

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 fall of 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. 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 tinyurl.com/yayd8cud or on Facebook at tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6

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.

June 10 Highlights at First Congregational

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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 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, June 8	9:00 AM
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
Sunday, June 10	9:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Michael Weaver
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne, Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen
Counters, June 11	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 10, 2018

9:30 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.

PRELUDE

Serenata I in F Major for three flutes

Saverio Mercadante

The Fox Valley Flute Choir

(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

MISSION MOMENT

Building Study Task Force, Sue Mauthe, co-chair

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

People: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

People: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.

All: May God help us to be true people of Spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #404

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

ANTHEM

A-Roving

John Rutter
arr. Robert Rainford

Suite on English Folktunes

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN # 68

Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

O WALY WALY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Scarborough Fair

arr. Amy Rice-Young

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NT p. 212)

MEDITATION

"Till We Have Faces"

Rev. Steve Savides

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 7)

Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

WE ARE CALLED

***RESPONSIVE COMMISSION** (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

People: Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Leader: where there is injury, pardon;

People: where there is doubt, faith;

Leader: where there is despair, hope;

People: where there is darkness, light;

Leader: where there is sadness, joy;

People: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

Leader: to be understood as to understand;

People: to be loved as to love.

Leader: For it is in giving that we receive;

People: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

All: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

POSTLUDE

I have a bonnet trimmed with blue

Dashing Away

John Rutter
arr. Robert Rainford

Suite on English Folktunes

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

We welcome the Fox Valley Flute Choir (FVFC) to our worship this morning. FVFC is a non-denominational group and is composed of flutists from in and around the Fox Valley Area. Members in the ensemble perform on the traditional C-flute, piccolo, alto and bass flute. The group is concluding its sixth year of public performances throughout the area.

The 14-member FVFC rehearses Monday evenings under the direction of Patricia George and Marc Sackman. The group rehearses at First Congregational and performs in many venues throughout the Fox Valley. Flutists interested in joining the organization should contact Patricia George at georgeflute@hotmail.com.

The Fox Valley Flute Choir: Jann Kostecke, Carlarae Day, Marc Sackman, Deb Lachmund, Madelyn Niessner, Ras Rozite, Amy Jo Christianson, Bob Makeever, Jane Bent, Laurel Marchinowski, Liz Schneider, Barb Armstrong, Barb Boren, Shannon Stout, Jaci Kohlman, Jean Koller, Deanna Mose, Patricia George





Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM

“Face to Face in Tough Times”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Music: Jon Pahl, *saxophone*

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 enter either of the following addresses
 into your web browser to view
 livestream of First Congo's Service:**



For Facebook:

tinyurl.com/yayd8cud

For YouTube:

tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6




**Like and Subscribe to our Facebook and YouTube pages
 to get instant notifications when a live broadcast begins.**

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
Carolyn Frederick and family on the death of her aunt, Janice May
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
Ron Huebner
Sandy Hubert
Janis Ireland
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
Dana Kons on the passing of her father, Paul Wink
Betty Masaros
Janice May
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
Paula Chandler's son-in-law, Tim Radtke
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Don Roehrborn
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
Beverly Trombla
Jean Van Wagenin
Our veterans and their families
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia Wardle
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

June 10, 2018

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Pastor's Message

“Perfect Love Casts Out Fear...”

I was invited to speak on June 1 at a press conference for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I was asked to share my perspective as a faith leader. Here are the remarks I made:

I speak this morning from the heart of a tradition dedicated to the pursuit of peace. We see that in Jesus who advocated loving, non-violent resistance by "turning the other cheek." We hear that in the words of the prophet Isaiah who proclaimed, "*they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.*"

I also represent a faith community comprised of people holding a range of political opinions and yet work together diligently at finding common ground in our pursuit of the common good. As you walk into our church, you'll see a sticker at each entrance that reads "*Perfect love casts out fear: no weapons here.*" That's the commitment that we have made together as a community of faith and as a collection of individuals who often can't agree on much else.

Fifty local faith leaders made the same point in a press release sent out in the aftermath of the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting: "*Fear is a strong force in the world, but we believe faith--in all the many expressions and traditions we represent as well as those unrepresented--is the strongest force in the world for good. Dr. King's words still ring true, 'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.'*"

On their behalf and speaking from the heart of Jesus' message of love and peace, I would urge you to find common ground with your neighbors, to offer a listening ear and an open mind, and to recommit yourself to the common good so that the safety of all is held in higher regard than the convenience of the few.

I pray that God will bless us in this present moment so that we might work together toward a future of peace.

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Official Notice

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 24 for the purpose of voting on the 2018/2019 church budget.

Survey Results Are In

The Building Study Task Force is excited to announce the results of the building and grounds use survey conducted this past winter.

Results will be announced at the service today. Listening sessions will be held in the chapel after the service to provide an opportunity for further discussion.

Parking Lot Resurfacing

We wanted to let the congregation know that we have scheduled the resurfacing of the church's west parking lot for Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. There will be NO PARKING in the west lot on those days. Everyone will need to park in the east CYF lot those two days. Thanks!

AAUW Used Book Sale

AAUW will be holding its 82nd annual used book sale October 18-21 and 25-28, inside the Northland Mall. We're accepting contributions of books from the community. This includes hardcover and paperback books, children's books, books on CD, sheet music, CDs, DVDs, puzzles,

and games. Profits are used to provide scholarships for women. For book pick-up or drop-off, please call: (920)427-6655; (920)734-6750; (920)843-8888; or (920)739-6469.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Next NAMI Family-to-Family

Tuesdays, June 12-August 28, 2018
6:00-8:30 PM

NAMI Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. The class, which is offered at no cost to participants, is a designated evidence-based program. Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

For more information or to register, contact Lisa at (920) 954-1550, email Lisa at lisa@namifoxvalley.org or visit www.namifoxcvalley.org/education for more information. Thanks!

World Refugee Day

World Relief Fox Valley is honoring World Refugee Day with a dinner and storytelling event on Sunday, June 17, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Bowl 91, 100 E. College Avenue. Storytellers include Jacqueline Kalamba. Tickets are \$20 and MUST be purchased in advance. To reserve your seat at the table, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-story-continues-our-past-present-and-future-tickets-45731259428>

Worship and Music

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

The 2018 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

All recitals start at 12:15 PM unless
otherwise stated.

For more information visit their website at
lunchtimeorganrecital.org

- Wednesday June 13 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Appleton; Dr. Derek Nickels. J.W. Walker organ, 2m.
- Wednesday June 20 at First United Methodist Church, Appleton; Dr. Naomi Rowley. Austin Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Donald VerKuilen. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, July 4 at All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton; Frank Rippl. Möller Organ, 2m. **(4th of July Sing-a-long).**
- Wednesday, July 11 at First Congregational Church, Appleton; Andrew Birling. Möller Organ 3m.
- Wednesday, July 18 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Appleton; Ryan Mueller. Dobson Organ, 2m.
- Wednesday, July 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Matthew Walsh. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Matthew Buller. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 8 at First English Lutheran Church, Appleton; Jared Stellmacher. Wahl Organ, 2m.
- **Thursday**, August 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Appleton; David Bohn. Schaefer/Holtkamp Organ, 3m.
- Wednesday, August 15 at First United Methodist Church, Appleton; Mario Buchanan, organ, Alexandra Piepenbrink, Oboe. Austin Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 22 at Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton; Vashni Seitzer, SPC. Sipe Organ, 3m.
- **Thursday**, August 23 at 6:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Neenah; Mitchell Miller. Aeolian-Skinner/Goulding and Wood organ, 3m.
- Wednesday, August 29 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neenah; Marillyn Freeman, AAGO, organ Ralph Freeman, piano. Dobson Organ, 2m.

Zion Lutheran Church Presents: Balint Karosi

Zion Lutheran Church is pleased to present Bálint Karosi as guest artist in their Organ Concert Series. He has won first prizes at the J.S. Bach Competition in Leipzig, the Dublin and Miami International Organ Competitions and the Improvisation Competition of the University of Michigan. An avid interpreter of Bach, he has recorded three CDs of Bach's music, most recently the Art of Fugue and the Clavier-übung III, released by Hungaroton.

The concert will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 709 Sixth Street, Wausau, Wisconsin on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow the concert. The church is handicapped accessible. A free-will donation will be received. For more information you may call: 715-848-7286 or go to Zion's website: zionlutheranwausau.com.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

A Summer Worship Friendly Reminder

The summer months are upon us which means that there is no Church School. This also means that the Family Worship Area tends to be busier than during the program year. We are so happy to have our youngest worshippers with us! A few reminders about those care givers who

utilize the Family Worship Area:

Family Worship Area participants are expected to:

- Use quiet voices **at all times**.
- Enjoy the quiet activities provided.
- Participate in the worship service when appropriate (Children's message, Lord's Prayer, unison readings, etc.).
- Stop activity when praying.

Parents/Guardians are expected to:

- Enjoy the service from a spot in close proximity to your child/children or join them at the tables. There are reserved seats for parents and guardians near the Family Worship Area.
- Redirect, calm, or remove your child/children if they become disruptive to other children or to the service.
- Ensure that quiet play takes place so that all may enjoy the service.

Infant and Toddler Care – Summer Months

A reminder that First Congo will be offering infant and toddler care throughout the summer months. We are so fortunate to have two dedicated infant and toddler childcare providers who have agreed to work all summer and provide

care for the very youngest members of our church. Theresa Iacullo and Cassidy Behm offer loving care of infants and toddlers on a weekly basis. They plan and carry out craft activities, engage in interactive play and nurture the children. The Infant and Toddler rooms are located on the second floor of the CYF (Children, Families and Youth) Center.

Mark Your Calendars for the First Congo Summer Carnival!

Please join us on Wednesday, June 27 for the First Congo Summer Carnival. This event is for children and families and people of all ages who enjoy old fashioned summer carnival fun! There will be two food trucks with carnival food for purchase. The two food trucks are: Street Eats, which has burgers, brats, sandwiches and Funtime Enterprises, which has popcorn, pretzels, ice cream treats and other concessions. There will also be free carnival games for the children and face painting. A balloon artist will also join us and make balloon animals for children of all ages. There will be a modern twist as well, with a bouncy house for the children (weather permitting). The carnival will take place in the East Parking Lot/CYF grounds. Join us from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for this fantastic fun-filled event!!

Calendar for June 10–June 16

Sunday, June 10

- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Building Survey Listening Session** - *Chapel*
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

Monday, June 11

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **ESTHER Communications** - *Upper Lounge*
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Technology Team** - *Library*
- 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Boy Scout Troop 8** - *Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room*

Tuesday, June 12

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Spring Sessions** - *South Fellowship*
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Yoga @ the Congo** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Mission and Service Team Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Wild Women of First Congo** - *Stone Cellar Brewpub, 1004 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton*
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **ESTHER Immigration Rights Task Force** - *Fox Valley Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton*
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, June 13

- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*

Thursday, June 14

- 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*
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **GMG Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*
- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM **ESTHER Board Regular Meeting** - *River Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

Friday, June 15

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Bulletin Assembly** - *Library*

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM **Wedding Rehearsal** - **Jessica Anderson/Timothy Ketter** - *Sanctuary*

7:00 PM - 8:45 PM **N. A.** - *Common Grounds*

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Al-Anon** - *Upper Lounge*

Saturday, June 16

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Wedding** - **Jessica Anderson/Timothy Ketter** - *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Library*

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



First Congregational UCC, Appleton presents

Anthony Padilla

Piano Recital to
Benefit LEAVEN



Presenting a program of orchestral and organ transcriptions

Sunday, July 22 •

3:00 PM



*A free-will donation will be received
to benefit LEAVEN.*

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Service Sunday Stats



18 fleece blankets tied



76 bins of diapers were washed & 250 diaper kits were packaged to send to Puerto Rico



Oodles of butterfly boxes and delicious cookies were made for C.N.As!



18-20 cars washed



All the pews in the sanctuary were polished and cleaned!



Grabbers, grabbers, grabbers were made to clean up parks!

22 people enjoyed an hour-long singing spectacular at The Heritage

Bins full of books ready to go to Richmond School



160 tomato plants, peppers, beans, cabbage, plus more planted in church garden

A special thank you to everyone who helped make Service Sunday a success!

A Family Night of Carnival Fun

June 27 • 5:00–8:00 PM

Games!
Food!
Fun!

- ❖ Two food trucks full of carnival food
- ❖ A balloon artist
- ❖ Fun carnival games for the whole family



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
Kathy Kennedy, Housekeeper
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