

*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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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.

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

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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](http://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

September 25, 2022      Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost      Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell  
Livestreaming at 9:30 AM  
Music: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir with Shelley Nulton, *guest director*  
Lay Reader: Dave Frederick

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Interim Senior Pastor  
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries

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## PRELUDE

*Leoni (Community of Christ)*

Hebrew tune adapted by Meyer Lyon  
Setting by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

## RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

\*WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN #502

*Community of Christ*

LEONI

\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Come upon us, Holy Spirit, making us start this day afresh. For what has gone before, we let go. Spirit, face us towards today and tomorrow with a new outlook and a new joy, for we are your companions on this journey of faith. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Susan

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**THE BAPTISM OF MARGARET JANE COENRAAD**

Parents: Jacob and Karen Coenraad

Godparents: Anna Parrell and Lucas Coenraad

**THE BAPTISM OF VEDA JANE HANSON**

Parents: Jeremy and Tara Hanson

Godparents: Ella Hanson and Nick Huss

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

\*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

**People: We offer our love, support, and care.**

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit

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 children. We delight in the new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Margaret and Veda and their families. May they cherish these children and lead them in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN

BAPTISMAL HYMN #306 (Sung by ALL)

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTT GART

SCRIPTURE READING

MEDITATION

Rev. Sekinah Hamlin

OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL REFLECTION (see bulletin p. 7-8 with **congregation singing stanza 5.**)

*Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*      John L. Bell & Graham Maule  
arr. Tom Trenney

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

(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).

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

\*CLOSING HYMN #504

*God of Justice, God of Mercy*

HYFRYDOL

Stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5 ONLY - sung by ALL

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F Major*

Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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## Guest Preacher Sekinah Hamlin

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, Director of Economic Justice and Local Church Ministries for our National United Church of Christ. Rev. Hamlin is a graduate of Duke Divinity School, where she earned a Masters of Divinity and Howard University where she earned a Masters of Policy.

**She will preach on economic justice and then lead an adult education class on this topic in the Chapel following worship today and subsequent Sundays.**



**More information on the class can be found in the bulletin on p. 12.**

## 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  
Marsha Brewer  
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  
Rachel Edwards  
Heidi Mendonca Erstad  
Erstad family friend, Silas and his family  
Helen Joan Evans  
Friend of Pat Severin  
David Galow  
Wanda Gauger's sister, Jennifer  
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  
Maggie Hendrick  
Ken Hocking  
Carol Huddleston and family  
Larri Jacquart, daughter of Helen Wilson  
Jean Jepson  
Ray Johnson  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Gerald Otto, brother of Stephen Otto  
Sharon Radke  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Aria Arthur Schmidt, grandson of Julie Schaller-  
Schmidt and John Schmidt  
Jan Scheibe  
Larry Schiedermayer  
Pat Severin  
Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie  
Jake Smasal  
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

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*

**Choir: 1.** *“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

**Choir: 2.** *“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

**Choir: 3.** *“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

**Choir: 4.** *“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

**All:**



Congregation  
sings Stanza 5

→ 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



you but call my name. Let me

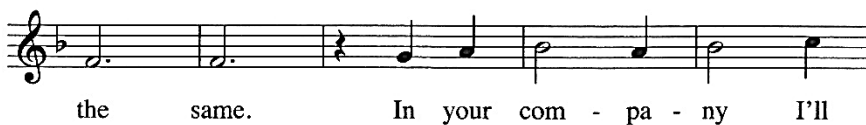
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turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll



go where your love and foot - steps



show. Thus I'll move and live and



grow in you and you in me.

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# THE OPEN DOOR

September 18, 2022

## Sadness and Joy

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This is certainly a season of both sadness and joy here at FCUCC. There is the joy of Rally Sunday, the start of our new Interim Senior Pastor, the rush of children and youth, the beautiful sounds of the choir, the return of fellowshiping with people in the Narthex. But this is also a season of sadness and loss, particularly of the loss of beloved pastoral leadership here at our church. It is the sadness of these losses which I want to write to you about today.

Less than two years ago we lost Pastor Kathryn Kuhn to cancer. Kathryn was a deep blessing in our lives in so many ways. Her compassion, strong organizational skills, and genuine love for the church benefited us immensely. Personally, Kathryn was like the older sister I never got to have. We shared many laughs together and she taught me a lot about ministry with her lengthy experience. Her passing is still fresh on my heart for grief does not obey the measurements of time we humans rely upon. Having her ask me to give a portion of her eulogy, and doing so at her memorial service, was deeply humbling and awesome.

Our summer started with the planned retirement celebration of Pastor Steve. Steve was a leader and mentor to many of us, myself included. His expertise in sharing God's word through his sermons and worship leadership was an incredible blessing. He tried to be all things to all people and had such a wide array of gifts that he met all our expectations. I have acutely felt his loss in my life because Steve was my longest running colleague. We saw each other through thick and thin and our relationship was one of the most formative of my professional life. We knew Steve needed to leave to take care of his heart condition, but I think many of us wished his ministry could have lasted even longer. His departure came with many tears and much reluctance.

In these past few weeks, we saw the departure of Pastor Laurie. Laurie came to us first as an interim pastor and then made the transition to permanent and installed pastor last October. She started her ministry during an incredibly challenging time with Covid and endured as both Steve and I had multiple medical challenges. Laurie taught all of us about radical love and justice. She had an incredible gift of speaking and pushed us to envision a different way of being a faithful people. I feel the loss of her leadership not only in my workload but also in the absence of her prophetic voice. Her departure also came very quickly. Because the timeframe was so short not all of us were able to come to her celebration or express our gratitude or ask all our questions.

As your Pastor, I see that each of these pastoral losses contain unfinished business. Kathryn's unfinished business is the grief of the loss of someone so bright and beautiful to cancer. Steve's unfinished business is the loss of a charismatic presence that was larger than life. Laurie's unfinished business is the feeling we were just getting started and then we could not take our time to fully share our gratitude and say goodbye. Each person offered a

different set of gifts loaned to us for a time by the grace of God. Each were temporary and each caused us to be changed. We are right to have sadness around so much loss in such a short time. And perhaps the words of the Psalmist may be even more poignant to us, when they say:

*The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. - Psalm 34*

Each of our pastoral transitions causes a different set of questions and concerns to rise to the surface. Each person left for different reasons and under different circumstances. Each loss brings a different kind of grief and a different set of feelings. It's a lot. I want you to know that Pastor Susan and I see this. We know it's a lot, we know it's too much loss in too short a period of time. We grieve with you. We hold concern for the church with you. I pray for you and your household and your families. I pray that together we can endure these losses and hold out hope for bright and wonderful things that are yet unseen. I pray we trust that the Lord hears us. So, I want to acknowledge that many of us are just as brokenhearted. I am too. I have lots of mixed emotions! It's going to take a while to process all of this and adjust and rebuild a sense of trust in all the relationships and ministries that continue to bind us together.

I was standing in the back of our sanctuary on Rally Sunday. I looked out at the hundreds of people, young and old, filling our pews. I remarked to the AV volunteer, "I never would have guessed that I would be standing here on a Rally Sunday without any of the clergy I have come to know, respect, and work with." And it's true; this is a moment in our communal life I never would have guessed would have happened. And even in the middle of my realization, our fantastic choir sang. Our children had their backpacks blessed and there was barely room in the theater to hold them. Two children were baptized, and I got to hold a beautiful little girl named Talia! Another robust confirmation class came forward. Our new Interim Senior Pastor, Susan, brought us a steady and faithful message. I leaned over to Susan in the Sanctuary and said "Even after all that happened here, the pastoral losses and Covid and everything, I see a church full of life and hope. Look at them, aren't they amazing?" And she responded "More than amazing, it's a miracle. This church is a miracle."

It is a miracle. It is a miracle because the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in Spirit. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold your Spirit this week.

- Rev. Nick Hatch

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves*

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## Membership Exploration Class

Saturday, September 24

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 at (920) 733-7393 to sign up.

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## Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service*

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### CYF Programming Begins!

We had a fabulous turnout last Sunday for the first day of Children's Ministry with 45 participants!

This past Wednesday was the first official night of CYF programming.

The Middle School and High School youth had a super fun first night playing a kickball game with 34 cooperating teens.

It was so cool to be a part of 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders having fun together, encouraging and laughing!



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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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### Come Serve in Music Ministry!

You are invited to make music this fall, celebrating the joy we share in Christ! Please contact John Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries, at [jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org](mailto:jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org) or 920-851-8097 or with questions or to register.

**Parents. . .**  
**please register your children / youth on-line through their CYF registration.**

**The fall starting dates, times and locations for our core ensembles are:**

Sanctuary Choir (high school - adults)  
**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM**

- Music folders in choir room,  
rehearsals in Sanctuary (*masked*)

Youth Handbells (grades 7-12)

**Wednesdays, 5:45-6:25 PM**

- Amistad Room (off Fellowship Hall, *masking optional*)

Children's Choir (grades 2-6)

**Sunday, October 2, 10:45-11:30 AM**

- Gather after church school at 10:30 AM. for a snack in the art kitchen, and then rehearse in the Choir Room at 10:45 AM (*masking optional*)

LU Music Scholars (college)

**Sundays, 5:00-6:00 PM**

- Rehearsals in the Choir Room and Sanctuary (*masked*)

Church Family Handbells (elementary through adults)

**Sunday, October 23, 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

- Rehearse in Amistad room or Sanctuary each week, ring in worship on November 20 (*masking optional*)

**"We Make the Way by Walking"  
Adult Education Class  
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM  
in the Chapel**

Here is some additional information about the class led by Pastor Susan and Pastor Peggy on Wednesday evenings. You will need to purchase the book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren, ahead of time.

Typically, there are about ten pages or two short chapters to read every week. It is fine to miss a class. We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 PM for one hour.

**The class will be taught as follows:**

- September 14 - Chapters 1-2
- September 21 - Chapters 3-4
- September 28 - Chapters 5-6
- October 5 - Chapters 7-8
- October 12 - No Class
- October 19 - Chapters 9-10
- October 26- Chapters 11-12
- November 2 - Chapters 13-14
- November 9 - Chapters 15-16
- November 16 - Chapters 17-18
- November 23 - No Class
- December 7 - Chapters 19-20

**"Mind the Gaps" Economic Justice Bible Study**

**Sundays, September 18 - October 23  
11:00 AM - Noon**

Class Description: Come join our interactive learning opportunity where we prayerfully examine the intersection of the sacred Biblical text and what we see in our economic world. We will educate and connect our relationships with God, the faith, and our neighbor; analyze the systems of oppression of this world; and faithfully engage in action to repair and recreate a just world for all. Our time of engagement will be in-person, virtual, and even individual opportunities for "walking" in our neighbors' shoes. We look forward to our interaction!

We are blessed to have Rev. Hamlin lead these sessions via Zoom. She is traveling from the East Coast to be with us in person for the first session TODAY, September 18, which is

scheduled for a longer period from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

If you are going to be out of town, here is the Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83553559688?pwd=L2pmak41RkgvSzNaejlQaXF1U2N5dz09>

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## Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice*

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### 2022 Women's Fall Retreat October 28-30

Our annual fall women's retreat is at Moon Beach Camp, Friday evening through Sunday morning, October 28-30. The cost is \$170.

We are excited to announce that Julie Garber will be our retreat leader. Julie is a Spiritual Director/Retreat Leader and serves on the Board of Directors at UCCI. She is a former Licensed UCC Pastor, Registered Nurse, Certified Yoga, Group Exercise and Personal Training Instructor. A complete bio for Julie can be found at <https://ucci.org/board-of-directors/>.

The retreat is open to all those who identify as women. There are still some spaces available but please sign up soon! The theme of the retreat will be announced shortly.

#### **Please pay ASAP by:**

1. Dropping off a check at the church. Write "2022 Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

2. Pay by credit card using the "give" link on our website: <https://www.firstcongoappleton.org/give/>. You will be directed to Realm. Be sure to type "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Uehling at [buehling@gmail.com](mailto:buehling@gmail.com) or call (920) 475-2212

### E2F Pans

**Pick up: TODAY, September 18**  
**Collection: September 25**

This fall we're participating in the program earlier than usual. **Pillars has experienced a summer of more food server cancellations and less food donations. They are asking for E2F Pans to assist in refilling the freezer.** As a result, more pans will be prepped for handout.

The filled **E2F (Empty to Full) Pans** primarily provide meals for **Pillars**, homeless shelters and low-income, affordable housing resources. A few years ago, after meeting the needs of Pillars, **Apricity**, a non-profit providing a full spectrum of care for those impacted by substance use disorders, including treatment, employment, and recovery support services was added as a recipient of E2F Pans.

Each E2F Pan handed out will include a grocery list, recipe for preparation & a prayer. The cost for groceries is approximately \$13. The person taking the pan purchases the groceries and assembles the recipe to fill the pan. All of the recipes are easy and require very

little cooking. The assembled pan is frozen or kept cold until returned to church, on the date shown, for delivery to the recipient.

**Pick up: TODAY, September 18 from 10:30-11:00 AM after the church service.**

(Any pans leftover will be on a table near the front door and can be picked up during the week)

**Collection: Sunday, September 25 at the beginning of the church service 9:30-9:45 AM.**

If you are unable to return the pan on the given day, please call the church to make sure there is access to the church for drop off the week before. Please call Cindi MacSwain at (920) 606-6699 or email [cmacswain@new.rr.com](mailto:cmacswain@new.rr.com) if you have concerns about pick up or drop off. Please provide your name, phone number & address and any other helpful info when leaving a message.

## **Good Neighbor Team Update**

One of First Congregational's Good Neighbor Teams has been assigned to walk alongside a newly arrived Congolese family. The Sifa family consists of mom, dad and 7 children, ages 9 to 22. The family is in desperate need of a washing machine. If you or someone you know is looking to replace their washing machine and the old one is in good working condition, please contact Mary Mares (920-470-8433 or [mares1188@yahoo.com](mailto:mares1188@yahoo.com)).

If you'd like to contribute to the purchase of a new or gently used

machine, please mail or drop off a check to the church office and indicate in the memo section that it is for the Sifa family. Thank you!

## **College of Menominee Nation Scholarship Fund**

In recognition that our church is located on ancestral homelands of Indigenous peoples, the Mission and Service Ministry hopes to raise \$2,000 a year to be able to give a \$1,000 named scholarship for each semester to a Menominee Nation member, or descendant, who is in good academic standing at the College of Menominee Nation. The CMN is an accredited Land Grant institution chartered by the Menominee Nation with a flagship campus in Keshena (1993) and a second campus in Green Bay. Both campuses welcome students from many American Indian tribes and all ethnicities/races. Most students need financial aid. CMN will select a qualified student through their usual vetting process.

To donate to this fund, please send or drop off a check made out to FCUCC with CMN in the notes line or donate through Realm. Any amount is appreciated!

## **Native Justice Coalition Clothing and Book Drive**



Our mission partner, the Native Justice Coalition, is co-sponsoring the Anishinaabe Racial Justice conference in Baraga, MI,

September 30 to October 2. First Congregational UCC will participate in their clothing and book drive. NJC has asked for:

- New or gently used clean clothing, especially jackets, sweatshirts, T-shirts, gloves & hats
- New or gently used books for children, teens, or adults

If you wish to contribute items, **please drop off donations by Tuesday, September 27. Look for the collection box in our Narthex.**

Questions, please contact Eilene Hoft-March at (920) 735-0166.

## **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Video**

The fifth video in our series of our Outreach Ministry Updates features a Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. A Faith Build brings local churches together to raise roofs, walls, funds and prayers to build a house in partnership with a family in our community. It's an opportunity to live out your church's ministry, engage your members and see firsthand how God touches the hearts of new Habitat homeowners.

On Sunday, September 18, watch a 4-minute video about our recent partnership with Habitat for Humanity, showing our volunteers in action. The video will run on a continuous loop in the Chapel for 15 minutes after the worship service (before the Adult Education class starts). Our Habitat

volunteer coordinator will be available to answer questions. You can also watch it anytime on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kBIb7dZNtc>

**Our four previous partner updates are also available to watch; just go to the First Congregational Appleton channel and click on "Play List" for videos of College of Menominee Nation scholarship recipient, Back Bay Mission volunteer trip, Samaritan Counseling's new Center, and Pillars meal servers.**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7p1eHdx-LZwwPJ5Bp4wxew/playlists>



# The Ministry

Reverend Susan Cartmell, Interim Senior Pastor  
Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries  
Reverend John T. McFadden, Pastor Emeritus  
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries  
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, Organist  
Sarah Wilterdink, Director for Children's and Middle School Ministries  
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant  
Holly Volkman, Administrative Assistant for Communications  
Beck Fritsche, Administrative Assistant  
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper  
Matt Feuerhelm, AV Coordinator  
Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor  
Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant  
Pat Metoxen, Custodial Assistant  
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## Calendar for September 18 – September 24

### Sunday, September 18

9:25 AM – 11:35 AM

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### Monday, September 19

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

**Worship** – *Sanctuary*

**Confirmation** – *Fellowship Hall*

**Adult Ed with Rev. Sekinah** – *Chapel*

**LU Scholar Rehearsal** – *Sanctuary / Choir Room*

**First Things First AA Meeting** – *Fellowship Hall*

**Piano Rehearsal** – *River Room*

**Fox Valley Flutes** – *Sanctuary*

**Boy Scout Troop 8** – *Fellowship Hall*

### Tuesday, September 20

8:45 AM – 10:15 AM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

**Strong Bodies** – *South Fellowship Hall*

**Chrysalis** – *Upper Lounge*

**Living Sober AA group** – *Common Grounds*

**Fireside AA Group** – *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, September 21

5:45 PM – 6:25 PM

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

6:25 PM – 8:35 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Youth Handbells** – *Amistad Room*

**Search Committee** – *Upper Lounge*

**Childcare Available** – *Toddler/Nursery Room*

**High School/Middle School Group** – *Youth Room, Theater, Art Kitchen, Scripture Tent*

**Adult Education** – *Chapel*

**Sanctuary Choir** – *Sanctuary/Choir Room*

### Thursday, September 22

8:45 AM – 10:15 AM

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Strong bodies** – *South Fellowship Hall*

**AA – Search for Serenity Group** – *Common Grounds*

**TNT SOAR** – *Fellowship Hall*

**Fox Valley 94 AA** – *Common Grounds*

**Friday, September 23**

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**N.A.** – *Common Grounds*

**Al-Anon** – *Upper Lounge*

**Saturday, September 24**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Fox Valley 94 AA** – *Common Grounds*