

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 Saturday, October 6, 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Please sign up in the Narthex.

For the convenience of those who need to leave the Sanctuary during worship, the service is video broadcasted 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.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6 or on Facebook at 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 to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

September 23 Highlights at First Congregational

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Flowers

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

Communion

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

Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are 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. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, September 21	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Judy Hinden	
Sunday, September 23	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Marsha Brewer	Sandy Mercer
Bridge Greeters	Barb Anderson	Tori and John Schultz Family
Welcome Desk	Faith Mauk	Sue Ahrens
Lay Readers	Mark Jenike	Janet Scheibe
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Jim O’Neill	Tim Hanna
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Shannon Glenn

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

Kindergarten	Theater	3rd Grade	Scripture Tent
1st Grade	Art/Kitchen	4th Grade	Scripture Tent
2nd Grade	Computer Lab	5th/6th Grades	East Conference Room

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018

8:45 and 10:30 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

Fantasia in a minor

Bach/Reger

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

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF OUR LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY MUSIC SCHOLARS

WELCOME AND GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

Behold Us, Lord, a Little Space

LaVahn Maesch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen, people of God! Wisdom is calling!

Before time began, God, Word, and Wisdom were creating and calling,
from the foundations of the deep,

**People: From mountain tops, fields and sea -
Creating and calling to all who would listen.**

Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

Daily, God's delight is found in you, and in all.

People: Grace and love, lavished on us as the foundation of our lives.

Leader: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

**People: Poured into our hearts that we may become
Christ's hands and heart, with love, with peace, for justice.**

Leader: Do not fear. God is timeless. God's mercies endure forever.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2 (see bulletin p. 7)

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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 (8:45 AM Service)

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School at the 8:45 AM service. At the 10:30 AM service, children may go to the Family Worship Area or return to the pews to worship with their families.)

ANTHEM

See What Love from the oratorio *St. Paul*

Mendelssohn

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

JOHNATHAN PRESCOTT VAN EPEREN (10:30 AM service)

Parents: Dan and Gabriela Van Eperen

Godparents: Alyssa Dorn and Garrett Dorn

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

People: We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Dear God of gentleness and love, once more you have spoken words of hope in the birth of a child. We delight in this new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Johnathan and his family. May they cherish his life and lead him in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN (see bulletin p. 6)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Stanza 1 - Soloist; Stanza 2 and 3 - Choir; **Stanza 4 - All**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN (see bulletin p. 8)

O God of Bethel

DUNDEE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Barham - Gould

*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

AN INTERTESTAMENTAL READING

Sirach 1: 1-20

All wisdom is from the Lord,
and with him it remains forever.

² The sand of the sea, the drops of rain,
and the days of eternity— who can count them?

³ The height of heaven, the breadth of the earth,

the abyss, and wisdom – who can search them out?

⁴ Wisdom was created before all other things,
and prudent understanding from eternity.

⁶ The root of wisdom – to whom has it been revealed?
Her subtleties – who knows them?

⁸ There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,
seated upon his throne – the Lord.

⁹ It is he who created her;
he saw her and took her measure;
he poured her out upon all his works,
¹⁰ upon all the living according to his gift;
he lavished her upon those who love him.

¹¹ The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation,
and gladness and a crown of rejoicing.

¹² The fear of the Lord delights the heart,
and gives gladness and joy and long life.

¹³ Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end;
on the day of their death they will be blessed.

¹⁴ To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
she is created with the faithful in the womb.

¹⁵ She made among human beings an eternal foundation,
and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.

¹⁶ To fear the Lord is fullness of wisdom;
she inebriates mortals with her fruits;

¹⁷ she fills their whole house with desirable goods,
and their storehouses with her produce.

¹⁸ The fear of the Lord is the crown of wisdom,
making peace and perfect health to flourish.

¹⁹ She rained down knowledge and discerning comprehension,
and she heightened the glory of those who held her fast.

²⁰ To fear the Lord is the root of wisdom,
and her branches are long life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 54-58 (NT p. 18)

MEDITATION

“The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of WHAT?!”

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 9)

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vivace From Four Sketches

Schumann

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM The Sanctuary Choir; Heather Hallet, *Soprano*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*









Upcoming Worship Schedule

September 30, 2018

Confirmation Sunday

8:45 AM and 10:30 AM

“Danger Passages”

Rev. Nick Hatch

Scripture reading: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29; Matthew 2:13-15

Music: 8:45 AM - The Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM - LU Music Scholars

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, September 28	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Sheryl DeHart, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, September 30	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Aaholm Family	Sheryl DeHart
Bridge Greeters	Pat Brooks Family	
Welcome Desk		Tim DeHart
Lay Readers	Gretchen Revie	Kathleen Stewardson
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Sue Mauthe

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
Jim Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Ivo Geurts
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
Mary Guenther
Ellen Gunter
Maggie Hendrick
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur
Clara and Victor Hosang
Ron Huebner
Sandy Hubert
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen

Our Kenyan partners and students
All those affected by plant closures
Eunice Klempe
Betty Masaros
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in-law
All impacted by recent rains and storms
Ellie Olson
Palestinian families and children
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Don Roehrborn
Rosemarey Schadler
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt
Jim Schwantes
Amanda Spindler
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by violence
Tom Tatlock
Beverly Trombla
Jean Tuft, friend of Nancy and Clair Brown
Larry Tuttle
Jean Van Wagenin
Our veterans and their families
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia Wardle
Chuck Wenger
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family
Kim, cousin of Ellen Wittwer
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

September 23, 2018

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Pastor's Message

Creation vs. Redemption/ Pelagius vs. Augustine

One of the classic theological questions debated throughout Christian history has to do with human nature. In the late 4th and early 5th Century C.E, this debate was joined by the Celtic Christian Pelagius and the Roman African Christian Augustine of Hippo. Pelagius articulated a belief in the essential goodness of humanity whereas Augustine warned of a fallen humanity born into "original sin." In simple terms, this debate can be summed up as either an emphasis on Creation or on Redemption.

How we learn of and experience God? Is God present in all of life (Creationist) or is God understood only through distinctly Christian teaching (Redemptionist)? How do we think about salvation? Is our redemption to be found as a kind of setting free, a release of what we essentially are (Creationist), or is our salvation to be experienced as a death to self, a repentance/forgiveness of our sinful nature and rebirth into a new self (Redemptionist)? How do we talk about infant baptism? Is the baby to be celebrated as a fresh expression of God's image (Creationist), or is the baby born already in need of God's cleansing waters of grace and forgiveness (Redemptionist)?

Like me, you might believe that these questions are best answered by an equivocal "Yes," finding both answers to be true.

Unfortunately, our Christian forebearers excommunicated Pelagius and chased him back to Wales. (This was done more for political than for theological reasons; Pelagius insisted on teaching women to read and interpret scripture.) By casting out Pelagius, these 5th Century Church leaders put a finger on the scales of Christian theology and threw it out of balance in favor of a Redemptionist theology.

In our worship liturgy and hymnody this year, you may notice that we are paying special attention to rebalancing our church's theological understanding and expression by including more sources of Creation theology. Look for a new baptismal hymn and an increased use of Celtic litanies. Let us ask ourselves how, in our worship, how our church is answering the age-old theological questions about human nature, experiencing God, and salvation?

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Weekly Lectionary Study Group

Our weekly Lectionary Study group will meet every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 PM in the Upper Lounge to talk together about the readings for the next Sunday's sermon. The upcoming Sunday's preaching pastor will lead this free-flowing, open discussion group. It offers an opportunity to engage in the passage and deeper in our worship. It will help guide our pastors as they prepare to preach. Come join us whenever you can and feel free to bring a lunch.

Membership Exploration

October 6, 9:00 AM

Join us on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM if you are interested in becoming a member of First Congo. RSVP with the church office at (920) 733-7393 or sign up in the Narthex.

If you need child care, please inform the church office by noon on September 24. If advance requests are not made, child care will not be available on the day of the class.

Membership Exploration is designed for people who are considering membership with First Congregational UCC. This is led by our staff and accompanied by contributions from the lay leadership of the church.

We will explore the history and polity of the United Church of Christ, the history and programs of First Congregational UCC, the faith and theology of the church, discernment of spiritual gifts for serving God, and the meaning of church membership and opportunities to serve the church.

Fox Valley Warming Shelter's Seventh Annual Fundraiser

Register by September 28

Please join us for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter's 7th annual Grateful Plateful. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 3 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Your \$50 ticket allows you to enjoy a great meal, entertainment, auctions and a program. Tables of 10 are available for \$450. Registration is available through September 28 at www.foxvalleywarmingshelter.org or call Connie at 419-0928 or vcfvws@gmail.com.

O.F.F. Bike Ride

Sign - up by September 26

We're O.F.F. on a Bike Ride, Saturday, September 29. Let's get a First Congo group together to Bike the Barn Quilts, a supported ride in Shawano that has been rated one of the 10 best in Wisconsin. There are eight scenic routes varying from 5 to 70 miles (group members can ride different routes).

Light breakfast, snacks, water stations and lunch included. Beautiful quilt patterns are showcased on barns through the county, enhanced by the fall colors. John

and Nancy Brown-Koeller are tour guides for the 20 - mile ride.

More info and registration at shawanopathways.org - look for group First Congo, password: Firstcongo.

Please sign up in Narthex or call Nancy by Wednesday, September 26 so we know you are coming.

Travel details will be sent to those who have signed up. Please contact Nancy Brown-Koeller (715) 853-6258 or nbkappleton@gmail.com for information.

Women's Retreat

We have 30 participants signed up for our Moon Beach retreat and we are full! We have started a wait list in case a participant is unable to attend. Please notify the church office if you wish to be on our wait list. If you have questions call or email Barb Uehling, Jeanne Coenraad, or Pastor Kathryn.

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, we will celebrate 50 years in our current building. Please join us for breakfast at the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel and then worship at the church as we reach this historic milestone.

We will walk from the hotel to our present location after breakfast, weather permitting.

Please watch social media and the bulletin for more updates.

Worship and Music

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

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Continues on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM

Our Children's Choir (grades 2-6) offers the opportunity to "sing our faith" each week in rehearsals, as well as regularly share our music in worship services, on Christmas Eve, and in the Intergenerational Musical. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the choir room.

Registrations are included in CYF registration on Realm, or families can contact John Albrecht to register at jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org or if you have any questions.

Youth Handbells Rehearsals

Starting September 26 at 5:45 PM

Our Youth Handbells (grades 7-12) will learn new ringing techniques and share new music regularly in worship. Basic music reading skills are helpful. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 26 at 5:45 PM in the Amistad Room. Registrations are included in CYF registration on Realm, or families can contact John Albrecht at jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org to register or if you have any questions.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals

Continuing every Wednesday at 7 PM

All adults and high schoolers are welcome to join in service and music ministry by singing in our Sanctuary Choir! No audition is needed; many different styles of music are explored as we praise God through singing.

For questions and to register, please contact John Albrecht at jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Confirmation Sunday

September 30, 2018

Please mark this wonderful day on your calendar when we as a church gather to celebrate the living and growing faith of the young disciples who have been in 2017-2018 Confirmation.

Their complete faith statements will be hung in the Narthex for your reading.

Confirmation 2018-19

Confirmation class registration packets have been mailed out. If you are interested in joining our class this year, but didn't receive a packet, please contact Jennifer DeWitt at 920-851-6938 or jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org. Everyone in 9th grade or older is welcome!

All registration forms and payment need to be turned in before Confirmation

Orientation on Wednesday, October 3. You must also have a Mentor chosen before this date.

If you need help finding a mentor, please contact Pastor Nick at (920) 733-7393 or nhatch@firstcongoappleton.org.

Mission and Service

Building relationships, serving others, pursuing justice.

Rebuilding Puerto Rico

March 9-16, 2019

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. The \$200 fee will be required immediately with checks

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

A Cozy Night at Home

Our church will be donating a themed basket, "A Cozy Night at Home," for ESTHER's 15th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction. You can help us fill the basket! Suggested items include: snacks, candles, music, blanket throws, movies, gift certificates, and food.

We are also accepting themed baskets or items for the silent auction.

Please bring your donations to the church office by October 21st.

Contact Sheryl De Hart at (920) 731-2620 or tdehart@new.rr.com for pick-up.



Join Congo4NAMI at NAMIWalks Fox Valley!

Saturday, October 6

Check in: 7:00-8:00 AM

Walk begins: 8:15 AM

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium
2400 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton

Wear your First Congregational UCC t-shirt. (See Pastor Kathryn if you need one). NAMI Fox Valley is bringing back its 5K NAMIWalks event to raise funds and awareness for those needing resources and support for those who live with or care about someone living with mental illness.

Why We Walk:

- because one in five Americans lives with a mental health condition;
- to improve the lives of people who are affected by mental illness;
- to build awareness and end stigma by encouraging others to learn about mental health and see the person, not the illness;
- to raise funds to provide support education and advocacy programs at no cost;
- because we want the community to know we support mental health initiatives.

To join or support our team, you have two options:

Option A:

Go to www.namifoxvalley.org

Select "NAMIWalks"

Search for our team: Congo4NAMI

Select "Join Our Team"

Sign on, raise funds if you can, and join us on October 6!

Option B:

Sign up in the Narthex.

Administration

New to Realm?

Do you have questions about our Realm system? Need help setting up a profile? Uploading a picture? Posting to your group? In the following weeks, we'll be answering some common Realm questions.

This Week: Your Realm Profile

Getting Started

What? You haven't activated your Realm profile yet? Now is the time to join your church community online. Our pastors use Realm when they are out and about and want to contact you. If your information is not up-to-date, you are hard to reach. Let's get you started.

First you need to find your Realm invitation email or ask the church office to send you another one. The subject line will say something like "Join your church community online." You will start the process with the link contained in the email. Follow the directions to set up your password. Then a second verification email will be sent with another link. Once you go to that link, you are at your Realm page.

Click your name and select My Profile. Your first step is to check all the contact and personal information in your profile, especially your address, phone number and email address. Make any corrections and add any missing data. (Please enter your full birthday. The year and your age will **not** be displayed on your church profile.)

We'd also like to have you add your photo. Click on the circle to the left of your name. Select a nice photo of yourself from your files. Now you can position or resize the photo as necessary and hit save. Please have a close-up of you - not your family, dog or avatar.

Now that you are logged in you can view the church directory. Go to the navigation menu and find Directory. The Directory is a list of individuals associated with our church. Some names might not include contact information. It's possible that someone can be in the directory, but their contact information is hidden by the privacy settings they've chosen. Individuals without a login will not appear here either, so if there's someone you need to contact, you might want to help them to get logged-in so pastors and congregation members can call, visit or send them cards.

E- Newsletters

Are you still receiving our Wednesday and Friday e-newsletters? We are now using Constant Contact to send them.

You can also sign-up for church school, middle school, and high school newsletters through our website.

Please add info@firstcongoappleton.org to your contacts so the e-letters don't end up in your SPAM.

Articles for the Open Door

If you have anything you'd like to have placed in the Open Door, please email Mardy at mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org by noon on Tuesday of the week you need the article to be published.

If you want to send an article for the e-newsletter, please have it by no later than 12:00 PM Tuesday.

Calendar for Sunday, September 23 – Saturday, September 29

Sunday, September 23

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Worship – Sanctuary

Child Care – Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room

Church School – Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen, East Conference Room, Computer Lab

Boy Scout Popcorn Sales – Narthex

Worship– Sanctuary

Child Care – Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room

Percussion Rehearsal – Sanctuary

LU Music Scholars Rehearsal – Choir Room

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

Monday, September 24

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Appleton Boychoir – Ambassador Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Appleton Boychoir – Repertoire Rehearsal – Choir Room

ESTHER Finance Meeting – Upper Lounge

Appleton Boychoir – All Family Meeting – Sanctuary

Boy Scout Troop 8 – Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room

Congo Crafters for Christ – Upper Lounge

Fox Valley Flute Choir - Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 25

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM

9:00 AM – 1:30 AM

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

ADRC - South Fellowship Hall

UCC Conference - River Room, Kitchen, Fellowship Hall

ADRC - Fall Session - South Fellowship Hall

Lectionary Bible Study – Upper Lounge

Yoga @ the Congo - Fellowship Hall, River Room

Church Council Meeting - Upper Lounge

Fireside AA Group - Common Grounds

Wednesday, September 26

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - Upper Lounge

Children’s Choir Rehearsal– Choir Room

Youth Handbell Rehearsal – Amistad Room

Middle School classes – Theater, Scripture Tent, Art/ Kitchen

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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Confirmation Rehearsal for Parents, Confirmands and Mentors – *North/South Fellowship Hall*

Church Mice – *East Conference Room*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 27

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ADRC – *South Fellowship Hall*

ADRC - Fall Session – *South Fellowship Hall*

AA – Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, September 28

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

N.A. – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, September 29

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Percussion Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*



HERITAGE/REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 28, 2018

Music: 10:30 AM – The Sanctuary Choir;
LU Brass Quintet and Timpani



— The Church of the Open Door —
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
724 E. South River Street, Appleton, WI 54915



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
Mardy Wiesman, Communications Specialist
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant
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