

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 Wednesday, 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 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.

March 10 Highlights at First Congregational

Today:	High School Youth Mission Prep Continues.....p. 15
March 11	Congo Crafters for Christp. 15
March 13	Samaritan Counseling Center Seeks Nominees.....p. 17
March 16	“The Pirates of Samaria” at 7:00 PM with dessert reception to follow
Sunday, March 17 8:45 AM – Regular Service • 10:30 AM – Intergenerational Musical	

Flowers

Leslie Verkuilen designed this morning’s Sanctuary flower arrangement in celebration of Pastor Steve and Dee Savides’ 35th wedding anniversary on March 17. The rose on the communion table is to celebrate the birth of Cora Violet Cousineau, born to Jessie and Zak Cousineau (big brother, Zeke). Kathy and Wayne Lannoye are the grandparents.

Communion

We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. Our communion elements are gluten-free; however, they are made in a facility that also processes wheat products.

Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are 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, March 8	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, March 10	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter		Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	Sue Detienne	Sara Companik
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio		Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm

Church School Schedule – 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 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

(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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Lent; a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question: "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and the crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

People: A season to give sacrificially to others through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

People: A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is not dead, but alive!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin page 8)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY - First Sunday in Lent - Pursing God's Justice

8:45 AM - Howard Niblock and Ernestine Whitman

10:30 AM - Brenda and Phil Gabrielson

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:8-9 (NT p. 4)

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds so that we might put our trust in you and work for your justice. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

Stanza one, sung by **ALL**



CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 AM only) (During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the children's sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

EDEN GRACE MUELLER (8:45 AM service)

Parents: Mallory and Mark Mueller

Godparents: Paul and Faren Schmuhl

WESTON EDWARD HANSON (10:30 AM service)

Parents: Jeremy and Tara Hanson

Godparents: Jackie Blake and David Huss

LYDIA ROSE HOFACKER (10:30 AM service)

Parents: Corey Hofacker and Lisa Rabe

Godparents: Kasey Konkle and Ryan Rabe

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 (Eden/Weston and Lydia) and (her family/their families). May they cherish (her life/their lives) and lead (her/them) in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN (see bulletin p. 9)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

St. 1 - Solo St. 2 and 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.

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.**

PRAYER HYMN (see bulletin p. 10)

You Are My Hiding Place (Psalm 32:7)

M. Ledner

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Herr Gott, du bist unsere Zuflucht from *Six Anthems, Op. 79*

F. Mendelssohn

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Alleluia. (Psalm 90:1-2)

LU Music Scholars

*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

Choir introduces refrain below, **repeated by ALL.**
Choir sings verses, followed by **refrain sung by ALL.**



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:6-35 (NT p. 24)

MEDITATION

“The Power of Forgiveness”

Rev. Steve Savides

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 11)

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

DETROIT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist* • John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

8:45 AM LU Music Scholars, Alex Quackenbush, *baritone*

10:30 AM Sanctuary Choir

Upcoming Worship Schedule

March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent 8:45 and 10:30 AM
 "Laborers in the Vineyard" Rev. Nick Hatch
 Scripture reading: Matthew 20:1-16
 Music: 8:45 AM - Joel Jicha, *bass*
 10:30 AM - Intergenerational Musical, "The Pirates of Samaria"

Friday, March 15	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Phyllis Wallis	
Sunday, March 17	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter		
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	Heidi Erstad	Intergenerational Musical
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen	Jonathan Steffen

The Still Speaking Players present

The Pirates of Samaria

A new musical in one act

Book and Lyrics by Stephen Savides
Music by David Stoddard


Performance times:

Saturday, March 16, 7:00 PM
Dessert reception to follow

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM

A free-will offering will be taken


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JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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

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

All who are 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, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law
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, Nancy Kandler's brother
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
Eunice Klemp
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
Marge Rosebush's family on her passing
Tom Rued
Jolene Schribner's mother, father, aunt and uncle
Gladys Schmidt, John and Tim Schmidt's mother
Troy Schmitt
Jim Schwantes
Amanda Spindler
Ryan St. Clair
Cole Stoffel
Syrian refugees/Syrians affected by violence
Gloria Tate
Helen Thiel's family on her passing
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
Gary Wisneski
The Wittwer Family and Ellen Wittwer's cousin, Kim
7-Year-Old with Stage 4 Cancer

THE OPEN DOOR

March 10, 2019

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A Message from Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister

Dear friends in Christ,

In just four months, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ will host General Synod 32. This bi-annual national UCC gathering will take place in Milwaukee, June 21-25 at the Wisconsin Center. We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide warm Midwestern hospitality, and for the diligent planning efforts of our Local Arrangements Leadership Team. I want to encourage your congregation to participate in this historic event in three ways:

1. **Sign up to volunteer.** We need as many as 400 volunteers in order to provide the kind of extravagant hospitality that we in the UCC strive for. Volunteers can register for General Synod for a discounted \$60. There are also volunteer opportunities for people who aren't planning to attend Synod.
2. **Support our hosting with a gift.** Thanks to many individual and church gifts, we are nearing our goal of \$50,000 needed for hospitality costs and to cover volunteer expenses. (First Congo provided financial support toward the expenses.)
3. **Experience General Synod firsthand.** While some in our Conference will register as a visitor and take in the entire five days, many others would simply like a "sampling" of General Synod. We invite you to visit on Sunday, June 23, for these free, open-to-the-public events:

- Afternoon worship service, featuring the dynamic preaching of our Justice and Local Church Ministries Executive, the Rev. Traci Blackmon.
- Wisconsin-style Outdoor Festival at nearby Zeidler Union Square Park, featuring live music and art and food trucks. Visit with UCC folks from around the country as they get a taste of Wisconsin.
- You can also peruse the exhibit hall featuring over a hundred exhibitors.

If you would prefer to arrive in Milwaukee, Saturday, June 22, there is also a Gala Dinner and Concert scheduled for that evening featuring the choir of Trinity UCC in Chicago (there is a cost for this event). Many thanks to our Synod Coordinators, Debbie and Tom Payden, Bonnie Andrews and Tim Perkins, as well as the remarkable team of leaders they have in place. We are truly blessed to have such deep commitment and love for the United Church of Church here in our midst. Please sign up soon.

Thank you for joining in the effort to host General Synod!

Blessings, Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister, Wisconsin, Conference UCC

Congregational Life

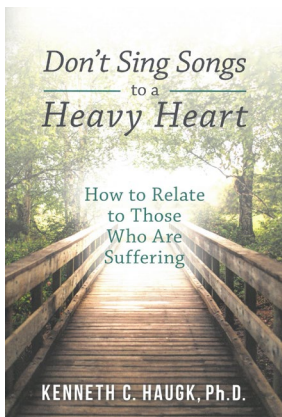
*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Lenten Soup Supper Series: Becoming a Congregation of Caregivers

Wednesdays, March 20, 27, April 3 and 10
5:00-7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Church office • (920) 733-7393
info@firstcongoappleton



Join us as we learn how to become a congregation of caregivers. Each week, guest speakers will discuss important topics. There will be a delicious soup provided each

night (volunteers requested); you may bring a side dish or a dessert to pass. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office. The book for March 27 and April 10 may be purchased from the church office for \$10; a reading guide is included.

Ask a Question, Save a Life!

Wednesday, March 20 • 5:30-7:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Church office • (920) 733-7393
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Scott Radtke and Mary Sullivan present:
QPR Suicide Prevention Training. QPR

Training (Question-Persuade-Refer), is a nationally recognized “best practice” method for suicide prevention and education.

Attending this session will help you recognize behaviors and warning signs indicating someone might be at risk and will provide valuable resources about how to communicate with and support those at risk for or affected by suicide.

Congratulations Benji!

We received news that our former member and dear friend, Benji (Al) Benzschawel has taken a new position as Construction Manager at Southeast Texas Community Development Corp in Beaumont, TX. His last day at our mission partner, Back Bay Mission (BBM) is Thursday, March 7.

His new position ties in with our UCC Disaster Ministries and he will coordinate Beaumont and Port Arthur’s rebuilding. For many years, while leading our BBM partnership here at First Congo, Benji felt a calling to share his construction and leadership skills with others.

He and Pam took that leap when they left Appleton for Biloxi, Mississippi in December 2015 and Benji accepted a position at Back Bay Mission. He continues to follow that call and we celebrate with him! You can read more about the [Texas UCC disaster Ministries efforts](#) or Southeast Texas Community Development Corp ([SETCDC.org](#)).

Stewardship

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

Stewardship Thanks YOU!

Your Stewardship Team is delighted, actually *joyful*, to mention our recent Stewardship “What Shall We Bring” campaign was a wonderful success, both in the number of pledges received (an increase of 40 from 2018) and in dollars pledged (\$979,813.10, up 3.6% from the prior year).

We are so very grateful for everyone’s generous commitment and support for all that First Congregational UCC stands for and seeks to accomplish – both within our congregation, with our mission partners, and in the community at large. May you be blessed with love, peace and joy,

Your Stewardship Team

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

High School Youth Mission Prep Continues

Today, Sunday, March 10
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.

Congo Crafters for Christ

Monday, March 11 • 7:00 PM
Upper Lounge
Jennifer DeWitt • (920) 851-6938
jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org

At our last meeting, we had a nice time coloring and working on individual projects. We discussed ideas for possible service projects and decided to make an Easter/spring gift to spread cheer to our shut-in/nursing home friends. Peri Gorges will teach us how to turn an ordinary jar into a beautiful votive candleholder. We are holding another class to get us back on our regular schedule. We will work on this project for the next several meetings. Please join us as you are able.

If you have any of these supplies to donate for the project, please drop them off in the CYF office or bring them to our meetings: glass jars/containers for votive size candles, battery operated votives, small zots (glue dots), black ink pads, Easter and Spring paper punches, Elmer's glue, white tissue paper and milk jug caps to set the votives on for drying. Please spread the word. We look forward to seeing you!

Update: Soup and Songs Fundraiser Canceled

Unfortunately, our “Soup and Songs” Fundraiser has been canceled. We

appreciate your support of all our past Youth Mission fundraisers. Please continue to show that support by purchasing “stock” in our youth. We will hold our annual **Stock Sale on April 28, May 5 and May 12** in the Narthex from 9:30 AM to noon. This will be our **only** fundraiser for this year’s youth mission trip to Detroit. We will be counting on your generous donations.

Worship and Music

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

Fox Valley Memory Project Chorus Performance

On a Positive Note

Sunday, March 31
2:00-3:00 PM

The *On a Positive Note* chorus consists of people living with dementia, their care partners and a few community members. All enthusiastically attend weekly rehearsals led by Kathleen Albrecht, our talented and energetic director.

Our amazing piano accompanist, Tony Cardello, will perform a solo piece at the concert. He majored in piano performance and graduated in 2018 from Lawrence University. We encourage people of all ages to attend this concert. It will feature many familiar songs and some surprises. After the concert, we’ll enjoy refreshments and a time for socializing.

Come and experience how making music together adds joy to the lives of people

living with dementia. There is now considerable research showing the positive physical and mental health benefits of group singing for people of all ages. We’re looking forward to sharing our joy with the Fox Valley community.

Upcoming Lawrence University Scholar Recitals

The LU Music Scholars have recitals at the designated times and locations. Please show your support of their musical talents.

Name	Date/Time	Place
Erik Nordstrom, <i>baritone</i>	March 29, 8:00 PM	Harper Hall
Emily Richter, <i>soprano</i> and Max Muter, <i>bass-baritone</i>	April 6, 1:00 PM	Harper Hall
Alex Quackenbush, <i>baritone</i>	tbd	Harper Hall
Bianca Pratte, <i>flute</i>	April 20, 3:00 PM	Harper Hall
Luke Honeck, <i>tenor</i>	April 20, 8:00 PM	Harper Hall
Logan Willis, <i>oboe</i> and Matt Fowler, <i>saxophone</i>	April 21, 5:00 PM	LU Memorial Chapel
Clover Austin-Muehleck, <i>mezzo-soprano</i>	April 27, 8:00 PM	Harper Hall
Nicolette Puskar, <i>soprano</i>	May 19, 6:30 PM	Esch-Hurvis, Warch Campus Center

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Puerto Rico fundraiser – Thank You!

Several months ago, the Mission and Service Team boldly challenged our congregation to match a \$5,000 contribution toward disaster relief in Puerto Rico. This will *directly* support households who are ready to re-start their lives. Your generosity toward this effort has been nothing short of **astounding**. Not only did we reach our initial goal of matching the \$5,000 – we are closing in on nearly \$15,000 in total support for these efforts! THANK YOU.

Deb Burich is leading nine members and friends of our congregation to Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Irma and Maria’s devastation continues to affect many. While the UCC and its Puerto Rican partner, Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico, are able to renovate homes with the help of volunteers, the essential needs for homeowners such as the replacement of basic appliances and furnishings are well-beyond the reach of these efforts.

Please pray for our mission team as they deliver these funds and offer hands-on support. Know they carry your generosity and goodwill in their hearts, representing all of us as the face, hands and heart of Christ in Puerto Rico this week.

We will continue to receive gifts toward this fundraising effort through the end of

March. The Mission and Service Team would like to thank the Stewardship Team for their advice and assistance in this effort as well.



Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting

Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6
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. Our delegate slots are filled. Others are welcome as visitors. contact Pastor Kathryn, if interested.

Reminder: 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.

Madison Action Day

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Madison Masonic Center,
301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison
\$25 + \$15 for the bus.

Register now at <https://esther-foxvalley.org/mad2019>

Contact ESTHER: (920) 843-8083
office@esther-foxvalley.org

Join leaders from all parts of Wisconsin who are meeting at Madison's Masonic Center for a day of action and movement-building. The event takes place every two years leading up to the budget session so we can get our issues on the legislators' minds while they are making decisions. Buses will be transporting people to the event from Appleton and Oshkosh:

First Congregational UCC (724 E. South River St., Appleton) - 6:30 AM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church (140 South Green Bay Rd., Neenah) - 7:00 AM

Oshkosh Park and Ride 70 - 01 - 7:15 AM

Wisconsin Conference UCC Anti-Racism Training and Retreat

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 and friends.

Calendar for Sunday, March 10–Saturday, March 17

Sunday, March 10	Daylight Saving Time Begins
	Puerto Rico Mission Trip
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	Youth Mission Trip Prep Continues – <i>Common Grounds/ Fellowship Halls</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>Sanctuary</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	LU Music Scholar Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds</i>
Monday, March 11	
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>
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Appleton Boychoir- All Family Meeting – <i>Sanctuary</i>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Technology Meeting – <i>Library</i>
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 8 – <i>Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	First Congo Crafters for Christ – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir – <i>Sanctuary</i>
Tuesday, March 12	
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>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Doctrine of Discovery Meeting – <i>Library</i>
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Wild Women of First Congo – <i>Stone Cellar Brewpub, 1004 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton</i>
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	ESTHER Immigration Rights Task Force – <i>Fox Valley Universal Unitarian Fellowship, 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton</i>
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Building Committee – <i>Chapel</i>
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM	Fireside AA Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
Wednesday, March 13	
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 – 7:30 PM	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal – Bring Sack Lunch – Fellowship Hall, River Room, Sanctuary
5:45 PM – 6:25 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal – Amistad Room
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Pizza Supper – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Confirmation Class Visit to Wichmann’s Funeral Home with Mentors – Wichmann Fargo Funeral Home and Crematories
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
Thursday, March 14	
6:45 AM – 7:45 AM	ADRC StrongBodies - South Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	ADRC Strongbodies – South Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	AA – Search for Serenity Group – Common Grounds
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	TnT – SOAR Fox Cities – South Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Transition Family Networking and Support Group – Chapel
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds
Friday, March 15	
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Dress Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall, River Room, Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Al-Anon – Upper Lounge
7:00 PM – 8:45 PM	N.A. – Common Grounds
Saturday, March 16	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Intergenerational Musical Performance – Fellowship Hall, River Room, Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds



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Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019
8:45 and 10:30 AM Worship Services

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Chamber Orchestra

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7PM: @ Badger Sports Park - Laser Tag, VR,
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9PM: @ Church: Food, Games,
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Please turn in permission slips to Joel in the
CYF office! Friends are welcome to join!

**MARCH 22ND - 23RD
7PM-8AM**