

First Congregational United Church of Christ

April 21, 2024

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.*



Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

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

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship – <i>Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Small Group for Parents – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
4:30-5:30PM	LU Music Scholars’ Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
7:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>

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 Chapel, Upper Lounge, or Narthex. The Nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

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. 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 free. All are welcome to join us!

Donating to First Congregational UCC, Appleton: We have many convenient ways to donate. Giving envelopes are in the pews and may be put in the offering plates, checks can be mailed to the church, you can visit our webpage and click “Give,” or you can text FCUCC GIVE to 73256. *Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

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. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 9:30 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Baptism Sunday

PRELUDE

Shepherd Songs (St. Columba, Brother James' Air & Resignation)

Irish tune, James L. MacBeth Bain, North American traditional
Setting by Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.

All: This is our God! Let us worship God together, in spirit and in truth!

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers to the CYF building.)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Baptism of Tyson Joseph Brahe
Parents: Joey and Michelle Brahe
Sponsor: Amber Estes

The Baptism of Lucy Elizabeth Hofacker
Parents: Corey and Lisa Hofacker
Sponsors: Brock Larson, Garrett Konkle, Patrick Jenkins

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (when prompted):

All: We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for your children and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to nurture them in the faith and family of Jesus Christ. Give them strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, freedom of love and hope in new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

BAPTISMAL HYMN #306 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

STANZAS 1 & 2, ONLY

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:11-18

Sue Detienne

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as

the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

SERMON *"The Good Shepherd"*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

*HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

God Is My Shepherd

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

MOMENT FOR MISSION: IPAC MENOMINEE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Good Shepherd

Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Sanctuary Choir

Notes from the composer: *Good Shepherd* was composed for William and Curt Sorensen, brothers and tenor soloists with the choir at the First Congregational Church of North Guilford, CT. Bill Sorensen raises sheep. Thus, the topic of the "Good Shepherd" seemed most appropriate. This anthem is based on the traditional hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," with music and lyrics adapted by the composer. Interspersed with the preexisting material are short phrases, musical settings of lines from the Saint Patrick Breastplate: "God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me." The intent in combining these sources is to speak of God's presence guiding (as a "Good Shepherd"), surrounding (as in the St. Patrick lines), infusing the spirit (living in my heart) and even manifested in our beloved livestock!

*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.**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(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.

*CLOSING HYMN #88

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

Pastor Dianne Droster

Sue Detienne, *lay reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

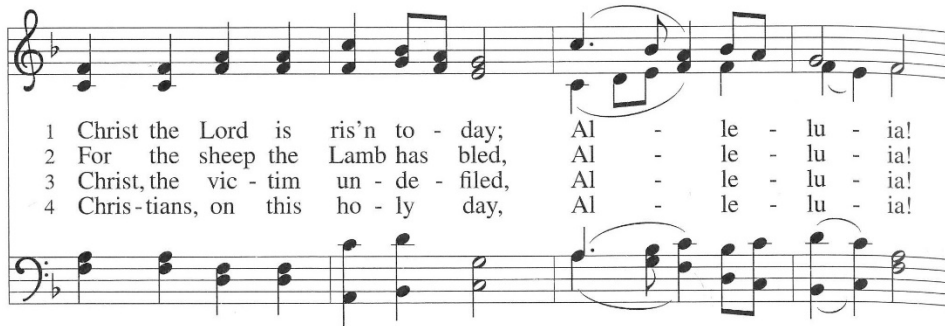
Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

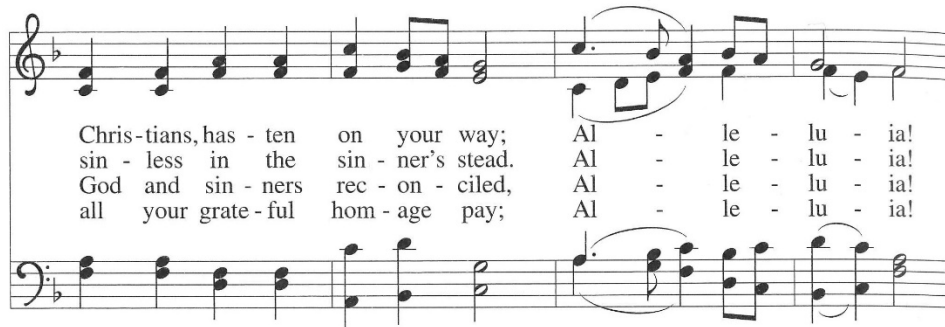
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WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

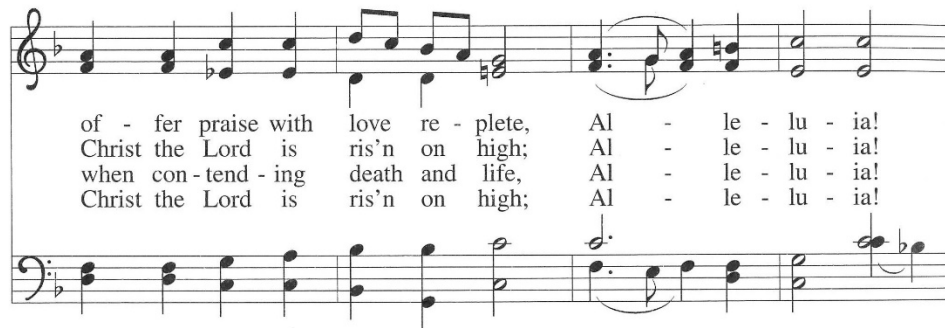
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
 Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821

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God Is My Shepherd

Scottish Psalter, 1650

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.
2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust
3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,
4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;

God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.
to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.
I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,
the ones a - noint - ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell - ing place will be.

Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.
I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.
Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.
My cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.
My shep-herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Scottish Psalter of 1650, developed over a span of 100 years, is still in use today. Its metrical version of Psalm 23 is the most popular entry in this classic work of Protestantism.

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR 8.6.8.6.8.6.
James Leith Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925
Arr. Gordon Jacob, 1934

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

Upstairs, to the left	Upstairs, to the right	Downstairs
Childcare Room Infants & Toddlers	Nursery	Little Angel's Room Preschoolers
Theater	Art Kitchen K/1st Graders	Science Room 2nd/3rd Graders
Scripture Tent 4th/5th Graders		Middle School Room

USHER TEAMS & AUDIO & VIDEO

APRIL USHERS: **TEAM 4:** Rick Detienne, Sue Detienne, Tim DeHart, Sheryl DeHart, Mary Gay Hornseth, Phil Hornseth, Sandra Hurm, Ron Hurm, Bill Ritcey, Gene Spindler, Cheryl Spindler
 MAY USHERS: **TEAM 3 & 6**
 AUDIO & VIDEO: John Aaholm, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"Deeply Connected" Guest: Rev. James Schleif
 Camp Sunday John 15:1-8
 Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Sanctuary Choir

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5	11:00AM	New Member Exploration
Monday, July 8 -Friday, July 12	9:00-11:00AM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 16 -Saturday, July 20		Youth Trip to Great Lakes Regional Youth Event, Rock Island, IL

GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests for announcements must come to both pastors a week in advance (not the week or day of the service). These must be submitted in writing and less than 100 words; these are brief announcements!
- We have a maximum of three announcements per week, first-come, first-served at the discretion of the pastors. Multi week announcements are discouraged.
- Generally, the pastor leading the worship service that week makes the announcement themselves. Exceptions are made.
- If the pastor cannot fit this request into worship, it will go into the bulletin, and the one making the request notified as time allows.
- Mission Moments are also available on a limited basis. These are longer and highlight critical needs or commitments for our faith community.

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: 920-733-7393

In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.

Sue Ahrens	Joan Jensen's son, John
David Andrus & Family	Jean Jepson
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Kathy Lannoye
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Nancy Kandler
Don Brittnacher	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Karen Crawford's niece, Lori	Gretchen Revie
Rev. Ralph Di Biasio-Snyder	Larry Schiedermayer
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Frank and Pat Severin
The families of Barbara Airis and Ginger Uehling, as they grieve their passing into eternal life.	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
David Galow	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Ken Geiger	Kinsley Tarr
Margaret Hankwitz	Gloria Tate
Judy Hanson	Jack Thiel
JoAnn Helms	Peter Thiel
Shirley Hoft	James Totzke
	Those living with mental unwellness.
	Wilma Wydeven

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.

CMN Scholarship Fund Request for Donations: Donations to our church's College of Menominee Nation Scholarship Fund encourage and support students of all ages, of all nations...Indian and non-native, who are seeking to improve their life with solid educational foundations.

IPAC "We Are Still Here Speaker Series: The Indigenous People's Allies Committee (IPAC) "We Are Still Here - Speaker Series" continues, on Sunday, **April 28**, from 10:45AM -12:00PM in Fellowship Hall. It will feature Dr. Marcus Lewis, discussing the "Impact of Ho-Chunk Boarding Schools." All are welcome to attend.

Most people have heard of the Trail of Tears that five Native Nations suffered during the 1800s, but did you know there are similar stories that took place right here in Wisconsin? This presentation will discuss the numerous forced removals that the Ho-Chunk People endured from 1832 to 1865 and the Indian Boarding School period that followed. Dr. Lewis will share oral histories from Ho-Chunk Elders about the removals and the boarding schools. Attendees are encouraged to practice self-care during the presentation, as the topics and stories will be challenging.

Dr. Marcus Lewis has worked in diversity, equity, and inclusion for over a decade. He is a nationally trained Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) facilitator and education leader. Dr. Lewis has dedicated his career to working in higher education and inclusive advocacy. He is also the owner and founder of Key Change Consulting, LLC, a firm dedicated to promoting inclusive excellence for education, business, and community organizations. Dr. Lewis and his family moved to the Fox Valley in 2021 and are members of First Congregational UCC.

First Wednesday Dinners: Join us on Wednesday, **May 1** for our next (and final) monthly meal in the Fellowship Hall. Serving is from 6:00-6:30PM. EVERYONE is welcome for these meals, you don't have to be involved in Wednesday night activities, there is no advance registration, and there is no cost -- though a free will offering is very much appreciated. Mark your calendar! See you there!

Appleton Health Wellness Survey: City leaders in Appleton are seeking community input to improve health and wellness throughout the city and are conducting a citywide [Community Concerns survey](#) to address various areas such as access to housing, affordable and nutritious foods, transportation, and education. The initiative aims to gather diverse voices from all parts of the city to create a comprehensive understanding of community needs. The survey closes on **April 30** and is accessible online or in-person at city hall and the public library.



E2F (Empty to Full) Pans: On Sunday, **May 5 & 12**, we will once again participate in a project to allow members to prepare food in their own home for these shelters: Pillars, COTS & Apricity. **It's simple:**

- ❖ Pick up an empty pan on Sunday, **May 5** after the church service
- ❖ Follow the simple grocery list & purchase the ingredients to make the dish (Approx. \$13.00)
- ❖ During the week prepare the simple recipe & fill the pan (So simple...no cooking required, not even the pasta)
- ❖ Place the prepared pan in your refrigerator or freezer
- ❖ Bring the prepared pan with you to church on Sunday, **May 12**
- ❖ Enjoy the great feeling of using your gifts to nourish others

If you aren't able to bring back the pan on May 12, it can be brought to the church kitchen the week before. Check in at the office. Please don't take the pan directly to the shelter. If this doesn't work, please contact Cindi MacSwain: cmacswain@new.rr.com

EJWG & ESTHER Save the Date!! On Tuesday, **May 7**, our church will host a film showing, co-sponsored by the Economic Justice Work Group and ESTHER, of "The Invisible Class." This documentary examines the systemic causes that have created homelessness. Doors open at 5:30PM, and the film showing is in the sanctuary at 6:00PM followed by a panel of speakers. This film contains some strong language; not recommended for young viewers. The Invisible Class explores what it truly means to be homeless in America, challenging stereotypes and examining the systemic causes of mass homelessness in the wealthiest nation in the world. From coast to coast the film is a day in the life of homelessness across America.

Membership Exploration Gathering: Are you new to First Congregational and want to learn more about our faith community? Would you like to find a place to ask your questions of faith and call your faith home? Then join Pastor Katherine and Pastor Nick after worship Sunday, **May 5**, 11:00AM-12:00PM in the Upper Lounge. We'll be talking about our journeys of faith. We will share about this church, our theology, and get to know one another. We hope to listen to the story of your spiritual journey and the questions that have guided you to seek new answers.



Please RSVP for the new Membership Exploration Gathering by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by contacting the front office at info@uccapleton.org.

New members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, May 19.

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. We are seeking volunteers who might be interested in forming a garden club to help with maintenance tasks associated with the upkeep and improvement of these spaces. Some of the activities might include: a short meeting (with a beverage and snack) with a discussion of garden topics, or out on the grounds activities including: weeding, addition of new plantings, watering, mulching, applying deer and rabbit repellent, etc. Anticipate meeting at least twice a month during the summer months. Time of meetings would be based on volunteer availability. Interested? Contact Wayne Lannoye via Realm email or in person.

Diaper and Bedding Drive for World Relief: Accepting any size disposable diapers, new sheet sets (full or twin), new or gently used comforters (full or twin). Donations will be collected in the narthex in the "Pack and Play." Volunteers of all types are needed at World Relief. Move-in Team and Transport Assistant are especially needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact the World Relief Volunteer coordinator, Trinity Vang, 920-714-3550, tvang@wr.org

NOAHH Requests: A woman who has completed in-patient treatment and is getting an apartment needs: a twin bed and mattress, shower curtain, cleaning supplies, dishes, and silverware. Also, a father reunified with his 12-year-old daughter needs a bunkbed for her and her half-sister, TV stand, bookshelf, small dressers, and a couch. There is a request for a bunk bed for children who have been sleeping on mattresses on the living room floor. Stackable storage bins, kitchen dishes, a pair of shoes for a 9-year-old girl, size 9.5 wide, and a washer and dryer are needed. NOAHH is also looking for a volunteer driver to pick up and deliver donations. Mileage will be reimbursed. Please call Barb Mincheff 920-832-5515 or Sue Ahrens 561-531-3211.

PopEarth Trivia Night: PopEarth, an Environmental Conservation Organization, is hosting an Earth Week Environmental Trivia Night at McFleshman's Brewing Company on Tuesday, **April 23**, from 7:00-9:00PM. We hope you can join us for some free fun in celebration of Mother Earth and Earth Week 2024! There will be prizes, and McFleshman's will have beverages for purchase. If you would, please invite others, including members of your own groups and networks. We would really appreciate it. The more the merrier!



Reminder: Kwik Trip cards (to support the 2024 Youth Trip) are available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month in the narthex, and ALWAYS available for purchase in the church office during office hours.



BACK BAY MISSION

After a week of rehabbing a home and helping in the food pantry and day shelter, the First Congregational delegation served the staff of Back Bay Mission a Wisconsin-style cook-out, complete with Sheboygan brats. The staff and volunteers broke bread together and celebrated the work they had accomplished.

First Congregational Communication Guidelines

1. The hub of communication will be our **website**.
2. **Weekly E-Newsletters** will be sent out Mid-Week and on Fridays.
 - a. The Mid-Week E-news will be sent out late in the day on Tuesdays to provide updates about Wednesday evening activities.
 - b. The Friday E-news will provide the virtual version of the coming Sunday's "Open Door," which includes the **weekly bulletin** along with its attached announcements.
3. Look for us on **social media**.

Submit your articles/items to be included in the **Weekly Church E-Newsletters /Social Media/Website Announcements**. These articles can also include pictures and clipart and links for people to "learn more."

Articles submitted for the **Sunday Bulletin's The Open Door Announcements** are limited to 2 Sundays per month and are subject to editing for clarity and/or space available.

Deadline for submitting articles for any announcement is 4:00PM on Tuesday.

Submit articles, questions, or ideas to opendoor@uccappleton.org.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 22

6:30-8:30PM

Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, April 23

9:00-10:00AM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*

10:00AM-12:00PM

Staff Calendaring Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

6:00-7:30PM

Council Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

6:30-7:30PM

Living Sober AA – *Common Grounds*

7:45-8:45PM

Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, April 24

10:00-11:45AM

Isaiah Project Meeting – *Isaiah Room*

12:15-1:00PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

1:30-2:30PM

Meet the Pastors (sign up required) – *Upper Lounge*

5:30-8:30PM

Childcare – *Childcare Room*

5:45-6:25PM

Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*

6:30-7:30PM

MS Youth Group – *MS Youth Room*

6:30-7:30PM

HS Youth Poverty Simulation – *HS Youth Room*

7:00-8:30PM

Sanctuary Choir – *Sanctuary, Choir Room*

Thursday, April 25

9:00-10:00PM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*

12:00-1:00PM

AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*

7:00-8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, April 26

7:00-8:00PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:30PM

N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, April 27

7:00-8:00PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Sunday, April 28

9:25AM-12:00PM

Childcare – *Childcare Room*

9:30-10:30AM

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9:30-10:30AM

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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, soil, and web of life for all future generations.

We commit ourselves through study and immersion experiences to learn the history and cultures of these peoples and their traditional knowledge.



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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Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM