

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

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Pancake Breakfast – *Fellowship Hall*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM *Entering the Passion* Ch. 5-6 – *Upper Lounge* (Bring pancakes!)

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM LU Music Scholars Rehearsal – *Choir Room & Sanctuary*

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM AA Meeting – *Common Grounds*

We are glad you are here today! Remember that if you feel more comfortable social distancing, you are welcome to worship in the Chapel, Upper Lounge and Narthex, where we're livestreamed.

Donating to First Congregational UCC

We have many convenient ways to donate. Giving envelopes and pledge cards 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.

References to God

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We affirm this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

Online Streaming and Podcasting

Watch our services live on [Facebook: FCUCCAppleton](#) OR [Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton](#).

Communion

All are welcome to receive gluten-free communion the first Sunday of each month.

Baptism

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.

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!



Open Door Announcements

Thank you for emailing articles to opendoor@firstcongoappleton.org or calling the office.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Pastor Mary Jo Laabs, Interim Associate Minister for Congregational Life

We gather in the narthex to begin this morning's worship service.

FANFARE

"Ablassen" Fanfare

Gottfried Reiche

John Daniel, Trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

People: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Leader: Cry out, people of faith,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We gather to remember the day Jesus entered Jerusalem.

We gather to remember Holy Week: His Last Supper, His prayer in the Garden, The Denial of Peter, the Way of the Cross and Calvary.

We gather to remember that in the end, God works through all things for good.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

READING OF THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Karen Gosse

Matthew 21:1-11

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, who in Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem triumphantly, be with us now as we follow in Christ's footsteps. We thank you for these branches and how they remind us of that day so long ago. We thank you for the crowds that welcomed Jesus, and wonder if we'd be there, too. We thank you for Christ's courage and ask that you grant us the faith to remain by his side throughout this week of trial, of testing and of triumph. Amen!

Leader: Let us go forth and bring our palms to the Cross and the Communion Table. Following in his footsteps, let us go in faith.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Sanctuary Choir will ring handbells and lead us into the Sanctuary. Upon entering, please join in singing the hymn listed below, place your palm branch on the Communion table, and take your place standing in the pews.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (bulletin pg. 3)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with psalms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho-rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

As we lay our palms before you, Holy One, we ask you to meet us in this hour. Lay your hand upon our hearts. Calm our anxious minds. Hold our deepest prayers. Give us the courage and faith to join you in your week of passion, that we might come to Easter morning, made new, ourselves. We pray in Christ's name, and with his words...

***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, forever. Amen.**

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates (Psalm 24:7-10)
Sanctuary Choir

William Mathias

MEDITATION

The Battle of the Parades

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell

HYMN #183

What Wondrous Love Is This
St. 1 & 3 - ALL, St. 2 - Choir Only

WONDROUS LOVE
Setting by H. Hopson

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

St. Theodulph (All Glory, Laud and Honor)

Tune by Melchior Teschner
Setting by Paul Manz

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to take your bread individually, and to hold your cup until we partake together.

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . therefore with heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place, we praise your name and join together in singing their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy* (bulletin pg. 6)

SANCTUS

Introduced by the Choir, **Repeated by ALL**

Setting by P. Harling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Moderato and Andantino from Prières sans Paroles

Jean Michel Damase

John Daniel, Trumpet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #179

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from Prières sans Paroles

Jean Michel Damase

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

The third system shows the continuation of the piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*; Sanctuary Choir

John Daniel, *trumpet*; Victoria Daniel, *timpani*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Today's Children's Ministry Locations

Infants & Toddlers

Childcare Room

Preschoolers

Little Angels Room

K/1st Graders

Art Kitchen

2nd/3rd Graders

Art Kitchen

4th/5th Graders

Art Kitchen



**Join us today for a Pancake Breakfast
Located Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall!**



Maundy Thursday, April 6, Worship Service

7:00 PM

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell & Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir; Soloists

Easter Sunday, April 9, Worship Services

8:45 AM and 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell - Mary Magdalene's Hope

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

LU Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet; Timpani

Pastor's Pen: "Holy Week is Coming: April 2 - 11, 2023"

Dear friends,

"Have you not known? Have you not heard?" I am echoing the words of the prophet, Isaiah 40 with these words and am reminding you that we are about to enter and remember one of the holiest weeks in Christian history.



Holy Week begins with the **Palm Sunday** worship service, April 2nd at 9:30am. Yes, there will be palms! Yes, we will observe our tradition of gathering in the *narthex* (that long, wide hallway inside the front doors of the church building) instead of coming in and going directly into the sanctuary. (If you would prefer to be seated inside immediately, please feel free to do so.) All are welcome to re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we sing "All Glory, Laud and Honor" and wave our palms. We will share the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Later in the week, on Thursday, April 6th at 7pm, we will gather for the remembrance of **Maundy Thursday**. It will be a *multi-generational* service. **Families, please bring your children and grandchildren.** They'll be invited to set "the table" and to "remember" the significance of Maundy Thursday.

This year, we will:

- Remember the "Last Supper" with Holy Communion.
- Remember that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.
- Remember that Jesus gave us *the* mandate to "Love one another."



On **Good Friday**, April 7th, at noon, we will join with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 740 E. College Ave. Area congregations and clergy that will participate in the service are: Emmanuel United Methodist, First United Methodist, Memorial Presbyterian, Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, First English Lutheran, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, and First Congregational UCC. There will be an Ecumenical Choir. All are welcome!

On Sunday, April 9th, we will celebrate **Easter** with two services of worship at 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM, filled with scripture, message, music and words of praise and thanks to God!! There will be an **Easter egg hunt** for the children between services.



As we enter the Easter Season, we remember and celebrate the promises of our God that arouse our hope and encourage us to love one another. As "resurrection people," we lift our voices in glad **Alleluias!**

Come join your church family and come "home" for Holy Week,

Pastor Mary Jo

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
 Valerie Bales
 Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara
 Don Brittnacher
 Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober
 Dick Casperson
 Jim Edwards
 Heidi Mendonca Erstad
 Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family
 Esther Gehrt's sons, Steve and Ken
 David Galow
 Ken Geiger
 Margaret Hankwitz
 Judy Hanson
 JoAnn Helms
 Ken Hocking
 Tim Hoff & Family, as they grieve their
 daughter-in-law, Kimberly Klause
 Carol Huddleston and family
 Jean Jepson
 Ray Johnson
 Nephew of Phil & Mary Hornseth,
 Eric Montross
 Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart

Kathy Lannoye
 Betty Masaros
 Richard Miller's son-in law, Rick Kramer
 Stephen Otto's brother, Gerald
 Gretchen Revie
 Tom Salm
 Julie Schaller & John Schmidt's
 Grandson, Aria Arthur Schmidt
 Larry Schiedermayer
 Frank and Pat Severin
 Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
 Paul Siket
 Mark Spindler
 Debra Stoner
 Gloria Tate
 Jack Thiel
 Peter Thiel
 James Totzke
 Jean Van Wagenin
 Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter, Mya
 Diane White
 The family of Chuck Eggenberger in their
 grieving and remembering of Chuck

The Open Door

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice*

New Member Class!

Join Pastor Susan in the Upper Lounge after worship on April 23 for a New Member Class from 10:45 – noon. Get to know Susan and learn more about the church! Childcare is available.

Women's Spring Retreat

Friday, April 21 – Sunday, April 23
Moon Beach, St. Germain
It is "good for your soul."

Please join us for the April Women's Spring Retreat at Moon Beach. See the April Wide-Open Door for more info.

Please register ASAP as we need a minimum of 20 people to hold this date.



Nourishing Meals for Pillars!

Next Thursday, April 6, is our time to provide and serve the evening meal at Pillars Adult Shelter.

We will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy fellowship! For more info, contact Shelley Nulton at snulton@att.net or 920-202-4419.

 [Pillars Sign Up - Thurs. April 6, 2023](#)



A Joyful Spring Ministry Needs Help

Easter Flowers will be distributed to our elders and others on Easter Sunday, April 9th, after the second service. (If any are left they can be delivered during the week.)

Cards with names, phone numbers and addresses will be on a table in the narthex after second service. Flowers will be in the sanctuary.

- Choose one or more cards
- Pick up the flowers
- Call to make sure they are home!

It is fun to visit if agreed upon but totally okay to just drop off with a smile. If errors are found with the information left, please leave a message for the office. Sometimes our data is not current, and it is helpful to have the correct information. If you have questions, contact Jean Coenraad (920-810-0014) or for pastoral needs, contact Pastor Mary Jo-(715-351-0450).

Friends in Christ Ministry Team:

You will have separate-colored cards set aside on the table, but you will need to pick out flowers from the sanctuary, unless previously arranged.



Madison Action Day/ ESTHER Fox Valley Thursday, April 27, 2023



*Register Now for
Madison Action Day
2023 **MAD2023***

Ride and Rally for Reform!

Ride... the bus to Madison

Rally... on the Capitol Steps

Relay... your views and values to your legislators

Buses will be filling up in the Fox Valley and transporting people to Madison. Now is the time to JOIN US in making your voice heard for issues you care about: mass incarceration, environmental justice, immigration or so much more!

Please register by April 6 so we can begin to organize our visits to legislators. At each district visit, we need a facilitator and someone to speak for each budget priority. You can volunteer to speak or come along to show support for these recommendations.

See the [Wide-Open Door](#).

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves*



QPR Training (Question, Persuade, Refer)

Did you know that [depression](#) is extremely common in the U.S. and has reached epidemic levels? The depression rate for teens and young adults is 17%.

Are there people in your life who struggle with mental health conditions? Do you wish you felt comfortable talking with them about their struggles? Do you wonder if they are considering suicide? How would you ask them? How can you help them?

To learn about these issues, FCUCC Mental Health Task Force is hosting QPR training on Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM in the Upper Lounge. Teens 15 years old and older are invited to attend with parents. If you want more information, [email](#) Mary Sullivan or 920-740-9452. *Please register by April 9th if you need childcare.* Register on Realm or call the church office at 920-733-7393.



Toward One Wisconsin

Join us Tuesday, April 25th– Wednesday, April 26th, in Appleton for Wisconsin’s leading equity, diversity and inclusion conference. Toward One Wisconsin brings together leaders, professionals, and advocates from a broad range of sectors. The conference features a variety of speakers including Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ. All three of your pastors will be leading a delegation as an extension of our mission to be the *Church of the Open Door*.

Just Follow These Three Steps:

1. Register YOURSELF online at the [Toward Wisconsin 2023 website](#) and pay your registration fee. *Talk to Pastor Nick if you need a scholarship, we just want you to come and grow with us!*
2. When you’re done with Step One, let us know by completing the sheet in the narthex or by calling the church office. We will keep a list of participants and communicate with our group via that list.
3. Check your email! Pastor Nick will email you 1-2 weeks in advance with information.

Hope to see you there! *Pastor Nick*

College of Menominee Nation Scholarships



In recognition that our church is located on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous peoples, the Mission and Service Ministry hopes

to raise \$2000 a year to be able to give a new, named \$1000 scholarship each semester to a Menominee Nation member, or descendant, who is in good academic standing at the College of Menominee Nation (CMN).

The CMN is an accredited Land-Grant institution chartered by the Menominee Nation with a flagship campus in Keshena (1993) and a second campus in Green Bay near the Oneida Nation. Both campuses welcome students from many American Indian tribes and all ethnicities/races. Most students need financial aid. CMN will select a qualified student through their usual vetting process.

To donate to this fund, please send a check made out to FCUCC with *CMN Scholarship Fund* in the notes line or donate through Realm. Our gift for the fall semester is due by June 1st. Any amount is appreciated!

April Wide-Open Door

Articles to read more about!

Badger State Women's Choir: Sonya Bach

Sunday, April 16 @ 4:00PM

Native American Pow Wows & Pow Wow Etiquette

[Pow Wow Etiquette Article](#)

Dr. Carol Cornelius: History of the 1800's removal era

April 20, 2023 @ 07:00 PM

Voting Issue: Cash Bail reform & UCC's Resolution

· [Cash Bail Reform - Community UCC](#)

· [Background on the Cash Bail Issue & April 4th WI Supreme Court Race.](#)

· [Review the Final UCC Resolution.](#)

Wide-Open Door Link

FCUCC Week-at-a-Glance

Monday, April 3

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4

ALL DAY

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 9:15 PM

Wednesday, April 5

12:15 AM – 1:00 PM

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

5:45 PM – 6:25 PM

6:25 PM – 8:35 PM

6:30 PM – 07:30 PM

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Thursday, April 6

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, April 7

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, April 8

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 9

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

IPAC Meeting – *Zoom*

Facilities Ministry Area – *Upper Lounge*

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Voting – *Fellowship Hall*

Staff Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Chrysalis – *Upper lounge*

Mental Health Task Force – *Upper Lounge*

Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*

Worship and Music Ministry Team – *Upper Lounge*

Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Loving Acceptance Meditation – *Upper Lounge*

Piano Lessons – *Sanctuary*

Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*

Child Care – *Childcare Room*

Wed Night Bible Study – *Chapel*

Let's Talk – *Upper Lounge*

Sanctuary Choir – *Sanctuary*

AA - Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

Theology Discussion Group – *Chefo's Pancake House*

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – *Sanctuary*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Bulletin Assembly – *Library*

Good Friday Ecumenical – *Worship Emmanuel United Methodist Church*

AI-Anon – *Upper Lounge, N.A. – Common Grounds*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Easter Sunday 1st Worship Service – *Upper Lounge, Sanctuary*

Easter Egg Hunt! – *Bridge*

Easter Sunday 2nd Service – *Upper Lounge, Sanctuary*

Children's Choir Rehearsal – *CYF Art Kitchen & Choir Room*

LU Scholars Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

First things First AA – *S. Fellowship, Common Grounds*

Our Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Pancake Breakfast

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 6, 7:00PM – 8:00 PM

Good Friday Ecumenical Worship

Friday, April 7, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 740 E College Ave, Appleton

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, April 9, 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM **and** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

9:45 AM on the Bridge