

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.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6 or on Facebook at tinyurl.com/yayd8cud.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more

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Flowers

Today's flowers are donated by Tom and Andrea Tatlock in loving memory of their daughter, Jennifer Ann Tatlock. Cindi Ritcey Fox designed the 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 September 22, October 13 and November 17. If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, August 16	9:30 AM
Bulletin Assemblers	Sylvia Bull, Trish Brehm
Sunday, August 18	9:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Sara Woodford
Bridge Greeters	Barb Pahl
Welcome Desk	Fred Pahl
Lay Reader	Howard Niblock
Usher Team Captains	John Breitzman, Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Sue Mauthe

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 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.

PRELUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus

Libby Larsen

(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: All creation sings this day-

People: Waves resound in praise;

Leader: Trees sway with joy;

People: Flowers bloom with laughter.

Leader: All creation shouts for joy,

People: For families and friends are gathering,

Leader: And the community of faith strengthens.

People: All creation rejoices-

Leader: Sun glows with heavenly light;

People: Wind whispers prayers of thanks;

Leader: Earth warms to bring summer delights,

People: And we join in the chorus of saints and stars in praising God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #30

Praise Our God, All Glories Show

LLANFAIR

*OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (See bulletin p. 6-7, sung by ALL.)

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 solo, the prayer request cards will be collected.)

SOLO

Agnus Dei/Sanctus from Missa Gaia: Mass for the Earth
Karen Leigh-Post, mezzo-soprano

Libby Larsen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HARPER RAE GROVOGEL

Parents: Lisa and Tyler Grovogel
Godparents: Sean and Stephanie Breitzman

BENJAMIN DONALD RANDOLPH

Parents: Amber and Kevin Randolph
Godparents: Tim Bourgault and Kirsten Wirth

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

People: We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend these new members of the Body of Christ. Give to the newly baptized strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN (see bulletin p. 5)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Stanzas 1 & 2 - Soloist; **Stanza 3 & 4, 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 p. 8, **sung 3 times by ALL.**)

Be Still and Know

PSALM 46

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Litany

John Musto
Poem by Langston Hughes

Karen Leigh-Post, *mezzo-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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (OT p. 203)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:1-5 (NT p. 77)

MEDITATION

“Question of Faith: How Do We Make Time for Faith Practices in Our Busy Lives?”
Glenn Svetnicka

*CLOSING HYMN #275

Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind

REST

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Arthur Foote

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Jon D. Riehle, *organist*

Karen Leigh-Post, *mezzo-soprano*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Today's Special Guest

First Congo welcomes Glenn Svetnicka to the pulpit today. Glenn is the Executive Director of UCCI (United Church Camps, Inc.) and oversees the outdoor ministry programs at Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Aug. 25, 2019	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM
"What Does it Mean to Forgive and Forget?"		Rev. Nick Hatch
Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:25-32		
Music: Joel Jicha, <i>bass</i> ; Victoria Daniel, <i>percussion</i>		







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Bridge Greeters	Beth Detienne
Welcomers	Cheryl and Ron Reissmann
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire, Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Lay Readers	Michael Weaver
Multi-Media – audio	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Kris Behm



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
Jack Arter
Donna Bailey
Katie Behl
Dan Bergsma
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother
Olive Bopp
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks
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
Mary Guenther
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking
Dan Huth
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
Jean Jepson
Ervin Klesmit
Our Kenyan partners and students
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Margaret LaFleur
Shari Mitchell
Sandy Moynihan, 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
Jake Smasal
Amanda Spindler
Cole Stoffel
All those in need of suicide prevention and
compassionate caregivers
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
Beverly Trombla
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
Ruby Wells
Jennifer Wild
Gary Wisneski

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

We're O.F.F. to Horicon Marsh!

Saturday • August 24

Join Outdoor Fun and Fellowship for a wildlife pontoon boat trip at Horicon Marsh on Saturday, August 24! The adventure will begin with an introductory

11:30 AM, immediately

We will meet locally at 9:45 AM as carpools will depart for Horicon at 10:00 AM sharp. The driving time is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. Participants will be notified of the place to meet once it is determined.

Congo Crafters for Christ

Monday • September 16

Save the date! Congo Crafters will reconvene on September 16 at an earlier time of 6:30 PM in the First Congo Upper Lounge.

We are flexible; come when you can, leave when you need to. Please bring a current project to work on and/or share with the group. Feel free to bring a snack and beverage too.

Everyone is welcome – spread the word, bring a friend, and join us for fun and fellowship!

Contact Jennifer DeWitt or Colleen Berry with any questions. Email jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org or cberry@firstcongoappleton.org, or call (920) 733-7393.

Intergenerational Flash Mob!

Please join us for a fun tradition again this year - our Kenya Partnership Sunday celebratory Flash Mob!

No special skills required – all ages are welcome. Learn the dance moves by attending one or both rehearsals on Sunday, September 8 and Sunday, September 15 from 10:15–11:15 AM. You can sign up for one or both practices.

The Flash Mob will perform on September 22 at both services.

Used Book Sale

October 17-20 and 24-27

The Appleton Branch of AAUW is holding its 83rd annual used book sale "Adventures in Reading" October 17-20 and October 24-27, 2019 inside the Northland Mall.



We're accepting contributions of books from the community. This includes hardback & paperback books, children's books, books on CD, sheet music, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games. (Please, no magazines, textbooks, or condensed books.)

Profits provide scholarships for women. For book pick-up and drop-off, please call (920) 427-6655, (920) 734-6750, (920) 843-8888 or (920) 739-6469.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Friends in Christ team visits homebound members and sends out cards to those in the 80+ Realm group.

Pictured below are Betty Masaros, Joan Jensen, Jean Coenraad, Josephine Muehl Gail Alger and Rev. Kathryn Kuhn, filling out the latest batch of cards.

First Congo recently received an email from a member in Arizona who receives the cards. "Just wanted to let you know how much the cards sent by volunteers mean to those of us who live far away from Appleton. I enjoy getting them at holidays, and just received one just to say 'happy summer'. I catch up on news of the church and its family by receiving the Open Door, but getting the cards is special."

Friends in Christ always welcomes new volunteers!



Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

No Infant and Toddler Childcare on August 25

We at First Congregational UCC are so blessed to have two dedicated infant and toddler childcare providers!

Theresa Iacullo and Cassidy Behm have provided infant and childcare all year long without missing a Sunday.

On August 25, however, both will be off due to a well-deserved vacation day.

Please plan accordingly as NO infant and toddler childcare will be available that day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Time to Register for CYF

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Program year! We're very excited to again offer online registration through Realm.

In order to register for Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) and Music programs, you will need to log into your Realm account.

If you have not activated your Realm account yet, please watch your email for an invitation to join or call the main office to request an invite.

To complete the online registration process, log into your Realm account beginning August 1 and follow these steps:

1. Under Community, click on Events.
2. Click on Children/Youth/Music Registration 2019-2020.
3. Check the box next to each child you are registering. Then click on the blue "Next" button.
4. Answer all the questions.
5. Click on the blue "Next" button.
6. Click on the blue "Register" button.

Paper forms will also be available outside the CYF office, in the Narthex, and in the hallway by the Nursery.

Please return to Jennifer DeWitt (CYF Coordinator) in the CYF office. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at 920-851-6938 or email to jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org.

Church School Teachers Needed!

The lesson plans have been written. The supplies have been purchased. Now all we need is YOU! Teachers are needed for the entire upcoming year.

Volunteers will teach a five-week rotation of lessons, which are provided ahead of time. The room will also be set up, and middle school students will be on-hand for assistance. All you will need to do is show up on Sunday morning and enjoy teaching the children about God's love!

Openings are available for grades Kindergarten through Fourth grade. You may request a specific grade so that you are able to teach your child or grandchild.

The dates of the rotations are listed below, as well as some special "one day" lessons.

Rotation One: September 15–October 13

Special Fall Themed Lesson: October 20

Rotation Two: November 3–December 8
(No Church School on December 1)

Special Christmas Themed Lesson:
December 22

Rotation Three: January 5–February 2

Rotation Four: February 9–March 8

Rotation Five: March 15–April–May 3 (No Church School on Easter Sunday, April 12)

Contact Colleen Berry at cberry@firstcongoappleton.org if interested. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Preschool Teacher Needed!

For 27 years, this Congregation has been graciously blessed to have the wonderful Shari Mitchell as a volunteer teacher for the three and four-year-old pre-school class.

"Miss Shari," as she was affectionately known by students and parents alike, will not be able to teach this year due to health reasons. Therefore, we are in need of a volunteer teacher for the three and four-

year-old children. PLEASE consider this opportunity so that we can to continue to offer this important component of the Church School program.

The class would be taught during the first service coinciding with the Kindergarten through Sixth Grade classes.

Contact Colleen Berry at cberry@firstcongoappleton.org as soon as possible if you would be willing to share your time and talents with our pre-school children.

Worship and Music

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

Something ... Old, New, Borrowed, Blue Concert

Sunday • August 25

The Wisconsin Symphonic Winds conducted by Mark Fonder present a windband concert entitled, "Something ... Old, New, Borrowed, Blue" on Sunday, August 25 at Neenah High School's Pickard Auditorium.

The 75-minute concert begins at 3:00 PM. Music featured for this performance includes works by John Zdechlik, Jodie Blackshaw, Johan de Meij, Antonin Dvorak, Johann Sebastian Bach and Frank Ticheli.

There is free admission to this concert, however, donations are always welcome.

2019 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays • 12:15-12:45 PM

- 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.

Mission and Service

Building relationships, serving others, pursuing justice.

We the People Presentation

Tuesday • August 20

ESTHER and Citizen Action of Wisconsin invite you to attend a presentation by George Penn of Wisconsin United to Amend to talk about why we have lost our democracy to the corrupted big-money system and how we can fix this.

George Penn's presentation will close with an update on the movement that is growing to Restore our Republic - with Wisconsin leading this charge.

The event will take place at Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (2600 E. Phillip Lane, Appleton) on August 20, beginning at 6:30 PM.

This is not a partisan issue: Every single citizen, no matter what party they support, is equally affected by the corruption from money in politics and the need to reclaim representation.

Re-Member Donations

Our Narthex is overflowing with items for Pine Ridge. Thank you to our generous donors!

Please keep the members of First Congo in your prayers during their time in Pine Ridge as they serve the residents through our mission partner, Re-Member.



Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is located in Ogala Lakota County, South Dakota, and is the poorest county in the United States that Re-Member serves, so these donations will be greatly appreciated!

Cookout and Play – Romeo and Juliet

Tuesday • September 10

Join ESTHER for an evening of foolishness and food.

There will be a cookout and the play *Romeo and Juliet*, performed “Renaissance Faire-style,” by Pastor Steve and Dee Savides.

The event is family friendly and even includes a play castle for the kids!



Location: Pierce Park, 1035 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton

Suggested donation: \$15 adults, \$25 couples, \$30 families

Food: Kosher/halal hot dogs, veggie burgers, hamburgers, lemonade and side dishes (included with suggested donation).

In case of rain, the event will move indoors at the same location.

RSVP at esther-foxvalley.org/picnicplay.

You can also send a check with the number attending and contact information to ESTHER, P.O. Box 784, Neenah, WI 54957 by **September 3**.

Administration

Welcome Renee Taylor Director for Youth Ministries

Renee was born in Munising, Michigan and is a member of the Sault Saint Marie Band of

Chippewa Indians. She grew up in Hortonville and graduated from Hortonville High School, studied at UW-Fox Valley, received a

Bachelor of Science in Education degree from UW-Oshkosh, and a Masters Degree in Community Counseling from Lakeland University.



She has spent her work life helping to lift others up through positions in human services and counseling.

Renee served as a teacher, coordinator and Religious Education committee member for FVUUF in the 10 years prior to joining First Congo UCC and has continued her passion for youth ministry in similar roles over the last 9 years.

When not at church, Renee enjoys going camping, hiking, and kayaking. When she is at home, you'll find her gardening, cooking, grilling out and playing yard games with family and friends.

Mystery Coat

A church member mistakenly took home a coat several weeks ago that was not hers. She returned the coat promptly after the service but then her coat was no longer there.

Does this Croft and Barrow coat look familiar to you? It is a size small and light clay in color with a darker lining in the hood. If so, please check your closet to see if you may have grabbed another coat by mistake.



Stop by the church office to make an exchange, or to claim the coat pictured if it is yours.

Say it with Flowers

Opportunities are available to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one.

A vase of cut flowers is \$35.00, and \$50.00 will provide roses. Requests for color or specific types of flowers are welcome.

It is also possible to arrange for an annual dedication. For more information, contact the church office at (920) 733-7393.



Photo Request!

Looking for photos of First Congo members in action to post on our social media sites!

The photos might be from mission trips, O.F.F. outings, book clubs; virtually any event where members are engaged and having fun.

Please email the images to hvolkman@firstcongoappleton.org.

Calendar for August 18–August 24

Sunday, August 18

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Worship – *Sanctuary*

Child Care – *Infant Room, Toddler Room, Nursery*

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

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

ADRC StrongBodies - *South Fellowship Hall*

Fireside AA Group - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, August 21

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

ESTHER Finance Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

Thursday, August 22

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, August 23

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

N.A. – *Common Grounds*

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

Saturday, August 24

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

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Toddler Childcare on August 25.**

**Please plan
accordingly.**

