

## **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 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](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 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, September 7</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM RALLY SUNDAY</b> <i>Music provided by Murphy’s Law</i>
Main Door Greeter	Nancy Kandler
Bridge Greeters	Lou Ann Graf
Welcome Desk	Kim and Kris Kandler
Lay Reader	Michael Weaver
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne, Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ RALLY SUNDAY

September 9, 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

*Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ*

Caribbean Folk Melody

*Rondo in G major, Op. 10*

Kuhlau

Barb Armstrong and Jann Kostecke, *flutes*

(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

## COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONARIES FOR THE APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT

*Tim DeHart, Lou Ann Graf, Tom Graf, Kris Helm, Ken Jahnke, Diane Putzer, Valerie Schultz,  
Lyle Van De Hey, Wanda Van De Hey*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, look about creation and see the faces of those we know and love -

**People: Neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters - a communion of kindred hearts.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know -

**People: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here today -

**People: In me, in you, in each of us everywhere, God's spirit shines for all to see!**

Leader: People of God, come, let us worship together.

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #14

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, forever. 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.)

ANTHEM

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

arr. M. Culloton

See Hymn #427 for this anthem's text.

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN #422

*Have Faith in God*

SOUTHWELL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Canon in D*

Pachelbel

arr. E. Monroe

\*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

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:16b-21 (NT p. 292)

LITANY OF FAITH

Leader: He was present in the temple,

**People: But not just in the temple...**

**Women: He was present where women made bread in the kitchen and when women mended clothes in the sun, so that he could find the language with which to tell bakers and menders about God's kingdom.**

Leader: He was present in the synagogue,

**People: But not just in the synagogue...**

**Men: He was present where farmers sowed fields, harvested crops and hired laborers, so that he could find the language to let farmers and farm-hands know what God intended.**

Leader: He was present in an upstairs room,

**People: But not just in one upstairs room or at one special dinner. He ate in numerous houses, told stories at table, brought in uninvited guests, upset his hosts, and was called a glutton and a drunkard: and all this so that the marginalized might sample heaven's hospitality.**

Leader: He was present on the cross, but only because he had been present at all the crossroads of life.

**People: He was present in the grave to separate fear from death.**

**All: He is present now in heaven to be everywhere on earth.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NT p. 19)

MEDITATION

"Fearless Faith: Part 1"

Rev. Steve Savides

\*CLOSING HYMN #237

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*

Campra

\*The Congregation Standing

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

The Sanctuary Choir

Barb Armstrong and Jann Kostecke, *flutes*

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

September 16, 2018      Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost      8:45 AM and 10:45 AM

"Fearless Faith: Part 2"

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture readings: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 and Matthew 28:19-20

Music: 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM - Vocal Ensemble

### Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, September 14</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Robin Reed	Sandy Mercer
Bridge Greeters	Aaholm Family	Tori and John Schultz Family
Welcome Desk	Joan Jensen	Sue Ahrens
Lay Readers	Eilene Hoft-March	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio		
Multi-Media – video		

## 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  
Back Bay Mission and all affected by  
Tropical Storm Gordon  
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  
Family of Ed Heinrich, grieving his death  
Maggie Hendrick  
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur  
Clara and Victor Hosang  
Ron Huebner  
Sandy Hubert  
Janis Ireland  
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen

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  
Midwesterners and all impacted by recent  
rains and storms  
Ellie Olson  
Palestinian families and children  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Family of Diane Reitzner, grieving her death  
Don Roehrborn  
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim  
Schmidt  
Jim Schwantes  
Amanda Spindler  
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by violence  
Beverly Trombla  
Jean Tuft, friend of Nancy and Clair Brown  
Larry Tuttle  
Family of Don and Monnie Vick, grieving their  
deaths  
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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### Inspiration

A few weeks ago, Fox Valley Warming Shelter's Manager posted a story about one of her clients on Facebook. Good news is sometimes hard to find, so I thought I'd share it with you, too.

One August morning, this staff person took 3 of her clients to do some volunteer landscaping. After several hours of hard labor on a hot day, she drove the clients to McDonald's for lunch to thank them. While there, one of the clients noticed a woman in her car, drenched in sweat, appearing unresponsive. He leapt out of the Shelter Manager's car and tended to the woman. Here's what happened next:

"The client and I opened her car door to get some air in the car in which she finally responded and came to. The client ruffled through his backpack giving her a shirt to wipe the sweat from her face, offered her the soda and rest of the food he JUST received for busting his butt all morning, and assisted her out of the car, walking her to a shaded area. The young woman explained her car was dead, so the same client popped her hood, and searched around McDonald's asking if anyone could help her charge her battery so she could make it back to Wisconsin Rapids. The only reason he didn't do it himself was because his 10-hour work shift was starting soon and he couldn't be late. I watched this man give everything he had to a woman he just met. He was more concerned about her well being than his own at that given moment.

...This man is going through a temporary homeless episode....and put his food, clothing, and job on the line to make sure this woman was okay. Homelessness doesn't define someone, it's a situation and a temporary set back a human being may experience."

I am often inspired by the staff and volunteers of our local agencies who resource the homeless community, as well as by the many who - no matter who they are, or where they are on life's journey - give whatever they can, do whatever they can, for someone else's benefit.

Thanks to you, too, church - for being among the "good news makers" in our world!

Your friend and fellow servant-in-training, Pastor Kathryn Kuhn



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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## 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.

## Weekly Lectionary Study Group

Our weekly Lectionary Study group will resume on Tuesday, September 11 at noon in the Upper Lounge. We will meet every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 PM to talk together about the readings for the next Sunday's sermon.

This free-flowing, open discussion group will offer an opportunity to engage in the passage and in our worship more deeply. It will help guide our pastors as they prepare to preach. Come join us whenever you can and feel free to bring a lunch.

## CONGO CRAFTERS



## FOR CHRIST

Monday nights • 7-9 PM  
Upper Lounge

## Congo Crafters for Christ

We hope to see you on Monday, September 10 at 7 PM in the Upper Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time as we continue to work on learning crochet and planning new Fall/Winter projects. You may also bring your own projects to work on and/or one to share with the group.

## Horicon Marsh Trip Sign-up

Register by Sunday, September 16

In fall, Horicon Marsh offers tours only on Sunday mornings, so with Pastor's blessing... We're O.F.F. on Sunday, September 23 to Horicon Marsh for a two-hour pontoon journey to the marsh's heart. On this narrated Birding Adventure, both birdwatchers and experienced birders will enjoy spotting the over 305 species of birds that seek out Horicon Marsh as habitat during the summer season and fall migration. The pontoon leaves Blue Heron Landing at 9 AM. Bring your bird book, bird app, binoculars, and enjoy this seasonal miracle. Fee: Adults \$22, children 5 - 13, \$11.50.

Make your reservation by signing up on the Narthex table or by contacting Sandy Gillum at [gillumsst@gmail.com](mailto:gillumsst@gmail.com) or 715-617-0031. Please register by Sunday,

September 16. Travel details will be provided to those who **are** registered. Always check with the Outings Leader before leaving home. This outing is weather dependent.

## **Creative Spirit: Women's Retreat**

November 2-4, 2018

We have a few spaces left for the Women's Retreat at Moon Beach in St. Germaine! Please join us for a weekend of connecting, unwinding, being creative (no particular skills required!) and mostly enjoying the quiet beauty of the Northwoods. Our time together begins with dinner on Friday evening, November 2, though you are welcome to arrive anytime that afternoon; we'll conclude by late morning on Sunday, November 4. The cost is \$170. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathryn.

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## **Youth and Families**

*Faith, fun and service.*

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### **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](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org). Everyone in 9th grade or older is welcome!



## **Children, Youth & Family (CYF) and Music Program Registration 2018-2019**

Registration for the new program year has begun! You should have received an email through Realm a few weeks ago with all the important information. Please check your SPAM folder if you didn't receive it.

We're very excited to launch online registration through Realm. Please help us get off to a great start by completing this process right away.

If you need assistance, contact Jennifer DeWitt (CYF Coordinator) at 920-851-6938 or [jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org).

We will also have a table set up at Rally Sunday on September 9, and Parent Orientation Night on September 12 to assist you.

Paper forms will also be available in the main church office, outside the CYF office, in the Narthex, and in the hallway by the Nursery.

To complete the online registration process, log into your Realm account and follow this process:

1. Under Community, click on Events.
2. Click on Children/Youth/Music Registration 2018-2019.
3. Check the box next to each child you are registering. Then click on the blue "Next" button.
4. Answer all the questions.
5. Click on the blue "Next" button.

6. Click on the blue "Register" button.

A graphic for a Parent Orientation event. It features a blue and black geometric design on the left side. The text is centered and includes the title "Parent Orientation", the date and location "Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Fellowship Hall", and three bullet points with checkmarks: "Grades K-6: 6:30 - 7:00 PM", "Middle School: 7:00 - 7:30 PM", and "High School: 7:30 - 8:00 PM".

**Parent Orientation**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
Fellowship Hall

- ✓ Grades K-6: 6:30 - 7:00 PM
- ✓ Middle School: 7:00 - 7:30 PM
- ✓ High School: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

## CYF Parent Orientation Night

Please join us for the CYF program year Parent Orientation night on Wednesday, September 12.

To learn more about the exciting programs we have planned for your student, including our new Tween program, please attend your child's orientation (each orientation will be group specific) held in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be available to help you complete online registration/Realm activation!

### Orientation Schedule

\*Church School (3-year-olds to 6th grade)  
Wednesday, September 12: 6:30-7:00 PM

\*Middle School (7th and 8th grades)  
Wednesday, September 12: 7:00-7:30 PM

\*High School (9th to 12th grades)  
Wednesday, September 12: 7:30-8:00 PM

Church school for grades

\*K-6th will be offered at the 8:45 AM service only.

\*Nursery & toddler childcare and 3 & 4-year-old church school will be offered at **both** services.

If you have any questions, please contact CYF Coordinator Jennifer DeWitt at 920-851-6938 or [jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org).

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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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### Volunteers Needed for Percussion and Drums

Have you ever wanted to play percussion and drums? Now is your chance! Rehearsals begin in early September to prepare for World Communion/Kenya Partnership Sunday on October 7. For more info, contact Vicky Daniel at [yovickster@gmail.com](mailto:yovickster@gmail.com) or (920) 284-6652.

### Children's Choir Rehearsals

Starting September 19 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 begin Wednesday, September 19 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the choir room.

Registrations are included in CYF registration on Realm, or families can contact John Albrecht at [jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org) to register or contact if 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](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org) to register or contact if 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](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org).

**Estonia Choir Trip  
Informational Meeting  
All Are Welcome!**

September 12 at 8:15 PM  
after choir rehearsal

Our Sanctuary Choir is honored to be invited to participate in a **Choral Festival in Estonia from June 30 – July 7, 2019!** Companion tours (for non-singing travelers) will be available too. Interested?

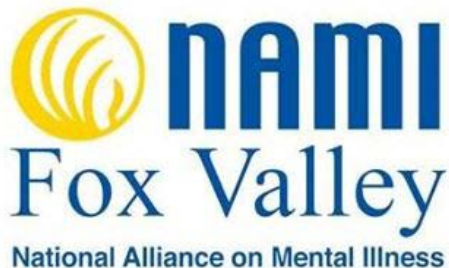
Festival conductor Rick Bjella and participating conductor Kevin Meidl will hold a brief informational session in our choir room on Wednesday, September 12, from 8:15 – 8:45 PM after choir rehearsal. Please contact John Albrecht at [jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org) for more information, any questions, and if you plan to attend the meeting.

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## **Mission and Service**

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## 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](http://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!

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## Administration

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### 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: What is Realm?

- Your Profile: Your profile is your starting point. It contains your contact information, household members, email preferences, giving history, groups you belong to, and more.
- Your Giving: You can pledge, contribute, and see your giving history through your profile.
- Your Groups: Realm's "Groups" feature simplifies interacting with

others in the church, including committees and small group ministries. When you activate your profile, you are automatically part of a group called First Congregational UCC. Throughout the year, committees, small groups, and classes will be added.

## **E- Newsletters**

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

Please add [info@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto: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, Mardy asks you please email him at [mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org) by noon on Tuesday of the week you need the article to be published.

## Calendar for Sunday, September 9 – Saturday, September 15

### Sunday, September 9

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Worship – RALLY SUNDAY** – *Sanctuary*

**Rally Sunday Breakfast** – *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

**LU Music Scholar Choir Rehearsal** – *Choir Room*

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

### Monday, September 10

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Alternative Christmas Market Team Meeting** – *Library*

**Appleton Boy Choir – Rehearsal Repertoire** – *Choir Room*

**Facilities Ministry Area** – *Upper Lounge*

**Technology Team** – *Library*

**Prayer Shawl** – *Common Grounds*

**Boy Scout Troop 8** – *Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room*

**First Congo Crafters for Christ** – *Upper Lounge*

**Fox Valley Flute Choir** – *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, September 11

6:45 AM – 7:45 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

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

**StrongBodies** – *South Fellowship Hall*

**StrongBodies – Fall Session** – *South Fellowship Hall*

**Lectionary Bible Study** – *Upper Lounge*

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

**Wild Women of First Congo** – *Stone Cellar Brewpub, 1004 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton*

**Mission and Service Meeting** – *Upper Lounge*

**ESTHER Immigration Rights Task Force** – *Fox Valley Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton*

**Worship and Music Ministry Meeting** – *Library*

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

### Wednesday, September 12

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

**Confirmation Class with Mentors** – *Chapel/Fellowship Hall*

**Church School Parent Orientation** – *Fellowship Hall*

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** – *Sanctuary, Choir Room*

**Church Mice** – *East Conference Room*

**Middle School Parent Orientation** – *Fellowship Hall*

8:00 PM – 8:30 PM

8:15 PM – 8:45 PM

**High School Parent Orientation** – Fellowship Hall

**Estonia Choir Trip Informational Meeting** – Choir Room

**Thursday, September 13**

6:45 AM – 8:00 AM

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**StrongBodies** - South Fellowship Hall

**StrongBodies – Fall Session** - South Fellowship Hall

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

**Prayer Shawl** – Common Grounds

**Fox Valley 94 AA** – Common Grounds

**Friday, September 14**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

**Al-Anon** – Upper Lounge

**N.A.** – Common Grounds

**Saturday, September 15**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** – Common Grounds

**Wine and Word  
discussion**

**“The Cross and the  
Lynching Tree”**

**By James H. Cone**

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Place: 2408 Lake Cottage Ct.,

Menasha, Wi

Home of Chuck and Denise Valenti-Hein

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

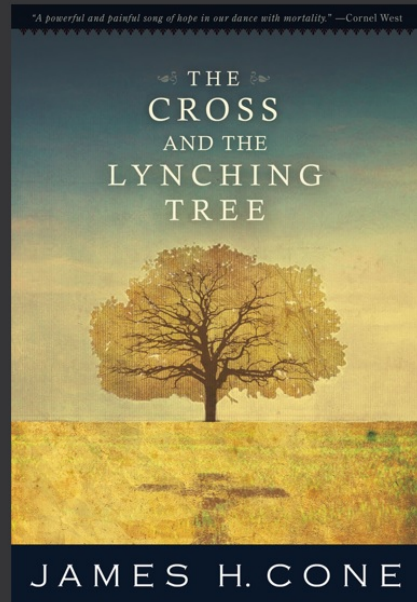


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# CONGO CRAFTERS



## FOR CHRIST

Monday nights • 7-9 PM

Upper Lounge

**September 10: Crochet/Discuss Fall & Winter projects**

**September 24: Crochet/Bring your own project & ideas**

**October 8: TBD**

**October 22: TBD**

**November 5: TBD**

**Our Purpose:** Crafting, working on projects, sharing/teaching/learning of our God given talents with others, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

**Who:** Everyone is invited!! Church-goers, friends, family, co-workers, etc. (High School ages & up)

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**Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan for space, or email with any questions!**



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