

## **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).

**WATCH LIVE:** You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6](http://tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6) or on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/yayd8cud](http://tinyurl.com/yayd8cud)

## **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](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org) to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

# July 15 Highlights at First Congregational

|                        |   |              |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>July 16:</b>        | <b>Congo Crafters for Christ .....</b>                    | <b>p. 9</b>  |
| <b>July 22:</b>        | <b>Summer Family Choir .....</b>                          | <b>p. 13</b> |
| <b>July 22:</b>        | <b>Anthony Padilla Piano Recital .....</b>                | <b>p. 13</b> |
| <b>July 24:</b>        | <b>First Congo Mental Health Task Force Meeting .....</b> | <b>p. 11</b> |
| <b>July 25 and 26:</b> | <b>Point in Time Count .....</b>                          | <b>p. 11</b> |
| <b>July 29:</b>        | <b>Youth Mission Trip Stockholders Brunch .....</b>       | <b>p. 14</b> |
| <b>July 31:</b>        | <b>Congregational Life Ministry Team Meeting .....</b>    | <b>p. 9</b>  |

## 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 July 22, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

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, July 13</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b>  |
| Bulletin Assemblers      | Phyllis Wallis, Trish Brehm                           |
| <b>Sunday, July 15</b>   | <b>9:30 AM</b>  |
| Main Door Greeter        | Janet Scheibe   |
| Bridge Greeters          | Gerry Benz  |
| Welcome Desk             | Cathy Paynter   |
| Lay Reader               | Janet Scheibe   |
| Usher Team Captains      | Mark and JoAnn Shropshire, Mike Spurlock, Jeff Schang |
| Multi-Media – audio      | Rick Behm   |
| Multi-Media – video      | Kris Behm   |
| <b>Counters, July 16</b> |   |

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 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

*Introduction and Prière à Notre-Dame*

Boëllmann  
Suite Gothique

(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: Friends! Bring to God your joys, your celebrations and your best hopes.

**People: We will bring our dreams, our successes and our good news.**

Leader: Bring to God your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements.

**People: We will bring our doubts, our fears and our longings.**

Leader: Come, discover again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

**People: We gather in friendship with God and with each other.**

Leader: Come, listen for God's Word, inviting us to befriend all those who are loved by God.

**People: We gather in a spirit of friendship, called by Jesus to love as we have been loved.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 108

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

## 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.)

## SOLO

*I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness from Biblical Songs*  
Joel Jicha, bass

A. Dvorak

## GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## PRAYER HYMN # 442

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ERIE

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

Jonathan Willcocks  
text attrib. St. Francis of Assisi

## \* 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

John 15:12-27 (NT, p. 134)

## MEDITATION

"The Face of Friendship: Without Friends, I Don't Know Who I Am"

Rev. John McFadden

## \*CLOSING HYMN # 192

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

RHOSYMEDRE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*

Gigout

\*The Congregation Standing

**TODAY'S MUSICIANS**

David Cook, *guest organist*

Joel Jicha, *bass*

**Today's Special Guest**

We welcome back Rev. Dr. John McFadden to our pulpit this morning. John served as senior pastor of our church from 1983–2005. He is the author of *The Open Door: A History of First Congregational Church 1850–2000* and, more recently with his spouse Susan H. McFadden, *Aging Together: Dementia, Friendship and Flourishing Communities*.



This past spring, Susan and John were each awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lakeland University, honoring their work in aging and their commitment to the community.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule**

|   |                              |                   |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| July 22, 2018   | Ninth Sunday After Pentecost | 9:30 AM           |
| "Facing Another Way"  |                              | Rev. Kathryn Kuhn |
| Scripture reading: Luke 10:38-42  |                              |                   |
| Music: Summer Family Choir (8:30 AM rehearsal to sing in 9:30 AM worship) |                              |                   |

**Members in Service Next Week**

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Friday, July 20</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b>             |
| Bulletin Assemblers      | Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm   |
| <b>Sunday, July 22</b>   | <b>9:30 AM</b>             |
| Main Door Greeter        | Sharrie Robinson           |
| Bridge Greeters          |                            |
| Welcome Desk             |                            |
| Lay Reader               | Michael Weaver             |
| Usher Team Captains      | John Breitzman, Pat Nelson |
| Multi-Media – audio      | John Aaholm                |
| Multi-Media – video      | Jonathan Steffen           |
| <b>Counters, July 23</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  
Glen Benzschawel  
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-Grade  
Dick Casperson  
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  
Charlie, brother of Rose Heinz  
Maggie Hendrick  
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur  
Clara and Victor Hosang  
Ron Huebner  
Sandy Hubert  
Janis Ireland  
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen  
Nancy Jones, mother of Linda Jones  
Pierron  
Our Kenyan partners and students

Our Kenyan partners and students  
All those affected by plant closures  
Eunice Klemp  
Dane and Sarah Klintworth on the death of Sarah's father  
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  
Pastor Steve, Joel Morien, and our high school mission trippers  
Diane Reitzner  
Don Roehrborn  
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt  
Jim Schwantes  
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  
Kim, cousin of Ellen Wittwer  
Carol Yonan

# THE OPEN DOOR

July 15, 2018

Volume 18, Issue 28

## Pastor's Message

---

### Lessons Learned in Service

Joel Morien and I, along with our adult and college chaperones, will be leading more than 30 High Schoolers on a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota this next week. There will be so many lessons to learn – lessons about ourselves, about the people we came with, about the people with whom we will serve among the Lakota Sioux. We'll learn about a different culture, about living with poverty, about struggling to find an identity in a nation that wants us to conform. Please pray for us in this time away.

I've been privileged to lead and serve on numerous mission trips and, without exception, they all remind me why I'm a Christian. It's in serving among the poor that we truly encounter Christ. Those words Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel about serving Jesus when we serve those in need and denying Jesus when we refuse to meet the needs of our neighbors... they have been proven to me again and again. Without face to face encounter with those in need, our faith can feel an empty exercise in self-absorption. When expressed in service, our faith gives voice to our Jesus encounters, it prayerfully interprets our experience of the Spirit, and gives praise to the God who cares for the poor, even for those of us who are rich in things but poor in soul.

There was a poem found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta. It's widely assumed that the poem was written by Mother Teresa herself. These words represent the kinds of lessons learned in Christ's service:

*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.  
Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.  
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.  
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.  
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.*

Your friend and fellow minister, Rev. Steve Savides

---

# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

---

## Congo Crafters for Christ

Monday, July 16 • 7:00-9:00 PM  
Upper Lounge

At our last group meeting we started to learn how to Crochet! We will continue to work on this for the next couple of craft nights and hope to use our new skills for a service project. If you'd like to join this project, please bring these materials to our next class: yarn-worsted weight medium, crochet hook-FG to H and/or knitting needles-sz 8, tape measure, small scissors, row counter, and darning needles.

Bev Kelley-Miller will speak to us about the Wisconsin Faces of Addiction Quilt project that we are hoping to participate in. The Faces of Addiction Quilt travels around the state, and visually shows the impact addiction has made on our Wisconsin communities and families.

You are also welcome and encouraged to come with your own projects or ideas to work on and share with the group. We hope to see you! Bring a friend!

## Congregational Life Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 31 • 6:00-8:00 PM  
Upper Lounge

This is a gathering of those involved with congregation-wide programs, fellowship events and adult spiritual

formation at First Congo. Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve with this team! If you are interested but didn't get a chance to volunteer, you're welcome to join the conversation. Contact Pastor Kathryn with questions.

## Pro-Future Realism: Big Picture Inspiration for Chaotic Times with Rev. Michael Dowd

Sunday, July 29 • 6:00-7:30 PM  
Fox Valley Unitarian Fellowship  
2600 Philip Lane, Appleton

Given our impact on Earth's climate, the seas, and other species, we are already in the early stages of what could be called, *The Great Reckoning*. The good news is that this could also be *The Great Homecoming*: The prodigal species, after squandering our inheritance, comes home to Reality. An evidence-based "sacred realism" can help us accept what is inevitable, avoid what is futile, and be a blessing to friends, family, and community in an uncertain world. This dynamic, multi-media presentation **bridges the gap between head and heart and celebrates the convergence of science, inspiration, and sustainability.**

**Rev. Michael Dowd** is bestselling eco-theologian and pro-science, pro-future 'evangelist' whose work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Discover*, and on television nationally. Michael and his science writer, evolutionary educator, and fellow climate activist wife, Connie Barlow, have spoken



to some 2,500 groups throughout North America since 2002. Michael has delivered two TEDx talks and a program at the United Nations. He has written a bridge-building book, *Thank God for Evolution*, which was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists and by religious leaders across the spectrum. He has also conducted an acclaimed online conversation series: "The Future Is Calling Us to Greatness."

This event is free of charge. Visit <http://fvuuf.org> to find out more information.

## Help Needed for August 8 Corn Roast!

We are looking forward to our Corn Roast, featuring music by Hillary Reynolds. However, we are in need of help with set up at 10:30 AM, preparing and serving the food, and cleaning up at about 7:45 PM. Join in the fun! Enjoy the food and music, but if you can spare some time to help out, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## Don Gillum Memorial Bike and Hike

July 21, 2018 • Conover, WI

Don Gillum died in December of 2016 after battling cancer for 13 years. His wife, Sandy, recently joined First Congo. As a volunteer of Great Headwaters Trail, Don worked to make biking and hiking more accessible for all. A biking/hiking event in his memory will be held on Saturday, July 21, at Conover



Community Park. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information or to register online, go to: [www.ghtrails.org/dgmbikehike/](http://www.ghtrails.org/dgmbikehike/).

## Wild Women of First Congo

Women of First Congo, join us for fun and friendship at our monthly dining group. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Stone Cellar. RSVP appreciated, but not necessary. If you have questions or want to get on the mailing/reminder list, contact Sue O'Neill at [abelwoman10@yahoo.com](mailto:abelwoman10@yahoo.com). Come have some laughs with some wonderful, (wild?) women from First Congo.

## Grow in Faith with Lay Academy

Lay Academy is a ministry of transformation and faith formation offered by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. Participants dive into scripture, explore theology, consider God's presence in their lives and discover fresh ways to speak about and live out their faith in their day to day lives. Registration is open for the next cycle of classes, which will begin on Saturday, August 18 and continue with additional two-day weekend sessions in September, November, January, March and April. For more detailed information, go to [www.wcucc.org/layacademy](http://www.wcucc.org/layacademy) or talk with Pastor Kathryn or Pastor Steve.

## 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.*

---

### NAMI Fox Valley's Summer Dinner

Thursday, July 19 • 6:00-8:00 PM  
Sacred Heart Parish,  
222 E. Fremont St, Appleton

All you can eat dinner, entertainment, silent auction, raffles and more! Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 5-12, children 5 and under are free. The menu includes: spaghetti, chicken cacciatore, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

We are seeking donations of gift certificates and other gift items that we assemble into our raffle baskets or use for a silent auction. Contact Kelly for details.

For more information or to purchase your tickets, email Kelly at [kelly@namifoxvalley.org](mailto:kelly@namifoxvalley.org), call (920) 954-1550, or for more information visit [www.namifoxvalley.org/summerdinner](http://www.namifoxvalley.org/summerdinner)

### First Congo Mental Health Ministry Task Force

Tuesday, July 24 • 6:00-8:00 PM  
Upper Lounge

This is a first meeting of those interested in our church's ministry with and for those living with mental health issues. Anyone with interest in this topic is welcome to attend - whether you are an ally, a mental health professional, a person living with mental illness, or a family member/friend of someone living with mental health. Please contact Pastor Kathryn with questions. Please note that there is no church council meeting on July 24.

### Point in Time Count

The Fox Cities Housing Coalition is reaching out to invite you to participate in this summer's Point in Time Count. The count will take place on Wednesday, July 25 and run through the early morning hours of July 26. One major change to the count this year is that we will only have one shift. The shift begins at 11:30pm, with a brief training upon arrival, and ends at 3:00am.

Twice a year, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition, in conjunction with homeless and housing providers across the State of Wisconsin, coordinate a local count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Fox Cities called the Point in Time Count. Groups of volunteers are led by coalition staff members throughout the Fox Cities in an effort to identify persons residing on the streets, in campgrounds, under bridges

and other places not meant for human habitation, in an effort to provide outreach and engagement to those in our community that are in need of housing resources.

If you are interested in volunteering, please following the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548a5a823a5fd0-july>

## **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](mailto:lisa@namifoxvalley.org) or visit [www.namifoxvalley.org/education](http://www.namifoxvalley.org/education) for more information. Thanks!

## **Bright Stars of Bethlehem Events**

On July 24 and 25, the Madison Bright Stars of Bethlehem chapter will host two events featuring Reverend Dr. Mitri Raheb, President of Bright Stars of Bethlehem and Founding President of Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture, former senior pastor of Christmas

Lutheran Church and widely published Palestinian theologian. Dr. Raheb will speak at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison on Tuesday evening, July 24 on *Hope in the Shadow of the Wall*. And on Wednesday evening, July 25, Dr. Raheb and Rev. Everett Mitchell will speak on *The Black Church and Palestinian Theologies: Intersections of Faith in the Midst of Empire* at Christ the Solid Rock Church, 1502 Parkside Drive. Both events begin at 7:00 PM. There is no cost for these events; donations graciously accepted.

On Wednesday morning, July 25 there will be an ecumenical clergy breakfast with Rev. Raheb at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive. Clergy are asked to RSVP for the breakfast to [bonnievano@aol.com](mailto:bonnievano@aol.com).

These events are sponsored by: Madison Chapter of Bright Stars: Rev. Bonnie Van Overbeke, Nancy Baumgardner, and Rev. Phil Haslanger (Memorial United Church of Christ, Fitchburg), Rev. Blake Rohrer (Midvale Community Lutheran Church), Rev. Fred and Carol Zimmerman (Lutheran Church of the Living Christ), Joanne Lenburg (First Congregational UCC), Rev. Everett Mitchell and Susan Schwaab (Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church), and Host Congregations: First Unitarian Society, Shaarei Shamayim Jewish Synagogue, Lake Edge Lutheran Church and Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church.

---

# Worship and Music

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

---

## Summer Family Choir

July 22

Save the date! Open to children through adults. There will be an 8:30 AM rehearsal to sing in the 9:30 AM worship service. Come one, come all! Please RSVP to John Albrecht by calling the church at (920) 733-7393. Thanks!

## Anthony Padilla: Piano Recital

Sunday, July 22 • 3:00 PM

Anthony Padilla, of the LU Conservatory Faculty, will perform a piano recital on Sunday, July 22 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. He is presenting a program of orchestral and organ transcriptions. A free-will offering will benefit LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network), a community based-nonprofit that helps families from slipping into greater poverty, homelessness, and ill health.

## 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, 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.

---

# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

---

## Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch

Sunday, July 29 • 10:30 AM–12:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall

Join mission trip youth and chaperones as they share their experiences and photos from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Enjoy pancakes and other yummy brunch food! This meal is free for all trip stockholders, trip participants, and their families. Suggested donation for all others is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Please call or email Jennifer DeWitt at (920) 733-7393 or [jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org) to RSVP with the number of attendees.

The banner features a header with the church's name and address: **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 734 E. South River St., Appleton, WI 54913, 920-733-7393. Below this is a Facebook icon and the text: "Once connected to the internet, enter either of the following addresses into your web browser to view livestream of First Congo's Service:". To the right is a YouTube icon. The main body of the banner shows a background of wooden pews and contains two lines of text: "For Facebook: [tinyurl.com/yayd8cud](https://tinyurl.com/yayd8cud)" and "For YouTube: [tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6](https://tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6)". At the bottom, there are "Like" and "Subscribe" buttons followed by the text: "Like and Subscribe to our Facebook and YouTube pages to get instant notifications when a live broadcast begins."

## Calendar for July 15–July 21

### Sunday, July 15

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

**Worship** - *Sanctuary*

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

### Monday, July 16

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Counting Team** - *Library*

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**ESTHER Communications Regular Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*

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 – 9:00 PM

**Congo Crafters for Christ** - *Upper Lounge*

### Tuesday, July 17

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Strong Bones - Independent Practice** - *South Fellowship Hall*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Communications Meeting** - *Library*

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Horizon Ministry Team** - *Library*

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

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

### Wednesday, July 18

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

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

### Thursday, July 19

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Strong Bones - Independent Practice** - *South Fellowship Hall*

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Finance Committee Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Theology Discussion Group** - *Atlas Coffee Mill and Café on Water Street, Appleton*

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*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group** - *Upper Lounge*

### Friday, July 20

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

**Al-Anon** – *Upper Lounge*

**Saturday, July 21**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** – *Common Grounds*

Come learn about the new service project we will be participating in: **Faces of Addiction Quilt.**

**CONGO CRAFTERS FOR CHRIST**  
**MONDAY, JULY 16**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**  
**UPPER LOUNGE**

Creativity is contagious.  
Pass it on.  
Albert Einstein

**BRING YOUR CHOSEN PROJECT TO WORK ON OR COME TO LEARN HOW TO CROCHET!**



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.*

First Congregational UCC, Appleton | 724. E. South River Street | (920) 733-7393 | [www.firstcongoappleton.org](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org)





# Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch

Sunday, July 29 10:30-12:00  
In the Fellowship Hall

Meal is FREE for all trip Stockholders, trip participants and their families.

Suggested donation for all others:  
\$5 per person  
\$20 per family

Join mission trip youth and chaperones as they share their experiences and photos from Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Enjoy pancakes and other yummy brunch food!

Please call or email Jennifer at 920-851-6938 or [jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org) to RSVP.

# The Ministry

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries  
Reverend Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions  
Reverend 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 Ministries  
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator  
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant  
Christina Trepanier, Communications Specialist  
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant  
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper  
Jonathan Steffen, Technology Coordinator  
Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor  
Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider  
Cassidy Behm, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider  
Kathy Kennedy, Housekeeper  
Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
724 East South River Street  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54915

Phone: (920) 733-7393

Website: [www.firstcongoappleton.org](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org)