

First Congregational UCC

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— The Church of the Open Door —

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Whoever you are, or wherever you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here!

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25 – 11:35AM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30 – 10:30AM	RALLY SUNDAY: Sunday Worship (<i>Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge</i>) along with Blessing of the Backpacks and Children's Ministry
10:30 – 11:30AM	3rd Sunday Family Day: Rally Sunday Brunch
3:00 – 6:00PM	Strategic Planning Group – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:30 – 6:30PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 – 8:30PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 – 8:00PM	First Things First – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</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 Chapel, Upper Lounge, or 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 is gluten free and served the first Sunday of each month. 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!

Land Covenant (new): (see page 6)

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

September 17, 2023

Rally Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

From *Partita No. 3 in C Minor, BWV 41*

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Aria 2

Aria 5

Jennifer Hodges Bryan, *oboe*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather together and grow in faith.

People: Faith is the assurance of things not seen.

Leader: Let us stay alert and prepare for the coming of God.

People: All who wait upon God shall renew their faith.

Leader: Let us reaffirm ourselves as God's children.

All: We come ready to worship, we leave committed to serve. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #14

Earth and All Stars

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*UNISON PRAYER

It is a joy to enter your house of worship once more, Almighty God. We come with gladness and sadness, with anticipation for the future and regret for the past, with assurance and doubt. Come, Lord. Come meet us right where we are and show us how you love us too much to ever leave us the same. Use this time of worship to inspire us, to teach us, to change us and to transform us. We cannot wait to see what you are going to do. Through Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS*

UNISON BLESSING

God of all knowledge and wisdom, these students and backpacks remind us that a new school year has begun. We pray your blessing on them and upon all students, young and old. We ask for your blessing on parents and teachers and all those who care for them. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given them. And as they grow in knowledge, help them also to grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

DETROIT

(The Sacred Harp, 1844)

Sanctuary Choir, Organ and Oboe

arr. R. Hobby

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

Heidi Erstad

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERMON *"The Heart of Being Church: Part 1"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

*HYMN #458

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

ROCHESTER

St. 1 – Choir St. 2-5, ALL

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

Ornament of Grace

Bernard Wayne Sanders (b. 1957)

Oboe and Organ

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 5)

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

Sung twice by **ALL**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

From *Partita No. 3 in C Minor, TWV 41*

Georg Philipp Telemann

Aria 1

Aria 6

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

Sanctuary Choir

Jennifer Hodges Bryan, *oboe*

John Aaholm, *timpani*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Sunday, September 24, Worship Service

"The Heart of Being Church: Part 2" Pastor Nick Hatch preaching

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16; Psalm 145:1-9

Music: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholar Introductions

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of chords.

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

Oh,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics end with 'Oh,' which is positioned below the bass line.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

The third system features a melodic phrase that spans across the system, with lyrics 'ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is' and 'vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,'.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.' and 'vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.'

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.



Dianne Droster is joining the First Congregational staff as a Pastor for Visitation.

Before her call to ministry, Dianne was a professor for many years at Lawrence University, her alma mater, teaching in the First Year Studies program and in the ESL program for Japanese exchange students.

Beginning in 2017, Dianne served as Caring Ministries Coordinator for First English Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Appleton, providing pastoral care for the homebound, hospitalized, and those in hospice care, in addition to teaching, preaching, and assisting in worship as needed.

In 2020, Dianne served as the Interim Pastor for Our Shepherd UCC in Howards Grove, Wisconsin, leading them into the era of on-line worship and outdoor services, including baptizing a baby under the carport. She returned home to First Congregational UCC Appleton in 2021 to serve as an Interim Pastor during Pastor Steve's sabbatical and then stayed on as Interim Director for Children's and Middle School ministries. This year, she served as Interim Pastor for Peace UCC in Brillion from February through August.

Dianne is an avid reader, enthusiastic walker, and nature lover. She is owned by Pip, a bouncy Bearded Collie dog, and has two beloved step-daughters, Tanya and Kate.



Setting Things Aside

How wonderful it is to be back here at FCUCC after my summer Sabbatical! No matter how much the retreat, education, and time was needed, my family and I still felt the longing to be part of this community. What a blessing it is to have had a summer to invest in my own spiritual growth and health, see my kids off to school this year, and help ease our family transition to Amanda working half time at the Appleton Public Health Department. Lots of changes, lots of joy, too many blessings to count.

One of my practices this summer was to read aloud the Book of Psalms and complete an accompanying bible study in the mornings on my front porch. Not only was I able to absorb new realizations of the diversity of creation in my own front yard (Monarch caterpillars and butterflies, Red-Eyed Vireos, Eastern Tree frogs, and more), but it was a gift to hear and study God's word in a place without a pressing distraction. One of my favorite Psalms is found in these few brief verses:

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. - Psalm 13:5-6

I got stuck on saying these two verses aloud. I got stuck because it just felt right to keep saying them; over and over I repeated these words. I turned back to them even after I had passed Psalm 100. I turned back because after years of ministry, the challenges of the pandemic, the losses we have faced as a community, and personal losses my family has incurred; God has remained steadfast and dealt so bountifully with me and my loved ones. It felt good to say these words out loud. It didn't just feel good though, it felt like a bit of a rebellion! Repeating this Psalm was my way to verbally and outwardly confront the inner remains of the prior year's hardships. It's like that moment in movie where a superhero laughs in the face of what we know is an impossible situation; and then magically the superhero cheats death and everything is OK. The difference is that I felt like I was cheating not death, but

cheating bitterness, resentment, and nostalgia which itself can warp one's appreciation of the present.

In my original sabbatical plan, I recognized a need in myself to set things aside this summer. I planned to have conversations with my coach and loved ones about that which has gone well and that which has not and then choose to clear off my "mental desk." My "mental plate" is like my physical desk at work; I try to keep it rather clean because I am a visual organizer. Trust me that if my work desk was absolutely cluttered, we would all be in trouble! I knew that my mental desk was, well, pretty cluttered and needed to be cleared. This way, as your Pastor, I would come emptier handed, ready to receive the present bounteous reality, ready to welcome the new Pastors God might be calling.

And I think what I found is that it took some effort on my part to clean up my mental clutter of so many years of programmatic, administrative, and pastoral ministry changes and transitions. And just like the desk in my office, I needed to move things aside. And it was the words from Psalm 13:5-6 that carried the weight needed to re-open my spiritual work area. It was God's scripture that had the weight needed to make a new way for a new time. After all, reciting scripture can give birth to the Living Word which in turn re-shapes the world in a faithful and Christ-like way. The Living Word also re-shapes us in ways we cannot fully understand but deeply trust.

How might you invite the Living Word to re-shape and re-organize your life? Where might you need some help in making space to love in the present? Where might you need to set aside so that your heart more fully rejoices, praises flow more freely, and the bounty of blessings heaped upon you might be celebrated more earnestly?

It's good to be back!

Grace and Peace
Pastor Nick

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	Kathy Lannoye
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Nancy Kandler
Geraldine Benz	John Koeller, for recovery
The family of Gary Bowman as they grieve his passing	McClory family as their son Bobby recovers from surgery
Don Brittnacher	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Richard Miller's son-in law, Rick Kramer
Dick Casperson	Stephen Otto's brother, Gerald
Brian Chirchir Kiptoo, Kenya student who is living with cancer	Anne Planner's brother, Bill Planner
Tim & Sheryl De Hart and their family as they grieve the loss of Sheryl's mother, Florence	Gretchen Revie
Beth Detienne's mother	Doug Robertson
Jim Edwards	Larry Schiedermayer
Heidi Mendonca Erstad	Frank and Pat Severin
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
David Galow	Paul Siket
Art Gandler	Mark Spindler
Esther Gehrt's sons, Steve and Ken	Kinsley Tarr
Ken Geiger	Gloria Tate
Paul and Leigh Grube's grandnephew, Leo	Jack Thiel
Margaret Hankwitz	Peter Thiel
Judy Hanson	James Totzke
JoAnn Helms	Jean Van Wagenin
Shirley Hoft	Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter, Mya
Misty Hofman	Joe Wells
Nephew of Phil & Mary Hornseth, Eric Montross	Diane White
Jean Jepson	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.

The Open Door Announcements

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

NOAHH Requests: A mother unifying with her 1-year-old daughter needs: age-appropriate toys, blankets, clothes for a 1-year-old, diapers, wipes, baby gate and a stroller. Other items still needed from previous requests are: counter stool, small kitchen table with 2 chairs, broom and dustpan, coffee table, baby gate, couch to fit 5 people, dressers, kitchen table (any size), gas cards, grocery cards, king and full mattress, and 2 queen mattresses. Please call Barb Mincheff at 920-8332-5515 to arrange for pick up. Thank you, Sue Ahrens, Missions and Services

An Economic Justice Work Group informational session will be held on **September 24, 2023, 10:45 - 11:45AM** in the Upper Lounge or if you wish to participate remotely, via this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86015271550?pwd=emREYjFHUmZjOWVjMjdHdW9LM3ZuUT09> Meeting ID: 860 1527 1550 Passcode: 358321.

Please join us to learn more of our plans to advocate for systemic change.

Creating Hope - Confronting Dementia with Meaningful Action: Thursday, **September 28, 2023**, from 9:00AM - 3:00PM at Jacob's Well Church, 989 122th Street, Chippewa Falls. Learn about the Respite for All Program, www.respiteforall.org, and how a national movement of faith-based, volunteer-driven intergenerational programs are working together to build innovative communities of well-being and connection for those living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This is a free educational event and lunch is provided. Registration required at www.adrcevents.org or call the ADRC at 715-839-4735 by Friday, September 22.

Habitat Faith Build 2023: On Thursday, **September 28** we need volunteers and meal providers for the build location at 530 North Locust Street in Appleton. Please contact Tim to get your name registered or if you have questions: Tim DeHart, Mission and Outreach Habitat representative, tdehart@new.rr.com or 920-731-2620.

Register now for these fall retreats with the links:

- Creation Care Retreats: [Moon Beach Retreat September 29-30](#), and [Daycholah Retreat October 13-14](#).
- First Congregational UCC Women's Retreat will be October 27-29 at Daycholah Center. Register here [Women's Retreat 2023](#), or if you have questions contact Chris Calhoun at (920) 540-1560 or ChristineCalhoun902@gmail.com.

Hawai'i UCC Disaster Relief Fund: The Waiola UCC Church burned in the Maui wildfire. Many church members are affected by evacuation orders and housing shortages. Outreach Ministries wanted to be of assistance to our Hawaiian siblings in distress. A \$1000 donation was sent to the Hawaiian Conference - UCC Disaster Relief Fund to support emergency relief efforts, as well as early recovery and/or long-term recovery work. If you wish to add a personal donation, it can be sent to the Conference Office at 700 Bishop Street, Suite 825, Honolulu, HI 96813. Make checks out to "HCUCC" along with a note specifying Hawai'i Disaster Relief Fund. Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the funds go directly to disaster relief and recovery in Hawai'i.

Walk in Our Shoes: Jointly Sponsored by Memorial Presbyterian Church, First Congregation United Church of Christ, and ESTHER. Saturday, **October 7, 2023:** Refreshments will be served starting at 8:30AM, the event starts promptly at 9:00AM and ends by 12:00PM at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 803 E. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911. The Walk in Our Shoes Latino simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it's like to live as a Latino in our community. For complete details on this event visit <https://esther-foxvalley.org/date/2023/10/07/walk-our-shoes>. Registration deadline is September 14, 2023. To register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448A8A829A6FB6-walk>

NAMI Walk: Saturday, **October 14**, 9:00 – 11:00AM at Fox Cities Stadium. The Faith, Hope and Love team from FCUCC are looking for more members to join us on our walk to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of the Fox Valley. 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. If you can't walk with us, please consider a donation to help support the cause. 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.

Pause on Confirmation Class Offering: In determining current and long-term needs, it has been decided NOT to hold a Confirmation class this year. Many factors played into this decision, including the smaller class sizes coming up in the next couple of years. We have seven (7) incoming freshmen, two (2) incoming eighth graders and a dozen (12) incoming seventh graders who are consistently involved in CYF programming. Waiting to hold Confirmation until the 2024-2025 program year will combine this year's freshmen and eighth graders, allowing both groups to have a richer experience with more participants. Our current projected plan is to continue alternating years that Confirmation is offered. We will continue to assess data as well as listen to what our congregation desires.

ESTHER/WIVVEC Workshop: ESTHER and the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Appleton will host a multi denominational and nonpartisan advocacy workshop presented by the Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign (WIVVEC). Their mission is to build increased understanding and stronger ties among different faith communities and increase involvement in the electoral process. SAVE THE DATE! **October 15, 2023**, from 1:00- 4:30PM, FCUCC Fellowship Hall, Registration Cost will be \$5.00. ESTHER Organizer and contact is Katie Olson. katieo@esther-foxvalley.org and the WIVVEC Organizer and contact is Rhonda Lindner rhonda@thi-milwaukee.org

Celebrate Kenya Sunday: Come and celebrate Kenya Sunday during the worship service on **October 1, 2023**. Our church has had a rich and multi-faceted relationship with the Africa Inland Churches in Kenya. This year we are providing 104 High School scholarships to students in the Kerio Valley in Kenya. Come hear stories about the students we sponsor and about our partnership which began in 1999. We are looking forward to sharing with you how you can make a difference in a child's life. "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world," Nelson Mandela

Dunlap School for Lunchtime Friendship Circles: Enjoy the Wonder of Mentoring Children?...We Need You! In Appleton at Dunlap School for Lunchtime Friendship Circles Mondays from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. If you are (even the tiniest bit) interested in being a small, but important part of a child's community please call or email me. Thank you for considering helping the children at Dunlap School. Judilynn McDermott (920) 205-7146, jgmcd63@gmail.com

World Relief Fox Valley is looking to train new Good Neighbor Teams and General Volunteers. World Relief is our local agency that helps settle refugees in the Fox Valley. WR is preparing to welcome 350 new refugee neighbors in FY24 (which begins October 1.) For more information about getting involved, please contact: Ann Gain, Mission and Outreach World Relief representative, anngain@gmail.com or 920-540-5830 (call or text)



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JOIN US FOR A HALLOWEEN TRUNK ^{OR} TREAT

Free Sloppy Joe Lunch,
Bounce House & More

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 22**

Raindate: Saturday, Oct 28

11:30AM - 1:00PM

How Can I Help Make This a Success?

FAMILY NAME _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

I WILL PROVIDE A TRUNK OR TREAT VEHICLE

1. Non-scary, family-friendly decor & costumes.
2. Please arrive with your decorated vehicle by 11:30AM.
If attending worship, you'll have time to decorate after the service!
3. An adult must remain with the vehicle at all times.
4. Vehicles must remain on site until 1:00PM.
5. If possible, bring goodies to handout to 40 children. We'll have extras.
6. If you know your trunk theme already, tell us what it is: _____

I WILL MAKE A CROCKPOT OF SLOPPY JOES

Please bring it to the church office on Friday, Oct 20 (9AM-3PM), or bring it to church by 10AM that Sunday.

I WILL DROP OFF CANDY OR GOODIES, OCT 1-18.

Need inspiration? Check out the non-food Christian goodies at orientaltrading.com.

To let us know how you can help us make this a success, return this form,
email swilterdink@firstcongoappleton.org, or call 920-851-4518. THANK YOU!

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 18

4:00 – 6:00PM

6:30 – 8:30PM

Outreach Ministry – *Upper Lounge and Zoom*

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, September 19

8:45 – 10:15AM

11:00AM – 12:00PM

1:00 – 2:30PM

1:30 – 2:30PM

6:30 – 7:30PM

6:30 – 8:00PM

7:45 – 8:45PM

Strong Bodies – *S. Fellowship*

Staff Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*

Racial Equity Meeting by *Zoom*

Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*

Safety Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Fireside AA Group – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, September 20

12:15 – 1:00PM

2:00 – 3:00PM

5:00 – 8:00PM

5:30 – 8:00PM

5:45 – 6:25PM

6:30 – 7:30PM

6:30 – 7:30PM

7:00 – 8:30PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation – *Upper Lounge*

Peabody/Heritage Worship – *Peabody Chapel*

ESTHER – *Community Living Room – Common Grounds*

Childcare – *Infant/Toddler Room*

Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*

New Families Orientation – *CYF Theater*

“Blessed Are the Crazy” Book Study, Ch. 2 – *Upper Lounge*

Sanctuary Choir – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 21

8:45 – 10:15AM

11:00 – 12:30PM

12:00 – 1:00PM

12:00 – 1:30PM

6:00 – 7:00PM

6:30 – 8:00PM

7:00 – 8:00PM

Strong Bodies – *S. Fellowship*

Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

AA – Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

Theology Discussion Group – *Chefo's Pancake House*

Communion Server Training – *Sanctuary*

Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group – *Upper Lounge*

Fox Valley AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, September 22

7:00 – 8:30PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge* / N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, September 23

7:00 – 8:00PM

Fox Valley AA – *Common Grounds*

Sunday, September 24

9:25 – 11:35AM

9:30 – 10:30AM

9:30 – 10:30AM

10:45 – 11:45AM

5:00 – 6:00PM

6:00 – 8:30PM

7:00 – 8:00PM

Childcare – *Childcare Room*

Sunday Worship – *Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge*

Children's Ministry – *CYF Wing*

Economic Justice Work Group – *Upper Lounge*

LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

AL ANON – *Chapel* / ALA Teen – *Upper Lounge*

First Things First AA Meeting – *Commons Grounds*

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

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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