

## **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 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Upper Lounge. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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 worship services for children ages 3-10, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin.

## **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 services. 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. Our congregation can now give via texting. Text FCUCC and a dollar amount to 73256 and donate.

## **Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!**

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible from [www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons).

**WATCH LIVE:** You can watch a livestream of First Congo services on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6](http://tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6) or on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/yayd8cud](http://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](http://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.

# April 21 Highlights at First Congregational

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 AM, Meet on Bridge</b>
	<b>Easter Service, 8:45 and 10:30 AM, Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Mental Health Awareness Sunday Responses Due..... p. 12</b>
	<b>Building Survey Comment Cards Due ..... p. 15</b>
	<b>Text Giving now Available ..... p. 15</b>
<b>April 24:</b>	<b>Membership Exploration Class..... p. 12</b>
	<b>Upcoming LU Music Scholar Recitals ..... p. 14</b>
<b>April 28:</b>	<b>One Great Hour of Sharing..... p. 15</b>

---

## Communion

All are welcome to receive communion the first Sunday of each month. The bread we use is gluten-free; however, it is 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](http://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

<b>Friday, April 19</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Sylvia Bull, Judy Hinden, Jan Sheetz, Trish Brehm	
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Kevin Clavers	Pat Streur
Bridge Greeters	Todd Newell	
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Readers	Fred Pahl	Bill Ritcey
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm

**No Church School today!**

**Easter egg hunt begins at 9:45 AM, meet on Bridge.**

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 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

*Easter Fanfare* K. Hildebrand

*Grand Choeur Dialogue* E. Gigout  
arr. Leavitt

*Behold, I Tell You a Mystery and The Trumpet Shall Sound from Messiah* Handel  
Erik Nordstrom/Alex Quackenbush, *baritone*; John Daniel, *trumpet*

*Flourishes* C. Sharpe  
The Lawrence Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet; Organ and Timpani

(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

## CHORAL INTROIT

*An Anthem for Easter* W. Billings  
Lawrence University Music Scholars

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has risen.  
**People: Christ has risen indeed.**  
Leader: God is alive...  
**People: New birth is given.**  
Leader: Hope is alive...  
**People: A new age is dawning.**  
Leader: Joy is alive...  
**People: Redemption is here.**  
Leader: Love is alive...  
**People: Death cannot harm us.**  
Leader: We are alive...  
**People: New life is within us.**

Leader: The Church is alive....  
People: **God's Spirit is within us.**  
All: **God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you.  
God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection,  
we are here to celebrate you.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #205**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN  
arr. R. Lehman

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection.  
We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but  
you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have  
been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in  
the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news of the  
Gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you  
and so we believe that joy comes from grief, faith comes from doubt and life  
comes from death. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #36**

**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.**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**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, forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, they may go to the Family Worship Area or return to the pews to worship with their families.)

## ANTHEM

*Lord of the Dance*

LORD OF THE DANCE  
arr. N. Harmon

Sanctuary Choir; Bianca Pratte, *flute*

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1-5 (NT p. 189)

## \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 27:50-54; 28:1-10 (NT p. 40, 41)

## MEDITATION

"Called Back to Life"

Rev. Steve Savides

## ANTHEM

*Antiphon from Five Mystical Songs*

R. Vaughan Williams  
brass arr. R. Ligotti

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

The heav'ns are not too high,  
His praise may thither flie:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

The church with psalms must shout,  
No doore can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

- G. Herbert (1633)

Sanctuary Choir and Brass Quintet

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## A MUSICAL OFFERING

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah*

Handel

Emily Richter/Nicolette Puskar, soprano

## \*EASTER DOXOLOGY

arr. R. Lehman

Sung to the tune of *All Creatures of our God and King*

**All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.**

**O sing ye! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin p. 9)

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

arr. R. Hobby

## \*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Take the good news of Easter into your everyday world.

People: **We have seen Jesus! In Christ, life triumphs over death.**

Leader: May this special day make all your days special from now on.

People: **All our days are God's gift to us; we will rejoice and be glad in them.**

Leader: The first disciples saw and believed; let us, like them, carry the message to others.

People: **By God's grace I will follow Christ into the world and offer God's love to others.**

Leader: Amen.

People: **Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Please remain standing and join the choir in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus.

**The music is found in the back of the hymnal.**

*"Hallelujah" Chorus from Messiah*

Handel

arr. D. Wolff

Congregation, Sanctuary Choir, brass, organ and timpani

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Widor

arr. C. Garner

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Sanctuary Choir and our LU Music Scholars

Lawrence Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet: John Daniel, Jeffrey Stannard, *trumpet*;

Ann Ellsworth, *horn*; Michael Clayville, *trombone*; Martin Erickson, *tuba*

Victoria Daniel, *percussion*

Bianca Pratte, *flute*

Emily Richter/Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

Erik Nordstrom/Alex Quackenbush, *baritone*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

April 28, 2019

Holy Humor Sunday

8:45 and 10:30 AM

"The Great Commission"

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Music: 8:45 AM: Dixieland Combo, led by Patty Darling; LU Music Scholars

10:30 AM: Dixieland Combo, led by Patty Darling; Sanctuary Choir

### Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, April 26</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Trish Brehm, Judy Hinden	
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Chris Hammerstad	Pat Streur
Bridge Greeters		Sue O'Neill
Welcome Desk	LouAnn Graf	Sue Ahrens
Lay Readers	LouAnn Graf	Janet Scheibe
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth	Jim O'Neill
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.**

Jill Anthony's neighbors, John and Katie  
Jill Anthony's sister and brother-in-law  
David Bauman  
Katie Behl  
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother  
Olive Bopp  
Barb Boren  
Dick Casperson  
John Cawthon  
Dena Collier  
Lynn Cook  
Michael, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law  
Dixie  
Judith Dollevoet's family on her passing  
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  
Dennis Hummitzsch, Nancy Kandler's brother  
Dan Huth  
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life  
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn  
Robert Kraemer, Matt Wiskerchen's  
grandfather who was just diagnosed  
with pancreatic cancer  
Our Kenyan partners and students  
Our country's military around the world

Margaret LaFleur  
Mike Mathews  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Ellie Olson  
Families and children of Palestine  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Sharrie Robinson  
Don Roehrborn  
Tom Rued  
Jolene Scribner's mother, father, aunt and uncle  
Gladys Schmidt, John and Tim Schmidt's mother  
Troy Schmitt  
Jim Schwantes  
Amanda Spindler  
Ryan St. Clair  
Mary Sturtevant's family on her passing  
Cole Stoffel  
All those in need of suicide prevention and  
compassionate caregivers  
Gloria Tate  
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke  
Beverly Trombla  
Carol Valeri  
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's family on his passing  
Gary Wisneski  
The Wittwer Family and Ellen Wittwer's cousin, Kim

# THE OPEN DOOR

April 21, 2019

Volume 19, Issue 13

## Pastor's Message

---

### The Language of Hope

Thomas Edison is remembered most for his invention of the electric light bulb, but not everyone was impressed at the time. One engineer called such a notion, “an absolute *ignis fatuus*,” which I’m told translates roughly as, “a fairy tale,” a “flight of fancy.”

In 1943, Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, stated, “I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.”

In 1901, just two years before the Wright brothers logged their first successful flight, Wilbur Wright himself suggested flight would not be possible for at least another 50 years.

You might be surprised by how many things we now take for granted were once thought to be idle tales. The same could be said of Easter. Though the gospels suggest Jesus was certain there would be life after death, and resurrection after crucifixion, even his closest followers were startled when his predictions came true. Luke tells us the women made their way to the graveyard on the first day of the week with spices in hand, ready to tend the body of Jesus just as they would any other dead body.

The discovery of the empty tomb, and the suggestion that these women need not look for life in death-filled places, is met with disbelief by the others. Luke 24:11 says the men considered their report to be an “idle tale,” “an absolute *ignis fatuus*.” Peter had to stoop low enough to look into the tomb with his own eyes in order to believe.

Easter invites us to believe, too, that there’s more to life than tombs and graveyards, death and despair. This truth is easy to take for granted until life hands us a reason to check it out for ourselves. Why spend so much time surrounding ourselves with death, when there’s so much life to be lived? Among the many reasons we celebrate Easter, I believe, is it gives us a language for hope. Whether we’re praying for physical healing, a way out of a bad relationship, a better world for our children and grandchildren, or justice for the oppressed – Easter gives us the words and the vision to believe something different is not only possible, but in God’s hands might even be probable.

May the Good News of Easter give us the words, the vision and the hope we all need in order to **BELIEVE**.

Your friend and fellow minister,  
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

---

# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

---

## Mental Health Awareness Sunday

Responses for deadline:

**Today, Sunday, April 21**

Every year, we honor Mental Health Awareness Sunday in worship. We would like to lift up your experiences with mental health and mental illness by inviting your anonymous, written responses to one of these prompts:

- **For me, living with mental illness feels like/looks like...**
- **Caring for someone with mental illness feels like...**
- **What I wish our church family knew about mental illness in my life is...**
- **The most helpful thing anyone has ever done or said to care for or support me/my family is...**

Responses will be woven together and used to create liturgy, prayers and/or reflections for worship. No names will be shared. For purposes of our May 12 worship experience, "mental illness" refers to disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior. Examples of mental illness include depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders and addictive behaviors. Email your responses confidentially to Pastor Kathryn at [kkuhn@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:kkuhn@firstcongoappleton.org); **OR** send/deliver responses in a sealed

envelope to Pastor Kathryn's attention to the church office.

## Membership Exploration Class

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30–8:00 PM

In the course of the evening, we will examine the history and polity of the United Church of Christ, discuss the life and program of our church, explore questions of faith and theology and provide information concerning how one becomes a church member.

We'll be meeting in the Upper Lounge. Please contact the church office at (920) 733-7393, to express your interest or for additional information.

## Get on The General Synod Bus!

Before June 1 • \$10 per person

The national meeting of the United Church of Christ is coming to Wisconsin for the first time on June 21-25. We are all invited to attend the General Synod Community Worship on Sunday afternoon, June 23 at 2:30 PM. The service is for the thousands of people attending the biennial gathering of our denomination, as well as all members of UCC churches in Wisconsin.

On this day, there will be NO registration fees to visit General Synod. Following worship, the Wisconsin Conference UCC is hosting a street fair at a nearby city park. A variety of entertainment will be presented, and food trucks will be available for our evening meal.

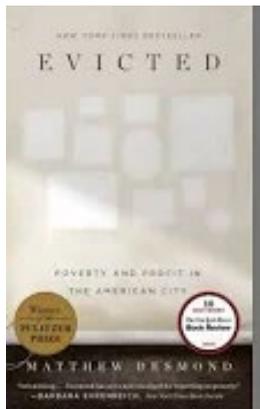
First Congregational Church, Oshkosh, Senior Ministry (SAGE) is sponsoring a

school bus which will leave from the FCC Oshkosh parking lot at 11:00 AM. Lunch options will be available at the convention center when we arrive. We would return to Oshkosh approximately at 8:00 PM.

If you are interested in taking the bus, the cost will be \$10 per person with a check made payable to First Congregational Church (please put "General Synod bus" in the memo line.) Checks may be mailed to First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, any time **before** June 1. See Pastor Kathryn if you have any questions.

## General Synod Keynote Speaker

Saturday, June 22



The General Synod's keynote speaker is Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond, winner of numerous awards for his book *Evicted*, which chronicles the lives of several families in the poorest

neighborhoods in Milwaukee. He will speak on Saturday, June 22. The book, *Evicted*, has been chosen as an "all-church read" for the UCC. More information on the all-church read, and how to attend General Synod as a visitor, can be found at <https://live.eventtia.com/en/uccsynod2019/Synod-Keynote-Speaker>.

---

# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

---

## Church School News: Time for Some Egg-cellent Fun!

Today, Sunday, April 21 • 9:45-10:30 AM

*\* Children should be sure to bring an Easter basket to carry home their eggs*

Be sure that you set aside time today, between the 8:45 and 10:30 AM worship services to attend our massive Easter egg hunt. All First Congo children ages 2 through grade 6 are invited to join the hunt. There are approximately 2,000 eggs, filled with new, individually-wrapped candies to find. Children can gather on the Bridge at 9:45 AM to await directions by our volunteers.

## Director of Youth Ministry Position

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Appleton (First Congo) is looking for a gifted and faithful individual to serve as Director for Youth Ministries. First Congo is a vibrant Open and Affirming church of approximately 1,400 members known for its dedication to worship, excellence in music, a growing youth ministry and commitment to mission. Our membership comes from all over the Fox Valley drawn to our commitment of being welcoming and living out our mission statement to be "The Church of the Open Door."

The Director for Youth Ministries develops, guides and leads the middle school youth by implementing and strengthening a ministry that helps youth embrace a deep

and sustainable Christian faith, offers them leadership opportunities and promotes a sense of belonging. The director implements all youth ministry events which are designed for both middle and high school students to attend. Additionally, the director collaborates and/or assists the Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry to offer leadership and implement programming in the high school ministry. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé with at least three unrelated references, to [dymsearch@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:dymsearch@firstcongoappleton.org).

## Children and Youth Healing Service

Rehearsal and dinner-Wednesday, May 1  
6:00-7:45 PM  
Lead in worship-Sunday, May 5  
8:15-11:45 AM

All First Congo children and youth are invited to participate in leading our annual Healing Service. This service is a time of prayer, music and reflection about the healing work of the Holy Spirit. There is a place for all children and youth in this powerful, intergenerational and unifying experience for our entire church.

We received many, many thankful comments the last time our children and youth led this experience. We have a variety of ways you can help including ushering, reading, praying, music and more. To sign up, contact Colleen at [cberry@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:cberry@firstcongoappleton.org) or Pastor Nick at [nhatch@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:nhatch@firstcongoappleton.org).

---

# Worship and Music

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

---

## Upcoming Lawrence University Scholar Recitals

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

Name	Date/Time	Place
<b>Clover Austin-Muehleck,</b> mezzo-soprano	April 27, 8:00 PM	Harper Hall
<b>Nicolette Puskar,</b> soprano	May 19, 6:30 PM	Esch-Hurvis, Warch Campus Center
<b>Alex Quackenbush</b> baritone	May 31, 6:45 PM	Harper Hall

## Fox Valley Flute Choir

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 PM



The Fox Valley Flute Choir will present a free, hour-long concert open to public. The flute choir is comprised of 16 area flutists and is led by Marc Sackman, UW- Fox Valley music professor and Patricia George, Editor of Flute Talk Magazine. The members will play works by J. S. Bach, Elgar, Campbell and Solare on the whole family of flutes from the piccolo to the C flute, alto flute and bass flute. For information, contact Patricia George at [editor@flutetalkmagazine.com](mailto:editor@flutetalkmagazine.com).

---

# Administration

---

## Building Comment Cards Due

The building presentation is now on our website. After viewing the presentation, please fill out and submit the webform. You may download and email it to [buildingcommittee@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:buildingcommittee@firstcongoappleton.org).

## Usher Appreciation Gathering

Sunday, May 5 • Fellowship Hall  
Between worship services

The usher teams will be having an Usher Appreciation gathering on May 5. If you are part of an usher team or are interested in joining an usher team for next year, please stop by for beverages, treats, meet and greet with fellow ushers. For those who are interested in ushering we can share our experiences and answer questions. For those who are already on an usher team we can visit, get feedback and provide updated information on ushering topics.

## Text Giving now Available

Starting today, Sunday, April 21

You can give to First Congregational UCC via texting. By simply texting **FCUCC** (73256), you can donate straight to the church, or even to a specific ministry fund. Specify the amount given, follow the link and instructions and receive and email confirmation within seconds. Text **FCUCC EASTER** with a dollar amount to 73256, to make an Easter donation quickly, securely via Realm.

---

# Mission and Service

---

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

---

## One Great Hour of Sharing “More than we can imagine!”

**Offering Received through April 28!**

The 2019 One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering's theme is “More than we can imagine!” It is based on Ephesians 3:20, and reminds us that we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all of God's children. God imagines a world where:

- No one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone - neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger - for we are the church together,
- Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience,
- Clean and abundant water and ample sanitation facilities are available to every person,
- Work brings security from hunger and the land is treated with respect,
- Families displaced from their homes can build new lives,
- Women are no longer subject to discrimination and gender-based violence.

God also imagines Christians of many traditions, coming together to help make these things ever more a reality for more and more people! For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and

hopes for. Please, give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering, so that your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God's! Donations will be received through **Sunday, April 28**. Envelopes are available in the pews or contribute via Realm.

## **Project NOAHH Needs Twin Sheet Sets**

Project NOAHH's mission (Neighbors Offering A Helping Hand) is to improve the quality of life for children and families involved with the Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services. Among other things, we build bunk beds. We've got bunk beds and blankets ready to deliver - but we could use some twin sheet sets (new or very gently-used). Please drop them off at the church office. See Pastor Kathryn for more information. Thanks!

## **Smoke Alarms Save a Lives**

Visitors to <https://getasmokealarm.org> can request a free smoke alarm installation anywhere in Wisconsin. All you need to do is provide your name, address and a phone number or email address. Please allow two to four weeks for a response about installation availability in your area. You can also text 'Alarm' to (844) 811-0100 and follow all prompts. The **getasmokealarm** database saves all information. If you do not live in a region with **getasmokealarm**, you may call 800-REDCROSS and be connected to their local region. Additionally, website and texting can be translated into Spanish.

## **Church Women United Meeting**

Reservations due **Wednesday, May 1**  
Event: **Friday, May 3**  
Registration: 9:30 AM and coffee  
11:00 AM: \$8 Brunch

Church Women United in Outagamie Co., will hold its 2019 May Friendship Day at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 510 Sullivan Avenue in Kaukauna.

The event will feature a brunch and the Samaritan Counseling Center's executive director, Rosangela Berbert will present, "How Do We Agree to Differ in this Diverse World." For more information, contact Marilyn (920) 788-5850 or [mdvofkau@new.rr.com](mailto:mdvofkau@new.rr.com) or Jayne (920) 246-8569 or [plainjayne37@gmail.com](mailto:plainjayne37@gmail.com). Additionally, they will be collecting items for *Parent Connection/Baby Closet*. Please bring them to the event.

## **Say it with Flowers**

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

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, April 21–Saturday, April 27

### Sunday, April 21

7:00AM – 8:00 AM **Easter Sunrise Service** – Chapel  
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  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Choir Brunch** – Hallway, Kitchen  
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM **Easter Egg Hunt** – CYF Rooms/Theater  
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  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **High School Sunday Groups** – Common Grounds  
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Gosse Family Easter Lunch** – Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **LU Music Scholar Rehearsal** – Choir Room  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** – North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds

### Monday, April 22

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 Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 23

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM **ADRC StrongBodies** – South Fellowship  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **ADRC StrongBodies – Spring session** – South Fellowship  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Lectionary Bible Study** – Upper Lounge  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Church Council Meeting** – Upper Lounge  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Cub Scouts Pack 3018 – Bears Den Meeting** – West Conference Room  
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** – Common Grounds

### Wednesday, April 24

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** – Upper Lounge  
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Children's Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room  
5:45 PM – 6:25 PM **Youth Handbells Rehearsal** – Amistad Room  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Membership Exploration Class** – Upper Lounge  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room, Sanctuary, Chapel  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Church Mice Youth Group** – East Conference Room

### Thursday, April 25

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  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **TnT-SOAR Fox Cities** – South Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** – Common Grounds

**Friday, April 26**

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Saturday, April 27**

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*N.A. – Common Grounds*

*Al-Anon – Upper Lounge*

*Baby Shower – River Room*

*Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds*



# STOCK SALES

Sundays, April 28 • May 5 and 12

After worship services in the Narthex

Please support our June Youth Mission Trip to Detroit by purchasing “stock” in our youth. All proceeds will go towards sending them on this mission trip.

Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card.

*This will be our only fundraiser for the trip this year...  
we're counting on your generous support.*

Thank you!

Hello Everyone!

This is a friendly reminder that our Youth Director, Joel Morien, will celebrate his last Sunday with us on April 28. We invite you to come to the 8:45 AM worship service where we will thank him for his work and release him from his commitments with a special liturgy in church. Between worship services, there will be cake in the Narthex and Joel will be there for us to greet and wish him well. Additionally, you are invited to bring a card for Joel sharing important memories or messages for him to remember in the years to come. There will be blank cards available as well.

Joel is leaving us to move on with his education. His family will remain in attendance, but Joel has been asked to step away from our faith community for a brief period to honor the impending transition taking place. This is a version of the standard separation ethics that our church uses when a ministry professional leaves their role.

It helps us to transition, as well as the ministry professionally. Joel will rejoin our church next fall, but only for Sunday worship services with his family. He will not be involved with the children's or youth ministries soon, so he can focus on his new path in life and we can welcome a ministry professional in his place.

A hiring team has met to interview candidates for the next Director of Youth Ministries. We are already receiving resumes and would greatly appreciate you sharing the job description as found on our main website page. Help us get the word out. Our interview team consists of Phil Sorensen, Maja Glidden, Georgia Berceau, Nancy Van Der Loop and Pastor Nick. In the coming months, we will be reaching out to our youth and parents to gather feedback for our team to act upon. We will also have other ways for youth to have their voices heard and participate. If you have any specific suggestions, concerns or questions please reach out to me.

Meantime, thanks for helping us celebrate the wonderful ministry of Joel Morien and blessing him on his new journey this coming Sunday, April 28!

In Ministry Together,

Rev. Nick Hatch  
Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries  
First Congregational UCC  
724 E South River Street,  
Appleton, WI 54915  
Office# (920) 733-7393

## 2019 Easter Flowers

### *In celebration of:*

The birth of Harper Rae Grovogel on 3/26/19 - the parents are Lisa and Tyler Grovogel  
given by Gretchen and Michael Breitzman

First Congregational UCC  
given by Bruce and Sara Companik

The lives of our brothers, Tom Detienne and Stew Taylor  
given by Rick and Sue Detienne

First Congregational UCC's pastors, musicians and staff  
given by Barb and Fred Pahl

Ryan St. Clair's medical recovery  
given by Kristina, Will, Henry and Owen

Our beautiful music and all who make it possible,  
especially Jon Riehle and John Albrecht

### *In honor of:*

Joyce Handstedt  
given by Len Hanstedt family

Shirley Hoft  
given by Hoft-March family

Sally Prah  
given by her Atlanta, GA family

Jon Riehle and John Albrecht  
given by Cheryl and Ron Reissmann

My daughter, Quinn, and my goddaughter, Bellamy  
given by Kristen Scheuerman

My daughter Cynthia; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Amos;  
grandchildren Bradley and Claudia  
given by Patricia Streur

My beautiful grandmother  
given by Jennifer Unger

Jean and Charles Wegner  
from your loving daughters and many grandkids

*In memory of:*

Lester, Marlene and Melody Schmidt  
given by John and Marlessa Benson

Alicia Dorn, a mother, a sister, a friend – taken too soon  
given by Anne Brahe

Rolf Petersen, Peter Moe, George and Helen Petersen and Marvin and Fern Breitzman  
given by Michael and Gretchen Breitzman

Jim Collins  
given by Ann and Denver Collins

Parents of David Duncombe and Dena Skran  
given by David Duncombe and Dena Skran

Everett Erstad  
given by Dan, Heidi, Natalie and Ross Erstad

My wife, Nancy Fyfe, whom I adored  
given by Donald Fyfe

Vaughn Gehrt  
given by Esther Gehrt

Our parents and Doug's brother Andy  
given by Doug and Becky Gilbert

Don Gillum  
given by Sandy Gillum

John and Adele Bowman and Elmer and Marion Gosse  
given by Dick and Karen Gosse

Our parents, Dolores and Jack Frederick and Judy and Norm Clay  
given by Dave and Carolyn Frederick

Jack A. Hamilton  
given by Pamela Hamilton

Tom Handstedt  
given by Len Hanstedt family

Carlton Lee Beyer (Joan's dad)  
given by Joan and Steve Hawkins

Anita Kapp and Gladys Prah – American Legion Unit 38-Appleton Auxiliary members  
given by Rose and Karl Heinz

Margaret March, William Hoft and Jack March  
given by Hoft-March family

Elton Huth, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Froelich  
given by Sylvia Huth

My parents, Ernie and Delores, and my brother, Paul  
given by Ken Jahnke

Rev. Harvey Kandler  
given by his family

Erv and Peggy Keepman, Ollie and Evelyn Kroner and Dale Peters  
given by Sue and Erv Keepman

Gene and Brownie Brown; Myrtle and Clarence Koeller  
given by Nancy Brown-Koeller and John Koeller

My father Paul Wink  
given by Dana Kons and family

Our daughter Jackie and our parents  
given by Emory and Paulette Laffin

Erik J. Lang  
given by his mother, Dianne Catlin Lang

Harlan and Lillian Holt  
given by Mike and Linda Loomis

In loving memory of Roger Mosher  
given by his wife and family

Denny, Mom and Dad  
given by Carla Oudenhoven

Todd Varness  
given by Krissy and Nick Pretasky

Diane Reitzner  
given by Chuck Reitzner

Audrey Schiedermayer  
given by Larry Schiedermayer

Our parents and brother Harry Sheetz  
given by Jim and Jan Sheetz

Tom Swadley, Jr.  
given by Tom and Joleen Swadley

Rollie Tonnell  
with love from Judy and daughters Wendy, Kerry, Susan and Amy

Floyd and Bernice Finley  
given by Deborah Voskuil

Carol Luther, Tom Luther and Nancy Luther  
given by Siri and Jeff Witt and family

Miller and Wisneski families  
given by Gary and Sue Wisneski