

## **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](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.

# November 4 Highlights at First Congregational

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Stewardship Sunday</b>	
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## Flowers

Cindy Rictey-Fox designed this morning’s Sanctuary flower arrangement in loving memory of Carol Yonan whose celebration of life was November 3. The family donated the flowers.

## 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 November 18 and December 16. The 2019 dates are: January 13, February 17, March 10, April 28, and May 19. 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, November 2</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
<b>Sunday, November 4</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter		Sharri Robinson
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk	JoAnn Shropshire	JoAnn Shropshire
Lay Readers	Heidi Erstad	Janet Scheibe
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Mike and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jim O’Neill	Tim Hanna
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Shannon Glenn

## Church School Schedule–8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Computer Lab	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	East Conference Room
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	Scripture Tent	<b>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Theater

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS AND STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 4, 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.*

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*You will be offered a flower as you come into church on All Saints Sunday*

## PRELUDE

*Comfort Ye My People and Every Valley Shall Be Exalted (from Messiah)* Handel

Luke Honeck, *tenor*

(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

## HANDBELL INTROIT

*Joyful Canticle*

Kevin McChesney

Youth Handbell Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With humble hearts bent toward the arc of justice.**

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With arms of loving-kindness for all in need.**

Leader: With what shall we come before our God?

**People: With lives earnestly seeking after God.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #28

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT

\* Congregation Standing; **Bolded** Congregation Responding

**\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God, you send us saints . . .

**People: And we imprison them or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.**

Leader: God, you send us saints . . .

**People: And we persuade ourselves they are fools, meddlers or incompetent.  
Have mercy.**

Leader: God, you send us saints . . .

**People: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort often requires the  
poverty of others. Have mercy.**

Leader: God, you send us saints . . .

**People: And we ignore them. Have mercy.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**God's word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of  
grace. We are loved and accepted because God is God and nothing can finally  
separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 AM Service)**

(During the Children's Sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the children's sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School.)

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Bill Ritcey, Janice Schmitz, Rick Detienne; Stewardship Team Co-Councilors

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Micah 6:6-8 (OT p. 1060)

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 7:1-12 (NT p. 8)

**MEDITATION**

"What Shall We Bring?"

Rev. Steve Savides

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #377**

*What Gift Can We Bring?*

ANNIVERSARY SONG

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### A MUSICAL OFFERING

*What Does the Lord Require?*

Eric Nelson

Based on Micah 6:6-8

### \*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. Amen.**

### \*LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

Leader: Today we bless the gifts given with faithful hearts as we dedicate them to God's service and this congregation. We pledge as a church to be engaged in the transformation of our world with justice, mercy, and compassion. Let us pray.

**All: God, bless our gifts. These cards and offerings represent the gifted people of this congregation, your people. Thank you for the special gifts that are present in them. Together we rise to bring hope and life, to serve the needs of others and courageously share your message of resurrection and life. May our eyes be opened to see the needs around us, and may we be ready to reach out to all who come near. We thank you, God, that we do not walk the road of faith alone, but as a community of kindred hearts, seeking you and your realm. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Evelyn Gelbke, Jane Haynes, Frank Heckrodt, Ed Heinrich, Marie Johnson, Ermagard Kuenzli, Cecilia Miller, Russell Novcaski, Diane Reitzner, Douglas Salmon, Conrad Schadler, Rosemary Schadler, Dolores Schomisch, Margaret Schomisch, Erma Thompson, Don Vick, Monnie Vick, Twila Wentzel, Paul Wink, John Wilson, and Carol Yonan.

### 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.**

### BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*(As you come up to receive communion, please place your flower in the name of a saint in your own life in one of the vases on the chancel.)*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Pie Jesu*

Webber

Nicolette Puskar and Emily Richter, *sopranos*

*Merciful Lord Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant to them rest everlasting.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest everlasting.*

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven. We give you thanks for the communion of the saints who surround us, guide us, and live in us as we make our way through the pilgrimage of life. Give us grace that we all may grow in love, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*CLOSING HYMN #486

*For All the Saints*

SINE DOMINE

Stanzas 1, 2, 5 and "Alleluias" - ALL      Stanza 3 - Women      Stanza 4 - Men

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*March*

Handel

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Luke Honeck, *tenor*

Nicolette Puskar and Emily Richter, *sopranos*

Youth Handbell Choir: Josh Bellin, Natalie Erstad, Ross Erstad, Dawson Fish, Bradyn Gentile, Dillon Grade, Sophia Mast, David Murphy, Natalie Payette, Nathan Phillips, Avra Taylor; John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*.

8:45 AM      LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM      Sanctuary Choir

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

Jazz Sunday with Ike Sturm; Alternative Christmas Market

November 11, 2018

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Outcasts, Castoffs, and Castaways”

Rev. Nick Hatch

Scripture reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Matthew 8:2-3

Music: 8:45 AM – Ike Sturm Ensemble; Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM – Ike Sturm Ensemble; LU Music Scholars

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Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Grades</b>	Computer Lab/Art/Kitchen		

**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.

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## 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  
Katie Davis and family  
Marly and Tom Divver  
Jim Edwards  
Sharon Finamore  
Margitta Furnner  
Esther Gehrt  
Ken Geiger  
Ivo Geurts  
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen  
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother  
Mary Guenther  
Jane and Tom Hempel  
Maggie Hendrick  
Clara and Victor Hosang  
Ron Huebner  
Sandy Hubert  
Our Kenyan partners and students

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  
Family of Pam Roberts on her death  
Don Roehrborn  
Troy Schmitt  
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt  
Jim Schwantes  
Amanda Spindler  
Stephanie, friend of Ellen Wittwer  
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by violence  
Tom Tatlock  
Beverly Trombla  
Family of Jean Tuft on her passing  
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

# THE OPEN DOOR

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## Pastor's Message

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### We Cannot Let Evil Prevail

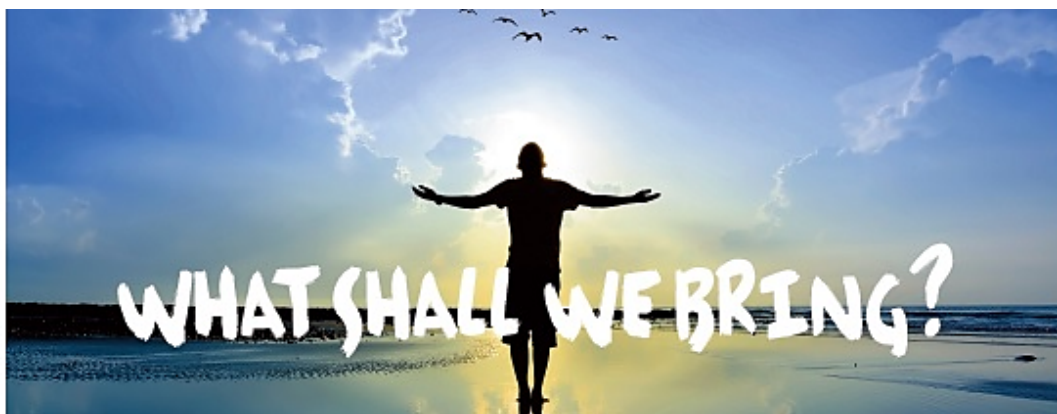
Bonnie Bates, the Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference UCC, recently wrote this in a national call-to action:

“The news over the past weeks has revealed an undercurrent of hate within our culture and our country. Between the assumption that immigrants walking nearly 2,000 miles seeking asylum are seen as a threat to our security; the pipe bombs mailed to those who oppose our current political administration; the massacre of 11 Jewish citizens during services at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; and the shooting of an African American man and woman in a grocery store after a failed attempt to enter a church of Black worshippers, it is hard to find cause for hope in our nation.

“The rhetoric of hate and divisiveness calls for a response from the faith community. While as a church we should not advocate for candidates or political parties, we must advocate for justice, humanitarian treatment of our neighbors, and for safety in our places of worship. We are a diverse nation and until recently that diversity has been seen as a strength. We, in the Church, must stand as moral authorities proclaiming peace and hope, compassion and justice.”

Confronted with so much hate, it's hard to know how to respond as a community of faith. This morning, we are inviting you to begin in a small, loving and tangible way by writing a note of prayer or compassion to the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and/or to our neighbors and friends at Moses Montefiore Synagogue here in Appleton. You will find cards already addressed to these congregations on the table in the narthex. You are invited to fill in your own words of prayer and loving concern. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Your friend and fellow minister, Rev. Steve Savides



## Gifts of Love

1 John 4:7-21

**T**here is a significant difference between ideals and values. Ideals are those things which we say we believe. Values are those things that our living says we believe. I might claim I am opposed to racism and that it is inconsistent with the Christian faith. However, unless I am living in intentional ways and making choices in my life to combat racism, it is just an ideal. When I actively participate in the process of dismantling systemic racism, even when it is at personal cost, it becomes a value. A friend of mine once said, "I can hear your ideals, but I can see your values."

Claiming faith in Christ should lead to certain patterns of behavior if our faith is the basis for our values. The author of 1 John reminds us that to say we love God, but then live in ambivalence about our neighbor, is to have "outed ourselves as liars." The love we are to have for one another is one that is evidenced in selfless acts toward another, much in the same way that God displays Divine love for us.

Faith is action – it is verb. It is based on God's love for us and therefore it is fearless. It is willing to risk because it knows it can trust God for the outcome. How is it that people are to know we are Jesus' disciples? By the love we have for one another. The evidence is written all over our lives. Loving God implies loving neighbor as self.

So, what might "fearless stewardship" look like? What would it mean to give of ourselves so completely and confidently that our generosity would reflect our value of loving God and one another in the same way that God has loved us? What might our congregation look like if such a way of loving was more than just an ideal but something we truly valued?

# WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## Boy Scout Troop 8 Wreath Sale

Sunday, November 4

The annual Boy Scout Wreath Sale will take place before and after the Sunday, November 4 worship services.

Wreath delivery will be November 18.

## Congo Crafters for Christ

Mondays, November 5 and November 19

Upper Lounge • 7:00 to 9:00 PM

We will make Thank You cards for local community service providers such as police, fire, EMS, etc.

We hope to include these in a home-baked goodies Thanksgiving gift basket.

Stay tuned for more information.

Come help us cut, stamp, assemble, etc. No experience necessary. All supplies will be provided, but if you have extra tape and glue, please bring them with you!

We hope to see you at our next group night. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

## Hosting Coffee Fellowship

Have a milestone event to celebrate? Love to bake? Enjoy seeing people smile at the sight of coffee? Or cake? Or both?

You, too, can host! Please consider hosting an **in-between** worship services coffee fellowship time.

Detailed instructions and other information will be provided. Treats can be as simple or elaborate as YOU choose.

Really, it's all about the coffee and the fellowship.

Hosts are asked to arrive at church at 8:00 AM to begin set up. Hosts can easily attend all or most of the 8:45 AM service. Clean up is simple; hosts should be ready to leave shortly after 10:30 AM.

To sign up, please contact the church office or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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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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## Family Handbell Workshop Continues

Continues Sunday, November 4

Between services at 9:45 to 10:25 AM

This year's Family Handbell workshops continue today, Sunday, November 4, between services from 9:45 to 10:25 AM in the Sanctuary.

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, 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.

## Fox Valley Flute Choir



Sunday, November 4  
at 4:00 PM

The Fox Valley Flute Choir will present its first concert on Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 PM.

The hour-long concert is free and open to the public. The 20 flutists of the flute choir perform on piccolos, flutes, alto flutes, bass flutes and contra.

The All-Baroque program consists of works by Telemann, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Bach, and Corelli. Jann Kostecke will be soloist on the Goldfinch Concerto by Vivaldi accompanied by the group. Jann is a graduate of the University of Kansas and owns a CPA firm in Appleton.

Other soloists on the Christmas Concerto are Jan Parker, Barbara Armstrong and Audrey Moore. The Fox Valley Flute Choir has been performing together under the direction of Patricia George and Marc Sackman since the fall of 2010. The group has performed locally and at several Wisconsin Flute Fair conventions. This

lovely all-Baroque program is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

## Ike Sturm Jazz Concert

Sunday, November 11

The Ike Sturm Ensemble will perform a 3:00 PM concert at our church. A freewill offering will be received.

This Jazz Ensemble will also present music at our 8:45 and 10:30 AM worship services that morning.

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## Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## Christmas Pageant 2018

Rehearsals start Sunday, November 18  
10:15 – 11:30 AM

This year's Christmas Pageant will kick off on Sunday, November 18 with rehearsals for four Sundays, 10:15 to 11:30 AM, plus a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December, 15, from 9:00 AM-noon.

Performances will be Sunday, December 16, at 8:45 and 10:30 AM.

All children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate.

Come, let's sing, dance and help create a wonderful Christmas program together!

**If you plan to participate, please register in Realm!** Go to your main page under News. You should see an Event titles "Christmas Pageant 2018." Click on "register" and sign up.

If you need help, please contact the CYF coordinator, Jennifer DeWitt to assist you

in the registration process. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## **Children, Youth, and Families Webpage Update**

Please see the updated CYF information and printable calendars on our website.

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## **Mission and Service**

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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### **International Refugee Crisis Symposium**

Sunday, November 4 to  
Tuesday, November 6

Please join us at Lawrence University from Sunday, November 4 to Tuesday, November 6 for a symposium on the International Refugee crisis. There will be films, music, art, and photos. Speakers include: a Democratic Republic of Congo local refugee, an ACLU Immigrations Rights project attorney, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, and a nurse-midwife who has done numerous Doctors without Borders missions, most recently, a refugee Bangladesh camp and on the refugee rescue ship Aquarius.

Visit Lawrence University's website for more information.

### **Bake Sale Items Needed**

Saturday, November 10

Just a reminder to begin baking items for the Joyce Hanstedt Memorial Bake sale in conjunction with our Alternative Gift Market.

Bake sale items can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon, or on Sunday before 8:45 AM worship. Bake sale proceeds will benefit the Harbor House.

### **Alternative Christmas Market is Next Week**

Sunday, November 11  
9:30 AM-noon

Bring a friend and get a head start on your holiday shopping by buying gifts that directly benefit people in our community and around the world. As a shopper, you choose the alternative gift and "purchase" that item through a donation.

For example, instead of buying a candle for your child's teacher or socks for your favorite uncle, you can give a school uniform to a child in Kenya's Kerio Valley or bus passes to a homeless person to get to work.

After you choose your gift, we supply a card for you to give to the recipient that describes your special, life-giving gift, and we direct your donation to the organization that sponsors the gift.

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

New this year, the Alternative Christmas Market is accepting credit cards, in addition to cash or checks.

This festive morning includes a brunch for the congregation, fair trade gifts from Just

Fare, and Bake Sale to benefit Harbor House. Please contact the church at (920) 733 - 7393 for more information.

## **Hope Has An Address Benefit Gala**

Tuesday, November 13

5:00 PM open • 6:00 PM dinner/program start

On Tuesday, November 13, show your support to end homelessness at "Hope has an Address Benefit Gala." All proceeds benefit Pillars Adult & Family Shelter (formerly Homeless Connections). It will take place at Waverly Beach Ballroom in Menasha.

Tickets are \$100 per person. The event includes: dinner, program, live auction, and 4 North Acoustic will provide music.

Please register at [homelessconnections.net](http://homelessconnections.net), click on "Events" page or contact Samantha Uitenbroek at (920) 734-9192.

Thank you for your commitment to reducing homelessness in our community!

## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Call-to-Action Program**

Thursday, November 15

8:00 to 9:30 AM

Fox Valley Voices of Men is hosting its 9th Annual Call-to-Action Program at the Red Lion (Paper Valley) Hotel from 8:00 to 9:30 AM.

Voices of Men is committed to helping end sexual assault and domestic violence. This event will educate and help prepare attendees to be aware of these critical issues. It also will provide tools and ideas of where and how to make a positive

difference to the many individuals affected by these behaviors.

In recent years, attendance at this event has been close to 1,000. We expect a similar turnout this year. Over 300 high school youth are expected to be there, along with a wide range of adult men and women. Youth are free; adults are \$20.00.

You can register at [voicesofmen.com](http://voicesofmen.com).

On that page, you can find a clip of Pastor Steve performing a skit at last year's event.

If you have any questions, contact Rick Detienne (920) 731-7505 - home or (920) 284-6146 - cell. Please come, learn, and be prepared to act on behalf of the women and children in our community.

## **Interfaith Build House Update**

Saturday, December 1

The open house for 332 South Story Street is Saturday, December 1.

Please join us as we celebrate the completion of another successful home build. We graciously extend this invitation not only to the volunteers, but the whole interfaith community.

We hope to see you there. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported this year's build.

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## **Administration**

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### **Realm this Week: Group and Group Communication**

When logged in to Realm you can check your giving history, pledges, or print a list of your past giving. You can also make a contribution or set up a recurring gift.



To view your giving history, click on **Giving** in the main menu. You are able to narrow your list of contributions by clicking "**Year to date**", selecting limiting criteria and then clicking **Filter**. If you want a hard copy of your contribution click on the **Print** icon.

To make a contribution click the **+Give** button. Place the amount you'd like to give in the first box and then use the drop down to select the correct fund. If the fund you want is not listed, choose **Misc** and then type the **Fund** in the **Memo** line. By clicking on the **+Give** to an additional fund you can give two or more contributions at one time.

The frequency drop down allows you to make either a one-time contribution or set up an automatic recurring donation.

Next you will need to fill in your payment information. You can use a credit card or your savings or checking account. You can check on your future payments by clicking on **Scheduled**.

If you need to edit a recurring donation, click on the ellipses next to gift, select **Edit Gift**, make any changes and then save.

Pledges can also be made in Realm. Click on **+Pledge**, enter your pledge information, select "**2019 Pledge Giving**" and click "**Save Pledge**."

Isn't it great that you can do all this at one place? Our church staff loves Realm and know you will too when you get in and put it to use.

## **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](mailto:mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org) by noon Tuesday of the week you need the article published.

# Calendar for Sunday, November 4–Saturday, November 10

## Sunday, November 4

ALL DAY

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

9:45 AM – 10:25 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Women's Retreat** – *Moon Beach*

**Boy Scouts – Wreath Sales**

**High School to Homeless Connections** – *Pillars (Formerly Homeless Connections)*

**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*

**Family Handbell Rehearsal** – *Sanctuary*

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

**High School Sunday Groups** – *Common Grounds*

**Worship** – *Sanctuary*

**Fox Valley Flutes Concert** – *Sanctuary*

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

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

## Monday, November 5

12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

6:00 PM – 7:30 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

**Polling – General Election set-up** – *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

**ESTHER – Communications Meeting** – *Upper Lounge*

**Appleton Boychoir – Repertoire Rehearsal** – *Choir Room*

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

**Conversations About Divorce** – *Chapel*

**ESTHER Prison Reform Task Force** – *St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 South Green Bay Rd, Neenah*

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

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

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

## Tuesday, November 6

ALL DAY

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

**Polling – General Election** – *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

**ADRC StrongBodies** – *South Fellowship Hall*

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

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

**Chrysalis** – *Upper Lounge*

**Worship and Music Ministry Team** – *Upper Lounge*

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

**Wednesday, November 7**

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

5:45 PM – 6:30 PM

6:00 PM – 6:30 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

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*

**Children's Choir Rehearsal**- *Choir Room, Upper Lounge*

**Youth Handbell Rehearsal**- *Amistad Room*

**Pizza Supper**- *Fellowship Hall*

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

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

**Church Mice** - *East Conference Room*

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

**Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting for Youth, Parents, and**

**Chaperones**- *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

**Thursday, November 8**

6:45 AM – 7:45 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

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

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

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

**Prayer Shawl**- *Common Grounds*

**Study Group: "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew G.I Hart**- *Chapel*

**Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

**Friday, November 9**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

**Al-Anon** - *Upper Lounge*

**N.A.** - *Common Grounds*

**Saturday, November 10**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

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## Ike Sturm Ensemble To Perform in Appleton

Sunday, November 11, 2018

3:00 PM Concert

*A free-will offering will be received.*

This Jazz Ensemble will also  
present music in the  
8:45 and 10:30 AM  
worship services that morning.

The Ensemble includes:

Melissa Stylianou (voice), Godwin Louis (saxophone),  
Chris Dingman (vibraphone),  
Zach Harmon (drums) and Ike Sturm (bass/compositions).

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# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, November 11, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Make charitable donations as “alternative Christmas gifts” for your family and friends.



*Gifts inspiring change.*

*Save the Date!*



Hangin' of the Greens

• Wednesday, November 28 •

# The Ministry

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries  
Reverend Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions  
Reverend Maynard E. Beemer, Pastor Emeritus  
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