

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 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 to use during worship. 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.

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Flowers

Cindi Ritcey Fox designed this morning's Sanctuary flower arrangement. Karen Crawford donated the arrangement in memory of her late husband, Philip and their parents.

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 22	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, February 24	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Julie and Dave 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	Jonathan Steffen
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen
Coffee Fellowship	Middle School Youth	

Church School Schedule–8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 24, 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

Lord of All Nations

Beatus Vir

(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

COMMISSIONING OF PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS (8:45 AM service)

Deb Burich, Wanda Van De Hey, Sally Prah, Georgia Berceau, Jim Berceau,
Tom Graf, Adam Johnston, Chuck Valenti-Hein, Denise Valenti-Hein

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

It gives us joy to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer as you travel to Puerto Rico and serve in Christ's name. We promise to keep in prayer those you will meet along this journey. May Christ be known to you and through you in the days to come.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to our worship.

People: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Leader: We come to celebrate God's presence.

People: And God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

Leader: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

People: And the life we are called to live.

Leader: We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.

People: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin page 5)

Stand By Me

Charles Albert Tindley

*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.)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

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 6)

Give Me a Clean Heart

DOUROUX

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21 (NT p. 19)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles Albert Tindley

arr. B. Baker

*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**

MEDITATION

“The Singing Blacktivist and His Church”

Dr. Derrell Acon

***CLOSING HYMN #481**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Marche de Fête

Henri Büsser

Today’s Musicians

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Derrell Acon, *bass*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday; Communion

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Who is the Greatest?”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Matthew 18:1-9

Music: 8:45 AM – Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM – LU Music Scholars

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, March 1	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Sandy Ostrander	
Sunday, March 3	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter		
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	Michael Weaver	Lou Ann Graf
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Rick Behm
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
Bruce Companik
Michael, son-in-law of Dick and Kathy Devries
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
Dennis Hummitzsch, brother of Nancy
Kandler
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
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
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 24, 2019

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Pastor's Message

THE LESSON OF ESTHER

Our church children are studying the story of Esther in these weeks before Lent, coming into contact with one of the great heroes of the Bible. Esther was a girl surrounded by women, a woman in a man's world, a Jew threatened with genocide at the hands of Gentiles, a person of faith who didn't even have the name of God to sustain her (did you know that God is never mentioned in the book of Esther?). But she rose up in hope, through a mixture of blessing and curse, with human power and divine purpose to save her people and change the world in "just such a time as this." That is her testament to you and me. That is the hope extended to us, all of us who often feel overmatched by the challenges that face us. Swami Vivekananda, a Hindu leader and active in the interfaith movement of the 19th Century, wrote this:

*"When I Asked God for Strength
God Gave Me Difficult Situations to Face*

*When I Asked God for Brain and Brawn
God Gave Me Puzzles in Life to Solve*

*When I Asked God for Happiness
God Showed Me Some Unhappy People*

*When I Asked God for Wealth
God Showed Me How to Work Hard*

*When I Asked God for Peace
God Showed Me How to Help Others*

*God Gave Me Nothing I Wanted
God Gave Me Everything I Needed."*

Everything you need. That's what God has given you just as God gave it to Esther at a time when all the Hebrew people were faced with the threat of genocide. Everything you need, that's what you have. So perhaps you are enough - you in particular - you just the way you are. Perhaps you are just what is needed for just such a family as yours, just such a church as ours, just such a job as you have, just such a community as this, just such a time as now.

Your friend and fellow minister, Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Ash Wednesday Lasagna Supper

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Time: 5:00-6:45 PM

Contact: Diane Droster
didroster@gmail.com

Church office: (920) 733-7393

Join us for a lasagna supper in Fellowship Hall **before** the Ash Wednesday Service on March 6. We'll serve meat, vegetarian or gluten-free lasagna, salad and garlic bread. After the supper, we will attend the 7:00 PM worship service, led by our church youth. If possible, please let us know you are coming to the supper--and, for those interested, if you can help with preparation, serving and/or cleaning up afterwards. Sign up in the Narthex.

Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting

Dates: Friday, April 5- Saturday, April 6

Location: Glacier Canyon Lodge
Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Join all associations of the Wisconsin Conference 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 business, there will be time for fellowship and connection across the Conference. First Congregational UCC may send five voting delegates to this meeting. Others are welcome as visitors. If interested, contact Pastor Kathryn.

Worship and Music

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

Guest Speaker: Derrell Acon

Today, Sunday, February 24

Both Services



Our guest speaker this morning is Derrell Acon, former LU Scholar. His presentation is "The Singing Blacktivist and His Church." Dr. 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 an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation 2011 grant recipient and a 2013-2014 Fulbright Scholar to Italy, where he researched Giuseppe Verdi's operas and lectured on the Black Experience in America.

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 2018 campaign 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.

High School Youth Mission Prep Starts This Weekend

Dates: Today, February 24

Sundays: March 3 and 10

Time: 10:30 AM • Common Grounds

All High school youth need to attend **mandatory** prep meetings to prepare for our June mission trip to Detroit. Meet others going, invite a friend to come, learn about missions, enjoy great food and games. If you haven’t registered yet, please download forms from the website under [Children, Youth and Families](#), then [High School Youth](#).

Wilderness Ministry Updates!

The Wilderness Ministry has received some excellent feedback and combined with people’s registrations, there have been some important updates. For many 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! We hope to see you there.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Re-Member Intergenerational Mission, Pine Ridge, SD Meeting

Today, Sunday, February 24
Between Services • Chapel
Contact: Eilene Hoft-March

Eilene.Hoft-March@lawrence.edu • (920) 735-0166

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.

Help for the Homeless

Dates: Sundays, February 17-March 10
Contact: thefamily.net • (800) 236-9364

We are 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. 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!



Kenya Luncheon Invitation

Today, **sign up** by February 24
Date: 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.

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 National Geographic's new film, *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.



Church Women United Meeting World Day of Prayer Celebration

Date: Friday, March 1

Times: 9:00 AM Registration and Coffee

9:30 AM Program • Chapel

Our church will host Church Women United in Outagamie County's 2019 World Day of

Prayer Celebration. The event will feature speaker Terry Schmeckpeper, Thompson Community Services' Director of Outreach. His topic will be "How do we Meet the Needs of Homebound Seniors? Additionally, they will be collecting items such as board books, diapers/wipes, toddler dishes and snacks, hats and mittens, socks and onesies (6 months - 3 years), safety supplies (plug blocks, drawer closers, ect.) et al for *Parent Connection/Baby Closet*, please bring them to the event.

The Doctrine of Discovery and Its Ongoing Effects

Date: March 4, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Lakeland University,
Laun Center, Room 209,
W3718 South Drive, Plymouth

Contact: Linda Bosman
(920) 565-1023 ext. 2151

Register by Monday, 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. Though this meeting is free; please make reservations to attend.

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

There's still room to join us for our next trip to Back Bay Mission. We will be 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.



Wisconsin Conference UCC Anti-Racism Training and Retreat

Dates: Sunday, April 28–Tuesday, April 30,
Moon Beach, St. Germain
Cost: \$199 • Register at: wcucc.org

Increase your understanding of the systemic violence that is racism in our society, our communities and our churches by attending this workshop and retreat. Whether this is your first step or a continuation of your journey, this workshop will meet you where you are to help you get closer to being an anti-racist, pro-reconciling leader for your church and community. Jessica Vazquez-Torres of Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training will present the event. It is open to clergy, lay leaders, UCC members and friends.

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.



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Administration

Communications Reminder

Contact: Mardy Wiesman
mwiesman@firstcongoappleton.org

If you have articles, photos and/or lay reader, greeter/welcomer, usher and audio/visual updates you'd like to have placed in the Sunday Bulletin/The Open Door, please send them to Mardy by **3:00 PM** on **Tuesday** of the week you need it published. Submissions received **after** 3:00 PM Tuesday will be placed in the following week's bulletin. This ensures all information is correct in the printed bulletin. Please note, all articles run a total of three weeks.

Meal Train for Pastor Kathryn

Many of you have asked how you can help Pastor Kathryn and her family. The Kuhn Family Meal Train site, <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/209727> has been set up (thank you Julie Gamm). Once you have signed up for a time slot you can read the Special instructions for what to/not to bring, where to bring the meal and allergies/dietary restrictions. Thank you!

Calendar for Sunday, February 24–Saturday, March 2

Sunday, February 24	
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Child Care - Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Church School - Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen, East Conference Room, Computer Lab
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Pine Ridge Remember Mission Trip Meeting - Chapel
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Youth Mission Trip Prep - Common Grounds/Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Child Care - Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal - North/South Fellowship Halls, River Room, Sanctuary
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	LU Music Scholar Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	First Things First AA Meeting - North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds
Monday, February 25	
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Appleton Boychoir - Repertoire Rehearsal - Choir Room
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	ESTHER Finance Meeting - Upper Lounge
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 8 - Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir - Sanctuary
Tuesday, February 26	
6:45 AM - 7:45 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - South Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - South Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lectionary Bible Study - Upper Lounge
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Church Council Meeting - Upper Lounge
7:45 PM - 8:45 PM	Fireside AA Group - Common Grounds
Wednesday, February 27	
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - Upper Lounge
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, River Room, Sanctuary
5:45 PM - 6:25 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal - Amistad Room
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Middle School Classes - Theater, Scripture Tent, Art Kitchen
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Church Mice - East Conference Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:45 PM - 8:15 PM	Middle School Mission Trip Info Meeting - Theater
Thursday, February 28	
6:45 AM - 7:45 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - South Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ADRC Strongbodies - South Fellowship Hall

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, March 1	
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	N.A. - <i>Common Grounds</i>
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Al-Anon - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
Saturday, March 2	
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>



Save the Date: Soup and Songs Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16
5:00-7:00 PM

This “all-you-can-eat” soup dinner is First Congo’s primary fundraiser for our High School Youth’s June Mission Trip to Detroit.

Your ticket will include a soup mug with our church logo for you to fill with yummy soups donated from local restaurants.

We will feature local music and raffle tickets to purchase for a chance at some great items.

More information on ticket sales soon.

—The Church of the Open Door—

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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
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries
Jon D. Riehle, Organist
Colleen Berry, Director for Children's Ministries
Joel Morien, Director for Youth Ministries
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator
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