

## **Welcome, Visitors!**

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

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

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

## **Children in Worship**

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

## **Sensory Boxes**

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

## **Donating to First Congregational UCC**

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

## **Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!**

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

**WATCH LIVE:** You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at [www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/1stCongo](http://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](http://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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## 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 Sundays are April 22 and May 13.

If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from [www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism). Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

## Members in Service This Week

<b>Friday, March 30</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Fred and Carolyn Ahrens	Gerry Benz
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk	Rose Heinz	
Lay Readers	Fred Pahl	Bill Ritcey
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Tim Hanna	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn	Sue Mauthe
<b>Counters, April 2</b>	Sue Wisneski	

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 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.*

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## PRELUDE

*Music for Brass Quintet; Music for Organ*

Various

*Three Motets  
Cantone No. II*

Brahms/Jolley  
arr. Fux

The Lawrence University Faculty Brass Quintet

(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

## WELCOME AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has risen.

**People: Christ has risen indeed.**

Leader: God is alive...

**People: New birth is given.**

Leader: Hope is alive...

**People: A new age is dawning.**

Leader: Joy is alive...

**People: Redemption is here.**

Leader: Love is alive...

**People: Death cannot harm us.**

Leader: We are alive...

**People: New life is within us.**

Leader: The Church is alive....

**People: God's Spirit is within us.**

**All: God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you.  
God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we  
are here to celebrate you.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #205**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN  
arr. Robert Lehman

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you and so we believe that joy comes from grief, faith comes from doubt, and life comes from death. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #36**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the may go to the Family Worship Area or return to the pews to worship with their families.)

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 20:1-18 (NT p. 140)

**MEDITATION**

*"Trying to Hold Back Jesus"*

Rev. Steve Savides

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #216**

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

**Stanzas 1 & 3**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**A MUSICAL OFFERING**

*I Jubilate Deo from JUBILATE DEO*

Dan Forrest

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:*

*Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;*

*We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;*

*Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.* Psalm 100

**\*EASTER DOXOLOGY**

Sung to the tune of *All Creatures of our God and King*

**All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

**SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

ARIA

*"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

*Annie Mercado/Nicolette Puskar, soprano*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are lifted by the resurrection that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love. And let us share that love so that we may become a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #214**

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS  
arr. Robert Lehman

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Take the good news of Easter into your everyday world.

**People: We have seen Jesus! In Christ, life triumphs over death.**

Leader: May this special day make all your days special from now on.

**People: All our days are God's gift to us; we will rejoice and be glad in them.**

Leader: The first disciples saw and believed; let us, like them, carry the message to others.

**People: By God's grace I will follow Christ into the world and offer God's love to others.**

Leader: Amen.

**People: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The congregation will please remain standing and join the choir in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus. **The music is found in the back of the hymnal.**

"Hallelujah" Chorus from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel  
arr. Drummond Wolff

The Congregation, Sanctuary Choir, brass, organ and timpani

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

arr. Robert Hobby

\*The Congregation Standing

**TODAY'S MUSICIANS**

Shelly Nulton, *guest organist*

The Sanctuary Choir and our First Congregational LU Music Scholars

Lawrence University Faculty Brass Quintet: John Daniel and Jeff Stannard, *trumpet*;

James DeCorsey, *horn*; Nicholas Keelan, *trombone*; Marty Erickson, *tuba*.

Victoria Daniel, John Aaholm, *percussion*

Annie Mercado/Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

*This morning's anthem is part of a new extended choral work with orchestra, JUBILATE DEO, to be performed in its entirety in 8:45 and 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, April 15.*

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

April 8, 2018	Holy Humor Sunday	8:45 and 10:30 AM
"Appearance to Thomas"		Rev. Steve Savides
Scripture reading: John 20:19-31		
Music: 8:45 AM: Dixieland Combo; LU Music Scholars		
10:30 AM: Dixieland Combo; Sanctuary Choir		

### Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, April 6</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Pat Hauser	
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Rob, Will, and Henry Clothier	Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters	Chris Hammerstad	Chris Hammerstad
Welcome Desk	Sharon Clothier	
Lay Readers	Michael Weaver	Nancy Bodway
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm	Rick Behm
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<b>Counters, April 9</b>		



# STOCK SALES

SUNDAYS • APRIL 15, 22, 29

IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Please support our high school mission trip to Pine Ridge, SD by purchasing "stock" in our youth. All proceeds will go towards sending our teens on this important mission!

## 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  
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-Grade  
Dena Collier  
David DeWitt, Jennifer DeWitt's father-in-law  
Jim Edwards  
Becca Fritsche  
Margitta Furnner  
Esther Gehrt  
Ken Geiger  
Ivo Geurts  
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen  
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother  
Mary Guenther  
Maggie Hendrick  
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur  
Sandy Hubert  
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen  
Nancy Jones, mother of Linda Jones Pierron  
Our Kenyan partners and students  
All those affected by plant closures  
Eunice Klemp  
The family of Jevon Lemke  
Betty Masaros  
Our country's military around the world

Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in-law  
The family of Peter Moe mourning his death  
Ellie Olson  
T. J. Ott, brother of Tom Ott  
Families and children of Palestine  
Paula Chandler's son-in-law, Tim Radtke  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Cheryl Reissmann  
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt  
Jim Schwantes  
Kathy Smudde, sister of Lyle Van De Hey and Janice Schmitz  
Amanda Spindler  
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by violence  
Tom Tatlock  
Beverly Trombla  
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  
Mike Weaver  
The family of Twila Wentzel mourning her death  
Jennifer Wild  
Elden Willing  
The Wittwer Family



# THE OPEN DOOR

April 1, 2018

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## Pastor's Message

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### Living and Dying with Christ

Hans Kung, a great German theologian of the last generation, reported on a conversation he had with Rudolf Bultmann, a great German theologian of the previous generation. Kung asked the famously skeptical Bultmann whether he felt that Christ lives because we believe in him. In other words, is Christ alive only because we remember him? That would mean that Easter is really the story of the church keeping Christ alive by its memory of him and its preaching of him as Lord and Savior.

*"No," said Bultmann, "Christ does not live because we believe in him; we believe in him because he lives."*

On Easter, we do not keep Christ alive. Christ keeps us alive. He opens up the tombs of our own making and banishes the forces of death in all the forms we embrace them; jealousy and fear – gone! Greed and envy – get out! Cowardice and narcissism – get out right now!

In the 1930's there was a Christian missionary in Burma who had spent many, many years among the people there telling them of the love of Jesus Christ and good news of the Christian Gospel. The missionary developed a very serious disease and it was known that he would die within the next year or so. His friends urged him to return home, to fly back to Great Britain so that he could say farewell to his friends and family. The missionary refused. He decided to remain in Burma, among the Burmese Christians in the final months of his life. His friends asked him why. He explained, *"Unless I die there, they will not believe that I love them."*

For love of you, Jesus died here, among us. By the power of the resurrection, the tomb prepared for Jesus has been emptied, the very power of death broken, and new life brought to the light of God's new day. Let us walk together into the shining light and new life of Easter!

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## The Hunt is ON!!

Today, April 1, 9:45-10:30 AM  
CYF Classrooms

All First Congo children ages 2 through grade 6 are invited to join today's Easter Egg Hunt. We've hidden close to 2,000 eggs in various CYF classrooms. They are filled with new, individually wrapped candies. Meet on the bridge and wait for instructions, then begin your hunt! Thank you to the volunteers from First Congo who filled and dropped off eggs for our children to enjoy. Happy Easter!!

## Stock Sale

Please support our high school mission trip to Pine Ridge, SD by purchasing "stock" in our youth. All proceeds will go towards sending our teens on this important mission. We will be having our stock sale April 15, 22, and 29 after worship services. Thanks!

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## Worship and Music

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

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## Remembering Reverend King: A Community Worship Encounter

A community worship service is being offered to help mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of Reverend Dr.

Martin Luther King. A group of Christian leaders, drawn from across the spectrum of denominations, ethnicity, and religious tradition, are planning the event entitled: "Remembering Reverend King: A Community Worship Encounter." This event will take place on Sunday, April 8 at 3:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom at the Paper Valley Hotel. This will mark 50 years since King's death and will bring grief and sobering recognition of how far we have yet to go in pursuit of Reverend Dr. King's dream. Speakers will talk about King's gospel message in five themes: Unity, Freedom, Love, Justice and Peace.

## Upcoming LU Music Scholar Recitals in Harper Hall

Come support your LU Music Scholars! Clover Austin-Muehleck and Alex Quackenbush, March 31, 8:00 PM; Luke Honeck and Erik Nordstrom, April 5, 8:00 PM; Nicolette Puskar and Emily Richter in a Chamber Music Recital, April 8, 8:00 PM; Annie Mercado, May 26, 6:30 PM.

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## Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## Opportunity for Member Input

We are pleased to see so many of our members have already filled out the Building Study Task Force survey. If you have not taken the opportunity to complete the survey, below is the link to take it online. You can also stop by the



church office and fill out a paper copy of the survey as well. We will continue to accept responses through April 8. We greatly appreciate all input from anyone who uses our facilities. Thank you!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6738W9>

## **Fun, Fellowship, and Food**

Are you looking for ways to connect with other First Congo members? We are too! What better way to get to know each other than at the dinner table. We're organizing a "dining fellowship," where members would meet in each other's homes three to four times a year, in groups of seven or eight (adults only this time). Everyone would contribute some portion of a pre-planned menu; cost would be shared equally among participants. Sign up in the narthex if you want to know more or contact Dan and Cheryl Nisler at 540-6046 or Doug and Pat Nelson at 731-4693 or the church office at 733-7393. An organizational meeting will be held the evening of Friday, April 6 at 7:00 PM at the home of Doug and Pat Nelson (125 E. McArthur St., 54911). Bring an appetizer and a beverage, and we'll see you there!

## **1 More Delegate Needed!**

We are still looking for 1 delegate for the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting, held at the Green Lake Conference Center from Friday, June 8 through Sunday morning, June 10. We will cover all costs for delegates; others are certainly welcome to attend as visitors at their own cost.

The theme of the meeting is "Why Are We Afraid? The Winds and Waves of Race and Privilege," featuring keynote speaker Rev. Traci Blackmon (Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for the UCC and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO). Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn will offer Bible study, and music will be provided by Bryan Sirchio and also Bryan Johnson from Trinity UCC in Chicago. A "pre-meeting" workshop titled "White Identity and Christian Faith: Reflection and Practice" will be offered on Thursday, June 7 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM by Dr. Ben Sanders III, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at Eden Theological Seminary, in St. Louis, MO.

These are wonderful opportunities to "get to know" what it means to be a part of the United Church of Christ. Please contact Pastor Kathryn ASAP to be a delegate. More information can be found at [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org).

## **National Healthcare Decision Day**

National Healthcare Decision Day (NHDD) is April 15. Do you have your Power of Attorney for Health Care forms (POA-HC) completed?

Did you know that if you are eighteen years old or older, unless you have a valid health care power of attorney document, a judge may have to make your health care decisions instead of your family if you become unable to make those decisions yourself?

Advanced care planning is a way to help our loved ones make medical decisions on our behalf when we are not able to make our own choices.

Ben Adams and Jean Coenraad will be available in the chapel on April 8 after both services with information and documents about POA-HC.

Ben and Ellie Olson will be in the library on April 15 after both services again with information and documents and to answer questions. We can also help you to fill out and witness these documents. Stop and see us to get this important information!

Additional information can be found at these websites: [www.fvacpp.org](http://www.fvacpp.org) and [www.nhdd.org](http://www.nhdd.org)

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## Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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### One Great Hour of Sharing

April 15, 2018

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) enable the United Church of Christ to be God's hands and feet in the world, to help when disaster strikes, to make clean water more accessible and to offer training so that families can be self-sustaining. Gifts to OGHS bring hope in places of despair and heartache. More than 60 percent of the offering supports international development initiatives, including annual support for our



missionaries working in healthcare, education and agricultural development. OGHS offerings also assist with refugee and immigration advocacy.

When disaster strikes, it is most helpful to donate to an existing, reputable organization that stands ready to assist in an emergency. We celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on April 15. Please consider giving generously this year. Coin banks and sharing calendars are available in the narthex. Please bring your filled coin bank on April 15. OGHS envelopes are also available in the pews.

### Folks Like Us

April 15 • 2:00-5:00 PM



Join the 4<sup>th</sup> annual benefit concert for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter at the OuterEdge of downtown Appleton on April 15, from 2:00-5:00 PM. There will be performances by Cypress Dreams, Auralai, Kurt Gunn, Nicholas Raymond, and Walt Hamburger. VIP tickets are \$25, general admission is \$12, and age 12 and under is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. For more information, contact Scott Peeples at 422-2365 or email him at [peeplesscottj@gmail.com](mailto:peeplesscottj@gmail.com).

### Single Mittens are Sad Mittens

It's that time of year where you might have mittens without mates or a single, lonely glove. Don't throw them out! Bring them to First Congregational (basket in narthex) and they will have a happy new life when they get upcycled in a craft project with nursing home residents.

Especially looking for kid's sizes. Clean and in good condition only, please. Thanks!

## **Kenya Student Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon**



Please join us on April 22 for our Annual Kenya Student Sponsor

Appreciation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM. This year, we will be joined by two of our Kenyan partners (Mildred Chepkonga & Jeremiah Kibor). After lunch, they will share news from Kenya and give updates on our students.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who are interested in attending or you can message Matt Wiskerchen. We hope to see you there!

The Kenya Partnership Team

## **Why I Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity**

Twenty-five years ago, Greater Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity was formed to provide safe, decent and affordable homes for qualified families. With Rev. Maynard Beemer's passion and encouragement, First Congregational and Habitat became mission partners. The first Habitat home where I volunteered was in Menasha during 1996. The house was built "blitz build" fashion. The building was erected in a matter of days. Basically, it was a structure with doors and windows installed. The house was quickly enclosed

so interior work could be completed. Plumbing, heating, and electrical were added. The sheet rock would be nailed up, seams taped, and joint compound applied and sanded. It took a long time to build a home back then. This was due to the fact that work was done on Saturdays, and occasionally on Sunday, if there were enough volunteers. Weekends were the only time volunteers had the opportunity to work on the home. We did not have the two hundred senior crew volunteers or the countless other churches and corporations to draw from as we do today. The volunteer program has certainly evolved and expanded over the years!

Now, we have propane-powered nailers, cordless hand tools, and well-planned procedures which allow us to work quickly and efficiently. Our volunteer base is extensive and includes numerous partnerships. Our procedures and techniques of building a home have changed dramatically, but our goal has not. We still provide safe, decent, and affordable housing.

I found that by volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, I can make a positive impact not only in my neighboring communities, but also improve the lives of each family. I am helping parents provide a secure home for their children. I feel strongly that the children are impacted the greatest through our efforts. Their lives will be much better since they can grow up in a safe, warm home. I have also come to realize how fortunate I am to live in my own home when I see the gratitude

expressed by our new homeowners. They have spent countless hours with the building volunteers and Habitat staff to make their dream a reality. -Tim De Hart

## **Converging Crisis in Wisconsin Adult and Juvenile Prison**

Thursday, April 19 • 5:30-7:00 PM  
1825 N. Bluemound Dr., Appleton  
Entrance 16, HS Room 114A

Inmate 501 is only a few months away from being shipped out of Wisconsin. Wisconsin faces three options:



1. Pay to ship inmates out of state
2. Pay to build a new prison
3. Reform our criminal justice system

Rep. Evan Goyke's presentation makes the case for prison reform! We CAN and SHOULD reform our criminal justice and correctional systems. At the same time, we CAN reduce incarceration and reduce crime! Rep. Goyke's proposed solutions will be presented and discussed.

Formerly incarcerated individuals will join Rep. Evan Goyke, 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, to discuss the issues and needs of the corrections systems.

## **The Paradox of Resiliency**

April 14 • 3:00-5:00 PM  
Appleton Sanctuary Outreach Ministry  
1331 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton



Roderick "Rudy" Bankston is a committed educator, activist, and published author.

His powerful story about his experience as a survivor of the school-to-prison pipeline offers key insights into the paradox of resiliency fueled by systemic injustice. Wrongly convicted and handed a life sentence in his youth, Rudy entered the prison system deeply wounded and in the clutches of a severe identity crisis. After two long decades (1995-2015) of turning his prison cell into a classroom, Rudy reclaimed his freedom with an indomitable sense of self and determination over his future. Currently, Rudy is an adjunct professor at Edgewood College and works full-time as a Restorative Justice Coach with the Madison Metropolitan School District.

This presentation will offer powerful insight regarding factors that contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline and the importance of Restorative Justice/Practice in education. The event is free and open to the public. We want to reach all community members committed to promoting justice and equity to honor the promise held within each young person.

\*Check out Rudy's website @  
[iamweclassics.com](http://iamweclassics.com)

## **Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End**

In recognition of National Healthcare Decisions Week, a free screening and discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE film Being Mortal will be held in Green Bay. Based on the best-selling book by Atul Gawande, MD, this documentary explores the hopes of patients and families facing

terminal illness and their relationships with the physicians who treat them. We will view this movie Tuesday, April 17 from 6:00-8:00 PM or Wednesday, April 18 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Aurora Sports Medicine Building, 1160 Kepler Drive, Green Bay. Following a screening of the film, there will be a discussion on the importance of making your wishes known with a panel of physicians, nurses, and professionals in spiritual and palliative care. Light refreshments will be provided. Visit <https://www.aurorabayc.com/about-us/events-and-classes> and use the keyword "Mortal" to RSVP.

## Join the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King

*"Remember Reverend King: A Community Worship Encounter"*

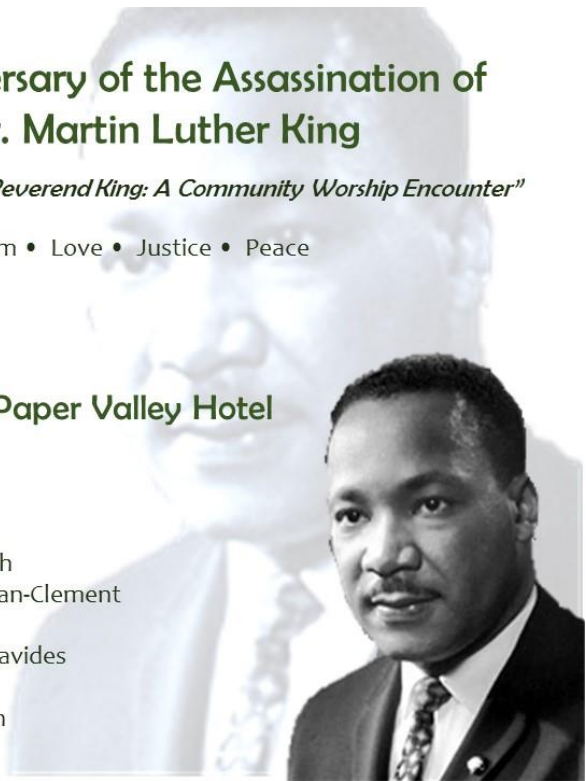
Unity • Freedom • Love • Justice • Peace

**When: April 8 • 3:00 PM**

**Where: Grand Ballroom, Paper Valley Hotel**

**Speakers:**

Pastor Alvin Dupree  
Trinity Vang  
Pastor Shawn Whitworth  
Reverend Linda J. Morgan-Clement  
Father Joe Mattern  
Reverend Dr. Stephen Savides  
Pastor Dennis Episcopo  
Reverend Mike Goodwin  
Pastor Bee Vang



## Calendar for April 1–April 7

### Sunday, April 1

7:00AM – 8:00 AM	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> - <i>Chapel</i>
7:00 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Homeless Connections</b> - <i>Homeless Connections</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Worship</b> - <i>Sanctuary</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>NO CHURCH SCHOOL</b>
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> - <i>CYF Rooms/Theater</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> - <i>Sanctuary</i>
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Gosse Easter Lunch</b> - <i>River Room, Kitchen</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>LU Scholar Choir Rehearsal</b> - <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>First Things First AA Meeting</b> - <i>North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds</i>

### Monday, April 2

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Counting Team</b> - <i>Library</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>ESTHER – Communications Committee</b> - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Appleton Boychoir Rehearsals</b> - <i>Choir Room, Fellowship Hall, River Room</i>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Facilities Ministry Area</b> - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>ESTHER Prison Reform Task Force</b> - <i>St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 South Green Bay Rd, Neenah</i>
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	<b>Boy Scout Troop 8</b> - <i>Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Fox Valley Flute Choir Rehearsal</b> - <i>Computer Lab</i>

### Tuesday, April 3

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	<b>Strong Bones</b> - <i>River Room</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Strong Bones – Independent Practice</b> - <i>South Fellowship</i>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Chrysalis</b> - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>Worship and Music Ministry Team</b> - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM	<b>Fireside AA Group</b> - <i>Common Grounds</i>

### Wednesday, April 4

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Communications Meeting</b> - <i>Library</i>
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12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*  
 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Children's Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room*  
 5:45 PM – 6:25 PM **Youth Handbells Rehearsal** - *Amistad Room*  
 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Pizza Supper** – *Kitchen, River Room, Fellowship Hall*  
 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*  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Church Mice Youth Group** - *East Conference Room*

**Thursday, April 5**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*  
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones – Independent Practice** - *South Fellowship Hall*  
 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Stewardship Meeting** – *Library*  
 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **AA - Search for Serenity Group** - *Common Grounds*  
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Theology Discussion Group** – *Atlas Coffee Mill and Café on Water Street*  
 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Clergy Development Group** – *Upper Lounge*  
 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, April 6**

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 **AI-Anon** - *Upper Lounge*

**Saturday, April 7**

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

***In celebration of:***

Grandson, Robert McClory Jr. born on 2/28/18 at almost 37 weeks and that mom and baby are healthy and doing well

given by Phil and Brenda Gabrielson

Our parents are at peace with God

given by Ann and Mary Lou Lambies

Return of Ross Pflum from Afghanistan deployment  
given by Melissa Pflum and Curt Detjen

Cheryl and Ron Reissmann's 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

John Albrecht and Jon Riehle, and the beautiful music they create  
given by Sharon Radke

A successful stewardship campaign  
given by Barb and Fred Pahl

*In honor of:*

Shirley Hoft  
given by the Hoft-March Family

Sally Donahue Prah and Allison Prah  
given by Nancy Donahue

Our sons, daughters and grandchildren  
given by Jim and Rachel Edwards

*In memory of:*

Carlton Lee Beyer (Joan's dad)  
given by Steve and Joan Hawkins

Willard and Gene Brown  
given by John and Nancy Brown-Koeller

Their parents Dolores and Jack Frederick and Judy and Norman Clay  
given by Carolyn and Dave Frederick

Jim Collins  
given by Ann Collins and Denver

Phil Crawford  
given by Karen L. Crawford

Alicia Dorn, a young mother lost to breast cancer  
given by her best friend, Anne

Douglas and Shirley George  
given by Eric, Sandy, Jeff, and Chuck

Jack and Margaret March and Bill Hoft  
given by the Hoft-March Family

My husband, Elton and my parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Froehlich  
given by Sylvia Huth

Bowman Family and Gosse Family  
given by Karen and Dick Gosse

Leslie W. Gunter  
given by Ellen Gunter

Joyce Hanstedt  
given by the Len Hanstedt Family

My father, Robert E. Henke  
given by Kris Henke

My uncle Frederick Henke, killed on active duty in WWII, March 20, 1945, age 18  
given by Kris Henke

In loving memory of Rev. Harvey Kandler  
given by his family

Clarence and Myrtle Koeller  
given by John and Nancy Brown-Koeller

Quentin and Ermagard Kuenzli  
given by Ann and Mary Lou Lambies

Paul Kustermann  
given by Lori and Jeff Murphy and sons

Larry Loomis  
given by Mike and Linda Loomis

Nathan Melhorn, Caroline's brother  
given by Caroline Brandenberger

Kevin Payette  
given by his daughters, Alexis and Natalie

Jake Siebers  
given by Isaac and Monica Uitenbroek and family

My husband John, brother Walter, and sisters Maryann and Trudy  
given by Patricia Streur

John Wilson  
given by his wife Dera

Bill and Lolly Miller and Mike and Marie Wisneski  
given by Gary and Sue Wisneski