

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 April 24, 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.

February 17 Highlights at First Congregational

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Flowers

Today’s flowers are in Valentine’s week recognition of 2019 being the 25th year of marriage for Bill Ritcey and Cindi Ritcey Fox. After the 10:30 AM service, they would like you take a rose to offer to your significant other as a gesture of the Love, Partnership and Everlasting Dedication Bill and Cindi have for each other.

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: March 10, April 28, May 19, June 9, July 14 and August 18. 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, February 15	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, February 17	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	John and Eilene Hoft-March	Sharrie Robinson
Lay Readers	Heidi Erstad	Susan McFadden
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio		Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm
Coffee Fellowship	Middle School Youth	

Church School Schedule – 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 17, 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

Diademata

Held

(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

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

arr. R. Mallory

Youth Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you were busier, Lord, you would not bother with us. But you have time for all; you have time to listen.

People: So we praise you for having all things in proportion, and a time in your silence for us to speak.

Leader: If you were wiser, Lord, you would not bother with us. But you are foolish and thus we are your choice.

People: So we praise you that your kingdom is indeed upside down; that your standards are not the world's standards; that you have bent down to touch us.

Leader: If you were content, Lord, you would not bother with us. But you are restless. Through anger, through excitement, and through love, you will all things to change and be made new.

People: So we praise you, that your restlessness has been born in us as the pain of the world, the cries of your people. The urgency of your Gospel and your Holy Spirit upset our ease and require us to respond.

Leader: With the eye of a weaver, you have chosen us – such different threads – to be gathered into unity that the world might believe.

People: So may we not serve your purpose unless we are open to each other; not care for each other unless we reflect your love; not dare to love like you unless we are glad to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, as friends and followers of Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #18**

Praise to the Living God

DIADEMATA
arr. C. Moglebust

***OPENING PRAYER (Please join hands or link arms)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 AM SERVICE)

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

A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING (8:45 AM SERVICE)

(This month's A Joyful Noise Offering benefits Pillars.)

ANTHEM

O Love

Laura Kenney Henckel, *cello*

Elaine Hagenberg

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45 AM SERVICE)

LIAM ROBERT PLATT

Parents: Alexis and David Platt

Godparents: Cassie Curry and Mike Curry

CALLISTO RENEE FORREST

Parents: Casey and Courtney Forrest

Godparents: Maria Forrest and Amy Forrest

CLAUDIA ROSE FORREST

Parents: Casey and Courtney Forrest

Godparents: Angie Zeller and Matt Zeller

DEAN WINCHESTER FORREST
Parents: Casey and Courtney Forrest
Godparents: Danielle Sackett and Kylee Zeller

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

We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend these new members of the Body of Christ. Give to the newly baptized 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 makes us one. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (see bulletin page 6)

CHILD OF BLESSING

St. 1 - Soloist 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.

PRAYER HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

Guide My Feet

African-American Spiritual

Stanzas 1, 4, 5

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Largo from Sonata in G minor

Henry Eccles
arr. Moffat

Laura Kenney Henckel, *cello*

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PSALTER HYMN #252 (10:30 AM SERVICE, ONLY)

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely (Psalm 84)

MERLE'S TUNE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-35 (NT p. 17)

MEDITATION

"The Leaven of Justice"

Rev. Steve Savides

***CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 8)**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro con spirito from Sonata in G minor

Henry Eccles
arr. Moffat

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Laura Kenney Henckel, *cello*

Youth Handbells: Josh Bellin, Natalie Erstad, Ross Erstad, Dawson Fish, Bradyn Gentile, Dillon Grade, Sophia Mast, David Murphy, Natalie Payette, Nathan Phillips, Noah Reynolds, Cheryl Foster (*substitute ringer*), John Albrecht, *director*.

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir; Heather Hallett, *soprano*

10:30 AM LU Music Scholars

Upcoming Worship Schedule

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 and 10:30 AM

Derrell Acon, *guest speaker/artist*

Scripture reading: Matthew 14:13-33

Music: 8:45 AM - LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM - Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 22	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, February 24	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Dave and Julie Gamm	Diane Ragus
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk	Sandra Vanden Boogaard	
Lay Readers	Howard Niblock	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	
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
Barb Boren
Dick Casperson
John Cawthon
Dena Collier
Bruce Companik
Jim Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Ivo Geurts
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
Mary Guenther
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking
Ron Huebner
Dan Huth
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn
Our Kenyan partners and students
Margaret LaFleur
Mike Mathews

Betty Masaros
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Family of Pauline Kulp, on her death
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
Troy Schmitt
Jim Schwantes
Amanda Spindler
Ryan St. Clair
Cole Stoffel
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
Linda Uitenbroek, sister of Lyle Van De Hey
and Janice Schmitz
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

February 17, 2019

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Pastor's Message

LOVE STORY

On this Valentine's Day weekend, I thought it might be appropriate to share a love story, one that takes us into the deepest dimensions of love. The 1990 spring thaw in the Sierra National Forest revealed a profound tragedy. On March 1, 1990, Jean and Ken Chaney, while attempting to negotiate a little-used road in those parklands, skidded off into a huge snowbank. With a blizzard swirling around them, the 68-year-old woman and 75-year-old man decided to sit tight. As they waited for help to arrive, the couple began to keep a diary of their actions. Writing by the fading glimmer of their glove compartment light, the Chaney's slowly began to see the fatal truth of their situation - "We began to realize that we were on a road that isn't maintained during the winter. Truly a miracle if anyone comes by... We have no idea what lies ahead... so here we are completely and utterly in God's hand!! What better place to be!!"

During the next week the Chaney's ate Roloids, a stick of gum, and two of those restaurant packets of jelly. They scraped frost off their car windows for drinking water. But the Chaney's endured those days by singing hymns together, quoting all the Bible verses they could recall and praying. Still no one came. On March 18, Jean Chaney made the following entry in their diary: "Dad went to the Lord at 7:30 PM this evening... It was so peaceful I didn't even know he left. The last thing I heard him say was 'Thank the Lord.' I think I'll be with him soon... I can't see. Bye. I love you."

The Chaney's' bodies were not found until May 1, when the spring thaw had finally progressed enough that a forest ranger could make it down the road they had been trapped on for so long. Although the loss of their lives was a human tragedy, the Chaney's did not die alone or in despair. Huddling together in their car, they celebrated their love for God and for one another with every fiber of their beings, every shred of their strength. They were not complacent about death, but were confident in their faith, hopeful for God's presence and secure in the knowledge that they were surrounded by God's love.

What is the highest, most exalted act of intelligent life? It is to love. Love seeks no cause, no end, no reward beyond itself. "I love because I love; I love that I may love, " St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote. That's the love the Chaney's shared with one another and, through the witness of their last days, shared with us as well.

Your friend and fellow minister, Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

OFF Presentation and Snowshoeing

Saturday, February 23

1:00 PM Presentation • 2:00 PM Snowshoeing

Navarino Nature Center

W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton

Contact: Nancy Brown-Koeller

(715) 853-6625 • nbkappleton@gmail.com

John and Nancy Brown-Koeller will present their three European bike trips with slides from Germany, France, Slovenia, Austria and Czech Republic. Later, they will guide a snowshoe hike on the Navarino trails. Snowshoe rental is available. Please consider coming to one or both events.

Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting

April 5-6 • Glacier Canyon Lodge
Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Join the Wisconsin Conference and all four associations for a unique Combined Annual Meeting. Due to hosting General Synod in June, the Associations and Conference decided to combine annual meetings this year. In addition to taking care of business, there will be plenty of time for fellowship and connection across the Conference. First Congregational UCC may send five voting delegates to this meeting. Others are welcome as volunteers or visitors. If interested, contact Pastor Kathryn.

Stewardship

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

Our Stewardship Campaign Exceeds Its Goals!

While our “What Shall We Bring” Stewardship Campaign for 2019 “ended” some time ago, we have continued to receive pledges and we wanted to bring the congregation up-to-date on our nearly final results. We are delighted to announce we exceeded our goal of pledge participation, with 40 new donors generously supporting this year’s campaign.

Also, equally important, we’ve raised nearly \$980,000, enough to fully fund the desired budget increase for the coming fiscal year. These two accomplishments certainly qualify as a very joyful “Win, Win” for First Congregational and all it hopes to accomplish for its members, our community and our 2019 mission partners.

Since there are still approximately 30 donors who supported the campaign in 2018 but have not yet reported their decision for this campaign, we are hoping this small class of the very select “February Donor Society” will further boost our strong results.

Our absolutely final results will be passed along in early March. With blessings, gratitude and joy to you all, Your Stewardship Team

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Joyful Noise Collection

Today, Sunday February 17

As many of you may have heard, the Pillars Organization, which serves the area's homeless population, experienced two separate water main breaks during our recent (and seemingly endless) bout of extreme winter weather. Therefore, our Joyful Noise offering this week will once again go to Pillars.

Please give whatever change you can, and all donations will be given to Pillars. Your donations support their programs that guide individuals from experiencing homelessness to securing a home of their own. Thank you.

Wilderness Ministry Updates!

The Wilderness Ministry has received some excellent feedback and combined with people's registrations, there has been some important updates. For most trips the calendar changed, and prices were lowered. One trip is completely full (FCUCC Intergenerational BWCA in July) and one almost full (UCCI Isle Royal Backpacking).

Visit the Wilderness Ministry Website for up-to-date information. For anyone signed up, considering registration or wanting more information, there will be a meeting after second service worship, on March 24, at 11:45 AM in the Chapel. See pictures, check out gear, get forms and ask questions! Hope to see you there.

Worship and Music

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

Guest Speaker: Derrell Acon

Sunday, February 24 • Both Services



Guest speaker Derrell Acon, former LU Scholar, will join us in worship. He will give a presentation on Gospel music. Mr. Acon earned both a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice,

with a cognate in 19th-Century Opera History and Performance, and a Master of Music degree in Voice from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM).

He graduated *summa cum laude* from Lawrence University and Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government with a minor in Ethnic Studies. He is a 2011 recipient of a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and a 2013-2014 Fulbright Scholar to Italy, researching the operas of Giuseppe Verdi and lecturing on the Black Experience in America.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Help for the Homeless

February 17-March 10

Contact: thefamily.net • (800) 236-9364

We will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio's annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive, February 17-March 10. Please place your donations in the Help for the Homeless collection box located in the Narthex by March 8. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most urgently needed items are laundry soap, kitchen size trash bags (shelters go thru LOTS of these), shampoo, cleaning supplies, diapers, toilet tissue and feminine care. Your donations will remain in this community. Note: Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of non-food items such as soap and diapers. Thank you!

Paris to Pittsburgh Free Film Screening

Date: Tuesday, February 26

Time: 6:15 PM Intro • 6:30 PM Film

Location: Menasha Public Library,
440 1st Street, Menasha

Contact: Jill Mitchler • jemitchler@gmail.com

Please join PopEarth and the Appleton-Fox Cities Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby for a free screening of a new film

from National Geographic, *Paris to Pittsburgh*. After the film, a discussion will be led by Lawrence University Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Graham Sazama. From coastal cities to America's heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. As the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren't waiting on Washington to act. Learn about their incredible stories in *Paris to Pittsburgh* and be inspired to create change in your own community.



Re-Member Intergenerational Mission, Pine Ridge, SD Meeting

Sunday, February 24

Event: Between Services • Chapel

Contact: Eilene Hoft-March • (920) 735-0166

Eilene.Hoft-March@lawrence.edu

This informational meeting will discuss how First Congo supports the Pine Ridge Indian reservation residents through our mission partner, Re-Member. In past years, we supported the Oglala Lakota community further through the service of our Intergenerational Mission trip volunteers. This year's mission trip is scheduled for Friday, August 16 -Friday, August 23. Trip reservation deposits need to be made by the end of March; we have five places remaining.

Kenya Luncheon Invitation

Sign up by February 24

Event: Sunday, March 3

Sign up in Narthex

Warm greetings from our sponsored students, their parents, the Sponsorship Committee in Kenya and all our Kenyan friends! You are cordially invited to attend our annual Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon during this 20th Anniversary Year of the Partnership.

The luncheon will begin after second service on Sunday, March 3. We are eager to share stories, videos, pictures and information about our recent Kenya trip. The luncheon menu will be our traditional Kenyan meal of chicken stew, rice, vegetarian beans, greens, chapati (tortillas), fruit and chai. An added treat this year will be *millet ugali* (made from millet) brought back from the Kerio Valley. We will have hot dogs available as well. All items, but the tortillas, will be gluten-free (prepared in a totally gluten free kitchen). We hope you can join us.

Samaritan Counseling Center Seeks 2019 Woman of Strength Nominees

Nomination Deadline: March 13
The Connie Steele Woman of Strength Award is named for the late Connie Steele, former Samaritan board member and legal counsel for Thrivent Financial. The award honors a woman from the Fox Cities, Heart of the Valley, New London, Oshkosh and surrounding areas who embodies the following traits: strength of character, integrity, generosity, faith, courage, optimism, persistence and

community service. Nominations must include three letters of one page or less from different nominators. These should include specific examples of how the nominee embodies each of the eight traits listed above, and contact information both for the nominee and each nominator. In 2018, First Congo member Sara Companik was awarded this honor. Learn more about the award from Pastor Kathryn Kuhn, or visit www.samaritan-counseling.com/woman-of-strength-award.

2019 LEAVEN Culinary Dinner

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Silent Auction at 5:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

The Fox Club at Timber Rattlers Stadium

Tickets: \$75 per person

\$575 for Table of 8

Purchase tickets by March 1 at

www.leavenfoxcities.org

The Fox Valley Chapter of the American Culinary Federation proudly invites you to a six-course benefit dinner and silent auction in support of LEAVEN (Local Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network). Each dish of this six-course meal will be created and prepared by a different featured local chef. All proceeds benefit LEAVEN, a local nonprofit providing emergency financial assistance, referrals, and case management to members of our community in crisis.



Back Bay Mission Trip

Sunday, April 7-12

(additional travel time may be required)

Sign up in the Narthex

Contact: Ken Jahnke

kjahnke@new.rr.com • (920) 427-5996

Join us for our next trip to Back Bay Mission. It 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. Please sign up soon as space is limited.

The Doctrine of Discovery and Its Ongoing Effects

March 4, 2019 • 7:00 PM

Lakeland University,

Laun Center, Room 209,

W3718 South Drive, Plymouth

Contact: Linda Bosman

(920) 565-1023 ext. 2151

Register by February 25 at

www.lakeland.edu

Larry Littlegeorge is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Warrior Clan. He was baptized in 1957 at the HoCak (Hochunk) Church (formerly Winnebago), which is part of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. He completed the Wisconsin Conference Lay Academy in 2016 and is currently a spiritual leader of the Hocak Church. Larry has personally felt the effects of racism that he traces back to historic documents like Papal Bulls laying out the

Doctrine of Discovery, and he has done a great deal of study on this topic.

Rev. Rob MacDougall is Associate Conference Minister with primary responsibility for the Northwest Association of the Conference.

Larry and Rob will provide an overview of the Doctrine of Discovery and explain why the issue is being studied by the Wisconsin Conference prior to considering a resolution to repudiate the Doctrine at the 2019 Annual Meeting. This meeting is free; reservations are requested.

Pillars Thank You

Thank you to all who provided part of a meal, helped to serve the meal, or signed up for a night shift this year at the Pillars Adult Shelter. This year required a little more flexibility due to the water line breaks that occurred at the Shelter on two of our nights but overall it was an insightful and rewarding experience.

Administration

Say it with Flowers

Contact: Church Office • (920) 733-7393
info@firstcongoappleton.org

Opportunities are available to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one. A vase of cut flowers is \$35, and \$50 will provide roses.

Requests for color or specific types of flowers are welcome. It is also possible to arrange for an annual dedication.

Calendar for Sunday February 17–Saturday February 23

Sunday, February 17	A Joyful Noise Offering/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 – 11:45 AM	Confirmation Service Project-Bake Cookies for Church Members – <i>Kitchen/River Room</i>
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	High School Sunday Groups/Bake Cookies for Church Members – <i>Kitchen/River Room</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>
11:30 AM – 1:15 PM	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal – <i>North/South Fellowship Halls, River Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds</i>
Monday, February 18	President’s Day
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	ESTHER-Communications Regular Meeting – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Mental Health Task Force – <i>Upper Lounge</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>
Tuesday, February 19	
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>
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Mission and Service Meeting – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Wine and Word: “Notes of a Native Son” by James Baldwin – <i>Home of Mary Krampien, 196 River Oaks Ct, Appleton WI 5491</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Building Committee – <i>Library</i>
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM	Fireside AA Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
Wednesday, February 20	
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>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal – <i>Fellowship Hall, River Room, Sanctuary</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>
Thursday, February 21	
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>Upper Lounge</i>
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	AA - Search for Serenity Group - <i>Common Grounds</i>
12:00 PM - 1:30 AM	Theology Discussion Group - <i>Atlas Coffee Mill and Café, 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>
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA - <i>Common Grounds</i>
Friday, February 22	
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, February 23	
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical - Set Painting - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA - <i>Common Grounds</i>

**Kenya Sponsor
Appreciation
Luncheon**

Sunday, March 3
after the second worship service.

Sign up by February 24.

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