

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 broadcasted in the Chapel, Upper Lounge and Nursery.

Large-print bulletins are available. Please ask the ushers for a copy.

Children in Worship

Child care for infants and toddlers is available in the Children, Youth and Family Center. The Family Worship Area is open during service for children ages 3-10.

Sensory Boxes

First Congregational offers Sensory Boxes for any of our friends on the autism spectrum – adult or child. These boxes are filled with “fidgets” galore, headphones and much more. Please let us know if you or a loved one needs one of these tools.

Donating to First Congregational UCC

If you are enrolled in automatic contributions, you may still participate in the weekly offering by submitting a Giving Card, found in the pews. We encourage members and friends of First Congregational to assist us in planning our budget by pledging each year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and may be placed in the offering plates at any time.

Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible from www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6 or on Facebook at tinyurl.com/yayd8cud.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

December 16 Highlights at First Congregational

- Today: Children’s Christmas Pageant, “The Time Keeper’s Christmas”**
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Flowers

Cindi Ritcey Fox designed this morning’s sanctuary flower arrangement. The rose on the altar is placed there in honor of the birth of Theodore Stodola. Congratulations to his parents, Millaine Wells and Greg Stodola, and to his proud grandparents, Joe and Ruby Wells.

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 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. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, December 14	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, December 16	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Faith Mauk	Jill Anthony
Bridge Greeters	Dennis Korth	Ed Pociask
Welcome Desk	Patricia Streur	Patti Murphy
Lay Readers	No Lay Readers Needed	No Lay Readers Needed
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Tim Hanna	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn	Kris Behm

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/BELL SUNDAY

December 16, 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

Coventry Carol/Away in a Manger

arr. C. Berry

Ukrainian Bell Carol/Adeste Fideles

Elizabeth Melchert, *guest organist*

(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

PRESCHOOL SONG

Celebrate, Celebrate, It's Jesus' Birthday

arr. C. Berry

Under the Direction of Shari Mitchell

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on "Advent Poem" by Mary Taylor)

Leader: How hard it is to be patient, Child.

Your coming, we anticipate.

**People: Patience is not our strong suit, Child.
It is truly hard to wait.**

Leader: We prepare gifts and food and cards
In many stops and starts,

**People: But so often we forget, Child,
We first must prepare our hearts.**

Leader: Shepherds saw Your star, Child,
And were witnesses to Your birth.

**People: We await You as our shepherd,
God's caring love for earth.**

Leader: Angels proclaimed Your coming;
The good news was sung with joy.

**People: We sing in joyous anticipation
Of the birth of this Holy Boy.**

Leader: You have come among us, Holy Child,

Now a Babe in a manger born.
**People: But You will give Your life for us,
Rising triumphant on Easter morn.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin page 8)

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

The Congregation is invited to ring their bells and sing on the refrain ("Ideo...")

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – JOY

Sandy Gillum (8:45 AM)

Barbara Schmidt (10:30 AM)

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES

READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 15:9 -11 (NT p. 134)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

UNISON PRAYER

O Holy One, as Christmas draws near there is a sense of excitement in the air. We can feel a joy in our lives and see it in those around us. Still, for some of us this is a sad time because of losses and sorrows that have come into our lives. Help us to have the joy that does not depend on earthly happiness, but on you. Enable us to be filled with your joy so that we may share it with all people of the world. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (see bulletin page 7)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-So-So

Stanzas 1, 2 and 3, **sung by ALL**

ANTHEM

Huron Carol ("Twas in the Moon of Wintertime)

arr. J. W. Krug

Youth Handbells

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

The First Noël

arr. C. Berry

*DOXOLOGY

The Congregation is invited to ring their bells while singing this response.
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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

"The Time Keeper's Christmas"

SCENE I: THE "PRESENT"

Time Keeper's Christmas Meeting

You Shine

Lee Black and Annette Oden

Soloists: Jacqui Mukome, Laney Schmidt, Nina Kubiak, Reese Handevitd

Children Go Where I Send Thee

Traditional

SCENE II: "ONCE UPON A..." TIME

The Spider's Christmas - Ukrainian Folk Tale

Storytellers: Jean-Claude Mukome and Eva Schmidt

Katrusya - Nina Kubiak

Danilo - Eden Adrians

Mother - Avery Gentile

SCENE III: "BACK IN TIME"

Befana, An Ancient Italian Tale

Storytellers - Gina Bellin

Befana - Jacqui Mukome

SCENE IV: COSMIC TIME

Jesus, What A Wonderful Child

Traditional Spiritual

Solo: Gina Bellin

Scripture Readers: Eden Adrians, Elena Eubank, Mya Ballerstein, Jean-Claude Mukome

See The Baby/Away In A Manger

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Solos: Laney Schmidt, Lacie Whipple

*CLOSING HYMN #134

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

*The Congregation is invited to ring their bells on the last two lines of each stanza.
(i.e. "and heaven and nature sing" for stanza one.)*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World!

arr. C. Berry

**There will be a brief Congregational meeting immediately
after the 8:45 AM Service to vote on 2019 Church Officers.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Directed by: Dee Savides
Piano: Chris Danz
Percussion: John Aaholm
Sound: Jonathan Steffen
Costumes: Jolene Scribner
Costume Assistant: Sharon Clothier
Art: Jill Smith

CAST

Moderator: Mya Ballerstein
Clockmaster: Eva Schmidt
Harriet: Elena Eubank
Freddie: Henry St. Clair
Zen The Dog: Henry Clothier
Chorus: Eden Adrians, Isaac Adrians, Levi Adrians, Jordan Adrians,
Mya Ballerstein, Gina Bellin, Grace Bodoh, Henry Clothier,

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Elena Eubank, Avery Gentile, Celia Gentile, Mark Hallett, Ruth Hallett, Reese Handeviddt, Nina Kubiak, Jacqui Mukome, Jean-Claude Mukome, Arley Norred, Halena Reineking, Isaac Reynolds, Eva Schmidt, Laney Schmidt, Ellarie Scribner, Abraham Slowinski, Henry St. Clair, Owen St. Clair, Lacie Whipple, Brittnee Whipple, Emeline Young.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Elizabeth Melchert, *guest organist*

Pageant Musicians, Chris Danz and John Aaholm.

Youth Handbell Choir, 2018-19: Josh Bellin, Natalie Erstad, Ross Erstad, Dawson Fish, Bradyn Gentile, Dillon Grade, Sophia Mast, David Murphy, Natalie Payette, Nathan Phillips, Noah Reynolds, Avra Taylor, Beth Vercouteren (*substitute ringer*).

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 10:30 AM

"Something More Than Righteous"

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Music: 8:45 AM - Vocal Ensemble; Kris Henke, *trumpet*

10:30 AM - Sanctuary Choir; Kris Henke, *trumpet*

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, December 21	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, December 23	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter		Pat Streur
Bridge Greeters	Dennis Korth	Pat McConnell and Monk Elmer
Welcome Desk		Jill Anthony
Lay Readers	LouAnn Graf	Sara Companik
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen







JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

**If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified.
In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.**

All who are affected by violence
 David Adams and family
 Debbie Adams' brother Jim
 Jill Anthony's neighbors, John and Katie
 Jill Anthony's sister and brother-in-law
 Katie Behl
 Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's
 mother
 Olive Bopp
 Dick Casperson
 John Cawthon
 Dena Collier
 Jim Edwards
 Margitta Furnner
 Brenda Gabrielson
 Esther Gehrt
 Ken Geiger
 Ivo Geurts
 Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
 Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
 Mary Guenther
 Maggie Hendrick
 Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur
 Clara Hosang
 Ron Huebner
 Dan Huth
 Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
 Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen
 Nancy Jones, Linda Jones Pierron's mother
 Sue Keepman, on the death of her brother-
 in-law Dale Peters
 Our Kenyan partners and students

Lorraine Malin, mother of Jane Malin
 Betty Masaros
 Our country's military around the world
 Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
 Baby Nora
 Ellie Olson
 Tony and Sally Prah on the death of Tony's
 mother
 Families and children of Palestine
 Connie Radtke
 Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
 Don Roehrborn
 Tom Rued
 Carla Salmon on the death of her mother,
 Hazel Hougen
 Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim
 Schmidt
 Jim Schwantes
 Amanda Spindler
 Syrian refugees/Syrians affected by violence
 Gloria Tate
 Beverly Trombla
 Jean Van Wagenin
 Our veterans and their families
 Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
 Jennifer Wild
 Elden Willing
 The Wittwer Family
 Kim, cousin of Ellen Wittwer
 Family of Terry Woodford on his death
 7-Year-Old with Stage 4 Cancer

THE OPEN DOOR

December 16, 2018

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Pastor's Message

Christmas TIME

Today's Christmas Pageant is all about time: God's time, our time, how they relate and overlap. Time is something we take seriously at Christmas. Because, for many of us, it takes so much time. There's traveling to visit family members (sometimes in more than one location). There's hosting family members and all the time-filling preparation it takes. Then there are church activities, crazy holiday shopping, congested roads, holiday storms – the list goes on with all the ways that Christmas time can become crammed and over-booked.

The practice I have taken to over the years is to be more *present*. On my way home from work, I envision an empty, ready-to-be-filled box. It has no bottom, and I can place as much in it as I want. Then I replay the day's events and mentally let them fall into this box. It becomes heavier and heavier and I imagine myself becoming lighter and lighter. Then no matter what is in the box, however frustrating, sad, anxiety-producing or joyful, I praise God for something related to each item. Then I say aloud, "I trust you will take care of such things, loving God." Then I close the box and imagine passing it off knowing that, if God asks me to, I will reopen it if needed.

This might sound silly, but it helps me to be *present* when I get home, go on vacation, when I want to make sure I am living in the moment. I give God my burdens out of gratitude and trust. In a way, it's like giving God a small gift. It shows trust and it invites the Holy Spirit to work in my life and the lives of others. It's like giving myself a gift because it's a daily reminder that no matter how much time I spend on anything, I cannot substitute for God's presence, grace, wisdom and faithfulness. In speaking about the spiritual gifts God gives us, Paul says in Ephesians:

"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'"

I wonder how we might imagine God during Christmas time or in our daily lives in a new way so that we are not held captive to anything that steals our time. I wonder how the beaming smiles of the pageant's children today might center you on the joy of the Christ Child in this moment without worry of tomorrow. I wonder what struggles you might imagine placing in a box to hand over to Christ this holiday season. I wonder how God's gift of the Christ Child might lift you up to sing praise, and live a life of joy and gratitude.

In Christ, Pastor Nick

OFFICIAL NOTICE

There will be a Congregational Meeting held immediately after TODAY'S 8:45 AM service for the purpose of voting on 2019 Church Officers.

Administration

Open Door Holiday Deadlines

With the holiday season upon us and the multiple bulletins that need to be printed, the deadline for submitting articles has been modified.

Bulletin Date	Submission Deadline
December 23	December 18
December 30	December 18
January 6	December 27

Please submit all articles to mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

December Church School News

With the Christmas season now in full gear, there will be some changes to the Church School schedule.

Today, the Christmas Pageant will take place during **BOTH SERVICES**.

There will be **NO Church School** as we encourage children to celebrate and support the pageant participants.

Additional dates to be aware of:

Sundays, December 23 and December 30: NO Church School, child care is available.

Sunday, January 6, 2019: Church School resumes with Rotation Three.

No Family Worship Area

Today, Sunday, December 16

Today, our Christmas Pageant, "The Time Keeper's Christmas," takes place during the 8:45 and 10:30 AM services. There will be **no Family Worship Area** available today. Instead, we encourage children to enjoy the pageant with their families. You are welcome to sit up towards the front of the church to best enjoy this special service and the pageant.

Poinsettia Delivery

Date Changed to Wednesday, December 19

Come Join Us in Sharing Christmas Cheer!

Who: All First Congo Middle School students and friends.

What: Deliver poinsettias and cards to home-bound church members and others.

When: Wednesday, December 19

Times:

- 6:00-6:30 PM dinner
- 6:30 PM Board bus to begin delivering
- 8:00 PM Return to church

Church School 2018-2019 News

The first two rotations of Church School for the 2018-2019 program year concluded. The children had fun learning about the classic

story of Noah and the Rainbow Promise in Rotation One and about Faithful Believers Around the World in Rotation Two.

This year, a change was made in how the lessons are delivered to the children. While we followed the same Bible story, it was taught in different ways for five weeks. The children remain with the same teacher for the five-week period. This allowed teachers and children to get to know each other and to develop rapport and relationships. Attendance has been outstanding; far surpassing last year's numbers. The children have responded well to the new changes.

The teachers for the first two rotations are listed below. Please take a moment and thank these individuals when you see them for sharing their time and talents with the children of First Congregational UCC.

Rotation One Teachers:

Kindergarten: Dianne Droster
First Grade: Maja Glidden
Second Grade: Jolene Scribner
Third and Fourth Grade: Julie Michels

Rotation Two Teachers:

Kindergarten: Kristina Smits
First Grade: Kerry Wauters
Second Grade: Karla Baier
Third and Fourth Grade: Sarah Wilterdink
Substitute Teacher who taught several Sundays: Aimee Eubank

Volunteer teacher Katie Jahnke and Colleen Berry started a Tween Ministry Church School program this year.

A separate curriculum was used with our Tweens (5th and 6th graders) allowing for

more detailed learning of Bible stories and activities that are more suited to that age group. The attendance has been fantastic with anywhere from 15 - 23, 5th and 6th graders joining us each week.

Please thank Katie Jahnke, if you see her for sharing her time and talents each week with the 5th and 6th grade children.

Finally, as always, a special thank you goes out to Shari Mitchell who is once again teaching the three - and four-year-old children for the entire year. What a special gift she is to First Congregational UCC.

Wilderness Ministry 2019

Four incredible wilderness ministry trips are now open for registration.

Two trips are for First Congo congregation members only and two trips originate through Moon Beach, our UCCI camp up north. If you are an adult or a youth interested in canoeing the Boundary Waters or Backpacking Isle Royale, now is the time to register.

- **Adult Isle Royale Backpacking UCCI**
 - May 18, 2019 – May 25, 2019
- **Adult Boundary Waters Canoe Trip UCCI**
 - June 22, 2019 – June 30, 2019
- **Youth/Parent Boundary Waters Canoe Trip**
 - July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019
- **Adult Boundary Waters Canoe Trip**
 - September 8, 2019 – September 14, 2019

All details and forms are now available on the church website. Click on **Full Menu**, under **Children, Youth and Families** click on **Wilderness Ministry**. Please return applications to Pastor Nick and contact him with any questions at nhatch@firstcongoappleton.org.

Worship and Music

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

Join Our Choir for Our 9 PM Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 19
Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Our Sanctuary Choir will again welcome additional high school – adult singers for our 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

Please join us **Wednesday, December 19** for the 7:00 PM rehearsal.

A string quartet and a variety of wind instruments will make music with us, too! Each year, we include familiar carol arrangements and some brand-new music. Returning college students, young adults, family members, spouses and partners of choir members, members, friends who love singing *are all welcome!* Interested or questions? **RSVP John Albrecht** at jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton or call (920) 733-7393, so we can prepare a choir folder.



Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Advent Conversations on Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, December 19
5:30 – 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall/River Room
No cost; Light supper provided
It's always too soon, until it's too late.

December 19 – Make it Legal

Ask questions and complete the documents needed to appoint your Healthcare Power of Attorney, should that need arise in the future.

Presenters include:

- Dr. Jack Swanson, Hospice/Palliative Care Specialist
- Ben Adams, Adams & Woodrow, S.C.

Serving Meals at Pillars

Thursday, January 29 – Saturday, February 2

The holiday season reminds us how much we all have to be thankful for. We have another opportunity this winter to open our hearts and hands to those in our community who are in need. Pillars Adult Shelter (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter) provides homeless adults a hot evening meal and a safe place to sleep. Our congregation prepared and served meals there for over 10 years. We provide the evening meal for shelter guests for five nights, January 29 - February 2. Past participants found this to be a rewarding experience. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for January 29-February 2, 2019. Contact Amy Lewis at (920) 205-1091 for more information.

Advent Yard Signs

Advent reminds us and our neighbors that Jesus, too, was a refugee. 18"X24" plastic yard signs share the story of Jesus' birth and proclaim to your neighbors that when we welcome refugees, when we welcome asylum-seekers, we welcome Christ.

These yard signs for refugee/asylum solidarity are available through UCC Resources for \$8.25 at <https://www.uccresources.com/products/advent-yard-signs-for-refugee-asylum-solidarity>.



Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Back Bay Mission Trip

April 7-12, 2019

(additional travel time may be required)

Join us for our next trip to Back Bay Mission, April 7-12, 2019. Volunteering at Back Bay Mission includes providing home repairs for low-income home owners, helping out at Back Bay's Micah Day Center for the homeless, or assisting at the food pantry. During this time, you will learn about the Mississippi Gulf Coast's poverty.

Back Bay's Mission House dormitory provides comfortable housing for volunteers. We prepare our own meals in the Mission House kitchen.

Interested? Sign up in the narthex.

Contact Ken Jahnke (920) 427-5996 or Pastor Kathryn (920) 733-7393 ext. 223 for more information.

Alternative Christmas Market

Last day to order is TODAY

Today is the last day to purchase Alternative Christmas Market gifts.

Stop by the ACM table in the Narthex between services to pick up a catalog to place an order.

Calendar for Sunday, December 16 – Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 16

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Christmas Pageant – *Sanctuary*

Worship – *Sanctuary*

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

No Church School

Congregational Meeting to Vote Slate of Officers – *Sanctuary*

Worship – *Sanctuary*

High School Christmas Service Project-Cookie Bake and Cards – *River Room, Kitchen*

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

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

Monday, December 17

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

ESTHER-Communications Regular Meeting- *Upper Lounge*

Appleton Boychoir Auditions – *Sanctuary*

ESTHER-Finance Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

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

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

ADRC StrongBodies - Fall Session – *South Fellowship Hall*

Lectionary Bible Study – *Upper Lounge*

Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*

Church Council Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Horizon Ministry Team – *Library*

Fireside AA Group – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Peri Gorges – Heart – *River Room*

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

Children’s Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room*

Advent Supper Series – *Kitchen, River Room*

Middle School Poinsettia Delivery – *Art/Kitchen*

No Confirmation Classes

Church Mice – *East Conference Room*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, December 20

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ADRC StrongBodies - Fall Session – *South Fellowship Hall*

Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, December 21

5:30 PM - 8:45 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, December 22

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

AA - Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

Theology Discussion Group - *Atlas Coffee Mill and Café on Water Street - Appleton*

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

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

N.A. - *Common Grounds*

Al-Anon - *Upper Lounge*

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Monday, December 24, 2018

Service Times

Theme

2:00 PM

Family Service

4:00 PM

Family Service with Children's Choir

7:00 PM

Service of Lessons and Carols With Candle Lighting, Soloists, and String Quartet

9:00 PM

Service of Lessons and Carols With Communion, Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and String Quartet

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