

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 7 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, October 5	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, October 7	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Karl and Rose Heinz	Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters	Carolyn Frederick	
Welcome Desk	Kathi Seifert	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Readers	Rev. Maynard Beemer	Rev. Maynard Beemer
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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

Leader: The day began in hope and promise, hours ago, for the people of Liter, Kamogo, Chapkum and Chebilil.

People: So it begins for us here, people of Appleton and Neenah, Menasha and Kimberly, of all the Fox Cities.

Leader: God's mercy and favor bless us here and there, just as Christ's calling and commissioning mark us all.

People: We are Kenyans and Wisconsinites. We are all God's children. We are brothers and sisters in Christ together, and with all God's beloved children across this earth.

Leader: When we worship, we do not praise God alone. When we witness, we do not bear Christ alone. When we serve, we do not carry the Spirit alone.

People: We have partners. We have friends. We have family near and far. We are all God's children.

* HYMN (see bulletin p. 9)

"Abba, Abba, Hear Us," We Cry

ARIRANG

St. 1 - Choir St. 2 & 3 - ALL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We speak of our unity in Christ, yet in truth we are deeply divided. On this day of unity around God's table with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, let us confess how we have not lived well together as God's beloved children.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we confess that we have not been people of peace. When we could see our brother Jesus in others, we turn away from those who are unlike us. When we could offer peace to those around us, we break our promises, we harbor grudges in our hearts, we are silent witnesses to prejudice. When we could speak of hope, we offer shallow, careless words that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with all people, we place conditions and limits on the grace you ask us to share. Let your forgiveness heal us, Peace-Loving God. Restore our hope, so others may have hope. Relieve our fears, so we are no longer controlled by them. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to live in peace, and to love without condition, as though heaven lives and breathes on this very earth. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE** (see bulletin p. 10)

Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)

MACHU-PICHU

Sung in English as a call (solo voice) and response (full congregation.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(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.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 8 (OT p. 605)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-40 (NT p.30)

PRESENTATION BY OUR KENYAN PARTNERSHIP

(Below are transcripts of videos you will see throughout the presentation)

Helen Kimutai, Liter Girls School Principal

I am Helen Kimutai, principal at Liter Girls. I really want to appreciate our friends from the U.S.A. who have been our true friends. They've been so sincere to our friendship. I just want to say thank you, thank you. The assistance, the association we've had with you is really a blessing. The panties and the sanitary pads you've been giving them to our girls has made us to be comfortable in class. They are now able to concentrate. Our retention of content has improved and that freedom in class to participate in class has also increased. So it has been a blessing. My request is that may the same help continue. May God bless the work of your hands so that you continue blessing us. God bless you.

Sambalat Primary School student, grade 8

How are you? My name is Kiptoi_____Florence. I am in grade 8. And this is Sambalat Primary School. We are happy as the girls for you giving us these sanitary pads and panties. Because of these sanitary pads and panties the girls are able to attend classes frequently. Thank you and God bless you.

Sambalat Primary School teacher

Hello. This is Sambalat Primary School. Speaking with you is the teacher in charge of the girls' sanitary and the pants. On behalf of the school we are very grateful to our congregational friends in the U.S. who are caring for us. On behalf of the girls we are thankful. The girls nowadays are in school. They are ever present. May God continue to bless you with the good job that you are doing. Live long. May God continue blessing

you to continue assisting us so that our girls will attain their life dreams. God bless you. Thank you.

Sambalat Primary School teacher

This is Sambalat Primary School. On behalf of our girls we are thankful because of the panties and the pads, and the girls can now stay in school activities without fear. God bless you. Thank you.

Liter Girls student, grade 11

My name is Sheila _____ I'm in grade 11. We have been receiving these gifts since I joined grade 9 but now I'm in grade 11. It has been a great help to us because it makes us to be more comfortable in class. Also it helps us during the times of monthly times because we can be able to change them. Also we can be able to change them and we have more of them to use. Also we are very thankful to you and we say thank you very much for your great concern about us. May you continue being of great help to us just the way you are being to us. May God bless you. Thank you very much.

Joyce Mbone

I am Joyce Mbone. I would like to thank you for paying my school fees. I am at the University of Eldoret. I have started my classes. I would like to appreciate you for everything. Thank you for the upkeep, too. It has enabled me to pay my rent and also buy some food. I really thank you. God bless you.

Evans Kipkemoi Yano

Hello, my sponsors. To community and women's group. This is my greetings in the name of God. I also take this opportunity to thank you for the financial support that you gave unto me from grade 10 to grade 12. I again thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue diploma in nursing here at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital. Having cleared my studies it's now my turn to concentrate in my class activities and work hard to ensure that I become a professional nursing individual. I look forward to offering quality eldercare services to the people from the community. I also thank you for having the moment to sponsor children from lesser backgrounds in society. I take this opportunity to thank you for having such a wonderful heart and generosity. May God bless you all.

Claudius Kimutai

Hello, people of First Congregational Church! My name is Claudius Kimutai. These are my greetings and my parents' greetings in the name of Jesus. I want to take this opportunity to thank my sponsors especially Joan Jensen for taking me through Grade 10 to 12. I again want to take this opportunity to thank Deb and Aimee for taking me

through university life. It's now my turn to work hard now that my university have been cleared I will come out as a secondary school professional teacher having majored in mathematics and physics. I'll come out and being a role model for my community and assist those students from my community. I again want to thank First Congregational Church UCC, Appleton for giving support to the students from less communities like me. I also take this opportunity to thank you for paying us a visit here in Kenya and give us motivation in terms of prayers that give us courage to face challenges whenever we are being faced by challenges. Thank you and may God bless you.

***RESPONSE HYMN #25 I**

Come, Let Us Sing

A VA DE

Leader (soloist); **All (congregation)**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A Musical Offering

Ngokujabula! (with great rejoicing!) from Jubilate Deo

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir and Percussion Ensemble

Erik Nordstrom, *baritone* Marisol Kuborn, *marimba*

Hlokoma kuJehova ngezwi lokuhlalisa, mhlaba
wonke. Mkhonzeni uJehova ngokujabula,
nisondele ebusweni bakhe ngokuhuba
kwentokozo. Yazini
ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu!

*Shout with triumph to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the
Lord with joy, come before his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God! (From Psalm 100:1-3, Zulu)*

***DOXOLOGY**

I Saw the Miracle Working God

Traditional

Introduced with video, repeated by Choir, then repeated by **ALL**.

*I saw the miracle-working God. I saw the miracle-working God.
He is Alpha and Omega. I saw the miracle working God, the miracle.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, open your hearts to God.

**People: As we seek to walk with integrity in the kingdom,
we offer our hearts to God for wisdom and peace.**

Leader: Come to the Table which has been prepared for you,
with songs of thanksgiving in your hearts.

**People: With this people gathered in this place, we give thanks
to God for all the blessings which are ours,
and the many ways we are given to share those blessings
with others in God's world.**

Leader: Loving and gracious God who summons whole galaxies into being...
Hear us as we receive the prayer Christ gave all to say with one heart:

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.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Our Father from *Jazz Mass*

Ike Sturm

Sanctuary Choir

Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow

arr. Dan Moore

O Happy Day

Edwin R. Hawkins

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus
and his unconditional love for us and for all. Thank you for this day when we
worship and serve you, and the many days we are given to be people of grace
and peace in your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 11)

Take My Life, That I May Be

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

*BENEDICTION

Leader: We will go from this place,

**People: to sit at the side of those forgotten by the world,
as we are welcomed by their grace and God's holy presence.**

Leader: We will go wherever your children gather,

People: to be blessed by their love, as they echo Jesus' gentle voice.

Leader: We will go with our hunger, and be fed;

we will go with our brokenness, and be healed;

we will offer ourselves, and be accepted by the Spirit,

People: who lives and works in every person we will meet.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #366

Siyahamba

SIYAHAMBA

First time: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*

Second time: **We are marching in the Light of God . . .**

Third time: **We are singing . . .**

Fourth time: **We are dancing . . .**

Fifth time: **We are praying . . .**

Sixth time: *Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' Kwen-khos' . . .*

POSTLUDE

Manyatera (Celebration)

Trad. Shona Mbira (Thumb piano)

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

The Percussion Ensemble, Victoria Daniel, *director*; John Aaholm, Gina Bellin, Barbara Boren, Christina Danz, Brenda Gabrielson, Phil Gabrielson, Kristen Henke, Marisol Kuborn, Kathryn Kuhn, Nathan Phillips, Beth Vercouteren.

The Sanctuary Choir; Erik Nordstrom, *baritone*; Jennifer Kosloski, Tami Johnson, Kris Glenn, John Albrecht, *leader voices*; Bea McManus, Logan Willis, *soloists*.

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*







Upcoming Worship Schedule

October 14, 2018	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:45 and 10:30 AM
"Renewing Our Covenant With God"		Rev. Nick Hatch
Scripture reading: Joshua 24: 1-5, (16-26), Matthew 4: 8-10		
Music: 8:45 - LU Music Scholars, Children's Choir		
10:30 - Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir		

Members in Service Next 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		
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

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

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
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur
Clara and Victor Hosang
Ron Huebner
Sandy Hubert
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
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

Kenya Partnership: Celebrating 20 Years of Friendship

From Deb Burich:

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Kenya Partnership, I pause to look back at the foundation of it. In those days, Maynard Beemer and Samuel Chepkonga shared letters – letters that were handwritten, taking weeks to travel by air and land to a postal box in Eldoret, Kenya. Pastor Samuel, who lived in the Kerio Valley, traveled another day to Eldoret to retrieve the letter. The same process repeated after he hand wrote his response to Maynard, possibly by the light of a kerosene lantern.

We are thankful for the faith-filled sharing of lives and hopes in those letters. We are grateful for relationships that grew and flourished, for cultures shared, for prayers and love that abounds. What began as handwritten letters crossing the ocean every few months has grown into a strong partnership that embraces many.

We give thanks to Pastor John McFadden, Pastor Maynard Beemer, Professor Samuel Kip Eloia, Pastor Samuel Chepkonga, Mildred Chepkonga, Jeremiah Kibor, Pastor Job Kisang and Pastor Richard Cherop for their leadership in the foundation of our partnership. We give thanks to those who have chaired the partnership at First Congo – Jack Harris, Elena Earl, Wayne Lannoye, Wanda Van De Hey and Aimee Eubank.

Today, Pastor Kathryn and I use WhatsApp to text Mildred Chepkonga and others. They can respond instantaneously due to widespread cell towers and cell phones throughout Kenya. Yet the content of those letters 20 years ago and the texts today are similar. They contain words of faith, hope and love. They share stories about our lives. They open hearts and share prayers.

From Pastor Kathryn

It is truly a blessing to celebrate this partnership today, and dream about its future. As six of us prepare to travel to Kenya in January 2019, we look forward to visiting students, learning more about the culture and country, and also spending time with our friends. These friendships are rooted in Christian love. Our partnership is a community built of prayer, perseverance and deep faith. Thank you, Deb Burich, and all who are leaders and supporters of this partnership, and the blessing it is to all of us.

Bwana Asifiwe, Praise the Lord!

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Weekly Lectionary Study Group

Our weekly Lectionary Study group meets 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.

E2F (Empty to Full) Pans

Pick up an Empty pan Sunday, October 14

On Sunday, October 14, 2018, First Congo will once again participate in a project to allow members to prepare food in their own home for Pillars, formerly known as Homeless Connections. Empty pans will be distributed to willing churchgoers. The pans will contain the recipe and shopping list to prepare and 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 simple 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

Note: If you're unable to bring the pan back on Sunday, October 21, 2018, please try to bring it the week of Sunday, October 14, 2018.

It can be placed in the lower level kitchen freezer. This makes transport and storage more convenient.

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, we will celebrate 50 years in our current building. Please join us at 8:30 AM 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.

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 donations to the church office by October 21, 2018. Contact Sheryl De Hart at (920) 731-2620 or tdehart@new.rr.com for pick-up.

AAUW Used Book Sale

AAUW will be holding its 82nd annual used book sale October 18-21 and 25-28, inside the Northland Mall. We're accepting contributions of books from the community. This includes hardcover and paperback books, children's books, books on CD, sheet music, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games. Profits are used to provide scholarships for women. For book pick-up or drop-off, please call: (920) 427-6655, (920) 734-6750, (920) 843-8888, or (920) 739-6469.

Women's Retreat

We have 32 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, Jean Coenraad, or Pastor Kathryn.

October Congo Crafters for Christ Dates

Monday, October 8 and 22
7:00-9:00 PM Upper Lounge

At our first class, we planned for our fall service projects. We decided to make assorted greeting card packets. These will be included in Habitat for Humanity's gift baskets for family usage.

We will be creating, cutting, stamping, and assembling these cards on Monday, October 8 and 22. All supplies will be provided. If you have extra scrapbooking/cardmaking tape and glue, please bring it with you.

No experience necessary.

We will also be making Thank You cards/ gift baskets for local community service providers, such as police, fire, and EMS, for November. Stay tuned.

We hope to see you at our next group night. Bring a friend.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Bible Sunday Information

On Sunday, October 14, we will honor our fourth-grade students during the 8:45 AM worship service by presenting them with a Bible.

This is a special milestone for the children of First Congregational Church of Christ. Parents of fourth grade children who have registered for Church School were sent a letter last week with information about this special day. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Colleen at cberry@firstcongoappleton.org so preparations can be made to include your child in the presentation of Bibles.

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, 2018
between services at 9:45 to 10:25 AM

This year's Family Handbell workshops begin on Sunday, October 14, 2018 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, 2018.

Rehearsal dates are Sundays, October 14 and 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 change 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 Vercooteren at (920) 740-3571.

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

Continues on Wednesdays 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 continue 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.

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.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Kenya Partnership Fellowship

Between 8:45 and 10:30 AM services

We have been blessed to be part of the Kenya Partnership for 20 years. To celebrate, the Kenya Partnership team will

be hosting the coffee fellowship and serving cake between worship services. There will also be a Kenya Craft sale in the Chapel on Sunday morning from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Chapel.

Administration

Realm this Week: privacy and email settings.

Realm is now our church directory. We will no longer be printing photo directories (you added your photo last week, correct?) or lists of names and addresses of members for the congregation since this information can be found on Realm. With Realm our data is up-to-date as long as everyone keeps their information current. Got rid of your land line? Go to Realm and remove that phone number. Otherwise, the pastors will continue to try to call you there and not be able to reach you.

By default, your personal and contact information is visible to all registered users of our church's Realm site. However, you can choose who can see what information in your profile. Log in to Realm. Click on your name and then Manage Privacy. Make changes and save as necessary.

You also have control over how often you will be notified when new information is posted to your group. Click on your name and then Email Settings. Here you will find a list of groups that you are involved with. You can choose to not receive

emails, receive new emails only, or to also receive any replies to emails for each individual group.

Next week we will discuss groups – how to find, join or post to a group.

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 the website.

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

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 on Tuesday of the week you need the article to be published.

Calendar for Sunday, October 7–Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 7

8:00 AM–12:00 PM

8:45 AM–9:45 AM

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10:30 AM–11:30 AM

10:30 AM–11:30 AM

11:30 AM–4:30 PM

5:00 PM–6:00 PM

6:00 PM–9:00 PM

World Communion Sunday

Kenya Craft Sale – Chapel

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

Worship – Sanctuary

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

Apple Crisp Bake – North / South Fellowship Hall, River Room

LU Music Scholars Rehearsal – Choir Room

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

Monday, October 8

4:30 PM–5:15 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

Appleton Boychoir – Repertoire Rehearsal – Choir Room

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, October 9

6:45 AM–7:45 AM

9:00 AM–10:00 AM

10:15 AM–12:15 PM

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

7:45 PM–8:45 PM

ADRC-StrongBodies – South Fellowship Hall

ADRC-StrongBodies – Fall Session – South Fellowship Hall

Membership Committee – Library

Lectionary Bible Study – Upper Lounge

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

Mission and Service Team Meeting – Upper Lounge

ESTHER Immigration Rights Task Force – Fox Valley

Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton

Fireside AA Group – Common Grounds

Wednesday, October 10

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

7:30 PM-8:15 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*

Children's Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Youth Handbell Rehearsal - *Amistad Room*

Confirmation Class with Mentors - *Fellowship Hall*

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

Church Mice - *East Conference Room*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Confirmation Mentors Meeting - *Chapel*

Thursday, October 11

6:45 AM-7:45 AM

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

12:00 PM-1:00 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*

United Church Camps, Inc. (Moon Beach) - *Upper Lounge*

AA - Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

Prayer Shawl - *Common Grounds*

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, October 12

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

7:00 PM-8:45 PM

Wedding Rehearsal: Angela Feagles / Zane Heinkel - *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Common Grounds*

A1 - Anon - *Upper Lounge*

N.A. - *Common Grounds*

Saturday, October 13

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Wedding: Angela Feagles / Zane Heinkel - *Sanctuary*

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

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