

First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 4, 2025



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4, 2025 9:30AM

Third Sunday of Easter ~ Communion Sunday ~ Volunteer Appreciation
~ Celebrating Our Kenya Partnership

PRELUDE

Wareham (The Church of Chris, in Every Age)

Tune by William Knapp

Setting by Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

**Please rise in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has called us to be the church in the world.

All: We worship as our witness to the world of our commitment to God.

One: God feeds us with bread and wine.

All: God nourishes us for our ministry in the world.

One: Let us worship the risen Christ, who is present in this sacrament.

All: Let us worship Jesus the Christ, who called us to take this sacrament in memory of him.

*OPENING HYMN #251

Come, Let Us Sing Our Praises to Our God

A VA DE

Leader (solo voice) will be echoed by **All**, as indicated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

All: Those who volunteer in the name of Christ are his disciples. So today we give thanks for our brothers and sisters who volunteer within and beyond the walls of our church. God, we praise you for their time and talents, for their commitment and energy. Because of their labors the world knows you more deeply and the foundation of your church is fortified. Help us all to hear your call and give of ourselves in ways that glorify your Holy Name. Amen.

(During the Children's Message, the Prayer Request and Connection Cards will be collected.

After the Children's Message, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

St. 1

One: This is the day

All: This is the day

One: That our God has made

All: That our God has made

One: We will rejoice

All: We will rejoice

One: and be glad in it

All: and be glad in it**All: This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it**

One: This is the day

All: This is the day that our God has made

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19

Grace Christensen

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me

more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON *"You Have No Fish"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

*HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WAREHAM

OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

(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.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Bist du bei mir (Be Thou with Me)

Music by Gottfried Henirich Stölzel
Arranged by Lawrence Rosen

*DOXOLOGY

**All: 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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements.
Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free and alcohol free.*

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Our Father from Jazz Mass

Ike Sturm

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks, O God, because in grace and love you have reached out to us.

You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to new life. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 8)

Listen, God Is Calling

NENO LAKE MUNGO

Leader (solo voice) will be answered by **All**, as indicated.

This Tanzanian tune is paired with an anonymous Swahili text from Kenya.

*EASTERTIDE LITANY

One: Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen, indeed!

One: We see the rising sun and sense new life.

All: The darkness fades, and we find a new day.

One: This day the Lord comes to us in new ways.

All: The risen Christ brings us a new life.

One: We celebrate that day in ages past when Jesus arose.

All: We celebrate today when he lives anew in us.

One: Our mouths are filled with the song of joy.

All: Our hearts are filled with God's new presence.

One: We are a people blessed with Good News.

All: We will spread it to our community and world.

One: The power of the risen Christ is within and among us.

All: May the whole world be filled with Christ's presence.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

The Miracle Working God

A traditional song from our Kenya Partners

Introduced by the Choir and then repeated several times by **All**.

**I saw the miracle working God. I saw the miracle working God.
He is Alpha and Omega. I saw the miracle working God (the miracle.)**

POSTLUDE

A va de (Come, Let Us Eat)

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Sarah Wilterdink, *Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*

Grace Christensen, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Kris Glenn, Terry Gottfried, Jen Kosloski, Joel Jicha, Greta Wright,

Ben Keating, Sam Dill, Preston Parker, *leader/solo voices*

John Aaholm & choir members, *percussion*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

MAY USHERS: **Team 1:** Dennis Korth, Gale Korth, Kim Hanson, Dale Hanson, Steve Hermesen, Tom Tatlock, Jim Thaldorf, Carol Valeri, Sue Wisneski, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette and **Team 3:** Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Susan Houston, Ryan St. Clair, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun, Bruce Valk
AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY


Fourth Sunday of Easter Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey
Music: *Jazz Missa Brevis* with Sanctuary Choir and Jazz Ensemble

ON THE CALENDAR

May 18	Confirmation/Picnic/Graduate Sunday	
June 1	Service Sunday	
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress
Arr. © 1968 Austin C. Lovelace

NENO LAKE MUNGU
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Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community

Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.
 Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393
In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.

Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Tim Ligon
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Helen McKean and family of the death of her daughter
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Elizabeth McNally
Don Brittnacher	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Dean Ostrander
Karen Craddock	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Debra, upon the death of her son Joshua	Anika Quillman
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	The family and friends of Lenny Salm as they grieve his passing
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Frank and Pat Severin
David Galow	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
The family of Paul Gohdes	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Colton Heimlich	Kinsley Tarr
JoAnn Helms	Gloria Tate
Shirley Hoft	Jack Thiel
Misty Hofman	Peter Thiel
Sandi Hurm	James Totzke
Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer	Those living with mental unwellness
Jean Jepson	Dave White
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	
Jim Kriner	
Mary Jo Laabs	
Kathy Lannoye	

Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.
 Thank you!

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please visit our website, weekly e-newsletters, and social media.

Grounds Care Volunteers Needed: Interested in gardening and plant care or helping to maintain the church grounds? First Congregational is blessed with a wonderful property. It includes 3 gardens: the Labyrinth Garden, the Memorial Garden, and the Hillside Garden. In addition, we have the ravine area which also has the potential to be a very beautiful space. Some of the grounds activities include: weeding, addition of new plantings, watering, mulching, applying deer and rabbit repellent, etc. Interested? Contact Wayne Lannoye via Realm, email, or in person.

Grief Support Group: In his book on grief, Francis Weller writes that grief is “an act of protest that declares our refusal to live numb and small.” Pastor Katherine will be gathering a group to support one another in this holy act of protest. The group is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, though it will be limited to no more than eight participants. It will be held on Thursdays, **May 15, 22, and 29**, 7:00–8:00PM in the chapel. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all three sessions. Register on Realm or by calling the church office. Please contact Pastor Katherine with any questions.

“Music for Food” Concert raises \$570 for the Oneida Food Pantry! Lawrence Conservatory piano students of Professor Cathy Kautsky (including our LU Music Scholar Ben Keating) played a beautiful benefit recital in our Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, April 27. Our Steinway piano again “shone” through the artistry of these young musicians. An appreciative audience donated \$570 to benefit the Oneida Food Pantry. Special thanks to Eileen & John Hoft-March for helping me coordinate the event, with additional thanks to Zaina Gonzales for publicity work.
John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Jazz Missa Brevis in worship on Mother’s Day, May 11! Come hear our Sanctuary Choir and a jazz ensemble present Will Todd’s *Jazz Missa Brevis* in worship on Sunday, **May 11**. Bring mom, bring a friend...all are welcome to worship through this exciting new music!

The ESTHER/First Congregational Mental Health Task Force is hosting coffee on **May 11** in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May. NAMI will be at church selling their “Be Kind” t-shirts. Please stop and check out the variety of colors and styles. ESTHER will also have a table to highlight their social justice activities.

Library News: The theme for May is Mental Health. Come check out the selection of books. Here are a couple: *You Are Not Alone: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health* by Ken Duckworth and *An Unquiet Mind* by Kay Jamison.



Save the date
June 1

Service Sunday

"Many hands make light work"
Childcare provided

We will have a variety of projects
inside and out for you to show a
little love for our church.



 *The Church of the Open Door*
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
724 E. South River Street, Appleton, WI 54915

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JULY 7 - 10 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM
OR...
AUGUST 25 - 28 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

AS LONG AS WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL RUN
TWO 4-DAY SESSIONS OF VBS.

MOST ACTIVITIES WILL BE REPEATED SO EACH CHILD CAN
ATTEND ONE WEEK.

**WITH THIS BEING THE CASE...
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

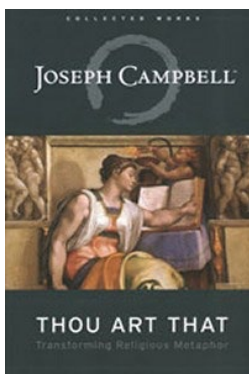
WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR SO MANY AMAZINGLY
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS LAST YEAR!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP THIS
YEAR, FOR ONE DAY, FOUR, OR EIGHT!

SWILTERDINK@UCCAPPLETON.ORG
920.540.2576


Coffee Hour Sign-Ups Ready and Waiting: WOW! We're happy to see that we have hosts signed up to serve coffee through the month of June -- with some other dates committed to for the rest of 2025 -- but there's still room for you to make sure that something's always 'brewing' on Sundays! Please check your summer schedule -- and beyond! Do you have a group/cause dear to our church that would like to promote themselves on any given Sunday through the coffee ministry? Family group? The possibilities are endless. We want to 'espresso' our thanks to those who have helped in the past to make this important part of our church life possible.....our cup runneth over! (Note: Most Sundays the coffee is made by staff - so that's a 'perk'!) The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex by the library window. Check your calendars, grab a friend/group and sign up TODAY!

Book Discussion: *Thou Art That*, by Joseph Campbell: On May 15, First Congregational's Theology Discussion Group will begin discussing its next book, *Thou Art That*, by Joseph Campbell(2001, 192 pp). Best known for his comparative work in world mythology, in this



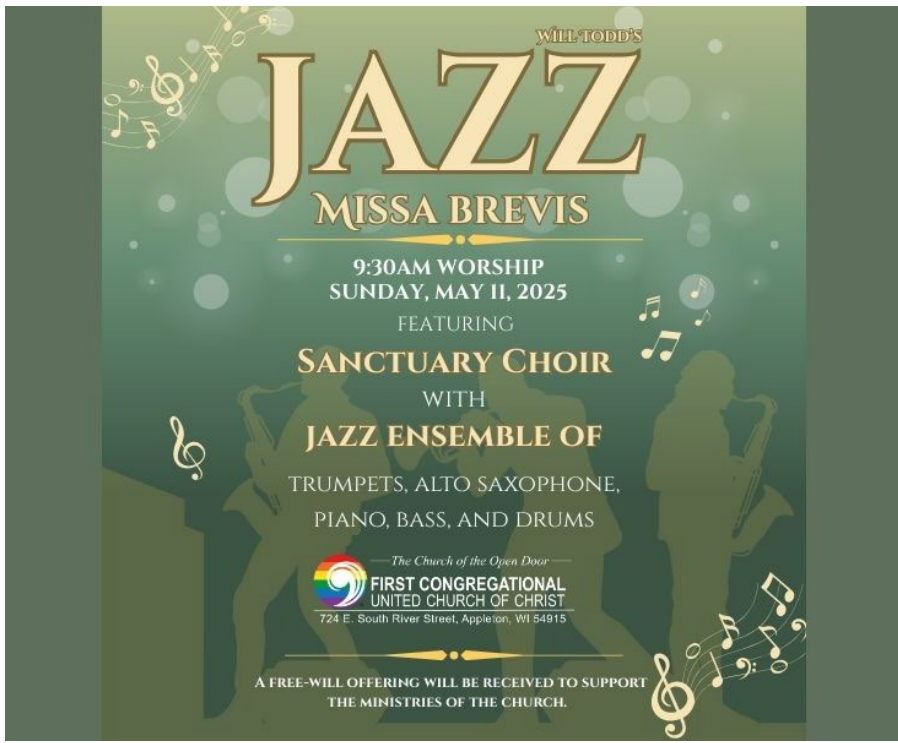
collection of previously unpublished essays and lectures, Campbell delves into the Judeo-Christian tradition. Emphasizing the metaphorical (rather than literal-historical) meanings of key Judeo-Christian themes, he offers fresh interpretations informed by his extensive knowledge of world mythology. In this book, Campbell skillfully shows these metaphors to be pathways to deeper spiritual understanding and mystical insight. The essays range from rich storytelling to insightful comparative analysis, exhibiting Campbell's characteristic verve. If you enjoy reading and discussing good books on themes of religion, spirituality, justice, and growth in faith, we invite you to join us on May 15 as Theo Group begins reading this new book

together. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 12:00-1:30PM, with some participants gathering on-site at Holidays Pub and Grill in Appleton and others participating online through Zoom.

For more information about Theo Group, scan this QR code, , visit <https://www.uccappleton.org/projects/theology-discussion-group> or contact Steve Hirby on Realm or through the church office.



The On a Positive Note Chorus: Have you visited the new Appleton Public Library yet? If not, or even if you have, there's a terrific free performance coming there on Tuesday, **May 6** at 2:00PM. The On a Positive Note Chorus, which is sponsored by Fox Valley Memory Project, will be presenting a program of favorite Broadway showtunes. Join us in the Mary Beth Nienhaus Community room for a fun time that will have you tapping your toes and maybe even singing along. Questions? Contact Susan McFadden (susan.h.mcfadden@gmail.com).



Please Help ESTHER Give Away Books at Juneteenth: ESTHER's Juneteenth book give-away has been so successful in the past; we want to celebrate reading again. We're asking you to share in this effort by purchasing a book or two by authors of color from black-owned bookstores with stories about black people. Also, gently used books are appreciated. You can drop them off at First Congregational UCC, 724 E South River Street, Appleton, 9:00AM-3:00PM weekdays, **before June 7.** (Book drop box in the narthex.) Then come to Juneteenth at Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W. Lawrence, Appleton on **Saturday, June 7, 1:00-4:00PM**, to celebrate with our friends and neighbors. No reservations are needed. No admission charge (food available for purchase.)

Some Black-owned bookstores in Wisconsin:

NICHE BOOK BAR - <https://www.findyournichemke.com>

ROOTED MKE - <https://www.rootedmke.com>

Other Black-owned bookstores:

<https://aalbc.com/bookstores/list.php>

A List of Over 200 Black-Owned Bookstores in the United States



Council Highlights

Did You Know?

...that this church where you worship is a self-governing body led by an elected Church Council and a Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) composed of two Co-Pastors and a Director of Operational Ministries?

We Want You to Know:

...what the Council does when it gets together with CMT on the fourth Tuesday evening every month to oversee the ministries and support carrying them out.

So You Do Know:

...here are Council Highlights from March 2025:

- ✦ A financial briefing demonstrates that pledging and expenses are 'pretty much on target,' noting that our new parking lot is 73.5% funded, with \$40,000 remaining on the books.
- ✦ A new website will soon be more welcoming for non-members, and more member-navigable through our ministries, upcoming events, and giving options.
- ✦ The website will include a new church logo, and complementary colors that resonate with our architecture and sanctuary.
- ✦ The Isaiah Project has selected building and landscaping contractors to turn our visions for the future into hands-on designs.
- ✦ Every lay and staff leader reports enthusiastic and growing participation in our large variety of volunteer activities and ministries.

Land Covenant

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation. Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.

We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soils, and web of life for all future generations.

The Isaiah Corner

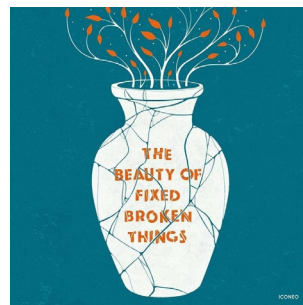


When you hear "The Isaiah Project," think "infrastructure." The Steering Committee and four Task Forces are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development, and discernment to provide recommendations to Church Council about our buildings, grounds, and neighborhood presence. These recommendations will address our current and future needs and support our mission and priorities.

Repair Fair: As part of Service Sunday this year the Isaiah Community Partnership team is excited to host a Repair Fair, where we help each other and find out hidden talents of friends and neighbors. This is part of a national movement with the motto "Don't Throw It Out, Fix It!"

We have the following fix-it or teach-it people confirmed already:

- Small appliance or lamp repair
- Sewing or mending
- Small furniture repair
- Basic tech help with phones or computers
- Bicycle repair
- Jewelry repair (charge for batteries)
- Help with our church website or signing up for Realm
- Using free graphic design platform "Canva"



Now, everyone, tie a string around your finger to remember to bring in items that need repair on **Sunday, June 1**. (You will still be able to participate in other Service Sunday projects.) If any more fix-it people are available, contact Chris Brittnacher at: chrisbrittnacher@gmail.com

Nursing and Nurturing Room: The Isaiah Project would like to thank participants of the ChildCare focus group for sharing their thoughts and ideas and Sarah Wilterdink, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries for leading the discussion.

One outcome of the meeting will be a dedicated Nursing and Nurturing Room, a space where moms can find quiet and privacy if they would like. Common Grounds will be reserved Sundays from 9:30-10:30AM for this purpose. A changing pad will also be provided.



Any Isaiah Project questions or comments can be directed to any Isaiah Project member, Director of Operational Ministries, vsalvia@uccappleton.org or by using [the electronic Isaiah Box](#). There are also comment cards located on the Welcome Desk in the narthex - just look for the Isaiah Box.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 5

3:30-5:00PM IPAC Meeting – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM Understanding Your Mental Health – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, May 6

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis – *Upper Lounge*
2:00-4:00PM Library Committee – *Library*
4:00-5:00PM Chair Yoga Class – *Fellowship Hall*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:30PM Scout Troop 67 – *Fellowship Hall*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, May 7

12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel – *Chapel*
12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*
4:30-5:30PM MS/HS Volunteer @ Fox Valley Humane Association
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*
6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group – *MS Youth Room*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, May 8

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
11:00AM-12:30PM Community Partnership – *Isaiah Project Room*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
6:30-7:30PM Congregational Life Committee – *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, May 9

10:00-11:30AM Bulletin Folders – *Library*
7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM N.A – *Common Grounds*


Saturday, May 10

3:00-6:00PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*



Sunday, May 11~ Happy Mother's Day

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Joyful Noise – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
9:45-10:30AM	MS Bible Study – <i>MS Youth Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – <i>Common Grounds</i>
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00-7:45PM	Private Meeting – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>


Kwik Trip Cards on sale today in the narthex after worship!



Order Form

Member Name	
Special notes	



—The Church of the Open Door—
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

QTY	Car Wash (5ct)	Total
	\$36.00	

QTY	Fuel Only	Total
	\$20.00	
	\$50.00	

QTY	Grocery Only	Total
	\$5.00	
	\$10.00	
	\$20.00	

Total:

Office use Only

Payment Type:

Cash	Credit Card
Check	Online

Card Number

Expiration MM/YY

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CVV

Initial here if you would like to pay the 2% processing fee

Member Signature

I authorize First Congregational UCC, Appleton and their payment processor to charge the above card. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to adjust or terminate the authorization.

How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?

Car Wash Cards – 44%!	Grocery Cards – 15%	Gas Gift Cards – 10%
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Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on Facebook: FCUCCAppleton or Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

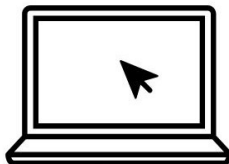
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

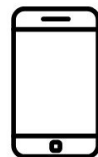
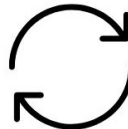
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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry: Chat in Chapel – <i>Chapel</i>
10:30-11:00AM	Kwik Trip Fundraising – <i>Narthex</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children’s Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:30AM-12:00PM	Kenya Sponsor Reception – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – <i>Common Grounds</i>
1:00-4:00PM	Confirmation Class appointments with pastor
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

Upstairs, to the left		Downstairs
Childcare Room Infants & Toddlers		Little Angel’s Room Preschoolers
K - 5th graders will return to partake in Communion with their families.		

We are “The Church of the Open Door,” a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.
No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.



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