

## **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.

## **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.

# April 22 Highlights at First Congregational

- Today:**                **OGHS/Joyful Noise .....**
- Today:**                **Kenya Student Sponsorship Luncheon.....**
- Today:**                **Masterworks in Worship: *Jubilate Deo* (8:45 AM only) .....**
- Next Sunday**        **Children and Youth Healing Service ..... p. 13**
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## Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox. There is a rose on the communion table to celebrate the birth of Estella (Esther) Blessing Kalamba, born to Pascaline and Philemon.

## 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 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](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, April 20</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Phyllis Wallis, Trish Brehm	
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Kathi Seifert	Mike and Linda Loomis
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick	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
<b>Counters, April 23</b>	Sue Wisneski	

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

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

*What a Friend*

*Now the Spring Has Come Again* from Pia Cantiones 1582

Gordon Young

Robert Elmore

(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

## YOUTH PRAYER

## WELCOME AND GREETING

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of Love today.

**People: God's love calls us into community.**

Leader: We are God's people.

**People: We gather to worship, to sing and to pray.**

Leader: We gather to imagine together how God can use us

**People: to spread love and justice and peace in the world.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of Love today.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin p. 6-7).

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

KWAKE JESU

## \*OPENING PRAYER (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.**

GREETINGS FROM OUR KENYAN PARTNERS – Mildred Chepkonga and Jeremiah Kibor

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**ADDISON GRACE RANKIN**  
Parents: Ashley & Logan Rankin  
Godparents: Charlie & Allie Prochnow

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

\*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

**People: We promise our love, support and care.**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

**We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend Addison as a new member of the Body of Christ. Give her strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Swedish Hymn

Stanzas 1 & 2, Choir; **Stanza 4, All** (below)

**Baptized in our blest Redeemer,  
Sanctifier, and Creator  
May we serve and love God, solely,  
As we follow Christ, most Holy.**

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GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN #41

*Sing Amen*

MASITHI

Introduced in Xhosa text by the choir.

**Repeated with Xhosa text by ALL, then repeated in English by ALL.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING (OGHS)

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Song of the Earth from Jubilate Deo*

Dan Forrest

\*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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:16-34 (NT p. 166)

MEDITATION

“When Christians Get Together”

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

\*CLOSING HYMN #366

*Siyahamba*

SIYAHAMBA

First time: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*  
Second time: **We are marching in the Light of God . . .**  
Third time: **We are singing . . .**  
Fourth time: **We are dancing . . .**  
Fifth time: **We are praying . . .**  
Sixth time: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*

\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING 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 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

Fanfare on St. Gertrude *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Gordon Young

\*The Congregation Standing

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

LU Music Scholars

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## Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

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

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





### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

April 29, 2018	Children and Youth Sunday	8:45 and 10:30 AM
“Paul’s Sermon in Athens”		Rev. Nick Hatch
Scripture reading: Acts 17:16-31		
Music: 8:45 AM: The Children’s Choir, The Youth Handbells		
10:30 AM: The Children’s Choir, The Youth Handbells		

### **Members in Service Next Week**

<b>Friday, April 27</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Mike and Bev Vance	Patricia Streur
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
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	Tim Hanna	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn	Kris Behm
<b>Counters, April 30</b>		



## 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

April 22, 2018

Volume 18, Issue 16

## Pastor's Message

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### Welcome, Mildred Chepkonga and Jeremiah Kibor!

*What a great favor God does to those He places in the company of good people! – St. Teresa of Avila*

For many months, the Kenya Partnership Team has been planning and anticipating the arrival of our dear friends, Mildred Chepkonga and Jeremiah Kibor. Finally, they are here!

Mildred and Jeremiah made the long journey from the Kerio Valley, to Nairobi, to Chicago, to Appleton, just in time for last weekend's winter snowstorm. They arrived Friday night, and spent all day Saturday and Sunday just like the rest of us – in awe of our strange spring weather.



Jeremiah, a retired teacher and a leader within the church community in Kerio Valley, had never seen snow. Mildred, a primary school teacher and leader within our partnership, used a snow blower when she visited Wisconsin in 2014, but that was nothing compared to snowshoeing, climbing vast snowbanks, and even helping one of the Van De Hey's neighbors move their snowbound vehicle. Never in our planning for their visit did we think we could provide such an opportunity for them to experience such historic Wisconsin weather!



This Sunday, we will hear from Mildred and Jeremiah about life in Kenya, the well-being of the students we sponsor, and opportunities for deeper relationship as we prepare to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year of this partnership in January 2019 when a small group of us travel to Kenya. I hope many of you will attend this week's 10:30 AM service, where they will share greetings with us, and also join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 AM. Even if you have not signed up to attend, you are most welcome to join us.

In the brief time I have spent with our Kenyan friends, I have learned so much about their country, the educational system in Kenya, and even some of the tribal history that affects current events. I have heard about their families, and they have asked about mine. We have spoken of faith, hope and determination. We have begun to envision next steps for our partnership. Our friendship is growing, not according to our plan, but according to God's plan. I hope you'll take the opportunity to greet our Kenyan friends while they are with us. You will truly be blessed if you do!

Your friend and fellow minister, Pastor Kathryn

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# Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## One Great Hour of Sharing

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

We celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing today, Sunday, April 22. Please consider giving generously this year. Coin banks and sharing calendars have been available in the narthex. Please bring your filled coin bank (or loose change for *Joyful Noise*) on Sunday!



OGHS envelopes are available in the pews. You can also donate online at <https://onrealm.org/firstcongoappleton/Give>

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive – Thank You!



THANK YOU for another record-breaking year for The Family Radio Network's "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive! In the Fox Cities:

- \$168,035 worth of hygiene supplies donated by...
- 265 Fox Cities employers, churches and schools hosting collection boxes, helping...
- 18 Fox Cities crisis programs – serving approx. 16,000 people annually.

You are already making a difference: **"She'd just bought a trailer home – then her hours were reduced at work, and she learned she had ovarian cancer. A single parent with an 11-year-old daughter, she's struggling to make payments on the trailer now. Cleaning or self-care**

**products are out of the question. She was so grateful for the big basket of Help for the Homeless supplies! Thank you!"** - Maria Vargas, Partnership Community Health Education Center, Appleton

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## Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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### Welcome, Mildred Chepkonga and Jeremiah Kibor!

Our Kenya partners, Mildred and Jeremiah have arrived safely to Wisconsin. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and extend a hand in friendship during worship. They will be giving us information about the students during today's (Sunday, April 22) Kenya Student Sponsorship Luncheon from 11:45 AM–2:00 PM. You are still welcome to join us even if you didn't sign up ahead of time.

### 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>

## **Pastor Hatch Sabbatical 2018**



After seven years of service, Pastor Nick has submitted a plan for a three-month sabbatical that was approved by Church Council. It's called *A Season of Ecological Justice* and it will be happening this year, June 4-August 26. We have carefully planned out all ministry responsibilities to ensure that nothing will be left undone during his absence. It's important to note that at our church a Sabbatical is understood as a time for personal renewal and a season to prepare for the years of service to come.

## **Church Women United 2018 May Friendship Day**

Friday, May 4, 2018  
First Congregational UCC  
724 E. South River Street, Appleton

This year's speaker will be Tracy Plamann who is the Community Educational Coordinator for Harbor House. RSVP by April 30 to Jayne Henrich at plainjayne37@gmail.com or call her at 246-8569 or Marilyn at mdvofkau@new.rr.com or call her at 788-5850.

- 9:30 AM - Registration
- 10:00 PM - Program
- 11:00 AM - Brunch (cost \$10)

We will also be collecting items for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Items needed include bathroom tissue, paper towels, 39-gallon garbage bags, toilet bowl

cleaner, bleach, belts (new or used), razors, shaving cream, and laundry detergent.

## **School for Seniors**

May 16

Lakeland University Fox Cities Center  
2320 Industrial Drive, Neenah  
Classes will be held between 8:45-11:30 AM

Lakeland University and the City of Neenah's Committee on Aging co-sponsor a unique, tuition-free Lifelong Learning event. Lakeland faculty and staff will simultaneously teach the different 45-minute courses during the multi-hour session. Senior-citizen enrollees will be able to rotate, taking one, or more, classes, as desired. Residents of Neenah and area communities are welcome.

Classes offered:

- Understanding Religious Extremism  
*Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn, Professor of Religion*
- Talking to Your Tech: Interactive Technology in our Daily Lives  
*Chuck Grubisic, Director of Technology Services and Operations*
- What to Say: Using Dialogue in Fiction Writing  
*Jeff Elzinga, Professor of Writing*

RSVP by Monday, May 14 by calling Lakeland University-Fox Cities Center, 920-727-0777. Registration, refreshments and information tables will be available beginning at 8 AM on the day of the event, and classes will be held between 8:45 and 11:30 AM.

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## 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.

improving upon and caring for our staff and church as a whole. It's a great group and we do wonderful work. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nick at <http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Nick%20Hatch>

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# Administration

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## Human Resources Openings

Our church is in need of 1-2 people who would be interested in discerning their possible involvement with our HR committee. HR meets once a month (or every other month) and we have a flexible meeting schedule. The current state of our ministry is in excellent shape: all our foundational documents and policies are all current! Thus, our work focuses on

## Calendar for April 22–April 28

### Sunday, April 22

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*

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Worship** - *Sanctuary*

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**High School Sunday Groups** - *Common Grounds*

11:45 AM – 2:00 PM

**Kenya Student Luncheon** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen*

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

### Monday, April 23

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Counting Team** - *Library*

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**ESTHER Finance 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 24

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

**Strong Bones** - *River Room*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Strong Bones – Spring Sessions** - *South Fellowship*

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Communications Meeting** - *Library*

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Healing Service Prep** - *Kitchen*

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Yoga @ the Congo** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Church Council Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**ESTHER Fox Cities** - *Chapel*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Library Committee** - *Library*

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

**Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

## Wednesday, April 25

- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*
- 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Healing Service Set Up** - *Kitchen, Fellowship Hall*
- 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 – 7:45 PM **Children and Youth Sunday Prep, Dinner, and Rehearsal** - *Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Confirmation Class** - *Chapel*
- 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 26

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Strong Bones** - *River Room*
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones – Spring Sessions** - *South Fellowship Hall*
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **AA - Search for Serenity Group** - *Common Grounds*
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

## Friday, April 27

- 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 28

- 9:45 AM – 1:45 PM **Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony** - *Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall*
- 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!

# The Ministry

All the Members of the church, Minister  
Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor  
Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Spiritual Outreach  
Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission  
Maynard E. Beemer, Pastor Emeritus  
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries  
Jon D. Riehle, Organist  
Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education  
Joel Morien, Director for Youth Ministry  
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper  
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant  
Christina Trepanier, Communications Specialist  
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator  
Jonathan Steffen, A/V Coordinator  
Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Childcare Provider  
Tom Pflugardt, Facilities Manager  
Kathy Kennedy, Housekeeper  
Tom Ott,, Custodial Assistant

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