

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

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. Checks can also be mailed to the church.

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

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

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

Video recordings of our live stream services can be found at:
www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/previous-livestream-services/

Written transcripts of the sermon can be downloaded at:
www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/sermon-transcripts/

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Flowers

The flower arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Communion

All are welcome to receive communion the first Sunday of each month. We currently use TrueVine prefilled communion cups and gluten-free wafers.

Baptism

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month.

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.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright
Livestreaming at 9:30 AM
Music: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir; LU Music Scholars;
Jennifer Hodges Bryan, *oboe*; Tyler Nanstad, *marimba*.
Lay Reader: Heidi Erstad

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission

PRELUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

tune by George N. Allen
adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
setting by Syliva Oines

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People: **We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

People: **Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.**

All: **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #210

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*UNISON INVOCATION

God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your name be praised from the rising of the sun to the midnight hour; may your name always be honored among us. Spirit of Holiness, breathe on us all and bind us in Christian love and servanthood. O God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Transform our lives and our community into the image of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.)

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.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O sacrum convivium

Kim André Arnesen

LU Music Scholars

On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember that "a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia."

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
The memory of his passion is recalled, our souls are filled with grace,
And a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.*

(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).

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21 (NT p. 118)

MEDITATION

"Jesus in Plenty and Fear"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides

*HYMN #470

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Stanzas 1 & 2 ONLY

MEMORIAL GARDEN LITANY

Leader: Loving God, it is in a spirit of love and community that our church family pauses on this Memorial Day weekend to remember lives lost and lives forever changed. In doing so, may we also remember your great love for us.

People: **May we remember that there is no greater demonstration of love than choosing to lay down one's life for another.**

Leader: In safeguarding the legacy of those who paid the ultimate price, may we become ever more vigilant in our love for others, our community and nation, and the cause of freedom, justice, and peace throughout the world.

People: **We offer special Memorial prayers for those who have died from COVID-19 in the past two years; for the millions lost, the millions who are their survivors, and the millions who served them to the best of their ability and loving care.**

Leader: We remember the loved ones each of us has lost; family and friends, neighbors and leaders whose lives continue to inspire and bless ours.

People: **We thank you for each of them, born in the image of God, called to live in the likeness of Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: On this Memorial Day weekend, we rededicate our Memorial Garden and cherish the legacy of all those precious ones whose remains bless our grounds. We lift up the names of those memorialized here, especially those whose names have been added in the last year: John Arthur Carlson, Diane Luce Ragus, Mary Ellen Guenther, William "Bill" Francis, Veronica C. Post, Sherry M. Wynboom, Joyce M. Hanstedt, Leonard G. Hanstedt.

People: **All of this we do in the loving circle of this faith family and in the confident and sure hope of the Resurrection.**

All: **Amen.**

SENIOR SCHOLAR SOLO

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Hannah Jones, *mezzo-soprano*

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #515

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Stanza 1 ONLY

POSTLUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen (Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds)

tune from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln*
setting by Mark Sedio

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

LU Music Scholars

Hannah Jones, *LU Music Scholar Senior, mezzo-soprano*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Thank you to Kris Henke for serving as our lay reader this morning!

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**The church will be closed on Monday, May 30 in
observance of Memorial Day**



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
Jill Anthony's nephew, Darryl
Scott Baehman
Valerie Bales
Sherry Bassett
Paul Bauman
Katie Behl
Barbara Ann Behl, Katie's sister
Aidan Bero
Clair Brown
Don Brittnacher
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother
Christine Calhoun and Paul Siket
Dick Casperson
Steve Chapin
Colton and Misty, friends of Trudy Reilly
Lynn Cook
Dani, Fred's sister-in-law
Tom Dix
Jim Edwards
Helen Joan Evans
Friend of Pat Severin
David Galow
Steve Gehrt, son of Esther
Ken Geiger
Dylan Glick
Norm Goodacre and family
Micki Guyette and her family
Margaret Hankwitz
Judy Hanson
Ted Healey, father of Sue Toussaint
Ted Heimerman
Maggie Hendrick
Steve and Pat Hirby's son, Mike

Ken Hocking
Carol Huddleston and family
Jean Jepson
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Lindsey, friend of Kristen Scheuerman
Drew Michyeta, Eilene Hoft-March's uncle
Gerald Otto, brother of Stephen Otto
Debbie Pias, friend of Anne Sheridan
Sharon Radke
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Aria Arthur Schmidt, newborn grandson of
Julie Schaller-Schmidt and John Schmidt
Larry Schiedermayer
Pat Severin
Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Jim Sheetz
Jake Smasal
Family of Neil and Kristy Smits upon the
death of Neil's grandmother, Elaine
Mark Spindler
Cole Stoffel
Debra Stoner
Gloria Tate
Elsa Thiel
Jack Thiel
Peter Thiel
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
Jean Van Wagenin
Tom Van Wyk
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
Diane White

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Thank you Stock Holders!

We are pleased to share that the High School Youth Mission Stock Fundraiser was a success. We exceeded our goal of raising over \$3,000 to send 37 youth and adults to serve in Logan, WV.

We appreciate everyone who contributed and will represent our church with joyful, hard-working hearts. For stockholders: keep an eye out for a postcard from WV next month!

Confirmation Faith Statements

Our Confirmation group this year produced some exceptional and beautiful faith statements. They represent their thoughts about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. Feel free to enjoy them as they are on display along one of the walls on the bridge. Praise God for such an honest and talented group!

Worship and Music

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

Summer Music Sign-Ups Open!

You are invited to share your musical gifts as a vocal/instrumental soloist or small ensemble in our 9:30 AM Summer Sunday worship services, with July - September 4 dates available!

Please let me know of your interest via e-mail, or by calling my direct line at church (see below), or by speaking with Nathan, our organist, or me at worship.

Providing your “best available dates” is helpful, too. *I will get back to you to discuss your schedule, music ideas & scriptures/themes for the day, and a rehearsal plan.* Nathan and I look forward to making music with you this summer - Alleluia!

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*
jalbrecht@firstcongoappelton.org
Direct line at church: (920) 851-8097

Ellie Olson Memorial Service

**Saturday, June 4
10:30 AM**



A Memorial Service for Ellie Ann Olson will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM.

You are invited to come and share your memories of her and celebrate God’s love through her at that time.

A reception with a meal will be held in Fellowship Hall directly after. Karma’s Mailbox will offer a portion of the morning’s music.

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays during the summer

12:15-12:45 PM

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series returns to the Fox Valley this summer after a two-year hiatus in what will be its 25th anniversary season.

The first program of the season takes place right here at First Congregational on Wednesday, June 8 with a recital by

Dr. Andrew Schaeffer, graduate of St. Olaf University, Yale University, and the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Schaeffer currently serves as Director of Music at Luther Memorial Church of Madison, Wisconsin.

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series was founded by Frank Rippl in 1995 in an effort to bring classical music to the Fox Valley community. The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists now coordinates the series, with several of its members performing each year.

Recitals are held on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 PM throughout the summer at local churches, including a July 4 sing-a-long at Lawrence University Memorial Chapel (see full schedule below). These recitals give people the opportunity to hear a wide array of pipe organs in the many beautiful houses of worship in Appleton, Kaukauna, Neenah, and Menasha. Performers include several local organists as well as others from across the country.

The concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering is taken to offset costs associated with the

administration of the series, as well as to fund a scholarship program for new organists).

For more information, please visit lunchtimeorganrecital.org.

Chapter information can be found at newago.org.



Dr. Andrew Schaeffer

2022 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays, 12:15-12:45 PM

- June 8 – Dr. Andrew Schaeffer
First Congregational UCC
- June 15 – Ethan Mellema
Lawrence Univ. Memorial Chapel
- June 22 – Devin Atteln
Memorial Presbyterian Church
- June 29 – Dr. Stephen Schnurr
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Kaukauna
- MONDAY, July 4 – Daniel Schwandt
Lawrence Univ. Memorial Chapel
- July 13 – Dr. Naomi Rowley
Faith Lutheran Church

- July 20 – Dr. Paul Weber
First United Methodist
- July 27 – Dr. Mark Paisar
St. Mary Catholic Church
Menasha
- August 3 – Jeffrey VerKuilen, FAGO
First Congregational UCC
- August 10 – Donald Verkuilen
Zion Lutheran Church
- August 17 – Dr. Benjamin Stone
First English Lutheran Church
- August 24 – Blake Doss
First Presbyterian Church
Neenah

Cards Needed for Card Shower

Let's 'shower' Pastor Steve and Dee with kindness and love! Bring a card, letter or other well-wish (or even drawings from the young/young at heart!).

A box will be available at the Welcome Table in the Narthex for collection (or you can send/drop off at the office). We will present them with the 'card shower' on Sunday, June 19.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice*

Eagle Scout Project

Logan LaViolette (twin of Luke) is starting an Eagle Scout project building a sign for the church property by the Fox River Trail. The sign will indicate who we are as a church, the land we are on, etc. The information can be changed

as needed. If you wish to contribute materials or a make a donation, please contact either Logan or Logan's mother, Elizabeth Melchert at elizabethm@new.rr.com or mobile phone 920-450-5935. Thank you.

Monthly Meal Serving at Pillars

A wonderful crew of volunteers from our church prepared and served the evening meal at Pillars Adult Shelter on May 5. The clients loved the E2Fpans of Southwestern soup that many of you have prepared. Thank you to all who contributed their time and food items!

It is time to sign up for our June commitment to provide food and service on the first Thursday of the month for the evening meal at **Pillars Adult Shelter on Thursday, June 2 from 5:00 PM to approx. 8:00 PM.** We will be serving soup and grilled cheese sandwiches with fruit salad and dessert.

You can sign up at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eJXNfPb2Lw_1ndBQvMBnCm4DQVlyPW1mLwoHH5tYsXI/edit#gid=0

