

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 January 19, 2019.

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.

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.

October 14 Highlights at First Congregational

Today:	Bible Sunday	
Today:	Empty to Full (E2F) Pan Distribution	p. 10
Today:	Church Family Handbells Workshop Begins	p. 11
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Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning is from the wedding of Angela Feagles and Lane Heinkel.

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, October 12	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Sheryl De Hart, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, October 14	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Sylvia King	Pat and Frank Severin
Bridge Greeters		Midge Mosher
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Readers	LouAnn Graf	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm	Dennis Korth
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Steve Verboomen

Church School Schedule–8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms after worship today.

Kindergarten	Theater	4th Grade	Theater
1st Grade	Theater	5th/6th Grades	East Conference Room
2nd /3rd Grades	Theater		

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE SUNDAY

October 14, 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

Thy Strong Word

Sandra Eithun

(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

*WELCOME AND GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

Be Still and Know That I Am God (Psalm 46:10-11)

Michael Bedford

Many and Great

Traditional Dakota

Children's Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is God who draws us here;

People: With a yearning to praise that which is bigger than us.

Leader: It is Jesus who draws us here;

People: To celebrate our beautiful gifts of life and relationship.

Leader: It is the Holy Spirit which draws us here in our wilderness;

**All: To sing, to pray, to renew our experience of the comforting joy of
God's love.**

*OPENING HYMN #530

Once to Every Heart and Nation

EBENEZER

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 HYMN #103 (8:45 only)

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 only)

(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.)

PRESENTATION OF FOURTH GRADE BIBLES (8:45 only)

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION (10:30 only)

TIME OF COMMITMENT

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING:

We celebrate with you the commitment you are making today. The journey of faith is a journey through life. All of us are pilgrims, travelers, making our way. We invite you to begin this journey. As you walk beside us, we may tell you our stories, but we cannot tell you the way. It is a quest you must follow by yourself. We can tell you of our questions, but the answers must come from within your own hearts. May God bless you and each of us as we make our way through the sacred journey of life.

ANTHEM

Praise God with Song (Psalm 117)

Heinrich Schuetz

Nicoletta Puskar, Clover Austin-Muehleck, Luke Honeck, Alex Quackenbush, *Echo Quartet*

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN #473

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Sarah Quartel

LU Music Scholars

Emily Richter, Bea McManus, Clover Austin-Muehleck, *soloists*

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (OT p. 267)

UNISON GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:8-11 (NT p. 4)

MEDITATION

"Renewal in the Wilderness"

Rev. Nick Hatch

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Gerhard Krapf

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Emily Richter, Bea McManus, Clover Austin-Muehleck, *soloists*

Bianca Pratta, *flute* Logan Willis, *oboe*

Nicoletta Puskar, Clover Austin-Muehleck, Luke Honeck, Alex Quackenbush, *Echo Quartet*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars; Children's Choir

10:30 AM Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars; Children's Choir

Upcoming Worship Schedule

October 21, 2018

Baptism Sunday

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Bad People, Good God”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51: 1-9; Matthew 21:33-41

Music: 8:45-Sanctuary Choir 10:30 AM-LU Music Scholars

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, October 19	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Karen Gosse, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, October 21	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Cathy Paynter	Kevin Clavers
Bridge Greeters		Midge Mosher
Welcome Desk		Janet Scheibe
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Coffee Fellowship is available between services outside of the Upper Lounge. If you would be interested in hosting an upcoming coffee fellowship, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.



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 or have been affected by
domestic violence and sexual assault
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
Jane and Tom Hempel
Maggie Hendrick
Clara and Victor Hosang
Ron Huebner
Sandy Hubert
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
Jean Reid
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Don Roehrborn
Rosemary 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 Wegner
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
Gary Wisneski
The Wittwer Family
Kim, cousin of Ellen Wittwer
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

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Pastor's Message

The Temptation of Yesterday

Fall marks the growing season's end and nature's one last splurge before a time of dormancy and waiting. It's always during this time of the year, that I reflect deeply on the previous season's and my life's events. Here at First Congo, fall emerges in beautiful and splendid ways.

On my walk to and from the CYF building over the bridge, I daily encounter fall's beauty as it unfolds into its height and then disappears. It's also during this same season that last year's confirmation group closes out its journey, and a new confirmation group begins. This is what happened these last few weeks. We marked the end of the 2017-2018 Confirmation Experience with Confirmation Sunday on September 30. Then we started the new Confirmation group that Wednesday evening. It's always bittersweet; we celebrate the year long journey of one group, welcome them into the corporate life of the church, then days later we start all over again with a new group. The book of Ecclesiastes says:

Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these? For it is not from wisdom that you ask this."

Ask any teacher and they will say that despite all the similarities, every group expresses its own unique corporate characteristics. Some groups are high energy, some low; some are chatty, some quiet; some are kind, others can be challenging. Whatever the case, it's easy to get caught up in remembering a particular class that was (or was not) but then we cannot fully receive the next one. It's something we all do when we talk about "the good old days." We don't know where the line between nostalgic reminiscing and embracing a new present exists.

Perhaps the more memories we have, the harder the past pulls us out from the present in such a way that we are increasingly tempted to not receive but rather recollect. This is especially the case in turbulent, traumatic, or frightening times: we return to something more familiar, a landscape we trust, and wish for that time once again.

For others, it's the exact opposite; the past is a place they no longer wish to recollect and embrace because of the pain it might bring.

In writing about those who presently know riches but must keep their gaze upon God's goodness, Paul says they are, *"to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus*

storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

Fear tempts us to hedge our trust and retreat to a safer and sensible past, present, or future. This same set of fears cause us to loosen and let go of the life that really is life. If we let go of today, in a very real way, we let go of not only our personal opportunities but also the living divinity of our Still-Speaking God.

So where are you in these turbulent times? How have you laid down your life to good and generous works sharing Christ's love? How do you (or don't you) take hold of the life that really is life so that you might be prepared for what the future brings?"

May every autumn leaf gush forth the Holy Spirit's fire and beauty.

May today be one where you know God's living love imminently.

May you grasp this moment by the coattails as if it was your last, because you are a person boldly created by our faithful and enduring God.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Nick

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

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. Money raised will be 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.

E2F (Empty to Full) Pans

Empty pan distribution on
Sunday, October 14, 2018

On Sunday, October 14, First Congo will participate in a project to allow members to prepare food in their own home for Pillars, formerly Homeless Connections. Empty pans containing the recipe and shopping list, will be distributed to interested churchgoers. Please fill the empty pan with lasagna or a comparable dish. It's simple:

- Follow the simple grocery list and purchase the ingredients to make the dish (Approx. \$13.00)

- During the week prepare the recipe and fill the pan (So simple...no cooking noodles required)
- Place the prepared pan in your freezer if possible (refrigerator, ok too)
- Bring the prepared pan with you on **Sunday, October 21**
- Enjoy the great feeling of using your gifts to nourish others

If you're unable to bring the prepared pan back on October 21, return it the week of October 15-18. Pans can be placed in the lower level kitchen freezer.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

October Church School News

Today marks the last day of Church School's first rotation for First Congregational UCC's children.

Classes have been buzzing with activity as the children have learned about Noah and the Rainbow Promise.

The children learned about the science of rainbows through a variety of mini-experiments in the Science Workshop and made rainbow color spinners to take home. They heard a variety of renditions of the story of Noah and even created their own in the Storytelling Workshop.

In the "All About Animals Workshop," children learned animal facts and created

their own mini animal toys while hearing of God's love for all creatures on earth.

In the Game Workshop, children played a series of games designed to enhance the story of Noah and the Rainbow Promise and today they will end the rotation with a special movie presentation.

The fifth- and sixth-grade children engaged in their own special lessons, focusing on trust in prayer's power and God's miracles.

It has been a truly exciting and busy start to the Church School program year. None of these lessons could take place without the dedicated teachers who volunteered their time and talents the last five Sundays.

Please take a moment to thank the following wonderful volunteers, if you see them: Dianne Droster (Kindergarten), Maja Glidden (first grade), Jolene Scribner (second grade), Julie Michels (third and fourth grade), Katie Jahnke (fifth and sixth grade), and Shari Mitchell who lovingly taught our three- and four-year-old children all program year.

Thank you Hofacker's Orchard

The middle and high school students want to thank Appleton's Hofacker's Orchard for donating the apples for the Apple Crisp Bake this year. We were able to deliver over 100 apple crisps to people in the Fox Valley. Thank you Hofacker's Orchard for making our event possible.

Worship and Music

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

Family Handbell Workshops

Begins Sunday, October 14
between services at 9:45 to 10:25 AM

This year's Family Handbell workshops begin today, between services from 9:45 to 10:25 AM in the Amistad Room.

Church family members of all ages are welcome to enjoy ringing our five handbell and hand chime octaves for performance preparation on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18.

Rehearsal dates are today, Sunday, October 21 and Sunday, November 4, between services and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, November 17 (TBA) before the Sunday, November 18 performances.

Each workshop session will cover new techniques and playing styles with a chance to explore what ringing is all about. No experience is needed. It's easy and counting to four and six is all that is required! Contact the church office or Beth Vercouteren at (920) 740-3571.

Celebrate our 50-Year Building Anniversary

Sunday, October 28

On Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate 50 years in our current building. Starting at 8:00 AM you may take a shuttle bus to the

Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel from our parking lot.

Rev. Don Severson, former Interim Senior Pastor will speak at our celebration breakfast and a 50th Anniversary documentary will be shown at 8:30 AM.

The Sanctuary Choir, Lawrence University Brass and Music Scholars will provide music throughout the day's events.

At 9:45 AM, congregants can re-create the 1968 walk from the old to the new church or take a shuttle bus back to the church.

Former pastor, Rev. Jane Anderson will preach at the morning's 10:30 AM worship service and building rededication.

Please watch social media and our bulletin for more updates and information.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect

Sunday, October 21 · 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Madison's Bob Lindmeier will be moderating the screening of WKOW's "Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect" on Sunday, October 21 at the Appleton Public Library from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

This documentary examines the environmental, social and political impacts of climate change in Wisconsin and how the climate change effect is impacting our

economy, from insurance rates to home construction to the state's important agriculture industry.

Bob is WKOW's Chief Meteorologist and was personally involved in the production of this presentation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ESTHER's 15th Annual Banquet



Sunday, November 4

On Sunday, November 4, from 4:30-7:30 PM, ESTHER will hold its 15th Annual Banquet, at Liberty Hall in Kimberly.

ESTHER is a mission partner of First Congo and there will be a First Congo table for the banquet.

If you would like to be seated at the table, contact Sara Companik at (920) 731- 0663 or scompanik@yahoo.com. Tickets are available online and in the Narthex from Sunday, October 14 through Sunday, October 28.

Church Women United Community Day

Friday, November 2

9:00 AM registration • 9:30 AM

Join Church Women United of Outagamie County's Community Day at Emmanuel

United Methodist Church on 740 E.
College Ave on Friday, November 2.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM with coffee and snacks. The program starts at 9:30 AM. ESTHER's Nancy Jones will present, "What is ESTHER All About?"

We will also be collecting items for Pillars (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter) such as: 39-gallon garbage bags, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, unflavored-regular and decaf coffee, pourable sugar, creamer or packets, and any size men's/women's underwear.

GriefShare

Mondays, 6:30 PM, until December 17
Hosted at First English Lutheran

On Monday nights at 6:30 PM, Pastor Mary Bauer leads GriefShare, a support group, which meets in the First English Lutheran Church lounge at 326 E. North Street, Appleton.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

Find help at GriefShare.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare is a warm, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You'll discover there are

people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences.

In GriefShare, you'll find that you are not alone. Please contact Pastor Mary Bauer at mbauer@felc.com, if you have any questions.

Conversations on Divorce

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
November 5, 12 and 19

First Congo member Dianne Droster will facilitate a three-week conversation about divorce.

Anyone who has been divorced or is going through a divorce is welcome to attend. This is a safe place to share your experiences of divorce, from difficult days to times of healing – and everything in between – in a supportive, open, accepting and encouraging environment. We will covenant together to keep our conversations honest, candid, and private to the group.

Dates and Topics are:

- **November 5:** The Many, Mixed-up Emotions of Divorce
- **November 12:** The New Realities of Divorce
- **November 19:** The Path Forward Through Divorce

Contact Dianne at didroster@gmail.com, with any questions or concerns.

Thank you from Kenya Partnership Team

The Kenya Partnership Team thanks those who supported our student sponsorship program so far for the upcoming Kenyan school year. At last week's Global Sunday/Kenya Sunday celebration, we were blessed with 10 new households interested in sponsoring students. In addition, craft sales raised just under \$600 that will be used for supplemental support of our students.

If you still wish to make a contribution, or become a full (\$650) or half (\$325) sponsor in coming weeks, you can use the envelopes available in our church pews or watch for us at the Alternative Christmas Market. Any amount is welcome. Last year, we were able to pool "extra" donations to sponsor two additional students on behalf of the church as a whole. We are grateful for every and any contribution we receive, including your prayers for our partnership and the students we support.

Thank you for your support of NAMI Walks Fox Valley!

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Congo4NAMI" team at NAMI Walks Fox Valley on October 6.

40 people registered for our First Congregational team; there were 462 registered participants in total. Our team raised \$1,580 toward the total of over \$77,000 raised overall (as of this writing)!

Together, we can decrease the stigma related to mental illness, and build a community of compassion for all.



26th Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, November 11

9:30 AM-12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the 26th Alternative Christmas Market on November 11. Enjoy brunch, music and fellowship as you choose gifts that directly benefit people in our community and around the world.

Since 1993, your gifts have changed lives. Together, you have raised over \$250,000 for local, national, and international organizations that relieve suffering and promote justice.

Would you like to volunteer as a greeter during the market?

Please contact Carol Hollar-Zwick at carolhollar-zwick@sbcglobal.net.

Administration

Realm this Week: Group and Group Communication

Church groups are the heart of connecting with other people for worship, prayer, and fellowship. A good way to get more involved in the church is to find a group whose goals and interests match your own. To do this log in to Realm. Click **Community > Groups > Find Groups**.

Now you will see the types of groups we have at First Congregational and a list of the groups within in type. If you see a group you are interested in, you can click on the Join Group button which sends an email to the leader. The leader of the group can then get back to you.

Realm's group communication keeps you in touch with your groups. The **news**, sometimes called a **news feed**, is a list of content created by people in your groups. Anyone who is entered into Realm as a member of a group can communicate with others in that group through posts. To start a conversation

with group members click on . Make sure the group name is the group you plan to post to. Create a title for your post. If you do not title it, the post button stays greyed out and won't let you post. Then write what you want to say to everyone, attach any files and click on the Post button. You are able to edit or delete a post. Open the post and click on the ellipses and then edit or delete.

When you first log in to Realm you normally get to your News first. This lists

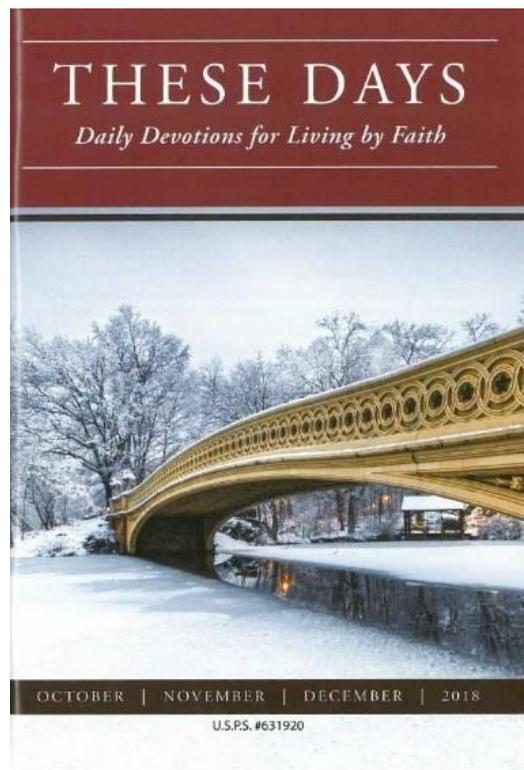
posts from all your groups. If you want to see all the posts from one group only, go to groups and choose the group you like to see all posts of.

Photos/Articles for The Open Door

If you have articles or behind-the-scenes/event photos you'd like in The Open Door or social media, email Mardy at mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org by noon Tuesday of the week you need the article published.

These Days Daily Devotional

Our These Days daily devotionals for October through December are now available in the Narthex. Pick your copy up next time you are at church.



Calendar for Sunday, October 14–Saturday, October 20

Sunday, October 14

8:45 AM–9:45 AM

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9:45 AM–10:25 AM

10:30 AM–11:30 AM

10:30 AM–11:30 AM

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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*

Family Handbell Rehearsal – *Amistad Room*

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

Confirmation Class Liturgy in Worship with Parents and

Mentors – *Sanctuary*

High School Sunday Groups – *Common Grounds*

Worship – *Sanctuary*

LU Music Scholars Rehearsal – *Choir Room*

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

Monday, October 15

1:30 PM–3:00 PM

4:30 PM–5:15 PM

6:30 PM–9:30 PM

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

ESTHER–Communications Regular Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Appleton Boychoir–Repertoire Rehearsal – *Choir Room*

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

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, October 16

6:45 AM–7:45 AM

9:00 AM–10:00 AM

12:00 PM–1:30 PM

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

6:30 PM–8:00 PM

ADRC-StrongBodies – *South Fellowship Hall*

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

Communications Meeting – *Library*

Lectionary Bible Study – *Upper Lounge*

Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*

Wine and Word: “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and

Redemption” by Bryan Stevenson – *Sandy Gillum, W7547 Fox Den Dr., Hortonville WI 54944*

Horizon Ministry Team – *Library*

Fireside AA Group – *Common Grounds*

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

7:45 PM–8:45 PM

Wednesday, October 17

12:15 PM-1:00 PM

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

5:45 PM-6:25 PM

6:30 PM-7:30 PM

6:30 PM-7:30 PM

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

Children’s Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room*

Youth Handbell Rehearsal – *Amistad Room*

Confirmation Class – *Chapel*

Middle School Classes – *Theater, Scripture Tent, Art / Kitchen*

Church Mice – *East Conference Room*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 18

6:45 AM-7:45 AM

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

4:00 PM-5:30 PM

6:30 PM-9:00 PM

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

ADRC-StrongBodies-Independent Practice – *South Fellowship Hall*

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

Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

AA-Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

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

ESTHER-Board Meeting – *Common Grounds*

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

TnT- SOAR Fox Cities – *South Fellowship Hall*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 19

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

7:00 PM-8:45 PM

World Relief Fox Valley – *River Room, Kitchen*

Wedding Rehearsal: Jacob Nieuwenhuis / Janae Bernier – *Sanctuary*

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

N.A. – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, October 20

10:30 AM-11:30 AM

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Scattering of Ashes: David Evans

Wedding: Jacob Nieuwenhuis / Janae Bernier – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Common Grounds*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

“Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect”

A free community film screening and discussion



Sunday Afternoon, October 21, 2018
Appleton Public Library, 225 N. Oneida Street

Co-Sponsors' Tabling - 2:30-3 pm

Film Screening - 3:15-4:15 pm

Discussion with Meteorologist Bob Lindmeier - 4:15-5 pm

Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect – *Our Wisconsin* is an award-winning documentary series, produced by WKOW-TV Madison. This installment explores the environmental, social and political impacts of climate change on our state. It also examines how the climate change effect is impacting our economy, from insurance rates to home construction to the state's important agriculture industry.

Bob Lindmeier is the Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bob has 30 years of experience in forecasting Wisconsin's weather and has the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Seal of Approval.

This event is hosted by Citizens' Climate Lobby Appleton-Fox Cities and co-sponsored by several local environmental organizations, all of which will be recognized at the event.



Fellowship - Silent Auction - Dinner - Music - Awards - Celebration

ESTHER BANQUET

15th Annual

SUNDAY – November 4, 2018 – 4:30 PM
Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly

“Finding Your Voice”

Featuring Guest Speaker

Leonard Pitts, Jr.



Pitts is a journalist, commentator, lecturer, and best-selling author who was awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and has received numerous other professional awards, before and since. He is a nationally syndicated columnist at the Miami Herald and is in high demand as a speaker.

Pitts has published five books and has been a visiting professor at Princeton and George Washington University.



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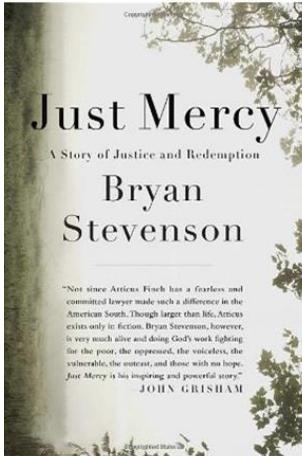
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Wine and Word discussion



Just Mercy:

*A Story of Justice
and Redemption*

By Bryan Stevenson

❖ Date: Tuesday, October
16, 2018

❖ Place: Sandy Gillum,
W7547 Fox Den Drive,
Hortonville WI 54944

❖ Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Image source: https://news.vcu.edu/article/Just_Mercy_author_Bryan_Stevenson_to_visit_VCU_Richmond

HERITAGE/REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 28, 2018
Music: 10:30 AM – The Sanctuary Choir; Children’s Choir;
Youth Handbells; LU Brass Quintet and Timpani; LU Music Scholars

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