

## **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](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.

# May 20 Highlights at First Congregational

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Honoring Graduating Seniors</b>	
<b>Today:</b>	<b>Joyful Noise Collection</b>	
<b>Today:</b>	<b>End-of-Year Picnic</b>	
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## Flowers

The flowers on the communion table were donated by Joleen and Tom Swadley in memory of their son, Tom Swadley Jr.

The arrangement 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](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, May 18</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm
<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Katie, Alan, and McKenna Jahnke
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman and Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Sue Mauthe
<b>Counters, May 21</b>	

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 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.*

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## PRELUDE

*Theme and Variations*

Monnikendam

(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

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Behold Us, Lord, a Little Space*

LaVahn Maesch

Behold us, Lord, a little space from daily tasks set free,  
And met within Thy holy place to rest awhile with Thee.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit comes on the rush of a mighty wind,

**People: Bringing a breathless anticipation of new dreams and amazing visions.**

Leader: The Spirit spreads like fire,

**People: Bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.**

Leader: The Spirit descends like a dove,

**People: Bringing peace to unite the world as a just and caring community.**

Leader: The Spirit comes like a breath,

**People: Whispering healing and proclaiming promises of new life.**

Leader: The Spirit comes! In countless forms, across all times and places, to all of God's people.

**People: Come to us, Spirit of the living God. Come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 217

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

\*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.**

RECOGNITION OF WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

(During the offering, the prayer request cards will be collected.)

ANTHEM

*Pentecost*

Malcolm Archer

***To the Glory of God, in celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009.  
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Appleton, Wisconsin, USA***  
Poem by John Bennett, English Professor Emeritus, St. Norbert College  
Howard Niblock, *oboe*

*So free, so bright, so beautiful and fair,  
The Holy Dove descends the earthly air:  
In startling joyance come,  
From its immortal home,  
It bears the glory that all may share.*

*The Holy Dove flies through the mortal air:  
Always (there) descending,  
Always (there) ascending,  
It brings the Glory that all may share.*

*Through ancient space and newest time, it brings  
Transcendent reason to a world of things:  
It shows each mind and heart  
How to assume its part  
In dances born of God's imaginings.*

*On wings of subtlest flame, the Holy Dove,*

*Flies through the human world and offers love:  
It teaches Heart and Mind  
How to transcend their kind  
And Praise the God who lets all beings move.  
So free, so bright so beautiful and fair. . .*

LU MUSIC SCHOLARS RECOGNITION      John Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECOGNITION      Joel Morien, Director for Youth Ministries  
UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

**God of every milestone, we congratulate our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments on this joyous day. We ask for a special blessing upon them as their lives afford new challenges, goals, and opportunities to be faithful servants of Christ. May First Congo continue to be their church home and may they serve out of a passion for justice, hope, and peace using the wondrous gifts bestowed upon them by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN (see bulletin p. 8)

*Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*

NJOO KWETU

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Nora Austin, Krista Baker, Bailey Bidwell, Madison Bidwell, Bree Derouin, Logan Derouin, Ross Erstad, Kate Heller, Amy Phillips, Nathan Phillips, Nick VandenBerg, Bennett Van Der Loop, Caroline Van Der Loop, Emma Veldman, Grace Wauters, Jeremiah Wilterdink, Sarah Wilterdink, Helen Fleming, Joel Morien

**Congregation: We commission you to represent us as you share our love and support with those you serve through your work at Moon Beach Camp. You are our eyes, ears and witness. Allow the Spirit to open your hearts to all you will encounter.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*At the River*

arr. Aaron Copland

*Annie Mercado, senior LU Music Scholar soprano*

\*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 (see insert)

Acts 2:1-21

FAMILY MEDITATION

“Each and All: The Sharknado of the Spirit”

Rev. Steve Savides

\*CLOSING HYMN #333

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: The fire is burning in your life; don't let it go out.

**People: God has set us ablaze with new possibilities, and we are excited about where God may lead.**

Leader: As God sent Jesus into the world, so Christ sends us to make a difference.

**People: We will go where Christ leads and be alert to God's continuing surprises.**

Leader: Sing to the Holy One as long as you live; praise God with your whole being.

**People: We will declare God's creative power to all and faithfully bear and share the fruits of the Spirit.**

Leader: Amen.

**People: Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Jig Fugue*

Buxtehude

\*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

David Cook, *guest organist*

Howard Niblock, *oboe*

Annie Mercado, *senior LU Music Scholar soprano*

The Sanctuary Choir, with our LU Music Scholars



## Upcoming Worship Schedule

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday/Memorial Sunday

9:30 AM

“So It Is With Everyone”

Rev. Nick Hatch

Scripture reading: John 3:1-9

Music: 9:30 AM: Sanctuary Choir; Nicolette Puskar and Emily Richter, *soprano duet*

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Bulletin Assemblers	Trish Brehm, Judy Hinden
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Nancy Carter
Bridge Greeters	Helen McKean
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Gretchen Revie
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman and Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Kris Brehm
<b>Counters, May 29</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  
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  
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  
Paula Chandler's son-in-law, Tim Radtke  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
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  
The family of Erma Thompson, as they mourn  
her death  
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

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## Pastor's Message

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### THE DREAM THAT CAME TRUE

Maxwell Anderson, in his play *Valley Forge*, shows us George Washington in a time and place where dreams were impossible. No food to eat, no money to pay the soldiers - cold, sickness, and desertion. He goes to his knees and prays to God in the play. And then Washington, after the prayer, says, "*What I fight for now is a dream ... something that's never been on earth since men first worked with their hands ... the right of free men to govern themselves in their own way ... If you've lost faith in this cause of yours, we've lost the war ... and the men we've left on the battlefield died for nothing whatever, for a dream that came too early ... and may never come true.*"

Washington was a dreamer whose dream would ultimately come true. Those cold and starving soldiers didn't stop until the dream came true.

*"Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."* Peter says on Pentecost, quoting the prophet Joel to interpret the miracle of wind and fire they had all just witnessed. I know there are times when you feel like giving up, like our dreams, like GOD's dreams for US are impossible and will never come true. I feel like that too, sometimes, but maybe that's the time when you and I most need to take a trip over here, to the church.

There's really nothing in human history that can explain this place. We believe that this building came as the result of miracles - Jesus' birth, Jesus' resurrection, the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit. I guess that makes us dreamers, too.

On the shoulders of the dreamers for God, the prophets like Joel, the courageous apostles like Peter, and the hosts and generations of brave women and men of faith has the church of Jesus Christ been built. The Holy Spirit did not abandon Christ's people after Pentecost. In fact, the Spirit still comes today to bring us surprises; to bring us dreams. With God's help, those dreams can come true.

Your friend and fellow dreamer,

Rev. Steve Savides

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## Lectionary Group

On Tuesday, May 22, Pastor Steve will be holding a lectionary bible study group in the Upper Lounge from 12:00-1:00 PM. The group will discuss the bible passage for the following Sunday. The next passage that will be discussed is: John 3:1-9 and Psalm 29. Contact the church office with questions (920) 733-7393. A bagged lunch is encouraged.

## We're O.F.F. Sunset Canoe Outing

Wednesday, May 30



Join We're O.F.F. on a canoe outing on the Navarino Wildlife Area Flowage. This natural flowage, known for birdlife, is navigable only in the spring so take the opportunity to relax and enjoy their peaceful surroundings. This evening trip has a \$10 pp fee, will be naturalist-guided, and includes canoe and paddle or you may bring your own if you'd like. Meet at 5:30 PM in the parking lot west of McDonalds on Northland Ave to caravan or at 6:30 PM in the Navarino Nature Center Parking lot. Please sign-up by Sunday, May 27. The sign-up sheet is in the We're O.F.F. binder in the narthex or contact Nancy Brown-Koeller at 715 853-6258 or by email at [nbkAppleton@gmail.com](mailto:nbkAppleton@gmail.com)

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# Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## Sign Up for Service Sunday

Sunday, June 3 • 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Service Sunday is just around the corner! Join us for a special morning including a very brief worship experience, community service and sharing for all ages. Ask a friend to join you and sign up together!

This year, we'll be packaging cloth diapers for Puerto Rico (Jake's Diapers), painting yoga positions on the playground at Richmond School, singing for our friends at The Heritage, making cookies to deliver to area skilled nursing facilities to celebrate C.N.A. Week, making fleece blankets for Project NOAHH and Samaritan Counseling Center, offering a free car wash, and much more! Participants will get a First Congregational T-shirt and enjoy lunch at the church after completing their service projects.

Want to join in? Sign up in the Narthex today or any of the following Sundays in May.

## Children's Book Drive for Richmond School

As a part of our Service Sunday outreach to Richmond Elementary School (just down the road from us at the corner of John St. and E. South River St.), we will be collecting new or gently used books appropriate for children in Kindergarten

through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring your donated books to our Service Sunday display in the Narthex between now and June 3!

## **End Child Poverty Wisconsin Campaign**

We believe in ending child poverty in Wisconsin. Watch this 4-minute video to understand why:

<https://www.endchildpovertywi.org/video>

Then join us!

We believe that the people of Wisconsin, working together, can cut child poverty in half in the next ten years. We also believe that the current racial disparities in poverty levels should be cut in half. And we are committed to evidence-based evaluation of progress. Will you join us?

The persistence of poverty is a moral crisis that calls us to action. While poverty is not limited by race, ethnicity, or age, children are the poorest members of our communities. Moreover, growing up in poverty creates damage that lasts a lifetime. Further, economic disparities among racial groups in Wisconsin are greater than in the U.S. as a whole.

How can we let this continue? Add your name to the list of those who support this goal!

## **Voices of Hope**

Tuesday, May 22 • 6:30 PM

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
2600 E Phillip Ln, Appleton

Sometimes a work of art presents a moral question so starkly that we cannot avoid

confronting it, and ESTHER's "Voices of Hope" is such a work. It throws the moral and legal issues associated with immigration into high relief, and it forces us to take a stand. This reader's theater presentation, directed by Kris Clouthier, is based on interviews from Peter Geniesse's book *Illegal: NAFTA Refugees Forced to Flee*.

Hear the stories of Latino immigrants in the Fox Valley in prose, poetry and song.

The program lasts approximately one hour. A free-will offering will be taken.

## **Moon Beach Camp**

Is someone you love looking for an amazing summer job, internship or seasonal volunteer opportunity? Moon Beach Camp is located just outside St. Germain, WI. We offer a variety of camps: Family Church Camps, Camp AweSum (for families affected by autism spectrum conditions) and Memory Family Camp (for participants with dementia, their care partners and families). We also offer two youth camps: Music, Art, Dance & Drama and Camp AweSum Youth! Though we are affiliated with the UCC, we have an ecumenical staff and encourage anyone who loves caring for God's people and creation (age 18+) to apply!

**Come spend the summer of a lifetime with us!** Head to [ucci.org/moon-beach/staff-opportunities](http://ucci.org/moon-beach/staff-opportunities) to apply or get in touch with questions: (715) 479-8255.

## **Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting: Visitors Welcome!**

Our delegate slate is “full” for the upcoming Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting at the Green Lake Conference Center, but visitors ARE welcome to attend the conference June 8-10 and a separate June 7 workshop led by Dr. Ben Sanders on “White Privilege and Christian Faith”. See [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org) for more information and to register yourself as a visitor. Lodging and meals are available through [www.glcc.org](http://www.glcc.org).

### **Women’s Retreat**

Our 2018 Women’s Retreat will be held November 2 through November 4. Once again, we will gather at beautiful Moon Beach Camp in St. Germaine, WI. We will need a minimum of 15 paid participants by June 10 to hold these dates. The cost of the retreat is \$170, which covers lodging, food and linens.

Please send a check to the church for \$170 for your reservation. Write “Women’s Retreat” in the memo section. You can also pay online via Realm. If we have over 15 people and you are later unable to attend, we will refund your payment.

Last fall the retreat was full so please make your reservation early. Due to the time of year, we will have drivers to be sure all can attend. We will provide more information about the retreat theme, etc. as we get closer to the retreat date.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Uehling ([www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/)

Barb Uehling) or Pastor Kathryn. Please know that financial assistance is available if the cost is prohibitive.

### **Why I Volunteer at the Samaritan Counseling Center (SCC)**

I’ve been interested in the persons and families who have faced the challenges of mental illness, professionally as a psychiatrist and as a volunteer at NAMI-FV (National Alliance on Mental Illness - Fox Valley). In 2015 I joined the board of directors of the Samaritan Counseling Center (SCC), a state-certified, nonprofit mental health agency that provides counseling that integrates mind, body and spirit. Samaritan has 14 therapists who provide counseling for children, youth, adults, couples and families.

The Samaritan Counseling Center is a direct descendent of the Appleton Pastoral Counseling Center that was started by First Congregational Church in May 1970. It was initially housed in the church school building and funded by our church.

Samaritan has also been a leader in identifying and addressing many community wide mental health issues in collaboration with other agencies. Some examples include: 1) the Mental Health Ministry Initiative, with NAMI, to enhance the skills of faith leaders to deal with mental health issues of their congregations. 2) The Wellness Screen Program (a free mental health check-up in the schools), in 2017-18, nine school systems are involved, and 12,000+

students will be offered screening. This is a collaborative effort with Catalpa and NAMI. 3) Centro Esperanza, a Spanish-language mental health collaboration with NAMI to address the mental health needs of persons who speak Spanish.

I've been impressed by the caring and commitment of the staff of Samaritan, the leadership of Rosangela Berbert, and the involvement of the board. -Tom Tatlock

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## **Worship and Music**

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

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### **Fox Valley Flute Choir Spring Concert**

Sunday, May 20 • 4:00 PM  
First Congregational UCC

The 18-member Fox Valley Flute Choir will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 20 at 4 PM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. The hour-long concert is free and open to the public. The group which consists of piccolos, C flutes, Alto, Bass and Contrabass flute will perform music by Mercadante, Ink, Mower, Albert, and a variety of folk song arrangements by Amy Rice-Young, John Rutter and Austin Scott.

The Fox Valley Flute Choir has been performing together for the past seven years under the direction of Patricia George and Marc Sackman. The group will also be joining the Green Bay based flute choir Sounds of Silver on June 9 for a

joint concert at the Weidner Center in Green Bay and then on Sunday afternoon June 10 will be playing the National Anthem at the Timber Rattlers ball game.

### **Summer Music Sign-Ups**

You are invited to share your gifts as a vocal or instrumental soloist or ensemble in our 9:30 AM Sunday worship services this summer, June 17 - September 2! Children through adults are encouraged to participate. We've enjoyed having some "entire family" ensembles in recent years, too.

Please sign-up in the narthex as soon as possible (preferably before June 3) or contact John Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries, directly at <http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/John%20Albrecht> or at (920) 851-8097 (his direct line at church.) *John will get back to you to discuss your schedule, music, and scriptures for the day.* Thank you!

### **More Concerts, Recitals!**

**Friday, May 25:** LU Choirs in Concert, LU Memorial Chapel, 8:00 PM.

**Saturday, May 26:** Senior LU Music Scholar Annie Mercado, soprano, in Recital, Harper Hall, 6:30 PM.

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## **Thank You Church School Volunteers!**

Our Church School program year came to an end last week with a Church School Celebration held in Fellowship Hall. The year has gone by quickly and I have learned a great deal. I would like to thank our extraordinary volunteers who helped me this past year with the gifts of their time, talent, patience and love of children. I was truly blessed to have such an amazing group of people help me with the Church School program and guide the children of First Congo on their faith journeys. Please take a moment to thank these individuals who gave selflessly of their time during the 2017-2018 program year.

### **Church School Teachers:**

Dianne Droster, Aimee Eubank, Ken Eubank, Julie Michels, Maja Glidden, Maria Giula-Carone, Kim Wildes, Amy Bowman, Carla Gabbey, Amy McGowan, Sarah Wilterdink, Micki Heimer, Jolene Scribner, Dana Mattingly, Kristina Smits, Janet Wiedenfeld, Heidi Richter, Jessica Lindsay, Deanna Kubiak, Karla Baier, Kerry Wauters, Amanda Hatch, and Shari Mitchell.

The Children's Ministry Team has also been an invaluable source of inspiration, guidance and support for me this past year. I truly appreciate all they have done and continue do to support efforts to best

serve the children of First Congregational Church.

### **Children's Ministry Team:**

Aimee Eubank, Heather Gentile, Heather Hallet, Amanda Hatch, Shari Mitchell, and Kristina Smits.

In addition, I wish to thank an amazing group of co-workers in the CYF Center. Joel Morien, Pastor Nick Hatch and Jennifer DeWitt have guided me, supported me, and helped me to grow into my role as Director for Children's Ministry. I thank God for them every day. I wish to thank the amazing parents of First Congregational Church who have been so kind to me. The love you have for your children is clear and your efforts to have them become part of the faith family are admirable. Finally, I wish to thank the children of First Congo who welcomed me with open and loving hearts and minds eager to learn. You are all so special.

I wish you all a blessed summer and look forward to the start of the next program year in fall.

Peace, Colleen Berry, *Director for Children's Ministry*

## Calendar for May 20–May 26

### Sunday, May 20

- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **End-of-Year-Picnic** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen*
- 10:40 AM – 12:00 PM **Final Middle School Mission Trip Meeting** - *Common Grounds*
- 1:15 PM – 4:30 PM **Rose Wellhouse Piano Recital** - *Choir Room, Kitchen*
- 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Fox Valley Flute Choir Spring Concert** - *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **LU Scholar Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room*
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

### Monday, May 21

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
- 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **ESTHER – Communications Regular Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Appleton Boychoir – 2018-2019 Auditions** - *Chapel, Sanctuary*
- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM **ESTHER Finance Meeting** - *West Conference Room*
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Kenya Partnership Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*
- 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Boy Scout Troop 8** - *Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Prayer Shawl** - *Common Grounds*

### Tuesday, May 22

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones – Spring Sessions** - *South Fellowship*
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Lectionary Group** - *Upper Lounge*
- 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 Expo Fox Cities** - *Chapel*
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, May 23

- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room, Sanctuary, Chapel*



**Thursday, May 24**

- 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*
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM     **Cub Scout Pack 3108 – Crossover/Ice Cream Social** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM     **Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

**Friday, May 25**

- 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, May 26**

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

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**Custodial Supervisor Position**

Applications are now being received for a full-time Custodial Supervisor here at First Congregational. This individual will oversee our part-time custodial staff, maintain our facilities and grounds, and communicate effectively with our staff team and our Facilities Ministry Team. For a copy of the job description or to submit a resume, please contact the church office.

# 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  
Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant

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