Lane, Appleton



What does deporting immigrants who are fleeing poverty, violence and corruption do to us as individuals and a nation? What do we lose without them? Come and hear stories of immigrants, DACA students and DREAMERS. Stand in solidarity and

compassion with our undocumented friends and neighbors. Help us advocate for passage of the DREAM ACT. Presented by ESTHER, UNIDOS Por un Futuro Mejor, and Winnebago Worship Group Religious Society of Friends.

I'll Meet You There: Listening With All Our Hearts



Thursday, February 8
7:00-8:30 PM
St. Mark's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
140 South Green Bay Road,
Neenah

Join us for the eighth annual World Interfaith Harmony event in the Fox cities. Share an evening of fellowship among members of the Fox Valley's diverse faith communities. We will practice listening with humility and compassion, challenging the biases that limit us, and deepening our understanding of shared humanity.

Fox Valley faith and fellowship communities have participated in this global celebration since its first observance in 2011. The event is free, planned locally and open to all. Youth groups are welcome! Questions? Call (920) 426-2920.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers


February 7-March 14, 2018
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology
Education Center
3925 North Gateway Drive, Appleton

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six-week series designed to help you, the caregiver, take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. You as the caregiver will benefit from this series and learn how to reduce stress, better communicate your feelings, increase your ability to make tough decisions and also locate helpful resources. Class materials are supplied by the FVHO Fight Back Foundation. To register contact Jean Monson at jmonson@fvho.org or 920-702-4816 by February 2.

Administration

Realm Tip—Posting to a Group

Did you know that you can communicate with members of your group(s) through Realm? When you sign in to Realm you are taken directly to your newsfeeds from the groups you participate in at church. You can also click on Groups (down the left-hand column) and click on the name of one of your groups to see the group's newsfeed. To add a post, you need to click

on . Now you can enter a title and text to the body of your message. If you have an attachment, click *Attach Files*. After you have done these steps click *Post*. If *Post* is greyed out so that you cannot click on it, you have most likely not placed a title on your post. Go back to the top of the post, add a title where it says *Title* and you should be good to go. If you have any issues with posting, be sure to contact the church office for more information.

DOGS ON THE RUN!

A Hot Dog Supper
Wednesday, January 24
5:00-7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



RSVP to Dianne Droster at
didroster@new.rr.com.

Calendar for January 21–January 27

Sunday, January 21

- 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 – 1:15 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, January 22

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
- 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM **Appleton Boychoir Rehearsals**- *Choir Room, Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **ESTHER Finance Meeting** – *Upper Lounge*
- 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM **Boy Scout Troop 8** – *Fellowship Hall, West Conference room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Fox Valley Flute Choir Rehearsal** - *Computer Lab*

Tuesday, January 23

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Winter Session** - *South Fellowship*
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Yoga @ the Congo** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Church Council Meeting** – *Upper Lounge*
- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **ESTHER Expo Fox Cities** – *Chapel*
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, January 24

- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Children's Choir rehearsal** - *Choir Room*
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Hot Dog Supper** – *Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, River Room*

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, January 25

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, January 26

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, January 27

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

The Ministry

All the Members of the church, Minister
Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Spiritual Outreach
Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission
Maynard E. Beemer, Pastor Emeritus
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries
Jon D. Riehle, Organist
Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education
Joel Morien, Director for Youth Ministry
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant
Christina Trepanier, Communications Specialist
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator
Jonathan Steffen, A/V Coordinator
Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Childcare Provider
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