

## **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 [tinyurl.com/yayd8cud](http://tinyurl.com/yayd8cud) or on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6](http://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](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.

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## Flowers

The flowers on the communion table were donated by the Len Hanstedt Family in honor of 3 birthdays and 2 anniversaries in May.

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 25</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Trish Brehm, Judy Hinden
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Nancy Lee 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>	Sue Wisneski

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 27, 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

*Adagio in A Minor*

J. S. Bach

(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: In the beginning,

**Left: Was God who created,**

**Right: Was the Word who was the light of the world.**

Leader: At the end,

**Left: Will be God, the Lord of all,**

**Right: Will be Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God**

Leader: Will be the Spirit through whom we will sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

**Left: Here and now, God comes to us,**

**Right: Three yet One, Holy and undivided,**

**All: One God, now and forever, Amen.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin p. 8)

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELLACOMBE

## 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 children's sermon, 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

*Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

David Barton

Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

## GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## PRAYER HYMN # 220

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

Emily Richter, *soprano*

Merciful Jesus,  
Father, who takes away the sins of the world  
Grant them rest,  
Merciful Jesus,  
Father, who takes away the sins of the world  
Grant them rest.  
Lamb of God,  
Father, who takes away the sins of the world  
Grant them rest,  
everlasting rest.

### \*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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29

setting, H. Hopson

The Refrain will be introduced by the choir and then repeated by **ALL**. The verses will be sung or spoken by the choir, followed by the Refrain sung by **ALL**.



GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-9 (NT p. 114)

MEDITATION

"Born Renewed"

Rev. Nick Hatch

\*CLOSING HYMN # 515

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

\*PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Leader: Eternal God, from whom all life comes, to whom all life returns, we remember all who served our country in the military.

**People: We remember and we give thanks. We give thanks for sacrifices made and losses endured.**

Leader: We give thanks for acts of courage, grace and hope. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters who gave the full measure of devotion.

**People: We give thanks for those we knew well and those we never met. For the life, goodness, faith, courage, and love that was in each one, we give thanks.**

Leader: We pray for our brothers and sisters who are recovering from wounds in body, mind, spirit, or soul. Work healing in them in all the forms that healing takes.

**People: We pray for those who provide care to them. Show us ways that we can extend care and support.**

Leader: We pray for families and friends and all who grieve for loved one who have died.

**People: Meet them in the valley of deaths shadow. Embrace them in the healing warmth of your comfort, grace and love.**

Leader: Grant them and all of us the assurance that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name

we pray.

**People:** May the day soon come when swords are beaten into plowshares, war is studied no more, and all peoples and your world know peace. May we work for that day.

**All:** We pray all this through Jesus name, Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Little Prelude and Fugue in B Flat*

J. S. Bach

\*The Congregation Standing

*A brief service of blessing will be held in the First Congregational Memorial Garden immediately following this service. A separate order of worship will be provided for those who choose to attend.*

**TODAY'S MUSICIANS**

David Cook, *guest organist*

Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

Emily Richter, *soprano*

The Sanctuary Choir

**Upcoming Worship Schedule**

June 3, 2018 Service Sunday/ Second Sunday After Pentecost/Communion 9:30 AM  
NO Sermon

Music: LU Music Scholars, with new choral anthem by Logan Willis.

**Members in Service Next Week**

<b>Friday, June 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	No Lay Reader Needed
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth, Mike Spurlock, and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen
<b>Counters, June 4</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  
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

## Pastor's Message

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### A Time for Renewal

With our (very) short spring it seems like summer should be a long time away. But, summer is almost upon us and the life is all around us, providing verdant colors and warm nights. I hope that you have time, a special place, or a special trip planned to soak in these coming summer months and be renewed amidst the flourishing creation all around us. Speaking of being renewed, I will be taking the next few months away from church for my very first sabbatical. I will be here for Service Sunday, then I will be gone June 4-August 26. At FCUCC, in the seventh year of service, a pastor becomes eligible to take a Sabbatical of three months in length. Our Employee Handbook defines the purpose of this time away as "a leave of absence for further training to pursue special research or study, engage in writing and travel, or do other activities, which will prepare the pastor for more effective ministry." Sabbaticals are a time of renewal meant to prepare us Pastors for another season of ministry.

My sabbatical has been designed around re-connecting with God in creation and sharing this love with my family. I have a variety of experiences, which will aid me in meditating, learning, and growing in my awareness of God's majesty in nature. Additionally, my time away will be to "scout" locations for our new outdoor and wilderness ministry. Another pastor and myself will spend a week in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area canoeing, my family and I will enjoy the Sylvania Wilderness, Amanda and I will backpack the Porcupine Mountains, and my family will live around Park Falls for a number of weeks on a small northern lake. Through these experiences, the purpose of this time is to reconnect and enrich my spiritual life anticipating the output the coming years will require. In order to honor the intention of my sabbatical, I will be disconnecting from FCUCC entirely for these three months. I will not be available or reachable. If you do have a need, we have two gifted and loving pastors to fill this role and an excellent CYF staff to answer questions. If you see me out in public, don't shy away, but just be aware that in order to honor my sabbatical commitments I will not engage in discussions about church life, no matter how exciting they might be.

I praise God for the exciting and enriching years we have spent in ministry together and look forward to the years that are to come. May God deeply bless your summer and provide for your renewal and the spiritual sustenance needed to carry on in the mission of discipleship.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Nick

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## **A Letter From our Kenya Partners to First Congregational Church**

“It is already a week that we returned home. The flights were long and it took several days to regain sleep and time zones. We would like to thank the entire church for their welcome and the activities that were done every day. We really learned a lot from the places we visited. Thank you for facilitating our trip to Wisconsin and Johnson City. We appreciate Deb and Wanda with the church help for taking us and showing us many places as we travelled to Tennessee.

We really enjoyed walking around Chicago and visiting where horses are kept in Kentucky. We loved worshipping with the church on Sunday. The church service was a blessing to us by hearing melodies and the sermons, also getting to shake hands and sharing with many members of the church. We were also blessed to have lunch with Pastor Steve, Nick and Rev Kathryn. We were happy to share with them on how they recruit and maintain the members of the church.

We also appreciate the sponsoring families for coming to meet with us and hear about their sponsoring students. Our gratitude goes to Dr. Elizabeth Melchert who examined our eyes and those who facilitated the buying of glasses. We thank those who welcomed us in their homes,

We really enjoyed staying in their homes and the delicious food we were offered.

Again our thanks goes to our almighty God for enabling us to experience with snow. It was good to know what God does to different parts of the globe. Thank you for holding Kerio Valley in your prayers. We are now experiencing peace through your prayers as a church. It is our prayer that the peace may continue to reign all through. With much love and thanks for the partnership.”

Mildred Chepkonga  
Kenya partnership secretary.

## **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).

## **Congregational Life Ministry Team Volunteers Needed**

Pastor Kathryn is forming a Congregational Life Ministry Team and hopes to have a first gathering later this summer. This team will meet at least quarterly with representatives from adult education, fellowship, and visitation ministry groups. 2-3 additional members would enrich our conversations as we explore programming, congregational care, retreat ministry and fellowship opportunities for First Congregational. If interested, please contact Pastor Kathryn.

### **Seeking Volunteers**

- *Flower re-arranging and delivery:* We are so blessed to have beautiful floral arrangements gracing our sanctuary each Sunday. These flowers are often available after Sunday, to be shared with our members who worship from home. If you have a gift for rearranging flowers, and/or would be willing to deliver flowers on a Monday or Tuesday if asked, please contact Pastor Kathryn.

- *Post-wedding clean-up - Saturday, June 9, 2018, 5:00 PM or later:* If you would be willing to give 1-2 hours of time to prepare the church for Sunday worship after a wedding, please see Pastor Kathryn. A checklist would be provided.

### **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 on June 10. Listening sessions will be held in the chapel after the service to provide an opportunity for further discussion.

We look forward to sharing the results and speaking with you on June 10!

### **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.

### **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/Barb%20Uehling](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Barb%20Uehling)) or Pastor Kathryn. Please know that financial assistance is available if the cost is prohibitive.

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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.

### 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!

### 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).

### 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!

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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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### 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 by June 1) 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!*

### 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](http://lunchtimeorganrecital.org)

- Wednesday, May 30 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Menasha; Dr. Stephen Schnurr. Holtkamp/Wahl organ, 2m.
- Wednesday, June 6 at First Presbyterian Church, Neenah; Jonathan Oblander. Aeolian-Skinner/Goulding and Wood organ, 3m.
- 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.

## **Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter American Guild of Organists - Thank You First Congo**

Dear John Albrecht, and the Congregation of First Congregational Church:

Thank you for all of your kind considerations and assistance for the organ recital performed by members and students of the Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Your hospitality was shown in many ways, including:

- Ensuring that the organ was in excellent condition;
- Opening the church for organists' practicing;
- Being present to assist in whatever matters were needed at hand;
- Assisting with last minute printing matters;
- Providing a wonderful reception following the program;
- Providing the facilities gratis to our chapter;
- Allowing us to collect a free-will offering to assist our OROCO organ scholarship fund; and
- Providing all of this with wonderful and heart-felt friendliness

I wish you well in all of your endeavors, and thank you again for your kindness.

Yours most truly,  
Jeffrey J. (Jeff) Verkuilen, FAGO  
Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter,  
American Guild of Organist

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## **Childcare for Service Sunday**

During Service Sunday, June 3, there will be childcare available from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM for any interested caregivers in the CYF Nursery/Toddler rooms. This will allow caregivers of small children (Infants through 3 years) a chance to participate in their chosen service.

## **One More Thank You!**

The Children's Ministry Team meets once a month to assist the Director of Children's Ministry in developing programming that best serves the children of First Congregational Church. Members Include:

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

Take a moment to thank these individuals who volunteer their time to support efforts to best serve the children of First Congregational Church.

In addition, please thank the substitute teachers who filled in at the last minute this past program year. Their willingness to step in at the last minute was greatly appreciated!

They include: Katie Jahnke and Georgia Berceau.

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# Administration

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## **Officially Migrated to Constant Contact**

This past Friday, May 25, was the last week we used the website for e-blasts. Starting next week, you will receive e-blasts from Constant Contact only. This is part of our migration to a new website. If you have questions, please contact the church office at (920) 733-7393. Thanks!

## Calendar for May 27–June 2

### Sunday, May 27

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

**Worship** - *Sanctuary*

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

### Monday, May 28

All Day

**Memorial Day** - **Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday, May 29

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Counting Team** - *Library*

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Staff Team Building Event**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

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

### Wednesday, May 30

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

**Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*

5:45 PM – 7:30 PM

**Sanctuary Choir Celebration** - *Home of Chuck Spanbauer*

### Thursday, May 31

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Staff Website Training** - *Upper Lounge, Theater*

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**AA - Search for Serenity Group** - *Common Grounds*

6:15 PM – 8:15 PM

**TnT-SOAR Fox Cities** - *South Fellowship Hall*

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

### Friday, June 1

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, June 2

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