

First Congregational UCC

October 1, 2023

LET THE WHOLE
EARTH BE FILLED
WITH HIS

Glory.

Psalm 72:19



Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

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

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

8:00 – 9:00AM	Neighbors in Need Offering
9:25 – 11:35AM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30 – 10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:30 – 11:30AM	Children’s Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:30AM – 2:00PM	Apple Crisp Baking & Delivery – <i>Kitchen, Fellowship Hall</i>
10:45 – 11:45AM	Parents’ Book Discussion – <i>HS Room</i>
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Covenant Economics Book Study – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
1:00 – 2:00PM	Vandersall Report Discussion – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:00 – 6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00 – 8:30PM	Al-Anon – <i>Chapel</i>
6:00 – 8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Commons Grounds</i>
7:00 – 8:00PM	Alateen – <i>Upper Lounge</i>

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 Narthex. The Nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

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 – 7-year-olds. 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@firstcongoappleton.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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2023 9:30 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ World Communion Sunday ~ Kenya Sunday

PRELUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (Chereponi)

Ghanaian Folk Tune
Setting by Nancy M. Raabe

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

WELCOME

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

OPENING REMARKS

Deb Burich

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nick Hatch

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 #315

We Are People on a Journey

SOMOS PUEBLO

St. 1 – **sung in Spanish**, led by the Choir, with **ALL** welcome to join us.

St. 1 – 5 Sung in English by ALL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aimee Eubank

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Church School.)

Then he was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, “Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?”

Jesus responded, “First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I’ll answer yours. About the baptism of John – who authorized it: heaven or humans?”

They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, “If we say ‘heaven,’ he’ll ask us why we didn’t believe him; if we say ‘humans,’ we’re up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet.” They decided to concede that round to Jesus. “We don’t know,” they answered. Jesus said, “Then neither will I answer your question.

“Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, ‘Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.’ “The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’ Later on he thought better of it and went.

“The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’ But he never went. “Which of the two sons did what the father asked?” They said, “The first.”

MESSAGE “Choices”

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

LETTERS FROM STUDENTS in our Kenya Partnership:

A Letter from Metrine, read by Elena Eubank

A Letter from Titus, read by Luke LaViolette

A letter from Lulu, read by Eva Schmidt

A letter from Brian, read by Logan LaViolette

RESPONSES

Spoken: Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

*Sung: *The Miracle Working God* A traditional song from our Kenya Partners

Introduced by the Choir, **and then sung twice by ALL.**

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.)

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

Amen, Siakudumisa

South African song by S.C. Molefe

arr. Cameron LaBarr

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Sanctuary Choir with percussion and LU Music Scholar Soloists

*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

*(As you receive your Communion cup, you are invited to partake of the bread
and juice as a sign of being members of the Body of Christ.)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Nick: This morning we once again gather to receive the bread and the cup. We are an "Open Communion" church, meaning that we require no specific creed or confession in order to participate in this meal. These are the gifts of God for the people of God, and all are welcome to participate.

Pastor Mary Jo: Today, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. To God be the glory: great things God has done!

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.

Pastor Nick: 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.

Pastor Mary Jo: 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.

Pastor Nick: 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.

Pastor Mary Jo: 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!

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor Nick: On the night on which He was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread, blessed it, broke it, and said,
"This is my body, broken and freely given for all of you."

Pastor Mary Jo: Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup, poured the wine and said:
"This cup is a new covenant [soon to be poured out], in my blood,
for the forgiveness of sins. All of you, drink of it."

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastor Nick: Let us pray: Give us this day, Holy One, precisely what we need, so that we're nourished and encouraged in the very places where we've been called to live, speak and breathe, with the fire of love and the water of grace. We lift up prayers for: (prayer requests)

We pray all this and all that has gone unspoken and resides upon our hearts, to you, through Jesus Christ, the risen one, who taught us these words, and as we first heard them in the languages of our birth:

THE LORD'S PRAYER In Swahili, spoken by Jacqueline Nakarila

**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.**

HYMN (see bulletin page 8)

Come, Let Us Eat

A V A D E

*In this Call and Response song, the leader lines are sung by solo voices,
alternating with a response line sung by ALL.*

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Pastor Nick: Friends, when the Communion trays are passed, you are invited to eat the bread and drink the juice. We receive this sacrament with Jesus's promise to be present in our midst.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Pastor Mary Jo: The cup of blessing that we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

*(When communion is passed, you are invited to eat the bread and drink the juice.
We receive this sacrament with Jesus's promise to be present in our midst.
The Communion Servers will come forward from wherever they are seated.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body

Text and tune by John Foley
Setting by Ron Schmoltze

*"One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord."*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Nick: Let us give thanks:

All: 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 (#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' . . .*

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

POSTLUDE

Come, Let Us Eat (A va de)

Tune by Billema Kwillia
Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Piano and Percussion

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

Victoria Daniel, John Aaholm, Chris Danz and Beth Vercouteren, *percussion*

Sanctuary Choir

LU Music Scholar & Sanctuary Choir solo voices

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Sunday, October 8, 2023 Worship Service

"In Hope of Becoming the Church: Part 1"

Rev. Nick Hatch

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

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

Come, Let Us Eat

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

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.
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(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.
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 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Reminder: Our Ministry Plan for Program Year 2023-2024



For those of you who were on vacation or missed the “Council Corner” from July 23, here is a reminder of our plan that is unfolding for our ministry as we continue our Pastoral Search process.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ Church Council has approved a plan, created by church leadership in collaboration with Pastor Nick for the Program Year, 2023-2024. This will allow us to provide familiar meeting and worship patterns, and hope-filled and honest communications while the Search Team continues its work to find a settled Senior Pastor.

The plan involves moving from a three-pastor to a short term two-pastor model. Pastor Nick, having seniority on the staff, will assume a leadership role which will be titled, “Temporary Head of Staff.” During this short-term staffing model, Sarah Wilterdink will oversee all Children, Youth and Families activities as the Director of CYF. Pastor Nick will support Sarah in her position, as well as the rest of the staff, but will not be involved in the implementation or leadership of any CYF programs while he is the Temporary Head of Staff. No worries - he will continue to lead worship events such as Children’s Messages, the Hanging of the Greens Service, etc. CYF programming and registration will be coming your way soon.

As we move forward...

- We will continue to have one service of Worship in-person and online.
- We will be using the Revised Common Lectionary for the program year with primary texts being taken from the Gospels.
- We will continue to utilize lay leadership for the scripture reading.

Pastor Mary Jo will continue to serve as our Interim Associate Pastor at least until the end of the program year. Throughout the year we will have opportunities to receive updates from the Senior Pastor Search Committee and from Church Council. Meantime, we are blessed to continue ministering with many active and gifted lay-leaders as we strive to continue to be The Church of the Open Door!

If you have any questions, ask one of the Church Council Members:

Rick Behm
Nancy Brown-Koeller
Kevin Clavers
Chris Danz
Kelly Fenton
Chip Gabbey
Dale Hansen
Kris Hietpas
Eilene Hoft-March

Ken Jahnke
Wayne Lannoye
Ted LaPine
Shari Mitchell
Howard Niblock
Bill Ritcey
Emma Slowinsky
Jack Vanden Boogaard
Mary Willems

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.

Please call Pastor Mary Jo at 715-351-0450 or [email her](#) if you have a new joy or concern you would like us to pray for, as well as any questions and other assistance needed.

In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.

Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Richard Miller's son-in law, Rick Kramer
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Stephen Otto's brother, Gerald
John Breitzman	Anne Planner's brother, Bill Planner
Don Brittnacher	Cheryl Reissmann
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Gretchen Revie
The family of Richard Casperson as they grieve his passing	Doug Robertson
Brian Chirchir Kiptoo, Kenya student who is living with cancer	Larry Schiedermayer
Beth Detienne's mother	Frank and Pat Severin
Jim Edwards	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Heidi Mendonca Erstad	Paul Siket
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Mark Spindler
David Galow	Kinsley Tarr
Art Gandler	Gloria Tate
Esther Gehrt's sons, Steve and Ken	Jack Thiel
Ken Geiger	Peter Thiel
Paul and Leigh Grube's grandnephew, Leo	James Totzke
Margaret Hankwitz	Jean Van Wagenin
Judy Hanson	Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter, Mya
JoAnn Helms	Joe Wells
Shirley Hoft	Jake Whisler and his family
Misty Hofman	Diane White
Phil & Mary Hornseth's nephew, Eric Montross	Our friends in Kerio Valley: banditry killings have increased in the past few weeks. A member of Liter church, where we have worshipped and stayed, was killed this past week
Joan Jenson's son, John	Prayers for the hundreds of staff and teachers at UW Oshkosh facing layoffs and furloughs and for their families
Jean Jepson	
Kathy Lannoye	
Nancy Kandler	
Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please see our monthly newsletter [Wide-Open Door](#).

Join these book studies beginning today, October 1:

Book Study for Parents: Join us on Sunday mornings beginning today, **October 1**, for a Small Group Book Discussion covering *Woven – Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller. We will read a chapter each week, and then meet for a discussion facilitated by Andy and Jackie Burton. The book can be ordered wherever books are sold. Meet in the High School Room after worship service – **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE!** Contact burton.jackiem@gmail.com with any questions.

Covenant Economics Book Study: Starting today, **October 1**, for five Sundays in the Upper Lounge from 11:00AM-12:00PM.

Vandersall Summary Report: The Church Council has completed a summary report of the Vandersall Collective's Engagement with First Congregational UCC plus a bit of history on how we arrived at this point and what's next. Copies are available in the narthex and on the website via this link [Vandersall Summary Report](#). The Vandersall team was part of several building study and future-looking committees at FC-UCC that focused on how our facilities can best meet the ministry needs of today and tomorrow and how our church can live more fully as the Church of the Open Door. There will be discussion sessions on the following days for anyone interested in hearing more about the report and status. **October 1, 1-2PM; October 2, 6-7PM; October 4, 5-6PM; October 6, 12-1PM; October 8, 1-2PM.**

Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **October 5**, 2023. 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 the fellowship. For questions contact Shelley Nulton, snulton@att.net or 920-202-4419.

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Fox Valley Walk is Saturday, **October 14**, 9:00-11:00AM at Fox Cities Stadium. Please join the FCUCC team Faith, Hope and Love either by walking with us or donating. It's a 5K with a great group of people and we're raising money to support the wonderful programs offered by NAMI to help those who live with mental health conditions. Use this link to either donate or join us on the walk <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1374> Remember our team name – Faith, Hope and Love. For questions or more information, please contact Mary Sullivan msullivan623@yahoo.com or 920-740-9452.



ESTHER Silent Auction: ESTHER is seeking donations for their 19th Annual Silent Auction, which is their main fundraiser. Do you have an idea for a service you can provide? Do you want to donate a gift basket, gift certificate, or a pre-owned valued item? We need auction donations by **October 15**. Please help to make our auction a success. Contact Sheryl De Hart tdehart@new.rr.com or through Realm or 920-731-2620 for pick up or drop off at the church office. Thank you for joining other voices and efforts to build an equitable and just community in the Fox Cities.

E2F (Empty to Full): This fall members of the congregation will once again have an opportunity to participate in the E2F (Empty to Full) Pans program. Empty pans are handed out to willing participants. Each one includes a grocery list, recipe for preparation & a prayer. The cost for groceries is approximately \$13. The person taking the pan purchases the groceries and assembles the recipe to fill the pan. All of the recipes are easy and require very little cooking. The assembled pan is frozen or kept cold until returned to church, on the date shown, for delivery to the recipients.

Hand out: Sunday, **October 15** from 10:30-11:00AM (after worship)

Collection: Sunday, **October 22** from 9:30-10:00AM (before worship)

If you are unable to return the pan on the given day, please call the church to make sure there is access to the church for drop off the week before. Please call Cindi MacSwain 920-606-6699 or email cmacswain@new.rr.com if you have concerns about pick up or drop off. Thank you for your generous service in this adjusted ministry!



ESTHER/WIVVEC Advocacy Workshop: WIVVEC is thrilled to join with First Congregational Church UCC, ESTHER, and WI Faith Voices for Justice to present our advocacy workshop, MOVING FROM CHARITY TO JUSTICE on Sunday, **October 15** from 1-430PM at First Congregational Church UCC. At the workshop, Rabbi Bonnie Margulis will lead a deep dive of faith-based advocacy and provide hands-on practical training for working with news outlets and legislators. It is a workshop that promotes justice over politics and helps us understand the dual nature of social justice and social action. This workshop introduces participants to the challenges and opportunities for congregational engagement in advocacy; dispels myths about whether a non-profit can engage in public policy work; and trains participants in the nuts and bolts of advocacy – how to write a Letter to the Editor or an Op-ed; how to conduct an advocacy campaign; how to present testimony before a school board or a legislative committee hearing; and how to make a lobby visit to your elected officials. Please use this link to register: <https://esther-foxvalley.org/myvoice>. Please contact WIVVEC's Interfaith Organizer, Rhonda Lindner, at rhonda@thi-milwaukee.org if you have any questions.

Fox Cities Walk to End Alzheimer's: October 8: Event Opens 8:30AM, Opening Ceremony begins 9:40AM, Walk 10:00AM. Location: Fox Cities Stadium, 2400 N Casaloma Dr., Appleton. Contact: Cari Josephson, 920-609-1342

Cancelled Event: We're very sorry to announce that the Walk in Our Shoes simulation has been postponed and will be rescheduled for February 2024. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer or participate, we will release further information as it becomes available.

Adult Volunteers Needed: The high school youth group is in need of some adult volunteers who would be willing to help out for an hour on a few Wednesday evenings during this school year. If you think you could help for an hour on a Wednesday evening so the youth group could meet more often, please talk to Sarah Wilterdink. Thank you very much.


Fellowship - Online Auction - Raffle - Music - Awards - Celebration
ESTHER 19TH Annual Banquet
Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:00PM
Grand Meridian, 2621 N. Oneida St., Appleton
Reignite Your Fire for Justice!




Keynote Speaker:
Ana Garcia-Ashley

Ana Garcia-Ashley's family emigrated from the Dominican Republic during the 1960s to flee the chaos of Trujillo's dictatorship. Intensely interested in the intersection of politics and faith, Ana developed a foundation for organizing congregations. During her tenure as lead organizer, Milwaukee's MICAHA won a \$5 million reinvestment commitment from the city's banks. Ana was a founding organizer for WISDOM and became Executive Director of The Gamaliel National Network in 2012. Ana's deep sense of organizing as a ministry, her interest in social justice and her experience as a naturalized immigrant dovetail perfectly with the goals of ESTHER and WISDOM. We are "a community of people living out our faith and values to collectively transform our communities and bring about justice locally, nationally and globally."

Early-Bird Special through November 1: \$65 per ticket - Starting November 2, \$70 per ticket
Order online: esther-foxvalley.org/banquet - call 920-843-8083
Mail checks payable to ESTHER: PO Box 784, Neenah, WI 54957



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This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 2

5:30 – 7:00PM

Facilities Ministry Area – *Upper Lounge*

6:00 – 7:00PM

Vandersall Report Discussion – *Chapel*

6:30 – 8:30PM

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 – 10:00AM

Strong Bodies – *S. Fellowship*

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Staff Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

12:15 – 1:15PM

E2F Pan Assembly – *Common Grounds*

1:00 – 2:30PM

Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*

6:30 – 7:30PM

Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*

7:45 – 8:45PM

Fireside AA Group – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, October 4

12:15 – 1:00PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation – *Upper Lounge*

5:00 – 6:00PM

Vandersall Report Discussion – *Upper Lounge*

5:30 – 8:00PM

Childcare – *Infant/Toddler Room*

5:45 – 6:25PM

Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*

6:00 – 6:30PM

1st Wednesday Dinner – *Fellowship Hall*

6:30 – 7:30PM

“Blessed are the Crazy” Book Study, Ch. 3 – *Upper Lounge*

6:30 – 7:30PM

MS – Dinner Clean Up & Hang Out/HS Youth Group – *Youth Room*

7:00 – 8:30PM

Sanctuary Choir – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 5

9:00 – 10:00AM

Strong Bodies – *S. Fellowship*

12:00 – 1:00PM

AA – Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

12:00 – 1:30PM

Theology Discussion Group – *Chefo's Pancake House*

7:00 – 8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 6

12:00 -1:00PM

Vandersall Report Discussion – *Upper Lounge*

7:00 – 8:00PM

AI-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

7:00 – 8:30PM

N.A. – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, October 7

9:00 – 11:45AM

Sanctuary Choir Workshop – *Choir Room, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Chapel*

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Debtors Anon – *Common Grounds*

7:00 – 8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Sunday, October 8

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7:00 – 8:00PM	Alateen – <i>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, soils, 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 our Home of Homes.

We are “The Church of the Open Door,” a welcoming and inclusive Christian community. We’re committed to tolerance, justice and exploration - not dogma and rules. So no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

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