

## **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**

Child care 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.

# May 12 Highlights at First Congregational

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Mental Health Sunday</b>	
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## Flowers

Cindi Ritcey Fox designed this morning’s flower arrangement that was donated through the Claire Langstadt Gehin Trust Fund in honor of Mother’s Day. The rose on the table is in celebration of the birth of Aubrey Morien. Proud parents are Joel and Brittany Morien and grandparents are Carla and Todd Rabe.

## 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 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, May 10</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis	
<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Sue Detienne	
Welcome Desk	Cathy Paynter	
Lay Readers	Eilene Hoft-March	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne	Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	John Aaholm	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Sue Mauthe

## Church School Schedule–8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today.

<b>Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Fellowship Hall
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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SUNDAY • MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 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.*

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## PRELUDE

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Julian of Norwich/Carolyn Jennings

(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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Faye Binsfeld, Penny Boehlen, Ann and Art Hage, Katie McGuire and Ryan Smith,  
David Nyback, Adam and Jean Piepenburg, Matt Steier

## INTRODUCTION

### QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

### ADDRESS

\*WELCOME AND RECEPTION (in unison)

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

\*GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves;

**People: the one who is weak and the one who is strong,**

Leader: the one who is happy and the one who is sad,

**People: the one who is enjoying mental wellness today,**

Leader: and the one who is struggling with mental illness today,

**People: the one whom we understand and the one we don't,**

Leader: the one who is embraced and the one who feels isolated,

**People: the one who is like us and the one who is different.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together!

**People: We come, trusting God's abundant love!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #54**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 AM SERVICE)**

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to Sunday School at the 8:45 AM service.)

**SOLO**

*A Mother's Love*

P. Sjolund

Joel Jicha, *bass*

**GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**PRAYER HYMN #395**

*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

PASSION CHORALE

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

A MUSICAL OFFERING

*Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual  
arr. L. Fleming

\*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 88 (OT p. 670)

ANTHEM

*Litany to the Holy Spirit*

P. Hurford

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep,  
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! (Robert Herrick, 1951-1674)

Nicolette Puskar/Emily Richter, *soprano*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:1-12 (NT p. 43)

MEDITATION

*"It Feels Like This..."*

A compilation of scripture and personal testimony

Narrators: Steve Hirby, Kathryn Kuhn, Dee Savides

Representing voices from our congregation: Dianne Droster, Kris Glenn, Shannon Glenn

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE

Leader: If you have a green "X" on your bulletin, I invite you to rise in body or in spirit, as you represent the one in four people in America who are affected by substance abuse or a mental illness that is severe, moderate, or mild. We acknowledge that we are often uninformed about these issues and how they impact persons and their families.

**Response: (those who are seated): At times, because of our lack of knowledge and understanding, we find ourselves separated from our sisters and**

**brothers with serious mental illness and substance abuse, as well as their families.**

*Response: (those who have risen): We hope that God will help us all dispel ignorance and misinformation about substance abuse and the serious mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder.*

Leader: We pray that troubled minds and hearts, and broken lives and relationships might be healed.

**Response: (those who are seated): We pray that the cloud of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be dispelled for the sake of those touched by mental illness and substance abuse.**

*Response: (those who have risen): We pray that we may be containers of hope for persons and families living with mental health challenges. We pray also for better treatment, for steadier recovery, for greater opportunity to work and serve.*

Leader: We live with gratitude for compassionate, dedicated caregivers and mental health professionals, for new discoveries in brain research and better medications.

**All: O God, we seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you, ourselves, and those living with mental health issues. Grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other, as you love and understand us. Amen**

Adapted by First Congregational Church, Boulder, Colo., from prayers by Susan Gregg Schroeder found at <http://www.mentalhealthministries.net>

**\* CLOSING HYMN #376**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

BECK

St. 1 – Choir      St. 2 – 4, ALL

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

\*The Congregation Stands

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Nicolette Puskar/Emily Richter, *soprano*

Joel Jicha, *bass*

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir

10:30 AM LU Music Scholars

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Rev. Steve Savides

"Fearless Faith: Part the Last"

9:30 AM

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:24-27, 1 John 4:16b-21

Music: 9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir

### Members in Service Next Week

<b>May 17, 2019</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Sheryl DeHart, Trish Brehm
<b>May 19, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeters	Andy and Beth Detienne
Bridge Greeters	
Welcomers	Jean Coenraad
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne, Pat Nelson
Lay Readers	Mike Weaver
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen

### Bios for new members – May 2019

**Faye Binsfeld** Faye joins us by Letter of Transfer from Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna. Faye is married to Ed Binsfeld and they have 6 grown children. Faye grew up in Decorah, IA but has lived in the Fox Cities for 49 years. Faye is a retired primary school teacher in the Kaukauna public schools. She enjoys reading and being outdoors.

**Penny Boehlen.** Penny joins us by Letter of Transfer from St. John's UCC in Appleton. She grew up in Neenah and moved back to Appleton after living in TN for a short time. Penny worked in banking for 20+ years, then office work

and some retail in her retirement. Penny enjoys reading, gardening, exercising, walking/hiking, traveling and being with family. Penny also volunteers at the Neenah Library, Theda Care Hospital and is involved in the Fox Valley Brain Tumor Coalition.

**Ann and Arthur Hage.** Ann joins us by Letter of Transfer from St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Mt. Horeb, WI. Art joins us by Letter of Transfer from ELC of Mt. Horeb. Ann grew up in the St. Cloud, WI area and Art grew up in the Woodville, WI area. They moved to Appleton from Mt. Horeb 6 months ago. They have three grown children; Sarah, Erick and Kevin. Art is a retired architect and Ann is retired from being an Administrative Assistant. Ann enjoys reading and spending time with family. Art enjoys helping others help themselves.

**Katie McGuire and Ryan Smith.** Katie and Ryan join us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ryan is a native of Appleton. Katie grew up in WI and IA. Both are self-employed. Katie is an interior designer at Collaborations by Katie. Ryan is a home builder at Headliner Homes. Katie's hobbies include reading, shopping, yoga, crafts, shopping, being outdoors and she also enjoys shopping. Ryan likes to work with his hands, being outdoors and also likes to shop.

**David Nyback.** David joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. David is the spouse of member Garth Zimmerman.

**Adam and Jean Piepenburg.** Adam and Jean join us by Letter of Transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on College Ave. Adam is a manager at CDW. Jean is a stay-at-home mom with their four children: Natalie, Carter, Ryder and Easton.

**Matt Steier.** Matt joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Matt grew up in Sobieski, WI. He moved here from Oshkosh 20 years ago. Matt is the dad of two Huntley students: Zach and Emilia. He works at Plexus as an Engineering Manager. Matt's interests include golf, baseball, playing with the kids, football, and biking.

## 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  
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  
Mary Guenther  
Maggie Hendrick  
Ken Hocking  
Dennis Hummitchsch, 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  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Ellie Olson  
Families and children of Palestine  
Emily and Andrew 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

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## Pastor's Message

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### Simple Things We Can Do

Our Mental Health Task Force is grateful for the authenticity and raw emotion expressed in the written reflections we received when we asked you, "What is it like..." to live with mental illness, to care for someone with mental illness, or to be a more supportive church community. Your responses were deeply moving, and we hope our worship presentation will accurately reflect what we heard and learned.

The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network offers the following suggestions for simple things we can all do to make the world a better place for people with mental illnesses and their families:

#### **1. Be a friend**

Provide companionship and compassion on the road toward recovery. Listen without judgment. Pray for those you know with mental illnesses and for their family members.

#### **2. Be an inspiration**

Share your story. Has mental illness impacted you or your family in some way? Your story may empower others to seek treatment or have hope.

#### **3. Watch your language**

Pay attention to the words you use and avoid stigmatizing labels. Do not refer to people as "crazy," "psycho," "lunatic," or "mental." Words matter. Words hurt.

#### **4. Be a "StigmaBuster"**

Challenge negative attitudes toward mental illness among your friends and in the media.

#### **5. Learn the facts**

Educate yourself. Ask questions. Listen. One in four adults in the U.S. experiences some kind of mental health disorder in a given year. Approximately 13.6 million people live with a serious illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder.

Check out [www.namifoxvalley.org](http://www.namifoxvalley.org); [www.samaritan-counseling.com](http://www.samaritan-counseling.com); or [www.MyConnectionNEW.org](http://www.MyConnectionNEW.org) - just a few examples of places to find help, support groups and resources to better understand your own needs, or how to better support someone you love. There is hope. Especially when we know we're not alone.

On behalf of our FCUCC Mental Health Task Force, Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## Our Hidden Wholeness

### **Connecting with Heart A Circle of Trust® Retreat**

Friday, May 17 • 5:30 PM–9:00 PM

Saturday, May 18 • 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

\$85 • Albert Bellg • (920) 996-0887

There is a hidden wholeness at the heart of who we are, our true self. There is also a hidden wholeness at the heart of our relationships with each other. Even though we are all unique and different and sometimes feel conflict with the people around us, our shared wholeness inclines us toward connection, caring and love. Using the Circle of Trust® approach, our spring retreat will enable us to explore our own wholeness and how we deeply connect with the people we love, our friends, other people in our lives and our community. Friday's dinner and Saturday's lunch are included. The cost is \$85. Scholarships are available. Albert Bellg is a Circle of Trust facilitator and leader of Wednesday's noon meditation. To register, sign up in the Narthex, or online at [LifePathGroup.org](http://LifePathGroup.org).

## **We're O.F.F. in May**

Saturday, May 18

**Outdoor Fun and Fellowship (O.F.F.)** is kicking off summer on Saturday, May 18 with a spin around the Loop the Lakes

Bike Trail in Neenah. We plan to meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot in front of Salon Midi and



Holiday's Restaurant, just north of US 10, on the corner of CB and American Dr, in Fox Crossing. This will be a comfortable, mostly flat, 15 mi ride for all ages. For those who finish up hungry, we will stop in at Tom's near our start point for lunch.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or leave a message or text for Sandy Gillum, 715-617-0031.



## **End-of-Year Church Picnic**

Sunday, May 19 • After 9:30 AM service  
Fellowship Hall

At First Congregational we observe spring and the end of the church program year by having an all-church picnic. Plan to attend this celebration for great food and fellowship.

There is no charge for the meal, but donations to support the event are appreciated.

Help is needed for set up, serving food, and clean up. Please look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Many hands make light work, which means everyone has a chance to enjoy the fun! See you at the picnic!

## **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.

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# **Youth and Families**

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## **Church School News**

A reminder that today will be the last Sunday of Church School for the program year. Children grades K-6<sup>th</sup> will head to Fellowship Hall immediately after the Children's Sermon. Three and 4-year-old children will go first to their classroom and Miss Shari will bring them to join us for the celebration later. We will sing songs, do craft activities, play games and enjoy a cake to celebrate the end of a fantastic year in Church School! All children should be picked up after service in Fellowship Hall.

## **Youth Mission Stock Sales**

May 12, 2019

Please support the Youth Mission trip to Detroit, MI by purchasing "stock" in our youth. All proceeds will go towards sending our youth on this awesome mission. This is the only fundraiser for the trip. The youth are counting on your generous support!

## **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." Our staff represents a variety of gifts, talents, training and experience levels. 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 three unrelated references, to [dymsearch@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:dymsearch@firstcongoappleton.org).

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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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### Summer Music Sign-ups Now Open!

You are invited to share your gifts as a vocal or instrumental soloist or ensemble in our 9:30 AM Sunday worship services this summer, June 16 - Sept. 1!

Children through adults are welcome to participate. We've enjoyed having some "entire family" ensembles in recent years, too!

Please sign-up in the narthex as soon as possible (preferably by June 2) or contact me directly by seeing me after worship, e-mailing at [jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org) or calling at (920) 851-8097 (direct line at church.) *I will get back to you to discuss your schedule, music & scriptures/themes, and rehearsing.* Thank you!

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

### 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
Nicolette Puskar, soprano	May 19, 6:30 PM	Esch-Hurvis, Warch Campus Center
Alex Quackenbush, baritone	May 31, 6:45 PM	Harper Hall

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# Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## ESTHER E-Cycle

Saturday, May 18 • 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,  
2330 E Calumet Street, Appleton  
*Event will happen rain or shine*

ESTHER is sponsoring an electronics recycling event and fundraiser. Bring all electronics and metal items, including scrap, that is no longer useful to you (working or not) to the event. Anything with or without a cord such as Christmas lights, ironing boards, farm equipment, pots and pans are accepted. Nearly everything is free to recycle. Prices for other items are listed **below**.

LCD Monitors: \$10

CRT Monitors: \$15

TVs under 27": \$15

TVs 27": \$20

TVs over 30": \$40

Console TVs: \$40

Projection TVs: \$40

Fridges/Freezers: \$10



This event is in collaboration with Cyber Green LLC, a Wisconsin DNR registered collector. Recycled items brought to this event keep junk out of landfills and generate revenue for ESTHER.

*All materials are kept in the USA. All hard drives will be shredded or destroyed.*

## Service Sunday

June 2, 2019 • 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

*A special morning of worship, community service and sharing!*

You can learn about and sign-up for projects in the Narthex.

### Schedule for June 2:

9:30 AM - Meet in the Sanctuary for brief worship. Wear your First Congo shirt!

9:50 AM - Go serve! (more detailed info to come)

- Sing a Song! (at The Heritage/ Peabody)
- Tend a garden! (with Plant-A-Row, on Opportunity Way in Menasha)
- Make a meal! (in our church kitchen, to be served later at Pillars Adult & Family Shelter)
- Donate some diapers!\* (and pack them for distribution in the Amistad Room)
- Plant a flower! (in Fellowship Hall)
- Tie a blanket! (in Fellowship Hall, for Project NOAHH and others)
- Bead a bracelet! (support Pride Week)
- And more!

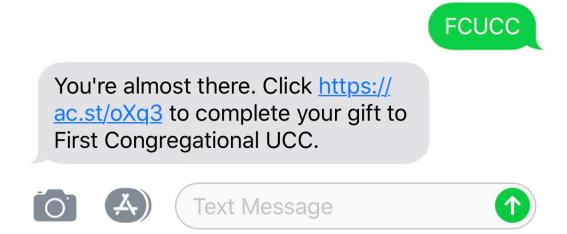
11:30 AM Return to Fellowship Hall for lunch and sharing

\* **Disposable diaper** donations are now being accepted. Look for collection boxes in the Narthex or church office.

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

Project NOAHH's (Neighbors Offering A Helping Hand) mission 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. Thank you!

confirmation within seconds. By texting FCUCC and a dollar amount to 73256, a donation can be made quickly, securely, and it's very well integrated with Realm. Text FCUCC to 73256 to donate today!



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## **Administration**

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### **“What Excites You About First Congo?”**

Sunday, May 19

During our annual church picnic, we will have an area where you can answer one simple question, ‘What excites you about First Congo?’ The responses will be used in one to four short videos about what people love about our church. The video(s) will then be posted on our website and social media. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Text Giving now Available**

You can give to First Congregational UCC via texting. Simply by texting a 5-digit number, people can donate straight to the church, or even a specific ministry fund. Specify the amount to give, follow the link and instructions, and receive an email

## Calendar for Sunday, May 12–Saturday, May 18

<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	<b>Mental Health Awareness Sunday</b>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Worship</b> – <i>Sanctuary</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Child Care</b> – <i>Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room</i>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Church School End of Year Celebration</b> – <i>Fellowship Hall, River Room, Kitchen</i>
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Youth Mission Stock Sale</b> – <i>Narthex</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> – <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Child Care</b> – <i>Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery, 4-year-old Room</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>LU Music Scholar Rehearsal</b> – <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	<b>First Things First AA Meeting</b> – <i>North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds</i>
<b>Monday, May 13</b>	
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Technology Team</b> – <i>Library</i>
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	<b>Boy Scout Troop 8</b> – <i>Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> – <i>Common Grounds</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Fox Valley Flute Choir</b> – <i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>ADRC StrongBodies</b> – <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Wild Women of the Congo</b> – <i>Stone Cellar Brewpub</i>
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>Mission and Service team</b> – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM	<b>Fireside AA Group</b> – <i>Common Grounds</i>
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Loving Acceptance Meditation Group</b> – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:45 PM – 6:25 PM	<b>Youth Handbells rehearsal</b> – <i>Amistad Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Church Mice</b> – <i>East Conference Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b> – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>ADRC StrongBodies</b> – <i>South Fellowship Hall</i>
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Finance Committee</b> – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>AA – Search for Serenity Group</b> – <i>Common Grounds</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Theology Discussion Group</b> – <i>Stone Arch Brewpub</i>
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group</b> – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Fox Valley 94 AA</b> – <i>Common Grounds</i>
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>Circle of Trust Retreat</b> – <i>North Fellowship Hall, Upper Lounge</i>

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>Al-Anon</b> - <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00 PM – 8:45 PM	<b>N.A.</b> - <i>Common Grounds</i>
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	
All Day	<b>HWA - UCCI Adult Isle Royal Backpacking trip</b>
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Circle of Trust Retreat</b> - <i>North Fellowship Hall, Upper Lounge</i>
10:30 AM – 11:50 AM	<b>Estonia Singers Rehearsal</b> - <i>Choir Room</i>
1:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Rose Welhouse Piano Studio recital</b> - <i>Kitchen, Choir Room</i>
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Fox Valley 94 AA</b> - <i>Common Grounds</i>

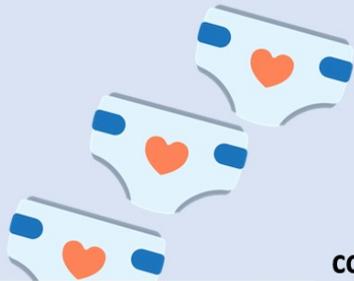
# Service Sunday

## June 2

**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**WORSHIP • SERVICE • FELLOWSHIP**

- Sing a Song! (at The Heritage/ Peabody)
- Tend a garden! (with Plant-A-Row)
- Make a meal! (for Pillars Adult & Family Shelter)
- Donate diapers! (for Jake's Diapers)
- Plant a flower! (in Fellowship Hall)
- Tie a blanket! (for Project NOAHH)
- Bead a bracelet! (in support of Pride Month)
- And more!



## Be a part of **THE GREAT COVERUP!**

Your donations of **DISPOSABLE DIAPERS** will be collected now through **Service Sunday, June 2, 2019.**

Diapers will be re-packaged in smaller bundles on **Service Sunday**, for distribution through the **Eastern Wisconsin Diaper Bank.**

**THE GREAT  
COVERUP  
DIAPER  
DRIVE**



**Boxes of disposable diapers (all sizes needed) can be dropped off in the Church Office.**

*This effort is being coordinated by our friends at Jake's Diapers.*