

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.
Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.*

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 January 18, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM.

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.

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We acknowledge this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

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. 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. 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: www.firstcongoappleton.org.

January 12 Highlights at First Congregational

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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 February 9, March 8 and April 19.

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, January 10	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, January 12	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Alan, Katie and McKenna Jahnke	Sharrie Robinson
Bridge Greeters	Todd Newell and Kevin Clavers	Midge Mosher
Welcome Desk	Kathi Seifert	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Readers	LouAnn Graf	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	Kris Behm

Church School Schedule – 8:45 AM

Please pick up children from the following classrooms today, January 12.

Kindergarten	Scripture Tent	3rd Grade	Art/Kitchen
1st Grade	Old Computer Lab	4th Grade	Art/Kitchen
2nd Grade	East Conference Room	5th/6th Grades	Theater

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

January 12, 2020

8:45 and 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Quebec"
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

arr. Robert Elmore

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

I Must Tell Jesus

arr. L. Larson

MacDowell Male Chorus

Herb Berendsen, *director* Marty Vagjrt, *accompanist*

(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.)

WELCOME AND GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

He Hideth My Soul

arr. J. Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the fountain of life.

People: Come to the streams of mercy.

Leader: Come, dip in the reservoir of forgiveness.

People: Immerse yourself in the waters of healing.

Leader: Come, be renewed by the eternal springs.

People: Be filled with overflowing blessing.

Leader: Come, walk beside still waters.

People: Be empowered by the rivers of justice.

Leader: Come, all you yearning for meaning, hoping for truth, thirsting for God.

All: Here let us find our thirst quenched and joy expanded!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin p. 8)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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, forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:45 AM service)

(During the anthem, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon which is the baptism itself today, the children will follow their teachers to Church School at 8:45 AM or enjoy the Family Worship Center at 10:30 AM.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45 AM service)

CARTER JOHN KATCH

Parents: Adam and Megan Katch

Godparents: Heidi Quick and Jeremiah Reppert

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

Dear God of gentleness and love, once more you have spoken words of hope in the birth of a child. We delight in this new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Carter and his family. May they cherish his life and lead him in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN (see bulletin p. 9)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Sung by ALL

ANTHEM

All My Sins Been Taken Away

arr. R. Townsend

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN #224 (10:30 AM only)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Come Thou Fount

arr. John Wyeth

*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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-13 (NT, p. 42)

OPENING WORDS

“Water for the Desert”

Rev. Nick Hatch

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

GREETING

Leader: Dear friends, on this day of re-creation we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own.

People: We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace.

Leader: For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female - and were made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

UNISON CONFESSION

Gracious God, too often our lives reflect chaos instead of creation. Living in disorder and turmoil, we exist as though you do not. Rather than the tender hovering of your Spirit, we feel the buffeting currents of change and doubt. Have mercy on us. Blow through our lives like a mighty wind this day, clearing away the clouds of despair. Shine brightly among us, renewing our reason for hope. Rain your love upon us, creating in us a new day.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: In this and all we do, keep us faithful, O God, to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Leader: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

People: Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

RENEWAL SONG (see bulletin p. 10)

Come to the Water

Foley

Sung by ALL

(As this song is sung, those of the congregation who wish are invited to come forward to dip their fingers into the font, put water on their own forehead or bless each other with water from the font, and then return to their pews.)

*UNISON PRAYER

Renew in us, O God, all the gifts of baptism – 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 make us one. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #407

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

St. 1 and 3 – **ALL** St. 2 – **ALL MEN**, only

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Congregation seated, please)

I'll Be on My Way

Shawn Kirchner

POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Quebec"

arr. Gordon Young

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

MacDowell Male Chorus; Herb Berendsen, *director*; Marty Vagjrt, *accompanist*;
Justin Kasper, *president*.

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

About MacDowell Male Chorus:

Founded in 1934, the Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus is one of the longest continuously running male choruses in the United States. The inspiration behind their name was the noted American composer, Edward MacDowell (1860-1908). They have performed more than 500 times in more than 75 cities throughout the Midwest and Canada. The men have over 936 works covering a wide range of musical styles in their repertoire, of which 25-30 are selected to perform each spring from memory. Every year, October through March, they give the church choirs a break and donate their talents to a variety of congregations throughout the Fox Valley. Throughout their history, 862 men have been members. The chorus currently has approximately 70 members; membership is open to all post-high school males who enjoy singing.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

January 19, 2020	Second Sunday after Epiphany	8:45 and 10:30 AM
	"Youth Voices Against Violence"	
	Rev. Kerri Parker & Wisconsin Council of Churches Youth Summit Participants	
Scripture readings:	Luke 10:25-37	
Music:	8:45 AM	Sanctuary Choir
	10:30 AM	LU Music Scholars

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, January 17	9:00 AM	
Bulletin Assemblers	Judy Hinden, Trish Brehm	
Sunday, January 19	8:45 AM	10:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Mike and Linda Loomis	Patricia Streur
Bridge Greeters		
Welcome Desk		
Lay Readers	No Lay Readers needed	No Lay Readers needed
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth	Mike Spurlock and Jeff Schang
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith	Rick Behm
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen	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 sister
All those affected by the fires in Australia
Katie Behl
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
Becky Galinas, daughter-in-law/
granddaughter of Schiedermayer and
Grummer families
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
John Grunseth
Ivo Geurts
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
Mary Guenther
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking
Shirley Hoft, Eilene Hoft-March's mother
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
Drew Jamison
Jean Jepson
Ervin Klesmit
Our Kenyan partners and students

Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Sandra Marcoe
Mike Mathews
Carrie Brooks McClory and her triplets
Shari Mitchell
Our country's military around the world
Pat Nelson
Ellie Olson
Families and children of Palestine
Ken Rheingans
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Cindi Ritcey Fox and family upon the death
of her mother
Don Roehrborn
Mary Rowland
Nick Salonen
Jim Schwantes
Frank Severin
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
Larry Tuttle
Jean Van Wagenin
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
Jennifer Wild
Gary Wisneski

THE OPEN DOOR

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Pastor's Message

Whispering in your Ear

Today is a special day for our church. Not only do we have the opportunity to celebrate Baptism Sunday, but we have a baptism at our first service! In this day and age of declining church attendance, celebrating a baptism in worship has become all too rare of an experience. But one of the great joys we have here at First Congo is the number of children (and adults!) we baptize annually. Every month we have a number of families that bring their children to offer up their promises as we offer ours, affirming the mighty gift of God's grace through this biblical ritual. We are blessed, and those we baptize, are a blessing upon us. As a pastor, holding a child and reciting the same words used by John the Baptist to affirm God's love for his own child, Jesus, is a very precious and powerful privilege.

Perhaps my favorite part of the experience (yes, pastors do have favorites!) is when I get to walk the child through the congregation. You may notice that as I do this, I am speaking quietly to the child. I say something very similar to each child as we take our stroll through the churches beaming faces:

Today we celebrate you, we celebrate God's love for you, we celebrate the person you are and the person you are becoming. As you look out upon all these faces know that these are the faces of your faith family. We are your church home and our bond to you runs deeper than blood. Our bond to you is our commitment to Christ and God's love for all of creation. Our commitment to you is to walk alongside you like parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents and great grandparents, praying that you will become the fullest, most joyful and loving person possible. Our prayer is that we love you into being, the way God has loved us into being. You will not remember what I am saying today but that does not matter, for God chose us all before there was even time itself; God chose us to be God's children. As your pastor I pray that we can shepherd you, and that in turn, you would shepherd us into being ever more faithful disciples. Together, we are the body of Christ.

I say these things because it is my belief that God has been whispering in our ear before we could listen, and even when we struggle to hear now. I say these things because God's love simply is – and it has always been. My prayer is that we celebrate and keep our promises to one another and hold fast no matter what times lay ahead for us and our church, to our mission of being *The Church of the Open Door*, because we serve a very special and privileged role in our community and the life of the Fox Valley.

By the way...God is also whispering these things to you. Can you remember all the loving and wise things God has gently spoken to you? Are you listening?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Nick

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to host our Coffee Fellowship between worship services on the following dates: January 26, February 2 and 23, March 1, 22 and 29, April 5 and 12 and the entire month of May.

We may not be able to offer Coffee Fellowship if we don't have volunteers, so please consider helping out. There is a sign-up sheet (with procedure instructions) in the Narthex.

Membership Exploration Class

Saturday • January 18
9:00 AM–11:30 AM

The Membership Exploration Class is designed for people who are considering membership with First Congregational United Church of Christ. This class, led by our staff and accompanied by contributions from the lay leadership of the church, explores the history and polity of the United Church of Christ, the history and programs of First Congregational UCC, the faith and theology of the church, discernment of spiritual gifts for serving God, and more.

Please contact the church office, (920) 733-7393 or sign up in the Narthex.

We're O.F.F. to Heritage Hill

Saturday • January 18
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Join Outdoor Fun and Fellowship for a luminary walk at Heritage Hill State Park.

This is a great opportunity to see Heritage Hill illuminated at night and enjoy some hot beverages. You will have access to many of the historic buildings where living history interpretations will be taking place. Demonstrations include:

- Fur trading
- Blacksmithing
- Candle dipping
- Farmhouse cooking

We will meet at 5:00 PM at Heritage Hill and spend approximately 1½ hours walking the 1.5-mile history trail. This will be followed by a group dinner at The Village Grill.

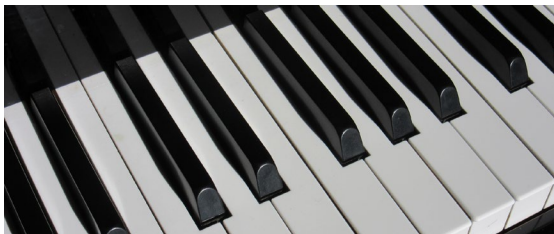
Please pre-purchase your \$7 admission ticket online by Thursday, January 16 at <https://heritagehillgb.org/event-calendar/>. You can also sign up with Nancy Brown-Koeller at nbkappleton@gmail.com or sign-up in the Narthex.



Looking for a Home

We would like to find a good home for our piano. It is a Story & Clark upright console purchased in the mid-1970s. It has an excellent tone and has been well maintained.

Please contact Nancy at (920) 734-0011 if interested. The receiver would need to pick it up by January 31, 2020.



Emotional CPR Certification Training

Thursday, January 16 and
Friday, January 17

Become a Practitioner of Emotional CPR (eCPR) by joining our 2-Day Training in January!

Certified eCPR trainers provide a thorough presentation of Emotional CPR, with slides, handouts, demonstrations and experiential activities for participants, including opportunities for hands-on practice, and additional time for questions and discussion.

Emotional CPR is a community education program that teaches people how to support one another during an emotional crisis; it is helpful for those who have experienced trauma such as a natural disaster or interpersonal abuse.

Emotional CPR is for everyone. Those who use eCPR report that it becomes a way of life and strengthens their relationships with family, friends, coworkers and community members.

LEAVEN (1475 Opportunity Way, Menasha) will hold this certification training from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM on Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17.

There is no cost to attend. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Leslie at leslietaylor@retail@gmail.com or call (920) 213-3362.



Church Women United Annual Meeting

Friday • January 24

Church Women United in Outagamie Co. will hold its 2020 Annual Meeting on Friday, January 24 at First Methodist Church (325 E. Franklin Street, Appleton).

The event will feature an \$11 lunch, business meeting and speaker Mary Parsons, Executive Director of LEAVEN.

To register, contact Marilyn at (920) 788-5850 or mdvofkau@new.rr.com or Mary at (920) 428-4227. **Reservations are due by Tuesday, January 21.**

Additionally, they will be collecting items for the *Parent Connection/Baby Closet*. Items needed include new or gently used clothes for size 1-3T, sippy cups, diapers and wipes, baby socks and onesies.

Stewardship

*Putting faith into action with our time,
passion, skills and financial gifts.*

Stewardship Campaign Report

We are pleased to report important progress with our “I am the way...” Stewardship Campaign. Blessings to all who have already made their commitment.

So far, we have received pledges and donations totaling approximately \$935,000 from 327 donors. At the conclusion of last year’s campaign, our grand totals were \$984,000 and 361 donors. There is a bit of a way to go, but we are keeping the faith that, together, we will be successful in raising all the funds needed to sustain all that makes First Congo so special to our congregation and to all those we serve.

Your Stewardship Team feels called to this joyful task. We will continue our efforts to reach out to all who have stepped forward in the past and are inviting them to respond as generously as they are called and able to do. Thank you to all who have already made their commitment to this year’s campaign.

Peace, blessings, and joy,
- Your Stewardship Team



Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Costa Rica Youth Mission Trip

TODAY is the deadline for registering for the 2020 High School Youth Mission Trip to Costa Rica. We currently have 45 people attending and we have room for more, but **you must sign up by today.**

It will be an incredible life experience and scholarships are available. Reach out to Pastor Nick or Renee Taylor for more info.

You can also get all the details at www.firstcongoappleton.org/children-youth-families/high-school-gr-9-12/high-school-youth-mission-trip/.



2020 Wilderness Ministry

We are offering only two wilderness trips in 2020; both canoeing in the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area). We anticipate there will be a lot of demand and the trips will fill up quickly.

FCUCC BWCA Intergenerational Canoe Trip, July 19-24. Target group: youth age 12 and up with an adult. Sign up now via our website:

<https://www.firstcongoappleton.org/children-youth-families/wilderness-ministry/>.

**UCCI (United Church Camps Inc.)
BWCA Intergenerational Canoe Trip,**
August 22-28. Target group: Adults
and/or youth age 12 and up. Sign up
now through UCCI:

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=340&idSession=206971&campCode=ucc>

There will be an informational session
sometime this spring. In the
meantime, please contact Pastor Nick
with any questions.



2020 Church School News

The third rotation of Church School is
titled, "Faith Over Fear-the Story of
Daniel." The children will be learning
about Daniel in a variety of workshops
taught by another group of amazing
teachers!

Rotation Three Teachers:

Emma Slowinski: 3- and 4-year-old
pre-school

Sharon Clothier: Kindergarten

Jolene Scribner: 1st grade

Carla Gabbey: 2nd grade

Mickie Heimer: 3rd and 4th grade

Katie Jahnke (and Colleen Berry): 5th and
6th grade

We are still in need of two more teachers
for the last rotation of Church School,
which runs from March 15-April 19.
**There is no Church School on April 5 or
April 12.**

Please consider volunteering. Contact
Colleen at cberry@firstcongoappleton.org
if interested.

Worship and Music

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

Intergenerational Musical

Sunday • January 19

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

The 2020 Intergenerational musical will
launch on **January 19** and you are invited!

Join us for a read-through of Rev. Steve
Savides' and David Stoddard's newest
Intergenerational Musical: *Bathwater*,
(the story of Bathwater, Wisconsin; the
"city down the river from the lake," and the
shenanigans, foolishness and occasional
wisdom of its hapless inhabitants as they
face some of the most important issues of
our time!)

Where: First Congo Fellowship Hall;
please bring a dish to pass.

Who: Second grade through adults; all
ages and abilities.

We hope to see you all there. Bring a
friend! RSVP's are always appreciated for
planning. Email Dee Savides at
sdsavides@sbcglobal.net.

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM

Sundays, 11:30 AM-1:15 PM

Friday night, March 20

Dress rehearsal: Saturday, March 21

Performances:

Saturday, March 21 (7:00 PM)

Sunday, March 22 (10:30 AM)

There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, along with some cool pics from previous performances!



the quality of reservation life and to rebuild homes and relationships.

Work projects include insulating mobile homes, constructing bunk beds, making outhouses, building accessible entries to homes and roofing homes.

Volunteers get on-the-job instruction (most volunteers have little or no experience as handy persons) and considerable time getting to know Pine Ridge residents, the problems they face, and the Lakota culture they are trying to preserve.

We have reserved 6 spaces for a mission trip scheduled for August 7 to August 14, 2020. We need firm commitments and deposits by March.

Information sessions will be scheduled after January 1, 2020. Can't wait? Contact Eilene Hoft-March at Eilene.Hoft-March@lawrence.edu or (920) 735-0166.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Pine Ridge Mission Trip

August 7–August 14, 2020

Pine Ridge county, home to the reservation of the Oglala Lakota nation, vies every year for the sad title of poorest county in the US. Our mission partner on the reservation, Re-Member, is a non-profit that organizes volunteers to participate in work projects to improve

Administration

Are You a Snowbird?

If you will be leaving the area for an extended period, please be sure to contact the church office at (920) 733-7393 to update your contact information. We can activate an alternate address for you until you return.

You may also place your winter address on the pew pad with departure and return dates before you leave town.

Calendar for Sunday, January 12–Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 12

8:45 AM–9:45 AM

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10:30 AM–11:30 AM

10:30 AM–11:30 AM

5:00 PM–6:00 PM

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Worship – Sanctuary

Child Care – Infant Room/Nursery, Toddler Room

Church School – Scripture Tent, Theater, Art/Kitchen,
East Conference Room, Computer Lab, 4-year old Room

Worship – Sanctuary

Child Care – Infant Room/Nursery, Toddler Room

LU Music Scholar Rehearsal – Choir Room

First Things First AA Meeting – South Fellowship Hall,
Common Grounds

Monday, January 13

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

5:30 PM–7:00 PM

6:45 PM–9:00 PM

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Alternative Christmas Market Team Meeting – Library

Technology Team Meeting – Library

Fox Valley Flute Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Boy Scout Troop 8 – Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room

Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM–8:00 AM

9:00 AM–10:00 AM

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

7:45 PM–8:45 PM

ADRC StrongBodies – South Fellowship Hall

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Lectionary Bible Study – Upper Lounge

Mission and Service Team Meeting – Upper Lounge

Wild Women of First Congo – Stone Arch Brewpub

Fireside AA Group – Common Grounds

Wednesday, January 15

12:15 PM–1:00 PM

4:30 PM–5:30 PM

5:45 PM–6:25 PM

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

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Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – Upper Lounge

Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Youth Handbell Rehearsal – Amistad Room

Middle School Classes – Theater, Scripture Tent, Art Kitchen

Confirmation Classes NO Mentors – Chapel

Church Mice – East Conference Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room, Sanctuary

High School Youth Groups – Common Grounds

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM–8:00 AM

9:00 AM–10:00 AM

ADRC StrongBodies – South Fellowship Hall

ADRC StrongBodies – South Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM-12:15 PM
11:00 AM-12:30 PM
11:30 AM-1:00 PM
12:00 PM-1:30 PM
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
7:00 PM-8:00 PM
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

ADRC Mind Over Matter – *Chapel*
Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*
AA - Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
Theology Discussion Group – *Stone Arch Brewpub*
Interim Search Team Meeting– *Library*
Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*
Family / Friends Mental Illness Support Group - *South Fellowship Hall*

Friday, January 17

7:00 PM-8:30 PM
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

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

Saturday, January 18

9:00 AM-11:30 AM
7:00 PM-8:00 PM

New Member Orientation – *Upper Lounge*
Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

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