

## **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 23 Highlights at First Congregational

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## Flowers

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

## 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 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, June 21</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Trish Brehm, Ruth Park
<b>Sunday, June 23</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	Ben Hallett
Bridge Greeters	Gail Korth
Welcome Desk	Heather Hallett
Lay Reader	Howard Niblock
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman, Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Tim Hanna
Multi-Media – video	Shannon Glenn

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 23

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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Lowell Mason

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### \*WELCOME AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

**People: We come in search of help and hope.**

Leader: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

**People: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.**

Leader: Come, you who are in need of good news and a warm welcome.

**People: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.**

Leader: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

**People: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin page 5)

*God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT

### \*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

(After the Children's Sermon, the children can use the Family Worship Area or join their families in the pews.  
During the anthem, the prayer request cards will be collected.)

## ANTHEM (see bulletin pages 6-7)

*Without Seeing You*

David Haas

Refrain introduced by soloist, and **repeated by ALL.**  
Verses sung by soloist; **refrains sung by ALL.**

## GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## PRAYER HYMN (See bulletin page 8)

*Father, I Adore You*

MARANATHA

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### A MUSICAL OFFERING

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Jacob B. Weber

### \*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

### EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-29 (NT p. 230)

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39 (NT p. 82)

## MEDITATION

“What is the Difference between Faith and Belief?”

Rev. John McFadden

\*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 9)

*We Walk by Faith*

SHANTI

ST. 1 – SOLOIST      ST. 2-5, ALL

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato

Lowell Mason

## TODAY’S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Dave Cooley, *guitarist and vocalist*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

## Today’s Special Guest

We welcome back Rev. Dr. John McFadden to our pulpit this morning. John served as senior pastor of our church from 1983–2005. He is the author of *The Open Door: A History of First Congregational Church 1850–2000* and, more recently with his spouse Susan H. McFadden, *Aging Together: Dementia, Friendship and Flourishing Communities*.



Susan and John were each awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lakeland University, honoring their work in aging and their commitment to the community.

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

“How Can Faith Help Me Stop Worrying So Much?”

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Scripture reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Music: John Toussaint, *trumpet*; Sue Toussaint, *alto*; John Harmon, *piano*













## Members in Service Next Week

<b>Friday, June 28</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Main Door Greeter	
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick Behm, Mark and JoAnn Shropshire
Multi-Media – audio	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Sue Mauthe

# Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch

Sunday, July 7 10:30-12:00  
Fellowship Hall

Meal is FREE for all trip stockholders,  
trip participants and their families.

Suggested donation for all others:  
\$5 per person  
\$20 per family

Join mission trip youth & chaperones as they  
share their experiences and photos from  
Detroit, Michigan.

Enjoy pancakes and other yummy brunch  
food!

Please call or email Jennifer DeWitt in the  
CYF office to RSVP with number of  
attendees. 920-851-6938  
jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org

## 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  
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  
Annette Grunseth  
Maggie Hendrick  
Ken Hocking  
Dennis Hummitsch, Nancy Kandler's brother  
Dan Huth  
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life  
Jean Jepson  
Ervin Klesmit  
Our Kenyan partners and students

Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Margaret LaFleur  
Sandy Maginhan, Ted Sanderson's sister  
Mike Mathews  
Carrie Brooks McClory  
Our country's military around the world  
Ellie Olson  
Families and children of Palestine  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Don Roehrborn  
Gladys Schmidt, John and Tim Schmidt's  
mother  
Jim Schwantes  
Amanda Spindler  
Cole Stoffel  
Mary Sturtevant's family upon her passing  
All those in need of suicide prevention and  
compassionate caregivers  
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke  
Beverly Trombla  
Carol Valeri  
Greg Vandenberg  
Jean Van Wagenin  
Linda Uitenbroek, sister of Lyle Van De Hey  
and Janice Schmitz  
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's  
daughter  
Larry, Mike Weaver's son-in-law  
Jennifer Wild  
Gary Wisneski

# THE OPEN DOOR

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## Pastor's Message

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*We are grateful not only for John McFadden's presence this morning, but for Dianne Droster, who will be leading our prayers. Many of you will recognize Dianne from the many ways she volunteers here at her "home of homes." What you may not know is that she also completed four years of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ Lay Academy, has taken several seminary courses and works as the Caring Ministries Coordinator at First English Lutheran Church where she visits the hospitalized and homebound, teaches adult education, leads the Stephen Ministry program and preaches on occasion. We asked Dianne to share some words on how God's calling is working in her life, since she has recently been affirmed as a Member in Discernment in the Northeast Association. Her description is as follows:*

Recently, botanists in Siberia discovered a cache of seeds from an ancient squirrel's burrow buried under 124 feet of permafrost, near layers containing remains of mammoths and woolly rhinos. Even though the seeds dated back 32,000 years and showed signs of damage, with nurturing and the proper growing environment, they blossomed and produced seeds of their own.

Now I'm not quite as ancient as those flowering seeds! But as some of you know, I wandered into this church a few years ago after a 30-year dormant period, and I heard the still-singing voice of God. Even as I write this, I feel a lurch in my heart and the in-breath of God, and I wonder if that's how germination feels.

For I am something of a late bloomer.

Last week just before my 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, after receiving the blessings of our pastors and the Council, I was formally approved as a *Member in Discernment* on a path toward ordained ministry by the Committee on Ministry of the Northeastern Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ.

This designation is often shortened to the acronym MID, which I pronounce like the word "mid," derived from the Greek word *mesos*. It means "among and amidst and in the middle of." And that is where the seeds of ministry have been nurtured in me; among and amidst and in the middle of all of you.

I am now working with the committee to determine what further education I will need as I prepare for my first official call. I take comfort in knowing that our scriptures are filled with stories of folks who also answered a call later in life.

I will continue to need your help too; my dear sisters and brothers in Christ. Over the years, so many of you have encouraged me. From you I have learned how nourishing a kind word can be and how amazing the growing power of a proffered prayer is. I ask for your guidance and prayers in the days ahead.

- Much love and many blessings, Dianne Droster

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## Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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### **Bike the Mariner's Trail with O.F.F.**

Saturday, July 6 • 10:00 AM

The Mariner's Trail joins Manitowoc and Two Rivers along the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan; a round-trip distance of about 12 miles.

We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum parking lot (75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc), then bike north to the Two Rivers Trailhead (Memorial Drive and Washington Street), before returning.

Afterwards, let's gather at a local spot for lunch, visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, or wander up the river walk to view the marina!

Sign up in the narthex on the O.F.F. Mariner's Trail Ride sheet, or call/text Sandy Gillum at (715) 617-0031.

A map of the bike route can be found at:  
[http://wibikeroutes.net/Milwaukee-Door\\_files/bike\\_marinersrawleyptmap.gif](http://wibikeroutes.net/Milwaukee-Door_files/bike_marinersrawleyptmap.gif).



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## Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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### **Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch**

Sunday, July 7 • 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Join mission trip youth & chaperones at the First Congo UCC Fellowship Hall as they share their experiences and photos from Detroit, Michigan. Enjoy pancakes and other yummy brunch food!

Please RSVP with the number attending to Jennifer DeWitt in the CYF office. Call (920) 851-6938 or email [jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org).

Meal is FREE for all trip stockholders, trip participants and their families.

Suggested donation for all others:

- \$5 per person
- \$20 per family

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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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### **Windscares: Building Lifelong Musicians Concert**

TODAY, Sunday, June 23

The Wisconsin Symphonic Winds, conducted by Mark Fonder, will present a windband concert entitled, "Windscares: Building Lifelong Musicians" **TODAY at 3:00 PM** in Neenah High School's Pickard Auditorium.

This unique performance features music by the famous composers Carolyn Bremer, Gustav Holst, Norman Dello Joio, and Ottorino Respighi. After intermission, music by four Wisconsin composers; Larry Daehn, John Harmon, Rick Kirby, and Pierre La Plante will be presented, showcasing area middle school students in concert with the WSW ensemble. These promising students were nominated by their middle school band directors and hail from eight schools throughout Northeastern Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Symphonic Winds, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, is a premier wind ensemble featuring some of the state's finest adult musicians. Promoting music is a lifelong endeavor, so please attend this concert and support these youth in what promises to be an exciting experience! This is a free admission concert and parking is available on the Neenah campus.

Please visit WSW on Facebook or [www.wisconsinsymphonicwinds.org](http://www.wisconsinsymphonicwinds.org) for additional information.



## 2019 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays, 12:15–12:45 PM

- 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

## Sanctuary Choir Members to Sing in Estonia!

Our Estonia Choir Trip is almost here! Please keep us in your prayers as we travel from July 1 – July 8.

Travelers are: *Heather Hallett, Joan Lacey (Heather's mom), Nancy Stanelle, Kristin Chowanec (Nancy's daughter), Paul Eggen, Marcia Bjornerud, Jim Sheetz, Phylliss Zeiss, Shelley Nulton, Paul Nulton, Beth Vercoouteren, Cheryl Benzschawel, Kristy Albrecht and John Albrecht.*

We will sing in an American-Estonian Friendship Concert at St. John's Church in Tartu, as well as at a worship service at the Estonian Methodist Church in Tallinn, joining with native Estonian singers under the direction of Rick Bjella and Ann Mazurtsak. Our time also includes attending the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Estonian Massed Song Festival Celebration.

Our trip repertoire of seven pieces even includes an extended psalm setting sung in Estonian. . . look for it in a fall worship service at First Congregational!

## **Trinitas Chamber Ensemble**

July 19 • 7:00 PM

Born from a desire to explore the fringe of standard classical chamber music and to present engaging, off-beat performances, Trintas Chamber Ensemble consists of three outstanding musicians with a shared vision and infectious onstage chemistry. The ensemble includes a son of our congregation; Nathan Cook (parents, David and Cindy Cook).

Accomplished soloists in their own right, the members of Trinitas have performed around the world. They gave their premiere performance in June of 2015 in Toronto and have received rave reviews

since. Learn more about the ensemble at [www.TrinitasMusic.com](http://www.TrinitasMusic.com).



## **Recital Raises over \$440 for LEAVEN**

Our June 1 benefit recital by Anthony Padilla, piano, and We-Lei Gu, violin, was beautifully played and well received by an enthusiastic audience of about 40 people. Thank you members and friends for attending this event and generously supporting the work of LEAVEN!

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## **Mission and Service**

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## **Point in Time Count**

Wednesday, July 24

Twice a year, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition, in conjunction with housing providers across Wisconsin, coordinate the Point in Time Count; a local count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Fox Cities. Groups of volunteers are led by the coalition staff



throughout the Fox Cities to identify persons residing on the streets, under bridges and other places not meant for human habitation, in an effort to provide outreach to those in our community that are in need of housing resources.

For the past several years, the Fox Cities has seen a marked increase in individuals and families seeking homeless services. By conducting this count, the coalition is better able to communicate the need for housing within the community. It also provides an opportunity to connect with individuals on the streets, in order to begin transitioning them into housing.

The count will take place on Wednesday, July 24 at 11:30 PM, with a brief training upon arrival, and ends at 3:00 AM on July 25.

Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548a5a823a5fd0-july1>

## **Welcome Holly Volkman**

Join us in welcoming First Congo's new Administrative Assistant for Communications. Holly comes to us from SOAR Fox Cities.

If you have any articles that you would like to submit to the Open Door, please send them to [hvolkman@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:hvolkman@firstcongoappleton.org).

Articles should be submitted by 4:00 PM on Tuesday in order to be considered for publication in the following Sunday bulletin.

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# **Administration**

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## **Feasibility Study Building Tours**

On June 16 the Building Committee presented the results of the Feasibility Study done by Boldt Construction.

If you would like to view first-hand the concerns addressed in this study, we are offering a tour of the building TODAY. Please meet in the chapel immediately following the 9:30 AM service if you are interested. An additional tour will also be held on June 30.

## Calendar for June 23-June 29

### Sunday, June 23

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**Worship** - *Sanctuary*  
**Child Care** - *Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery*  
**Church Tour** - *Meet in Sanctuary after Worship*  
**First Things First AA Meeting** - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

### Monday, June 24

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**ESTHER Finance Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*

### Tuesday, June 25

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

**ADRC StrongBodies** - *South Fellowship Hall*  
**Marilyn's Mission Cards** - *Upper Lounge*  
**Church Council Meeting** - *Upper Lounge*  
**Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, June 26

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Loving Acceptance Meditation Group** - *Upper Lounge*  
**Re-member / Pine Ridge Traveling Group** - *Theater*  
**Building Committee** - *Upper Lounge*

### Thursday, June 27

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**ADRC Strongbodies** - *South Fellowship Hall*  
**AA - Search for Serenity Group** - *Common Grounds*  
**TnT-SOAR Fox Cities** - *South Fellowship Hall*  
**Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

### Friday, June 28

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

**Al-Anon** - *Upper Lounge*  
**N.A.** - *Common Grounds*

### Saturday, June 29

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*