

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. 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 22 Highlights at First Congregational

- Today:** **OGHS/Joyful Noise**
- Today:** **Kenya Student Sponsorship Luncheon.....**
- Today:** **Masterworks in Worship: *Jubilate Deo* (8:45 AM only)**
- Today:** **No Family Worship Area**
- Next Sunday:** **Children and Youth Healing Service p. 16**
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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. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This 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	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
Counters, April 23	Sue Wisneski	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

8:45 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.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

KAYDIN LEANN LECAPITAINE

Parents: Brandin and Brittany LeCapitaine

Godparents: Nathan Brendel and Diane LeCapitaine

WELCOME

Leader: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

WORDS OF COVENANT COMMITMENT (in unison)

We are a community which spans the centuries, bound together by a covenant whose signature is baptism. Today we renew our commitment to live in this covenant with Kaydin, her parents and godparents, and those who bore witness at our own baptism. We praise God for the faithful women and men who have come before us and pray that God will help us bequeath such faith to those who come after.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless this newly baptized child in 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 NEWLY BAPTIZED

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish Hymn

Stanza 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Welcoming our Kenyan friends, Jeremiah Kibor & Mildred Chepkonga

CHURCH SCHOOL SONGS

*Wherever Love Is
He's Got the Whole World*

Bryan Sirchio
Trad.

(During the church school songs, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School.)

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

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. 12

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;
atria ejus in hymnis: confitemini illi. Laudate
nomen ejus,

*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;*

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 וְדָר אֱמוּנָתוֹ

בָּרְכוּ אִסְמֵהּ. לֵאנֹן אֵלֹהִים שָׂלִיחַ,
אֶלֵּי אֲלֵבֵי רַחֲמֵהּ, וְאֵלֵי דוֹרֵי דוֹרֵי אֱמָנָתֶהּ.

*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)

Nicolette Puskar, *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 BENEDICTION**

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* Cindy Trudell, *harp*
Victoria Daniel, *lead percussion* John Aaholm, Marisol Kuborn, Chris Danz, *percussion*
Shelley Nulton, *keyboard (celeste and guitar settings)* Kathy Orth, *organ*
John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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: Children’s Choir, Youth Handbells

10:30 AM: Children’s Choir, Youth Handbells

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, April 27	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, April 29	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
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
Counters, April 30		

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

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

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

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, and the extra efforts by all to reschedule this work. 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

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

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

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

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.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

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>

Administration

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!