

May 31 Highlights at First Congregational

June 4: National Prayer Vigil for All Immigrantsp. 10

Donating to First Congregational UCC

You are invited to donate via virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click “Give” to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256. Checks can also still be mailed to the church.

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.

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.

Online Streaming and Podcasting

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible at www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons.

You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on [Facebook.com/1stCongo](https://www.facebook.com/1stCongo) or at www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website: www.firstcongoappleton.org.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries

PRELUDE

Air from Overture in D Major

J. S. Bach

Jann Kostecke, *flute* David Cook, *assistant organist*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, come among your people as the One who fashioned all things.
Reveal your knowledge of our lives to us, face to face, and may your presence
bring us assurance and hope.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts
of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving.

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit fill our hearts today.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

Stanza 1:

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

Stanza 2:

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

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Stanza 3:

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

Stanza 4:

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: *Neuermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1963: adapt, Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-13 (NT, p. 144)

MEDITATION

"A Wild Ordering"

Rev. Nick Hatch

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Meditation from Thais

J. Massenet

Jann Kostecke, *flute*

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click "Give" to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256).

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Leader: We believe in God the Creator, the risen Christ and ever-present Spirit.

People: We believe God whirled fire and wind into a closed room to stir up the hesitant and cautious disciples.

Leader: We believe God still stirs things up,

People: turns things upside down,

Leader: sets people on fire with inspiration and zeal.

People: We believe the Holy Spirit moves unexpectedly, creating opportunity,

Leader: and guiding reconciliation while fostering community.

All: The Holy Spirit will not be housebroken or bound by narrow rules or closed doors. The Holy Spirit is like wind and fire and we believe the church is most alive when we dare to cooperate with the surprising, creating, loving Spirit of God. Amen!

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, email to a pastor for confidentiality or share your prayer requests in real time in the Comments section under the live stream video.)

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.**

CLOSING HYMN #220

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Stanza 1:

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

Stanza 2:

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

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Stanza 3:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine
until this earthly part of me glows
with thy fire divine.

Stanza 4:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Minor

Mendelssohn

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

David Cook, *assistant organist*

Jann Kostecke, *flute*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries, baritone*

Thank you to Brenda Timm for serving as our Lay Reader this morning!

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**Livestream our Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 AM on Facebook
or at www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream/**

Daily Prayer Chapel Live on Facebook: Monday-Friday at Noon

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 7, 2020

Rev. Nick Hatch

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Music: Paul Eggen, *tenor* Kristen Henke, *trumpet* David Cook, *assistant organist*

Lay Reader: Susan McFadden

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	Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Paul Bauman	Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Katie Behl	Family of Jessica Last upon the death of her mother, Darlene Price
Arlene Beyer	Carrie Brooks McClory and her triplets
Family of Dennis Blasczyk upon the death of his father, Mike	Mike Mathews
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother	Shari Mitchell
Olive Bopp	Family of Lora Moericke upon the death of her mother, Darlene Price
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks	Our country's military around the world
Don Brittnacher	Ellie Olson
Chris Calhoun	Mory, Anthony Padilla's son
Dick Casperson	Families and children of Palestine
John Cawthon	Diane Ragus
Steve Chapin	Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Lynn Cook	Ken Rheingans
Michael, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law	Don Roehrborn
Jim Edwards	Mary Rowland
A friend diagnosed with cancer	Judy Schneider
Family of Maynard Gardiner upon his death	Frank Severin
Margitta Furnner	Jake Smasal
Esther Gehrt	Amanda Spindler
Ken Geiger	Cole Stoffel
Ivo Geurts	James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother	Beverly Trombla
Maggie Hendrick	Don Utschig
Ken Hocking	Jean Van Wagenin
Carolyn and Jim Huddleston	Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life	Jean Wegner
Jean Jepson	Jennifer Wild
Our Kenyan partners and students	Gary Wisneski
Sylvia King	The World in the midst of the pandemic
Ervin Klesmit	

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Tech Buddy Program

Can you help a member of the congregation who cannot view the Sunday service being livestreamed on Facebook?



Are you wishing you could listen to the Sunday service, but you can't do that because you don't have a computer or cellphone to connect to Facebook Live?

We are organizing a low tech/high tech buddy system for people without access to Facebook. They may not have computers, tablets, or smart phones, but they do have telephones!

Here's how it works. If you have a speaker attached to the computer you use to tune in to Facebook Live, you can call your tech buddy 5 minutes before the service starts, check to make sure the sound is coming through your phone to your buddy's phone, and then place your phone by the speaker. Then both of you can listen to the service. After the service, you can chat a bit.

If you can't tune into Facebook Live and want to listen to the service on your phone, contact us. If you have the tech equipment and are willing to be a tech buddy, we'll make the match.

Contact us if you want to join us in this low tech/high tech ministry!

John can be reached at (920)-740-0144 or john.t.mcfadden@gmail.com.

Contact at Susan (920) 851-9885; or susan.h.mcfadden@gmail.com. We even have a landline: (920) 739-8695.

Worship and Music

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

QUESTIONS OF FAITH: Summer Sermon Series

Once again, we will be offering you the opportunity to share your questions of faith and use them as the basis of our sermons for the summer.

We live in such challenging and unusual times – now is a good time to ask the hard questions and do some deep thinking. Feel free to submit your questions via email, livestream comment, phone call, etc. Thank you for your willingness to share your questions with the congregation!



You Are Invited: Solo Singers and Instrumentalists in Worship!

We continue to be blessed with a wide variety of musical offerings since moving to 9:30 AM livestreaming in March.

Special thanks to **assistant organists David Cook and Shelley Nulton**, along with all the other musicians who have joined me, **John Albrecht**, in rehearsing and performing music (as scheduled through mid-June): **Kristen Henke, Karen Leigh-Post, John Aaholm, Joel Jicha, Chris Danz, Bruce Danz, Carmen Danz, Lori Murphy, Jeff Murphy, Jack Murphy, Michael Murphy, David Murphy, Jesse Baumgart, Nick Fahrenkrug, Emily Richter, Bianca Pratte, Kris Glenn, Shannon Glenn, Paul Nulton, Heather Hallett, Paul Eggen, Jann Kostecke, Barb Armstrong and Liz Schneider**. Additional thanks to our Technology Coordinator, **Jonathan Steffen**, and Communications Administrative Assistant, **Holly Volkman**, for working through all the new challenges of streaming with improved sound and visuals.

As we move forward into the rest of the summer, you are invited to serve in music ministry as a singer or instrumentalist!

Until the Covid-19 statistics change significantly (as outlined in Pastor Steve's Letter to the Congregation), we will be live-streaming a single service led by 9 or fewer people (pastors and staff, musicians, technology.) The health and safety of our congregation remain our primary concern.

Please call John Albrecht at (920) 851-8097 or e-mail jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org with your interest; children through adults are welcome! I will contact you to discuss your schedule, worship themes, and music selection & rehearsal plans.

Know that I will work with you toward a performance date with appropriate music that you feel ready to present with confidence.

I look forward to hearing from you and your family!

In music ministry with you,
John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*



Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

New Mission Partner: Bread for the World

Bread for the World (bread.org) is a Christian movement started in 1982 urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. They work by changing policies, programs, and

conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist. We can end hunger in our time. But churches and charities cannot do it all. Our government must also do its part. By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws fairer and more compassionate.

Bread for the World equips people to write personal letters and emails to senators and House representatives to end hunger. Each year, Bread for the World invites churches across the country to take up an *Offering of Letters* to Congress on legislation that impacts hungry and poor people. Bread for the World works in a bipartisan way. Their network of thousands of individual members, churches, and denominations is active in every congressional district.

For more information about Bread for the World locally, you can view the Fox Valley webinar with Nancy Jones, Prince of Peace ELCA Appleton and Zach Schmidt, regional organizer for Bread for the World.

Link to the recording:
<https://youtu.be/jgN7CpzhSmA>.

Bread for the World is asking us to send an email to Congress immediately to boost the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum benefits by 15% to ensure the vulnerable populations in the US have access to the resources they need.

The link to email Congress can be found at: www.bit.ly/WI-covid19.

Please add your 9-digit zip code to ensure the email will be sent to Senator Tammy

Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, and your member of the House of Representatives. You do NOT have to fill in their names. It will send it automatically after you personalize it.

Sample letters and addresses are also provided to help you to personalize handwritten letters to your senators and representatives in Congress in support of the 2020 Offering of Letters goal to improve nutrition. A complete toolkit, with additional resources including editable Word letter templates, is available at <https://www.bread.org/toolkit>.

Sample letters:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/25b85825201/ff8f16c8-66c8-40e3-a373-d0bd433818b5.pdf>

Addresses:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/25b85825201/792af5d8-741c-4aca-8e8f-5ca5c21ef4ae.pdf>

Please let the First Congregational Mission and Service Ministry team know when you have sent your email and letters so they can report the volume of participation. Send an email to Sara Companik at scompanik@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU for using your time and your voice to advocate for those facing hunger!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Mobile Food Pantry Hosted by Feeding America

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin has partnered with the USDA to distribute healthy food directly to high-need areas, free of charge.

Each week there will be a truckload of approximately 1,000 total food boxes to distribute to the community. This mobile food pantry is available to ALL PEOPLE in the Fox Valley. No proof of address, income, etc. is needed to receive food.

Dates: Every Tuesday May 26 to June 23

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Waupaca Expo Center
187 Grand Seasons Dr., Waupaca, WI
54981

How it Works:

- Do not exit your vehicle at any time.
 - Have room in your vehicle's trunk or backseat to accommodate box of food.
 - Please wait patiently while others are served.
- * Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first come, first served basis.
- * Limit ONE box per vehicle unless picking up on behalf of a homebound individual.



National Prayer Vigil for All Immigrants Virtual Gathering

Thursday • June 4
7:00 PM (Central Standard Time)

The Gamaliel Civil Rights of Immigrants Campaign presents a national prayer vigil for all immigrants.

This virtual gathering (Zoom webinar) features a keynote reflection, testimonies, candle lighting ceremony and a call to action.

Northeast Wisconsin participants include José Lozano, Terry Dawson, Nancy Bourassa, and Fr. Joseph Mattern.

Visit <https://esther-foxvalley.org/date/2020/06/04/national-prayer-vigil-all-immigrants> for more information on how to participate.

