

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.

January 13 Highlights at First Congregational

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Flowers

Cindy Ritcey Fox designed this morning’s Sanctuary flower arrangement.

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 dates are: 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, January 11	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, January 13	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Karl and Rose Heinz	Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters	Kathy and Steve Hermsen	Midge Mosher
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick	Jan Scheibe
Lay Readers	Heidi Erstad	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Jim O’Neill
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen

Church School Schedule– 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

January 13, 2019

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

Christ, Our Lord, To Jordan Came

Bach

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

*WELCOME AND GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

This is My Beloved Son

K. Nystedt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A glutton and a drunkard...

People: **That is what his critics called him when they saw the company he kept.**

Leader: Out of his mind...

People: **That was what his family remarked, when they heard the things he had to say.**

Leader: Don't go there...

People: **This is what one of his closest friends advised when he realized the danger that certainly lay ahead of him.**

Leader: To his critics he said, "I don't come to call the righteous."

People: **To his family, he said, "Whoever does God's will is my mother and sister and brother."**

Leader: And to his friend, he said, "Never mind the others. You follow me."

People: **Today, as we remember Jesus' baptism, we affirm our own decision to follow him.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we have been brought by Christ into the Kingdom;

People: **We are part of God's purpose, not through our goodness, but by God's grace.**

* Congregation Standing

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin p. 8)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*OPENING PRAYER (Please join hands or link arms)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON: (8:45 AM service only)

(After the Children's Sermon, children will follow their teachers to Sunday School.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: (10:30 AM service only)

Elliot Franklin Rued (10:30 AM service)

Parents: Corinne N. and Cory T. Rued

Godparents: Nicole Rued and Trevor Franklin

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

People: We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Dear God of gentleness and love, once more you have spoken words of hope in the birth of a child. We delight in this new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Elliot and his family. May they cherish his life and lead him in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILD

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (see bulletin p. 7)

KINGDOM

St. 1 - Solo St. 2 & 3 - Choir **St. 4 - ALL**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Karg-Elert

*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY #161

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

MORNING STAR

St. 2 - ALL

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-17 (NT p. 2)

MEDITATION

"The 'Yes and No' of Baptism"

Rev. Steve Savides

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

GREETING

Leader: Dear friends, on this day of re-creation we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own.

People: We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace.

Leader: For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female - and were made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

UNISON CONFESSION

Gracious God, too often our lives reflect chaos instead of creation. Living in disorder and turmoil, we exist as though you do not. Rather than the tender hovering of your Spirit, we feel the buffeting currents of change and doubt. Have mercy on us. Blow through our lives like a mighty wind this day, clearing away the clouds of despair. Shine brightly among us, renewing our reason for hope. Rain your love upon us, creating in us a new day.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***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.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: In this and all we do, keep us faithful, O God, to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE WATER (8:45 service only)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Leader: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

People: Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

RENEWAL ANTHEM (see bulletin p. 9)

Come to the Water

Foley

Stanzas 1-3, Choir; **Stanza 4, All**

(As the anthem is sung, those of the congregation who wish are invited to come forward to dip their fingers into the font, put water on their own forehead or bless each other with water from the font, and then return to their pews.)

***UNISON PRAYER**

Renew in us, O God, all the gifts of baptism – strength for life’s journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who make us one. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 10)**

Christ, When for Us, You Were Baptized

LOBT GOTT

Stanza 1 – Choir; **Stanzas 2-4, All**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Christ, When for Us, You Were Baptized

Bach

TODAY’S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Tempted in the Wilderness”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Matthew 4:1-17, Psalm 91:1-12

Music: 8:45 AM – Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM – LU Music Scholars

Friday, January 18	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Sheryl DeHart, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, January 20	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Dugger’s and Sue Robertson	Pat Streur
Bridge Greeters	LouAnn Graf	
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	Sue Detienne	Nancy Bodway
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Tim Hanna	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn	Sue Mauthe









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
Barb Boren
Dick Casperson
John Cawthon
Dena Collier
Jim Edwards
Travis Edwards' family, on the death of his
mother, Glennda Smith
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
For the health of Ken Hocking
Ron Huebner
Dan Huth
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen

Our Kenyan partners and students
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn
Lorraine Malin, mother of Jane Malin
Mike Mathews
Betty Masaros
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Baby Nora
Ellie Olson
Families and children of Palestine
Connie Radtke
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Don Roehrborn
Tom Rued
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim
Schmidt
Jim Schwantes
Amanda Spindler
Syrian refugees/Syrians affected by violence
Gloria Tate
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
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
7-Year-Old with Stage 4 Cancer

THE OPEN DOOR

January 13, 2019

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Pastor's Message

GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

This Sunday, when we are renewing our baptisms, it is a good time to thank God for the gift of the life and renew our commitment to living out of gratitude for that gift.

Professor Hans Hoekendijk taught at Union Seminary in New York City. Before and during World War II, he lived in Amsterdam where he and his friends hid Jewish children from the Nazis.

Their efforts were eventually discovered. As a result, Hoekendijk and his friends were locked in a railroad car and shipped off to a death camp in Germany. One morning the train suddenly stopped. The doors were opened. The prisoners were told to climb out and lined up alongside the railroad tracks. They assumed they were in Germany.

They thought they were going to be shot, but they were in Switzerland. Someone had thrown a switch and now they were free. For the rest of his life, Hoekendijk never found out who this person was, the one who threw the switch and saved his life. But he spent the rest of his life asking, "What do you do with such a gift?"

What do you do with such a gift?

This is a good question with which to begin this New Year. For it is indeed a gift, this life, this year, this day, this gathering, this moment. It is a gift from God. So what do we do with such a gift? How about this:

Live in the moment. Cherish it. Hug your children. Kiss your partner. Tell your loved ones how precious they are. Thank them for who they are. Let them know what they mean to you. Speak from your heart. Don't wait another day. Forgive as well as be forgiven. Gather in love and grace with those closest to you.

Taste the falling snow on your tongue. Be thankful for the gift of life. Dance! Dedicate your life to that which is most important, most meaningful. Help gather others together in love and grace.

And never, never forget to be thankful to the one who gave you the gift of life.

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Stewardship

*Putting faith into action with our time,
passion, skills and financial gifts.*

Stewardship Update

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign ended.

We are so grateful to all the congregation members who generously chose to support all that our First Congregational church hopes to accomplish for its members, our community and our mission partners in 2019.

While the campaign is “officially” over, there is still a bit of “joyful” work to be done. One is to bring in a number of pledge commitments from donors who supported us in many past years but have not yet this year.

Our goal is to have at least a total of 320 pledging families and individuals; we are now at 296.

We are still behind last year’s pledge dollar total and further yet behind what we hope to raise to support our next fiscal year budget. If you are an auto-giver, please be sure to re-affirm your commitment, as otherwise it is difficult to accurately account for the impact of your commitment.

Thank you to all who will soon step forward to help us complete a successful campaign of funding our church home.

With blessings and joy to you all,

Your Stewardship Team

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Membership Exploration Class

Saturday, January 19, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

The Membership Exploration Class is designed for people who are considering membership with First Congregational United Church of Christ. This class, led by our staff and accompanied by contributions from the lay leadership of the church, explores the history and polity of the United Church of Christ, the history and programs of First Congregational UCC, the faith and theology of the church, discernment of spiritual gifts for serving God, and more. Please contact the church office, (920) 733-7393 or sign up in the Narthex.

Friends in Christ

Friends in Christ will meet on Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 AM after the second worship service in the Upper Lounge. Come learn about our Friends in Christ ministry and see where you are able to use your gifts to help our elder members. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Jean Coenraad at jmcoenraad@aol.com or (920) 810-0014.



Save the Date: Color-Brave Exhibit

Sunday, February 3-Sunday, February 10

We will be hosting FIT Oshkosh's Color-Brave photo exhibit beginning Sunday, February 3 through Sunday, February 10.

The exhibit seeks to shift common stereotypes, to explore the negative impacts these false narratives have on the community and to celebrate these residents. Executive Director Tracey Robertson said, "The exhibit is a celebration of people of color, our choices and our lives with our own images and stories." For more information, visit www.fitoshkoshinc.org.

Worship and Music

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

Save the Date: Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Returns to Oshkosh

Register by Monday, January 14
Event on Saturday, January 26

"Pedals, Pipes and Pizza" will be held on Saturday, January 26 from 8:30 AM-noon at Trinity Episcopal Church (311 Division St., Oshkosh, WI), in **downtown Oshkosh**.

This is an exciting opportunity for piano students, ages 9-18, to play their pieces on a pipe organ, to explore the powerful range of sound and to learn about organs. For questions or registration, please contact Marianne Chaudoir, organist at Trinity Episcopal Church, at (920) 379-8811 or mmchaudoir@att.net.

Intergenerational Musical: THE PIRATES OF SAMARIA

By Stephen Savides and David Stoddard

Read-through/potluck in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 20, 11:30 -1:00 PM

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM and Sundays 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM

The Pirates of Samaria, is a brand-new musical by Pastor Stephen Savides and Dave Stoddard. We invite adults of all ages and abilities, and children 2nd grade and older participate.

Please join us and consider inviting friends and neighbors. We are always in special need of any folks interested in set painting, prop and costume help.

Please sign up in Narthex if you plan to attend to help us with planning.

Rehearsal and performance dates:

Dress Rehearsals:

Friday, March 15, 6:00 - 10 :00 PM

Performances:

Saturday, March 16, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM

Carroll University Chamber Singers – Thank You!



The Carroll University Chamber Singers Concert on January 3 was another fine example of First Congo hospitality in action! The choir shared a varied

program of sacred choral music (incorporating our organ and Steinway piano, too!) and came to us through our connection with college senior and son of our congregation, Shane Murphy-Pociask. Shane was a singer in our church children's choir during his elementary school years. Appleton-native, Cali Schwalbach, also sings in the Chamber Singers, and her family handled housing many singers, too.

Many thanks to the host families from within our congregation: the Murphy-Pociask family and Grandma Audrey (with housing coordinating help from Patti), Steve and Dee Savides, Paul and Shelley Nulton, Jan Scheibe and Karen Leigh-Post. Additional thanks to Sanctuary Choir members Paul Eggen, Cheryl Foster, Nancy Stanelle, Kristy Albrecht, Julie Meyer and Cheryl Benzschawel who provided food and clean-up for the dinner we provided.

Major thanks to staff member Jane Malin for preparing the main course and organizing the set up and clean up and staff member Carolyn Frederick for her project assistance.

The choir's director, Dr. Patrick Dill, was very appreciative of the opportunity to sing in our beautiful Sanctuary and expressed his thanks. He also shared greetings from the church he serves as Music Director, First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. Praise God for the gift of music, and our opportunity to support these young musicians! ~ *John Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries*

Thank You, Christmas Eve Musicians!

Our four Christmas Eve services were filled with music, due to the talents of our many members, friends and music staff. My sincere thanks to: Jon Riehle, *organ and piano*; our Sanctuary Choir, joined by 19 guest singers, including Pastor Steve Savides; our Children's choir, with soloists Gina Bellin and Nevan Glenn; Janet Sutter and Eric Leveille, *violins*; Melissa Gurholt, *viola*; David Veum, *cello*; Stuart Sutter, *oboe*; Kris Henke, *trumpet*; Barbara Armstrong, *flute*; Lori Murphy, *violin*; Michael Murphy, *guitar*; John Aaholm, *timpani*; Karen Leigh-Post, *mezzo-soprano*; Melanie Riley, *soprano*; Bethany Abrahamson, *soprano*; Joel Jicha, *bass*; Jack Murphy, *tenor*; Nevan Glenn, *boy treble*.

Thank you, one and all! ~ John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Making Beautiful Music

We are pleased to announce that a generous donor and long-term member of First Congregational UCC recently made an important gift to increase the value of the Organ Preservation Fund (OPF). The OPF is a spend-down fund held at the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. The fund's purpose is to provide the financial resources needed to maintain and refurbish our Möller organ. Members of the congregation are invited to provide whatever additional support they can to help further grow this fund, currently valued at approximately \$43,000.

Ultimately, the needs of keeping the organ in top form could far exceed that amount. Please make your gifts out to First Congregational Church UCC, turn them into the office, and they will then be promptly forwarded to the Organ Preservation Fund account at the Community Foundation. Thank you. Wishing God's blessings and joyful music to you all, Your Stewardship Team.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

High School 2019 Mission Trip Info Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 7:30-8:45 PM

Those interested in joining the Detroit mission trip this summer, please attend this important meeting. We'll go over all the trip details and you'll be able to sign up for the March fundraiser. Registration materials will be available.

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.

All details and forms are now available on the church website. Click on **Full Menu**, under **Children, Youth and Families** click on **Wilderness Ministry**. *Spaces are filling quickly so get your registration in now to reserve your spot!*

Please return applications to Pastor Nick and contact him with any questions at nhatch@firstcongoappleton.org.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Pastor Kathryn

Friends, we wanted you to know that Pastor Kathryn has needed to return from Kenya due to health reasons. She will know more after visiting her doctors here at home. In the meantime, please keep her in your prayers. And please keep in in your prayers the rest of our First Congo delegation who remain in Kenya and will complete the trip there, returning on January 19.

Alternative Christmas Market Update

The 26th Alternative Christmas Market was a success again this year, raising more than \$11,928 in donations to help people in need close to home and around the world. Thanks to the volunteers who made this event happen! Thanks to the shoppers who gave more than 97 gifts. Thanks to anyone who helped in large and small ways: the Market is a significant event in the life this church because you are a part of it.

OFF Snowshoeing Event

We're OFF on a snowshoe hike on Saturday, January 19 at Mosquito Hill Nature Center, N3880 Rogers Road, New London. We will meet in the Nature Center's back room at 10:15 AM to sign in and get shoes on. Snowshoe rental available for \$3.50. We will head out at

10:30 AM on a 1 ½-hour hike through Wolf River lowland forest. This easy terrain is great for beginners. Please bring a brown bag lunch if you want to stay after to enjoy the warming room. If there is not enough snow, we can hike but if trails are icy, trip will be canceled. All outings are weather dependent. Please check with leader before leaving. Sign up in narthex or with Nancy Brown-Koeller (715) 853-6258 or nbkappleton@gmail.com.

Church Women United Meeting

Reservations due **Monday, January 21**
Event: **Friday, January 25**
Registration: 11:30 AM • Noon: Lunch

Church Women United in Outagamie Co., will hold its 2019 on Friday, January 25 at First Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin St., in Appleton. The event will feature an \$11 lunch, business meeting and Lindsay Wollerman, speaker. For more information, contact Marilyn (920) 788-5850 or mdvofkau@new.rr.com or Jayne (920) 246-8569 or plainjayne37@gmail.com. Additionally, they will be collecting items for the *Parent Connection/Baby Closet*, please bring them to the event.

Serving Meals at Pillars

Tuesday, January 29 – Saturday, February 2
From January 29 –February 2, we will provide the evening meal for shelter guests at Pillars Adult Shelter (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter). Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Contact Amy Lewis at (920) 205-1091 for more information.

General Synod 32 Volunteering

Sign up online during January 2019

Your help is key to the success of the Wisconsin Conference hosting the 32nd General Synod of the UCC at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. You can experience the wider United Church of Christ and ministries we are engaged in on behalf of Jesus Christ. For more information check out wcucc.org/synodvolunteer.

Film Showing and Panel: Milwaukee 53206

Saturday, January 19 • 1:30–3:30 PM
Fox Valley Technical College, Room A170 (Entrance 16) • free public event

Milwaukee 53206 chronicles the lives of those living in the ZIP code, which incarcerates the highest percentage of black men in America, up to 62%. Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion. ESTHER's Prison Reform Task Force, EXPO Fox Cities and EXPO sponsors this event.

For more information please contact Sara Companik at scompanik@yahoo.com.

Administration

Are You a Snowbird?

If you will be leaving the area for an extended period, please contact the office at (920) 733-7393 to update your information. We can activate an alternate address for you until you return.

Used Items Offer

Can you use any of these items? We are downsizing office furniture that is not being used. Make an offer! Contact the church office at (920) 733-7393 for more information.



Chest of drawers



Eight-foot folding table



Typewriter table with drop-down sides



Second wooden table



Metal desk



Metal desk

Calendar for Sunday January 13–Saturday, January 19

Sunday, January 13	Baptism Sunday
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Worship – <i>Sanctuary</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Child Care – <i>Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Church School – <i>Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen, East Conference Room, Computer Lab</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Worship – <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Child Care – <i>Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	High School Sunday Groups – <i>Common Grounds</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	LU Music Scholar Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds</i>
Monday, January 14	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	ESTHER Communications – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	Appleton Boychoir – Repertoire Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Technology Team – <i>Library</i>
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 8 – <i>Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir – <i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Prayer Shawl – <i>Common Grounds</i>
Tuesday, January 15	
6:45 AM – 7:45 AM	ADRC StrongBodies – <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	ADRC StrongBodies – <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lectionary Bible Study – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Chrysalis – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Wine and Word: “The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity” – <i>Caroline Caton, 1137 West Commercial St., Appleton</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Horizon Ministry Team – <i>Library</i>
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM	Fireside AA Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
Wednesday, January 16	
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Children’s Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal – <i>Amistad Room</i>
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Confirmation Class with Mentors – <i>Chapel</i>
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Middle School Classes – <i>Theater, Scripture Tent, Art/ Kitchen</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Church Mice – <i>East Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM	Youth Mission Trip Info for Youth, Parents and Chaperones <i>- Fellowship Hall/River Room</i>
Thursday, January 17	
6:45 AM - 7:45 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting - <i>Library</i>
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	AA - Search for Serenity Group - <i>Common Grounds</i>
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Theology Discussion Group - <i>Atlas Coffee Mill and Café on Water Street Appleton</i>
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	ESTHER - Board Meeting - <i>River Room</i>
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	TnT-SOAR Fox Cities - <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Transition Family Networking and Support Group - <i>Chapel</i>
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA - <i>Common Grounds</i>
Friday, January 18	
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Al-Anon - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	N.A. - <i>Common Grounds</i>
Saturday, January 19	
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA - <i>Common Grounds</i>