

## **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 in the fall.

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.

## **References to God**

References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.

## **Children in Worship**

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Children, Youth and Family Center. The Family Worship Area is open during our 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 – 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 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](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons).

**WATCH LIVE:** You can watch a live stream 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.

# June 2 Highlights at First Congregational

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## Flowers

Cindi Ritcey Fox designed this morning’s Sanctuary the flower arrangement.

## Communion

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

## Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are July 14, August 18, and September 22. 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, May 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Sylvia Bull and Pat Hauser
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire, Mike Spurlock, Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jim O’Neill
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SERVICE SUNDAY

June 2, 2019

9:30 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.*

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## PRELUDE

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Goodall

Bianca Pratte, Nicolette Puskar, Emily Richter, *vocal trio*

(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 AND OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We gather to worship and are reminded of God's instruction:

**People: Do justice; love kindness and walk humbly with your God.**

Leader: We come to be reminded of whose we are and who else is loved:

**People: "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute."**

Leader: We come to be with our neighbor and to go out in service to our neighbors.

**People: We lift our voices to the One who will save us from ourselves.**

Leader: In this incredibly fractured world, O God, help us to understand how we can be your healers, your repairers, and your justice-seekers. Help us learn today what your definition of "neighborly" is and how to live more peacefully in your world. Amen.

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #454

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

### Stanzas 1 & 2

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:6-12 (OT p. 842)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Congregation stands

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*The Earth Adorned*

Ahlen

Sanctuary Choir

Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

\*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

LU MUSIC SCHOLARS RECOGNITION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34 (NT p. 60)

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

\*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.**

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Today God sends us out from the table to serve others.

**People: We have been called to know our neighbors, and to serve them with love. May God strengthen that call within us.**

Leader: As you are both called and sent, will you promise to consider the example of Christ, be loving and open to all whom you encounter, and build up the vision of God's love and unity insofar as you are able?

**People: With the Spirit's help we will.**

Leader: May God, who has called you to these tasks, empower you through the gracious gifts of Christ so all that you do may be for the glory of God.

**People: Amen.**

#### \*SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*(You are invited to come forward to receive the communion elements. Then, please add your thumbprint to our Open Door banner before leaving the sanctuary and joining the Service Sunday activities.)*

\*HYMN (bulletin p. 5, sung during communion)

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

CHESTERFIELD

St. 1 – Choir St. 2-4, ALL

#### POSTLUDE

#### TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle and Elizabeth Melchert, *organists*  
Sanctuary Choir

Nicolette Puskar, *soprano*

Bianca Pratte, Nicolette Puskar, Emily Richter, *vocal trio*

LU Music Scholars, 2018-19: \*Nicolette Puskar, Emily Richter, Bianca Pratte, \*Clover Austin-Muehleck, Bea McManus, \*Luke Honeck, Logan Willis, \*Erik Nordstrom, \*Alex Quackenbush, Max Muter. \*denotes graduating senior

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*



## Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 9, 2019

Pentecost, Baptism Sunday

9:30 AM

"How Do We Deal with the Hate and Hypocrisy of the Religious Right?" Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture readings: Acts 16:16-34

Music: Fox Valley Flutes, directed by Patricia George and Marc Sackman

## Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, June 7</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeters	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcomers	
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth, Rick Behm
Lay Readers	
Multi-Media – audio	Dennis Korth
Multi-Media – video	Steve Verboomen

# WANTED!!

## Summer Musicians



Contact John Albrecht 920-851-8097

## 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  
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks  
Ellen Brown, daughter-in-law of Nancy and  
Clair Brown  
Dick Casperson  
John Cawthon  
Dena Collier  
Lynn Cook  
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  
Lisa Gray-Brooks  
Mary Guenther  
Maggie Hendrick  
Ken Hocking  
Dennis Hummitsch, Nancy Kandler's brother  
Dan Huth  
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life  
Ervin Klesmit  
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn  
Robert Kraemer, Matt Wiskerchen's grandfather  
Our Kenyan partners and students  
Our country's military around the world

Margaret LaFleur  
Mike Mathews  
Carrie Brooks McClory  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Ellie Olson  
Families and children of Palestine  
Griffin Ratliff  
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  
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  
Greg Vandenberg  
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  
Gary Wisneski  
The Wittwer family and Ellen's cousin, Kim

# THE OPEN DOOR

June 2, 2019

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## Pastor's Message

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### What We Get From What We Give

I've worked with all kinds of volunteers throughout my years of ministry. Some provided transportation for men living with HIV/AIDS, so they could make it to medical appointments on time. Some provided hours of childcare or art therapy at a shelter for families affected by domestic violence. Some sat at the bedsides of the dying, offering a comforting presence at a time of transition.

I just heard from First Congo member Mark Dougherty, who has spent countless volunteer hours transitioning our Plant-A-Row garden to its new space behind the Community Clothes Closet in Menasha. We don't even have anything in the ground yet, but he just told me about half a dozen people or so who have already been tilling and prepping land, and building a shed to house our garden equipment.

In 2017, volunteers logged nearly 300 hours of service in the office at First Congo – but that number doesn't include those who didn't sign in for their hours of service, or those who help serve coffee fellowship, those who attend various meetings or sing in the choir, our Friends in Christ or Stephen Ministers, youth who deliver apple crisps to our elders, those who removed fallen tree branches after storms, or those who picked up a shovel to help clear the sidewalks on a snowy Sunday morning.

Those hours don't include the service our members and friends provide locally or beyond, serving meals at Pillars, ministering to those in prison, interviewing candidates for financial support at LEAVEN, or helping with the Interfaith Build through Habitat for Humanity. Those aren't our numbers to tabulate, but I would argue they benefit us as a community, even if that benefit is indirect.

No matter where I've encountered volunteerism, I've heard a similar refrain from those who give so freely of their time: *"I get so much more from my volunteer work than what I give."* I believe that's true, but I also believe there's something more to what we give when we serve others, than we're sometimes willing to admit. It is no small thing to serve, no matter how small the act of service may be. It's no small thing to open our minds and hearts to someone else's experience, whether we're imagining who might appreciate the fleece blanket we're tying, or what it might mean to someone who has never felt accepted by a faith community, to see rainbow colors gracing a welcome banner in our Narthex.

Sure, those of us who volunteer benefit from the feeling we get when we serve. But if you've ever been on the receiving end of someone's selfless gift of time or talent (and believe, me, I speak from experience), maybe you know what it's like to sense that glimmer of hope that the world isn't quite as harsh, uncaring or dispassionate as it sometimes seems. Sometimes that glimmer of hope gets a person through a rough day or a painful hour in ways that can't be quantified.

This is Service Sunday, a chance for all of us to put something good out into the world, and to strengthen the bonds of love and fellowship that make us the church we are, and the community God invites us to become. Thank you in advance, to those who will spend the morning making the world a better place one blanket, one flower pot, one song, one seed at a time! And ongoing thanks to those of you who have no idea how your selfless service brings God's realm within reach every day.

Your friend and fellow minister, Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

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## **WELCOME REV. ART WILLE**



During worship today, we will introduce you to Rev. Art Wille. Art will be serving as a part-time Pastor of Visitation through the next five months and has already begun visiting our members who are either homebound or in need of additional pastoral care. Both our HR Team and our Church Council approved creating this temporary, part-time position which will continue through September.

Rev. Art Wille retired in October of 2013 after serving forty-one years in ministry. Many of us have known Art through his eight years of service as Minister of the Northeast Wisconsin Association and Associate Conference Minister. Prior to that, Art served as Pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah/Menasha, Pastor of First Reformed UCC in Manitowoc and on the pastoral staff of our UCC congregation in Arlington Heights, IL. Art and his wife Cathy live in Neenah and are members of First Congregational UCC in Oshkosh.

Pastoral emergencies will continue to be handled by Pastors Steve, Kathryn, and Nick as well as other regular pastoral duties such as weddings and funerals. If you have specific visitation concerns, you can contact Art via email at [awille@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:awille@firstcongoappleton.org) or by calling the church office and leaving a message. Please join us in welcoming Art this Sunday!

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## We're O.F.F. Bike Riding!

Thursday, June 6 • 5:30 PM

Dan and Cheryl Nisler will host a bike ride, starting at LedgeStone Vineyards on Thursday, June 6. It is just off the Fox River Trail, close to Greenleaf. Meet and park at the winery at 5:30 PM, bike on the Fox River trail (crushed gravel surface) for 30 minutes then turn around and end at the winery. There is free live music Thursdays until 9:00 PM with wine and non-alcoholic drinks available as well as food. Sign up in the Narthex or email Cheryl at [msnis1950@gmail.com](mailto:msnis1950@gmail.com) by Tuesday, June 4.

## You're Invited to the UCC 32<sup>nd</sup> General Synod!

June 21-25 • Milwaukee, WI

**Volunteers** are needed by the Wisconsin Conference to assist, guide, inform and provide an extravagant welcome to our guests from across the UCC. See the Wisconsin Association website for more information on how you can help and how to sign up. [wcucc.org/synodvolunteer](http://wcucc.org/synodvolunteer).

You will never have a better opportunity to participate in Synod. This is an extraordinary event in the life of the church where you can experience the following:

- Keynote **speakers** offering illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities,
- Dynamic **workshops**,
- Generative **plenary sessions**,
- Inspirational **worship**,
- Engaging **youth activities**,
- See our delegates **conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries**,
- Be part of **standing up for issues** that demand a faithful witness,
- Participate in **local community service projects**
- **Enjoy** the music, outdoor festival and more

For additional details go to <https://www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Home/>

## Join Us for the Fall 2019 Women's Retreat!

November 1-3

Our 2019 Women's Retreat will be held November 1-3, 2019 at beautiful Moon Beach Camp in St. Germaine, WI. We will need a minimum of 15 paid participants by early June to hold these dates. The cost of the retreat is \$170, which covers lodging, food and linens.

Please send a check to the church for \$170 for your reservation. Write "Women's Retreat" in the memo section. You can also pay online via Realm. If we have over 15 people and you are later unable to attend, we will refund your payment.

Last fall the retreat was very full so please make your reservation early. Due to the

time of year, we will have drivers to be sure all can attend. We will provide more information about the retreat theme, etc. as we get closer to the retreat date.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Uehling or Pastor Kathryn. Please know that financial assistance is available if the cost is prohibitive.



## Thank you, First Congo and Friends!

Our LU Music Scholars' Recital on May 11 was beautifully sung and very well attended. The audience's generous cash and check donations of \$1,082 plus a gift of \$1,000 from a church family's Charitable Fund, raised a total of \$2,082 for the LU Music Scholars Endowment Fund! Thank you for supporting this part of our music ministry!

*John Albrecht and the Scholars*

## Horn and Piano Recital

June 4 • Sanctuary

Ann Ellsworth (horn faculty at Lawrence), and Dan Paget (composer, arranger, pianist and native New Yorker), invite you to a recital of love songs, rags and spirituals from the late 1800's and early 1900's. With recent performances in New York City and the Catskills, Ann and Dan are preparing to record this treasure trove of hits by composers Stephen Foster, Eubie Blake, Ernesto Nazareth (Brazilian composer), Amy Woodforde Finden and arrangements of Brahm, Dvorak, Sibelius, Rachmaninoff and Grieg. This free program will last about an hour. . . treat yourself to a "musical feast" for lunch!

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## Worship and Music

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

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## Children and Families Welcome at Summer Worship

Our summer worship services at First Congo strive to be family-friendly. We try to reduce our worship time to around 50-55 minutes, every summer Sunday service includes a Children's Sermon, childcare is offered for children up to age 2 and the Family Worship Area is always open for kids ages 3-10. We hope to see our children and families in worship this summer!

## Wear RED to Worship!

June 9, 2019

We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on Sunday, June 9. To help celebrate the "birthday" of the church, we encourage folks to wear red that Sunday and to join us for birthday cake after worship!

## 2019 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays, 12:15-12:45 PM

- June 5 - Sue Walby  
Memorial Presbyterian Church
- June 12 - David Heller  
Zion Lutheran Church
- June 19 - Stephen Schnurr  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kaukauna
- June 26 - Devin Atteln  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Kaukauna
- July 3 - David Bohn  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Menasha
- THURSDAY, July 4 - Daniel Schwandt  
All Saints Episcopal Church
- July 10 - Naomi Rowley  
Faith Lutheran Church
- July 17 - Andrew Schaeffer  
St. Bernard Catholic Church
- **July 24 - Jeffrey Verkuilen**  
**First Congregational Church UCC, Appleton**
- July 31 - Paul Weber  
First English Lutheran Church
- August 7 - Derek Nickels  
First Presbyterian Church, Neenah
- August 14 - Kartika Putri  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neenah
- August 21 - Ethan Mellema  
First United Methodist Church
- August 28 - Bruce Bengtson  
St. Joseph Catholic Church

This schedule can also be found at [lunchtimeorganrecital.org](http://lunchtimeorganrecital.org).

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## Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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### E2F (Empty to Full) Pans

Pick-up Sunday, June 2



E2F is an opportunity for members to fill disposable pans with meals for Pillars Adult &

Family Shelter. This is a great project for the whole family, and with only five pans required to serve one meal at the shelter, these donations go a long way to serve those in need.

On June 2 pans will be available with a recipe and ingredients list to be taken home, filled with an easy casserole dish, and returned to church on June 9. If you can't be here on June 9, you may return your pan to our freezer in the kitchen during church office hours. Please consider taking some pans home and preparing a meal to nourish others.

### Attention Kenya Student Sponsors

If you would like to submit a letter to be delivered to your student(s), please note the student's full name on the envelope and submit letters to the church office (Pastor Kathryn's mailbox) by June 15.

## Special Thanks

Many of you are aware that after 91 years in business, Appleton's Gabriel Furniture recently closed its doors. You may not know about their longtime generosity toward Project NOAHH (Neighbors Offering A Helping Hand). Since 2011, Gabriel's ensured our First Congo Project NOAHH team had 10 mattresses each year to outfit bunkbeds built and delivered to Outagamie County families in need. Before they closed their doors, they made sure we would have enough mattresses for one more year of deliveries. Thank you, Gabriel Furniture, and Ruby and Joe Wells, for your generosity all these years. We are so grateful!

Thank you, also, for those who answered the call for twin bedding sets for Project NOAHH. Together, we really can make a difference!

## Habitat InterFaith Build HELP NEEDED!

Work on the InterFaith Build has begun and volunteers from First Congregational are needed NOW! The build site is at 971 Stead Drive in Menasha. A new sign-up process is being used this year. Instead of being assigned work dates through our church, individuals sign up directly online through Habitat's Volunteer Hub for the days they wish to work. The link to the InterFaith Volunteer Hub is <https://foxcitieshabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/interfaith/>

Please consider volunteering for a day or maybe more if you are able. ALL skill

levels are needed and welcome! If you have any questions regarding the InterFaith Build or encounter any problems signing up, contact Jodi Isom at [jodiisom@foxcitieshabitat.org](mailto:jodiisom@foxcitieshabitat.org).

## NAMI Support Groups Offer Help and Hope

NAMI Fox Valley offers several peer support groups including:

- **New Hope Peer Support Group** for adults living with a mental illness;
- **Families Supporting Families** for families/loved ones whose lives have been impacted by a family member living with a mental illness;
- **Parent & Caregiver Support Group** for parents or caregivers living with a child or adolescent dealing with emotional or behavioral obstacles;
- **Faith Based Family Support Group** for families/loved ones of a family member living with mental illness, open to all faith backgrounds (meets here at First Congregational UCC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM); and
- A new **Spiritual Support Group** for individuals living with mental illness (meets at United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin Street, Appleton, in the church library on first Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM).

For information about meeting dates and times for all peer-led groups, visit [www.namifoxvalley.org](http://www.namifoxvalley.org), or contact Vicki Rivera, NAMI Fox Valley Peer Program Coordinator at (920)954-1550.

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## Graduation Recognition

Please join us Sunday, June 16 at 9:30 AM in recognizing our graduating seniors. We'll celebrate their accomplishment during worship with a special gift. If your family has a high school or college graduate that would like to attend this special service, please RSVP with their name to Carolyn at [cfrederick@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:cfrederick@firstcongoappleton.org) or 920-733-7393 by June 12.

## Noah's Ark

We will NOT have our usual Noah's Ark trip this summer. We look forward to being able to resume this annual outing next year! We will keep you updated.

## Thank You Church School Volunteers!

Our Church School program year came to an end May 12 with a Church School Celebration held in Fellowship Hall. I would like to thank our extraordinary volunteers who helped this past year with the gifts of their time, talent, patience and love of children. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing group of people that are willing to help with the Church School program and guide the children of First Congo on their faith journeys. Please take a moment to thank these individuals who gave selflessly of their time during the 2018-2019 program year.

## Church School Teachers:

Dianne Droster	Maja Glidden
Julie Michels	Jolene Scribner
Kerry Wauters	Amy Bowman
Kristina Smits	Aimee Eubank
Ken Eubank	Karla Baier
Sarah Wilterdink	Micki Heimer
Dana Mattingly	Amanda Daniels
Matt Daniels	Heidi Richter
Sharon Clothier	Nancy Koehler
Amanda Hatch	Shari Mitchell
Katie Jahnke	

The Children's Ministry Team has also been an invaluable source of inspiration, guidance and support for me this past year. I truly appreciate all they have done and continue to do to support efforts to best serve the children of First Congregational Church.

## Children's Ministry Team:

Aimee Eubank  
Heather Gentile  
Heather Hallet  
Amanda Hatch  
Shari Mitchell  
Katie Jahnke

Thank you also to the amazing parents of First Congregational Church. The love you have for your children is clear and your efforts to have them become part of the faith family are admirable. Finally, I wish to thank the children of First Congo who attended Church School with open and loving hearts and minds eager to learn. You are all so special.

I wish you all a blessed summer and look forward to the start of the next program year in fall.

Peace, Colleen Berry, Director for Children's Ministry

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## **Administration**

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### **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 16 to vote on the proposed 2019-2020 Church Budget. After the budget meeting, the congregation will receive a report from the Building Committee on the Feasibility Study prepared by Boldt Construction Company.

### **Welcome Lauren Micke, Weekend Custodian!**

Please welcome Lauren Micke, our weekend custodian. Lauren comes to us with extensive experience with residential and corporate cleaning. Lauren's typical hours will be 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, providing needed support for weekend activities here at First Congo. Lauren, we are delighted to welcome you to First Congregational!

## Calendar for June 2–June 8

### Sunday, June 2

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Child Care - *Infant/Nursery, Toddler Room*

9:30 AM–10:30AM

Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Service Sunday - *Fellowship Hall, River Room, Amistad Room, Kitchen*

12:30 PM–2:00 PM

Eagle Court of Honor - *Sanctuary*

6:00 PM– 9:30 PM

First Things First AA Meeting - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

### Monday, June 3

5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

Facilities Ministry Area - *Upper Lounge*

6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Boy Scout Troop 8 - *North Fellowship, South Fellowship, West Conference Room*

7 :00 PM- 8:30 PM

Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, June 4

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

ADRC StrongBodies – Spring Session – *South Fellowship Hall*

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Ann Ellsworth Recital - *Sanctuary*

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Service – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge*

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Worship and Music Ministry Team – *Upper Lounge*

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Library Committee - *Library*

7:45 PM-8:45 PM

Fireside AA Group – *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, June 5

12:15 PM-1:00 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

### Thursday, June 6

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

ADRC StrongBodies – Spring Session – *South Fellowship Hall*

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

AA – Search for Serenity group – *Common Grounds*

12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Clergy Development group – *Upper Lounge*

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Theology Discussion group – *Stone Arch Brewpub*

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Building Committee – *Upper Lounge*

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

### Friday, June 7

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Rabe/Hofacker Wedding rehearsal – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Common Grounds*

7:00 PM-8:45 PM

N. A. – *Common Grounds*

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

### Saturday, June 8

2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Rabe/Hofacker Wedding – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Common Grounds*

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

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