

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 Class will be held in the fall.

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

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

Children in Worship

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

Sensory Boxes

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

Donating to First Congregational UCC

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

Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!

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

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1stCongo.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org/read-it-here to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

April 15 Highlights at First Congregational

Today:	Masterworks in Worship: <i>Jubilate Deo</i>	
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Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

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, May 13, June 17, July 22, and August 19. If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, April 13	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, April 15	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Dave Frederick	Patricia Streur
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick	Gerry Benz
Lay Readers	No Lay Readers Needed	No Lay Readers Needed
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Jim Aaholm
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen
Counters, April 16		

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

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

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 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.*

(For the 8:45 AM worship service, the children will go directly to Sunday School.)

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

Johann Pachelbel

(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: Oh sing to God a new song.

People: For God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Because of God's steadfast love,

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: For now is Christ risen from the dead!

People: Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.

Leader: For God will rule the earth with righteousness. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #26

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*INVOCATION (please join hands or link arms)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Aria

Paul Manz

*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

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA MAJOR WORK

****Notes on Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo* can be found in the pastor's message on p. 11**

Jubilate Deo

Dan Forrest

1. *Jubilate Deo...*

(Choir)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;
servite Domino in laetitia.
Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.
Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus; ipse
fecit nos, et non ipsi nos:
populus ejus, et oves pascuae ejus.
Introite portas ejus in confessione;

*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;*

atria ejus in hymnis: confitemini illi. Laudate
nomen ejus,
quoniam suavis est Dominus:
in aeternum misericordia ejus,
et usque in generationem
et generationem veritas ejus.

*be thankful unto him,
and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation
to generation.
(Psalm 100, Latin Vulgate)*

2. Ve adthdor vador (*From age to age*)
(Soloists and choir)

Clover Austin-Muehleck, *alto*; Emily Richter, *soprano*

בְּרַכּוּ שְׁמוֹ
כִּי טוֹב יְהוָה לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ
וְעַד דָּר וָדָר אֱמוּנָתוֹ

بَارِكُوا اسْمَهُ. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَالِحٌ،
إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ، وَإِلَى دَوْرٍ فَدَوْرٍ أَمَانَتُهُ.

*Bless his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is
everlasting, and his truth endures from age to age.
(From Psalm 100:4-5, Hebrew and Arabic)*

3. Ta cao chang de yang (*The sheep of his pasture*)
(Solo and choir)

8:45 AM: Nicolette Puskar, *soprano* 10:30 AM: Emily Richter, *soprano*

我们是他造的，
也是属他的；
我们是他的民，
也是他草场的羊。
耶和华是我的牧者，
我必不至缺乏。

*It is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
(From Psalms 100:3 and 23:1, Mandarin Chinese)*

4. Ngokujabula! (*With great rejoicing!*)
(Choir)

Erik Nordstrom, *baritone*

Hlokoma kuJehova ngezwi lokuhlalalisa,
mhlaba wonke. Mkhonzeni uJehova
ngokujabula, nisondele ebusweni bakhe
ngokuhuba kwentokozo. Yazini
ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu!

*Shout with triumph to the Lord, all the earth! Serve
the Lord with joy, come before his presence with
singing.
Know that the Lord is God! (From Psalm 100:1-3, Zulu)*

5. **Benedicid su nombre** (*Bless his name*)

(*Solo and choir*)

Annie Mercado, *soprano*

Entrad por sus puertas con acción de gracias, *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with*
a sus atrios con alabanza. Dadle gracias, *praise. Be thankful, and bless his name. (Psalm 100:4,*
benedicid su nombre. *Spanish)*

6. **Song of the Earth**

(*Choir*)

Alleluia. *Praise Jehovah. (Nearly universal transliteration)*

7. **...Omnis Terra!**

(*Choir*)

Omnis terra, jubilate, omnis terra, laudate, *Sing for joy, dance in gladness,*
Omnis terra, jubilate Deo! *shout for joy, all the earth!*
(*Adapted from Psalm 100, Latin Vulgate*) (*Adapted from various English translations*)

***RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING AND BEDICTION**

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

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

Leader: May the day of Resurrection 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.

POSTLUDE

A Rejoicing

Alfred Fedak

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Kathy Orth, *guest organist*

Sanctuary Choir 2017-18:

Soprano

Kristy Albrecht
Cheryl Benzschawel
Joni Conrad
Abby Edwards
Kris Glenn
Heather Hallett
Elizabeth Keggi
Gale Korth
Annie Mercado*
Nicolette Puskar*
Kate Radtke
Emily Richter*
Dee Savides
Paris Wicker

Alto

Marilyn Askari
Clover Austin-Muehleck*
Jane Bent
Cindy Cook
Carmen Danz
Cheryl Foster
Brenda Gabrielson
Annette Grunseth
Pat Hansen
Tami Johnson
Mary Kalumba
Jennifer Kosloski
Karen Leigh-Post
Betty Masaros
Bea McManus*
Elizabeth Melchert
Julie Meyer
Shelley Nulton
Jan Scheibe
Helen Thiel
Beth Vercouteren
Phyllis Zeiss

Tenor

David Cook
Paul Eggen
Luke Honeck*
John Kellogg
James Schilawski
Chuck Spanbauer
Roger Spindler
Logan Willis*
Bernie Wydeven

Bass

Daryl Brown
Dave Frederick
Phil Gabrielson
Steve Hirby
Joel Jicha
Max Muter*
Erik Nordstrom*
Alex Quackenbush*
Jim Sheetz
Skip Wilson

*LU Music Scholars

Orchestra:

Janet Sutter, Justyna Lutow-Resch, Audrey Nowak, *violin 1*
Jennifer Coopman, Lori Murphy, Kathryn Marino Richard, *violin 2*
Matthew Michelic, Laura Burke, *viola*
Nancy Kaphaem, Timothy Hammond, *cello*
Mark Urness, *bass*
Jane Bent, *flute, alto flute, piccolo*
Howard Niblock, *oboe*

Theresa Martin, *clarinet*
 James Decorsey, *horn*
 Nancy Drabot, *harp*
 Nathan Wysock, *guitar*
 Victoria Daniel, *lead percussion*
 John Aaholm, Marisol Kuborn, Chris Danz, *percussion*
 Shelley Nulton, *keyboard (celeste setting)*
 Kathy Orth, *organ*
 John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

April 22, 2018	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:45 and 10:30 AM
“Paul and Silas”		Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Scripture readings: Acts 16:16-34		
Music: 8:45 AM: Lu Music Scholars		
10:30 AM: Sanctuary Choir		

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, April 20	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Phyllis Wallis, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, April 22	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Kathi Seifert	Mike and Linda Loomis
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		Alan, Katie, and McKenna Jahnke
Lay Readers	Sue Detienne	Susan McFadden
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Sue Mauthe
Counters, April 23	Sue Wisneski	

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified. In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.

All who are affected by violence
David Adams and family
Debbie Adams' brother Jim
Jill Anthony's neighbors, John and Katie
Jill Anthony's sister and brother-in-law
Katie Behl
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-Grade
John Cawthon
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
Cindi MacSwain and family as they grieve the death of Cindi's mother

Betty Masaros
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in-law
Ellie Olson
T. J. Ott, brother of Tom Ott
Families and children of Palestine
Connie Radtke
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
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia Wardle
Mike Weaver
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

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Pastor's Message

Notes on *Jubilate Deo*

We are so grateful to the choir and orchestra for presenting Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo* this morning. To better appreciate this wonderful piece, it might be helpful to be guided by Dan Forrest's own notes:

Jubilate Deo brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands," by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. Each movement combines some characteristics of its language-group's musical culture with the composer's own musical language.

- *The opening movement sets the ancient liturgical Latin translation of the Psalm in a rather American musical idiom, reflecting various influences from the composer's native country and introducing key musical motives for the work.*
- *The second movement sets the "from age to age" portion of the text in Hebrew and Arabic, evoking ancient cultures from the Middle East. The music intentionally intertwines the two languages in a symbolic gesture of unity between these cultures.*
- *Movement three uses Mandarin Chinese in a tranquil setting of the shepherd-sheep metaphor from the traditional text and quotes "the Lord is my shepherd" from Psalm 23, while the orchestra evokes the sounds of traditional Asian instruments.*
- *The fourth movement shifts to Africa, setting celebratory portions of the text in Zulu and drawing from African vocal and drumming traditions.*
- *Movement five represents Latin America, setting Spanish text to a folk-song style melody and blending traditional folk instrumental sounds with polyphonic textures from the classical choral tradition.*
- *The sixth movement, "Song of the Earth," portrays the Earth itself singing – first wordlessly, but eventually finding its own voice – and leads seamlessly into the final movement.*
- *The finale unites many of the key themes and cultures from previous movements with other material, both old and new, as all the earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!"*

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Opportunity for Member Input – Extended!



Thanks to everyone who has taken our survey. If you haven't had a chance to take our survey, we have decided to extend it until April 30. Below is the link to take the survey online or you can stop by the church office and fill out a paper copy. We greatly appreciate all input from anyone who uses our facilities. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6738W9>

Social Singles Chatters

April 18 • 11:30 AM

Social Singles will be gathering for good food and conversation on April 18 at 11:30 AM. Please meet at Tempest Coffee Shop located at 181 S. Riverheath Way, Appleton. Hope to see you there. Maybe it will even be a bit springy.

A Circle of Trust Retreat at First Congregational

A Geography of Grace: Exploring the
Soul's Landscape

Friday, May 4 • 5:30-9:00 PM

Saturday, May 5 • 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

\$65 suggested donation

Just as we often lose contact with the natural world because of our busy lives,

we also live distanced from the inner nature of our souls. Using poems, art, images from the natural world, and metaphors from the geography of land and sky, A Geography of Grace will guide us in exploring our soul's landscape.

This Friday evening and all-day Saturday Circle of Trust retreat takes place at First Congo, and you'll spend Friday night in your own bed. Facilitators include: Albert Bell, a retreat facilitator with the Center for Courage & Renewal and member of First Congo; Anne Powling, writing coach and trained Geography of Grace facilitator; and Pastor Kathryn. Dinner on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday will be provided.

You can register on the signup sheet in the Narthex. There's a limit of 20, so please sign up soon.

No one will be excluded for financial reasons – if you need to pay a lower amount to attend comfortably, please let us know.

Seeking: Friends in Christ

First Congo's Friends in Christ will meet Sunday, May 6, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM in the Upper Lounge. Refreshments will be available. This will be a chance for current "Friends" to check in, and for those interested in the ministry of Christian friendship to find out more about us! Join us to find out more about how we walk alongside those who benefit from regular support and encouragement. Contact Pastor Kathryn or Jean Coenraad

for additional information or sign up in the narthex to let us know you'll attend.

Hope United Church Annual Spaghetti Luncheon and Raffle

8950 Alpine Road Fremont, WI 54940

April 29 • 11:00 AM-1:30 PM

Hope United Church of Christ, 8950 Alpine Rd, (3 miles south of Fremont on Hwy H), will be holding their annual Spaghetti Luncheon and Raffle on Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. Menu includes: homemade spaghetti with meat sauce, a variety of homemade salads, fresh-hot breadsticks, and assortment of desserts, coffee and milk. Cost is \$8/adult, \$3/children 3-6 years, under 3 years is FREE. Bring a friend, a neighbor, but come enjoy the fellowship along with some delicious spaghetti. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there! Ciao!

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

National Healthcare Decision Day

Today is National Healthcare Decision Day (NHDD). 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 and Ellie Olson will be in the library this morning after both services with documents and to answer any questions you may have. 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 (our local advance care planning partnership) and www.nhdd.org.

A free download of the planning guide, "A Gift To Your Family," is available NOW through April 21:

<https://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/InsideTrack/Pages/Article.aspx?Volume=10&Issue=6&ArticleID=26257>

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, 18th Assembly District, to discuss the issues and needs of the corrections systems.

One Great Hour of Sharing



**OFFERING TO BE DEDICATED
APRIL 22, 2018**

****Joyful Noise Offering on
April 22 will support OGHS****

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 22. Please consider giving generously this year. Coin banks and sharing calendars are available in the narthex. Please bring your filled coin bank (or loose change for *Joyful Noise*) **on Sunday, April 22**. OGHS envelopes are also available in the pews.

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.aurorabaycare.com/about-us/events-and-classes> and use the keyword “Mortal” to RSVP.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

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!

Healing Service Lead by Children and Youth

Sunday, April 29

We invite all of our children and youth to participate in leading our annual Healing Service. This is a service of prayers and reflection about the healing work of the Holy Spirit. This year our theme is, “We are God’s Offspring.” There is a place for everyone in this powerful, enriching, and intergenerational experience. For youth and children, we have a variety of ways they can help including ushering, reading, and more. To sign up, please contact the CYF staff you are involved with, Colleen, Joel, or Nick, via email. Students will need to be present on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:00-7:45 PM for dinner and a rehearsal.

Spring at First Congo

After the Easter Egg Hunt last week, First Congo children will return to their lessons this Sunday and continue with Rotation 5 through April 22. On that day, they will

also be singing two special songs during the Children’s Sermon. They have been learning and practicing the songs under the direction of Ken and Aimee Eubank. Watch for them on April 22! Some additional dates to be aware of are as follows:

- Today, April 15 we will have Church School. However, please take your children directly to the CYF Theater because **there will be no children’s sermon** due to Music Sunday. If your older children wish to stay and hear the beautiful music being performed that day, please feel free to have them do so. We would not want them to miss out on the opportunity to hear the special music being planned for this service.
- April 22 is the final day of church school lessons.
- April 29 will be our Children and Youth Sunday Worship Services.
- May 6 will be a church school group activity.
- May 13 will be an end of year church school celebration.
- May 20 we will honor church school teachers during the church service.

Calendar for April 15–April 21

Sunday, April 15

- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM **Church School** - *Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen, Computer Lab, East Conference Room, 4yr Old Room*
- 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Youth Mission Trip Stock Sales** - *Narthex*
- 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM **Healthcare Decision Making** - *Library*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **High School Sunday Groups** - *Common Grounds*
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM **Healthcare Decision Making** - *Chapel*
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

Monday, April 16

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
- 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **ESTHER – Communications Regular Meeting**- *Upper Lounge*
- 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Boy Scout Troop 8** - *Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Fox Valley Flute Choir Rehearsal** - *Computer Lab*

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones – Spring Sessions** - *South Fellowship*
- 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Finance Committee Meeting** - *East Conference Room*
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **Chrysalis – “Listen Up!” Bible Study Series on Luke** - *Upper Lounge*
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Yoga @ the Congo** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **ESTHER Transportation Funding Task Force** - *First United Methodist Church, Appleton*
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Wine and Word: “Hillbilly Elegy”** - *Home of Phyllis Zeiss, 819 E. Pondview Ct., Appleton*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Horizon Ministry Team** - *Library*
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, April 18

- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Social Singles Chatters** – *Tempest Coffee Collective, 181 South Riverheath Way #1100, Appleton*
- 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*
- 6:30 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 19

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** – *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones – Spring Sessions** – *South Fellowship Hall*
- 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM **King’s Daughters Rummage Sale Set-Up** – *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 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, Appleton*
- 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM **TnT-SOAR Fox Cities** – *South Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** – *Common Grounds*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group** – *Upper Lounge*

Friday, April 20

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Bulletin Assembly** – *Library*
- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **King’s Daughters Rummage Sale** – *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM **N. A.** – *Common Grounds*
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **AI-Anon** – *Upper Lounge*

Saturday, April 21

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



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!

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