

## **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.

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## Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

## Communion

We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. Our communion elements are gluten-free; however, they are made in a facility that also processes wheat products.

## Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are 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 27</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm
<b>Sunday, July 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Mike and Linda Loomis
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Reader	Jean Coenraad
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth, Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen
<b>Counters, July 30</b>	

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 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

*Processionale*

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Samuel Wesley

Gordon Young

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

## WELCOME AND GREETING

## MISSION MOMENT

Dignity and Respect Campaign

Karen Nelson, Appleton Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

**People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness.**

Leader: We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

**People: Let us come together, then, to be God's people.**

Leader: Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done.

**People: Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!**

Leader: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God.

**All: May our lives be a faithful expression of God's goodness.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 260

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

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## \*OPENING PRAYER (Please join hands or link arms)

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

#### SOLO

*Honor! Honor!*

Spiritual  
arr. Hall Johnson

Paris Wicker, *soprano*

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NT p. 221)

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP REFLECTION

Michael Murphy

#### 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. 7)

*More Love to You, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO YOU

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP REFLECTION

Jayci Heimer

#### SONG

*Sanctuary*

Scruggs/Thompson

Michael Murphy, Joel Morien, and HS Mission Trippers, singers  
**(please join in singing on the Chorus)**

**Chorus: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.**

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP REFLECTION

Kyle Wilterdink

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS/SPECIAL OFFERING

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Ave Maria*

Bach/Gounod

\* 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

CLOSING REFLECTION

Rev. Steve Savides

\*UCC STATEMENT OF MISSION (in unison)

**As people of the United Church of Christ, affirming our Statement of Faith, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission and to follow the way of the crucified and risen Christ.**

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called and commit ourselves:**

- **To praise God, confess our sin, and joyfully accept God's forgiveness;**
- **To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our suffering world;**
- **To embody God's Love for all people;**
- **To hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace;**
- **To name and confront the powers of evil within and among us;**
- **To repent our silence and complicity with the forces of chaos and death;**
- **To preach and teach with the power of the living Word;**
- **To join oppressed and troubled people in the struggle for liberation;**
- **To work for justice, healing, and wholeness of life;**
- **To embrace the unity of Christ's church;**
- **To discern and celebrate the present and coming reign of God.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #167

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices*

arr. Robert Elmore

\*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

Paris Wicker, *soprano*

High School Mission Trippers/Song Leaders



## Upcoming Worship Schedule

August 5, 2018      Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost; Communion      9:30 AM  
 "The False Face of Betrayal"      Rev. Steve Savides  
 Scripture reading: Genesis 4:1-16  
 Music: Phil Gabrielson, *baritone*

### Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, August 3</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
<b>Sunday, August 5</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Bill Ritcey
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne, Mike Spurlock, Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jim O'Neill
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen
<b>Counters, August 6</b>	

**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.

## 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  
Mark and Lori Dougherty as they  
mourn the death of Lori's mom  
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  
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  
Families and children of Palestine  
Pastor Nick and his family while on  
sabbatical  
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

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## Pastor's Message

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### Reckless Love

The theme for this year's Youth Mission Trip to Pine Ridge was "Reckless Love," based on the song by Cory Asbury. Here's the chorus:

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah*

The last place where I expected to see an example of that reckless love was at Wounded Knee, site of the one of the most disgraceful chapters in American history. We saw it first in the personage of a Lakota guide who volunteers his time each summer to tell visitors to the site the true story of the 1890 massacre. We saw it again when he told us the story of Lost Bird.

It snowed right after the Wounded Knee Massacre, preserving the bodies and the horrors of the over 300 Lakota killed. A baby they called Lost Bird was found 4 days after the killing, alive under her mother's cloak and nursing at her breast. Her mother had been hunted down and killed by a soldier, just like so many fleeing, unarmed Lakota women and children. Lost Bird was claimed by a Cavalry officer as a "living



trophy of war." After a short life filled with abuse and unhappiness, she died at 29 and was buried in Nebraska. For the 100-year Memorial of the massacre, her body was exhumed and brought home to Wounded Knee. Her mother had been thrown into one of the mass graves after the Massacre, so Lost Bird was buried in her own grave site, trusting that her spirit would finally be reunited with her mother's.

The reckless love of God "leaves the ninety-nine" to find the one that is lost. That is what we were reminded by the story of Lost Bird.

Your friend and fellow minister,  
Rev. Steve Savides

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## 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.

## NAMI Family-to-Family

Tuesdays, June 12-August 28 • 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.namifoxcvalley.org/education](http://www.namifoxcvalley.org/education) for more information. Thanks!

## **We're O.F.F. Making New Connections**

We're O.F.F. - First Congo's Outdoor Fun and Fellowship group! We organize several planned outings each year. Now we're thinking about providing an additional way for First Congo members to connect for outdoor activities, on a more spur-of-the-moment or casual basis.

If you are interested in connecting with members who would like to hike, golf, bicycle, play tennis, canoe, or kayak, **O.F.F.** will be setting up a group on REALM where you can find others with that interest.

How will this work? Say, if on a Monday you see the weather is going to be perfect for biking on Tuesday, you could pick a time and meeting place and send out a notice via Realm to other people in your group. This will allow you to find other members via the **O.F.F. Connection**, who would like to meet up to bike that day too!

The first step in setting up the **O.F.F. Connection** is to see what your outdoor interests are! Please let us know by **July 31**. Complete the survey located in the Narthex next to the We're O.F.F. binder and scan/email to Nancy Brown-Koeller

at [nbkappleton@gmail.com](mailto:nbkappleton@gmail.com) or drop off in the office.

We're O.F.F. Making Connections!

(All First Congregational policies apply to any activity. Anyone signing up for We're O.F.F. Connections can unsubscribe or withdraw their name from the list at any time.)

## **Peer-to-Peer Class**

Tuesdays, August 7-September 25  
1:00-3:30 PM

This eight-week education course focuses on recovery and is for any individual living with a mental illness. The course is taught by individuals with lived experience and is offered at no charge to participants. Participants gain knowledge regarding mental illnesses, strategies for personal and interpersonal awareness, coping skills and self-care.

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.namifoxcvalley.org/education](http://www.namifoxcvalley.org/education) for more information. Thanks!

## **Honest, Open, Proud Training**

Wednesday, August 8-Thursdays, August 9  
5:30-8:30 PM

Honest, Open, Proud is a training to help eliminate the stigma of mental illness by learning to tell one's own story of living with a mental health condition and/or from a family member's perspective. This training helps participants look at the story they have been telling themselves,

discern helpful and hurtful self-attitudes, and analyze the pros and cons of disclosing in different settings to different people.

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!

## **Fall Prevention Class: Stepping On**

Wednesdays, August 15-September 26  
First Congregational UCC • Upper Lounge  
9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Don't let a fall injure more than your pride! Falling is very common. It can result in an injury and can shake your confidence. The threat of falling can be a barrier to safely doing all the things you want to do at home and in the community. That's why preventing falls is critical to maintaining independence.

What is Stepping On? Stepping On is a program that has been researched and proven to reduce falls in older people. It consists of a workshop that meets for two hours a week for seven weeks. Workshops are led by a health professional and a peer leader- someone who, just like you, is concerned about falls. In addition, local guest experts provide information on exercise, vision, safety, and medications.

Topics include:

- Simple and fun balance and strength training
- The role vision plays in keeping your balance

- How medications can contribute to falls
- Ways to keep from falling when out in your community
- What to look for in safe footwear
- How to eliminate falls hazards from your home

Contact Nancy Krueger at [nkrueger@vpind.com](mailto:nkrueger@vpind.com) or 920-740-9572 regarding registration and more information. This is free to participate. Limited spots available, so sign up soon!

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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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### **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, 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.

## **Padilla Recital Benefits LEAVEN**

Anthony Padilla's piano recital on Sunday, July 22, raised over \$880 in donations to benefit LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network.) His program of transcriptions of the music of Bach, Copland and Mussorgsky was very well received; we thank him for gifting us with his artistry. Thank you, also, to those who attended and supported the important work of this non-profit organization!

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## **Mission and Service**

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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### **Re-Member Thank You!**

Last week, our congregation came through with many donations of school supplies, clothing, and toiletries for residents of Pine Ridge reservation. Helen McKean and the Prayer Shawl Ministry deserve a shout-out for their campaign to

provide beautiful hand-knitted baby blankets for Pine Ridge infants. These gifts supplemented the 51 mattresses donated by Lawrence University and packed onto a U-Haul by a group of First Congo volunteers with the aid of Lawrence employees and students.

When the truck departed last Thursday for the reservation, it was chock-full. Our friends from Grace Lutheran Green Bay, on mission this week at Re-Member, were the intrepid drivers. We have word that everyone and everything has safely arrived and that the bunkbed building operation can now recommence.

Many kind hearts and willing hands made these gifts possible. Pilámayaye (thank you)!

### **Calumet & Outagamie County Sheriff Candidates' Forum**

Tuesday, July 31 • 6:00-7:30 PM  
Appleton Public Library Conference  
Room B, Lower Level  
225 N. Oneida St, Appleton, WI

Be an informed voter! Here's your chance to ask questions **BEFORE** the primary election in August. Join us to understand the kinds of policies and reform measures each of the candidates plan to implement and the policies they plan to maintain.

In addition to asking questions, the candidates will get to hear *your concerns* and demonstrate their understanding of the local communities and issues **CONCERNING**: diversion and treatment programs, public safety, racial disparity, mental health, jail medication

disbursement, revocations, civil rights, segregation aka solitary confinement, immigration policies, incarcerated individuals' health care coverage, overcrowded jails, bail money, marijuana, and many more.

For more information, call the ESTHER-Fox Valley office at (920) 843-8083 or email ESTHER-Fox Valley at [office@esther-foxvalley.org](mailto:office@esther-foxvalley.org).

## **NAMIWalks**

NAMIWalks Fox Valley brings together people of all ages and fitness levels to combat stigma, raise funds and promote mental-health awareness. The 5K event is a celebration of mental health recovery – a time when we come together to let the world know we are #stigmafree.

Join us for the kick-off events on Monday, August 6 at the Grand Meridian, 2621 N. Oneida St., Appleton. Registration is at 7:30 AM. Join us for breakfast at 7:30 AM and to learn how to become involved on our walk.

NAMIWalk will take place Saturday, October 6. Registration is at 7:00-8:00 AM and the walk starts at 8:15 AM. This event is held at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium, 2400 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton.

Instead of paying a registration fee, participants build teams, share stories and raise funds to operate NAMI Fox Valley's mental health support, education, outreach, and advocacy programs. As part of the fun, rewards and incentive prizes are offered to participants who reach particular fundraising goals! Join us to

take "steps" to end stigma and promote mental health in the Fox Valley!

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please contact Kelly Kumbier for more information. To register, donate, or for more information on becoming a sponsor, please call (920) 954-1550, email Kelly at [kelly@namifoxvalley.org](mailto:kelly@namifoxvalley.org) or visit [www.namifoxvalley.org/namiwalks](http://www.namifoxvalley.org/namiwalks) for more information.

## **Rebuilding Puerto Rico**

March 9-16, 2019

*Disaster recovery trip with the UCC and Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico*

This is an opportunity to help rebuild, not only homes but lives. We will see the current situation of PR residents, take time to listen to them, rebuild homes and share their stories when we return home.

We will stay at a church camp near Luquillo, travel about 45 minutes each day to the Humacao area to rebuild homes (7:30 AM-2:00 PM), with opportunities in the later afternoon to go to the beach, rain forest or Vieques. We will make our own breakfast, pack lunches and eat dinner at local restaurants.

Cost will be approximately \$1000, depending on airfare. (\$200 fees for lodging, breakfast and lunch; additionally, airfare, parking at O'Hare, dinners and excursions). To reserve your spot, contact Deb Burich at [dburich54@gmail.com](mailto:dburich54@gmail.com). The \$200 fee will be required immediately with checks

made out to the church. Deadline to participate is September 30.

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## **Youth and Families**

*Faith, fun and service.*

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### **Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch**

TODAY, 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.

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## **Administration**

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### **First Congo Custodial Staff Update**

Long-time employee Kathy Kennedy recently gave notice of her retirement. Kathy has been on our staff for at least 15 years. We wish her well as she takes more time to spend with family. She will be missed!

If you or someone you know might be qualified and interested in a 25-hour per

week custodial position here at the church, please look for the job posting on [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) or contact the church office for more information.

## Calendar for July 29–August 4

### Sunday, July 29

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Youth Mission Sunday and Stockholders Brunch** – *Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, River Room*

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 30

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Counting Team** – *Library*

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 31

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**OFFICE CLOSED – First Congo Staff Team Building Event**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Congregational Life Ministry Team** – *Upper Lounge*

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

**Fireside AA Group** – *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, August 1

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

**Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** – *Upper Lounge*

### Thursday, August 2

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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

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*

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Clergy Development Group** – *Upper Lounge*

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

### Friday, August 3

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, August 4**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Memorial Service: Jane Haynes** – Sanctuary

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



**Corn Roast and Concert with  
Hillary Reynolds and Friends  
August 8 • 6:00–8:00 PM**

Fresh from her performances at Mile of Music, singer/songwriter Hillary Reynolds and friends will share her remarkable music in a lively outdoor concert.

Corn roast begins at 6:00, the concert at 6:30.

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**19th Fox Valley Islamic Society  
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**Sunday, August 5, 2018  
3 to 5:50 pm**

**103 Kappell Drive, Neenah, WI**

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*RSVP Appreciated by Sunday July 29th, Email [fvis.interfaith@gmail.com](mailto:fvis.interfaith@gmail.com) Phone 618 203 6891*

*In case of bad weather, the Gathering will be held at*

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah*