

First Congregational United Church of Christ

January 26, 2025

*Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 26, 2025 9:30AM
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

My Life Flows On in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing)

Tune by Robert Lowry
Setting by Mary Howarth

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You are called to leave your troubles and worries behind for a time.

All: We bring our full selves to this sacred time and space.

One: You are called to bring all that you are, broken and unbroken.

All: We bring our full selves to this sacred time and space.

One: You are called to center and to listen for God's voice.

All: We bring our full selves to this sacred time and space.

One: Let us worship God!

All: We worship God in thanks and praise!

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 5)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

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.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN (Sung by All as children exit for church school)

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

Lawrence University Music Scholars

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 12:12-27

Susan McFadden

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

SERMON “Mixing Metaphors & Visions”

Pastor Nick Hatch

***HYMN (see bulletin page 6)**

We Are Many Parts
Refrain–All; Verses– Choir

Marty Haugen

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

Awake, My Soul

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Based on Psalm 57:8-11 (see p. 524 in pew Bible)

Sanctuary Choir

***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 (see bulletin pages 7 & 8)**

We Are One in Christ Jesus

SOMOS UNO

Introduced by the Choir and repeated by All

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in F

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Susan McFadden, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Lawrence University Music Scholars

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

I've always been enthusiastic about anniversaries. I had an extra skip in my step last Sunday because it was the one-year anniversary of when you officially called me to become one of your co-pastors, and the sheet cake is on me for the 20th anniversary of my ordination this May. But it's time we all start celebrating a truly remarkable anniversary: the 175th anniversary of the gathering of our church!

True to form, I nerded out a bit this week. I was curious what the formal term for a 175th anniversary is. My research revealed several different words, all derived from Latin. We could call it our *demisemiseptcentennial*, our *quartoseptcentennial*, our *terquasquicentennial*, or our *septaquintaquinquecentennial*. Which is to say my research revealed that we should probably just call it our *175th Anniversary*!

How will we celebrate? There will be opportunities to look to our past with gratitude, our present with joy, and our future with trust. This is a great year to read Rev. John McFadden's *The Open Door: A History of First Congregational Church 1850-2000* if you haven't yet read it. (It would also be a great year for someone to work on a sequel, covering the 25 years since that book was published... any takers?) This is a great year to explore the ministries of our church, if you haven't yet attended a study, or served on a committee, or volunteered with one of our mission partners. This is a great year to make a covenantal commitment to become a member of our congregation if you've been a regular attendee for a while but haven't yet "put a ring on it." And this is a great year to faithfully and diligently pray the prayer the Isaiah Project has given our congregation: *God, grant us creativity, curiosity, and courage as we worship, work, and seek your presence. Empower us to follow Jesus into the world to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.*

We're also looking forward to a 175th Anniversary Celebration on September 14 (mark your calendars!), and a 175th Anniversary Capital Campaign that will provide the resources to support our congregation's unfolding vision and vitality.

What a gift to bear witness to what Spirit has done and is doing. Let's say it early and often: *Happy Anniversary!*

In Christ,

Pastor Katherine

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.

LIEBSTER JESU
 7.8.7.8.8.8

We Are Many Parts

Refrain



We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,
and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.
May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;
one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -
spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est

D.C.

ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

We Are One in Christ Jesus

Somos uno en Cristo

Em

We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one
So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no, so - mos

B B7 Em Em

spir - it, all to - geth - er. geth - er. We share one
u - no, u - no so - lo. so - lo. Un so - lo

Am Em B7

God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing faith, one bind - ing
Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la fe, un so - lo a -

Em Am Em

love, one sin - gle bap - tism, one Ho - ly Com - fort - er,
mor, un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es - pí - ri - tu,

We Are One in Christ Jesus continued on page 8...



From Latin America comes this *corito*—a short, lively folk song based on scripture. This one draws on Ephesians 4:4–6 and manages to reproduce faithfully the repeated emphasis on the unity of revelation continued by the unity of discipleship under the care of the Holy Spirit.

TEXT: Anon.; English trans. Alice Parker, 1996

MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Philip W. Blycker, 1992

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Music Arr. © 1992 Celebremos/Libros Alianza

SOMOS UNO

Irregular

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

USHERS: Sue Detienne, Rick Detienne, Andy Detienne, Beth Detienne

AUDIO & VIDEO: John Aaholm, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

Communion Sunday Corinthians 13:1-13

Music: Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir

ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1- Sunday, February 2	7:00AM Feb. 1- 6:00PM Feb. 2	High School Winter Retreat
Sunday, February 9	9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry: Valentines on the Bridge
Saturday, February 15	6:00-8:00PM	All Church Valentine's Dance

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

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.

Family and friends of Lyndee Aleman, upon her passing	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Anika Quillman
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Family and friends of Erika Revie, upon her passing
Don Brittnacher	Doug & Susan Robertson celebrating their 66 th Anniversary and the birth of their twin great-grandbabies born in Charleston, SC
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Family and friends of Larry Schiedermayer, upon his passing
Cheryl Currier	Frank and Pat Severin
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
David Galow	Kinsley Tarr
The family of Paul Gohdes	Gloria Tate
Friends and family of Helen, as she recovers from a fall	Jack Thiel
JoAnn Helms	Peter Thiel
Shirley Hoft	James Totzke
Sandi Hurm	Those living with mental unwellness
Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer	Larry Vaubel
Jean Jepson	Karen Waters
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	
Kathy Lannoye	
Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	
Elizabeth McNally	
Holly Mueller	

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.

Donate to the Altadena Fire Relief Effort: We've all seen the wildfire activity in Los Angeles County. Immediate reports indicate this will be the largest fire disaster in the county's history. At least 37,000 acres have been consumed by the blazes. One hundred eighty thousand people (180,000!) are currently displaced from their homes due to devastation or evacuation orders, and these fires continue to spread.

Close to our hearts, we've heard the fires destroyed the Altadena Community Church, United Church of Christ. Since the onset of this disaster, Global Hope (our UCC Wider Church team) has communicated with the Southern California and Nevada Conference Minister. Global Hope is helping to connect Southern California and Nevada Conference staff, churches, and others affected by the wildfires with immediate resources while also preparing to support long-term recovery efforts.



Outreach Ministries voted to send \$4000 from the Beemer Endowment to assist in their recovery effort. We know many of you would like to add to this support personally. To do that, please send a check to the church office, 724 E. South River, Appleton, WI 54915 or donate via Realm with a note "for Altadena fire." We will bundle the donations and let them know a congregation in Wisconsin is praying for them.

If you'd like to send cards of care and support, please send them to:

Altadena UCC c/o SCNC UCC Conference Office
333 North Santa Anita, Suite 5
Arcadia, CA 91006

CPR Training Class: We are offering a CPR/AED and First Aid training session on Monday, **February 3** at 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. The session will run approximately 4 to 4.5 hours. Cost is \$95 per person (includes a completion card). The cost will be covered for church staff and Sunday morning volunteers (ushers, greeters, A/V team, coffee servers, and CYF). This is a valuable opportunity to gain essential lifesaving skills. If you're interested, please register soon to secure your spot!

[Register Here!](#)

Need a mid-week faith boost? Join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel, Wednesdays at noon to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community.



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.

The Isaiah Corner: Now that you've read the elevator speech (above), here is the background and a fuller description:

First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC) is undertaking a generational challenge to carry out the vision of our congregation's future.

Called "The Isaiah Project," this work builds upon previous efforts to determine the mission, purpose, values and needs of the congregation.

Those efforts were driven by the need for major maintenance, renovation and possible re-purposing of our aging, 57-year-old church buildings, coupled with knowledge of significant demographic changes and a decline in attendance at mainline churches. (From 2011 to 2020, attendance in Wisconsin UCC churches fell 44%.)

The Horizon Building Team (2015 - 2020) identified building improvement opportunities to address the needs and goals of the congregation. In 2021, The Vandersall Collective was engaged to analyze future steps the congregation may consider to continue progress. The Vandersall findings captured the feelings, strengths, challenges and possibilities of the church related to moving forward. A major finding of the report was a renewed effort to bring our purpose and mission forefront as we envision our facilities and grounds' future use, as well as necessary upkeep. It is this vision, added to the base Horizon Team findings, that supports the entry point for The Isaiah Project. In March 2024 a committed group of church members convened a Steering Committee and Task Forces to synthesize previous work and move forward with actionable plans. <https://www.uccappleton.org/the-isaiah-project>

Extra Women's Craft Circle Days: Avoid cabin fever this winter and join us for Women's Craft Circle! We have added extra dates, so come craft with us for one day or all. Bring whatever project you're working on and a snack if you like. No need to register – just come on out! (Please note, these events are child free.) Dates include Saturday, **February 1** (1-5PM), and Thursday, **February 13** (2-6PM). For more information, email Debra at dawest@centurytel.net.

2025 High School Winter Retreat - Chicago, IL: Saturday, **February 1** (7:00AM) to Sunday, **February 2** (6:00PM), 2025. This trip is FREE for all current confirmands in the 2024-2025 confirmation group, and \$50 for all other participants. All High School students are welcome to attend. We need adult chaperones! Please contact Pastor Nick directly. You are welcome to invite a friend! [Sign up on Realm](#); registration deadline is today, January 26.

New 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, **February 23**, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the Upper Lounge & Chapel. 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 a new community. 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@uccappleton.org.

2025 Back Bay Mission Trip: The 2025 Back Bay Mission trip is scheduled for **April 27** through **May 2**. Volunteers will work with the housing rehabilitation ministry. There are also opportunities to work at the Micah Day Center, the food pantry and Loaves and Fishes. Join us at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi for some fun and fellowship. I need to know by March 1 if you are interested in joining us. Please contact Ken Jahnke at kjahnke@new.rr.com or call 920-427-5996 with your questions.

Coffee Hour Coordinator Needed: 2025 should be the year that YOU (yes, YOU) want to keep an eye on the coffee hour ministry! It's a booming ministry -- just so great to hear all the chatter after church each week! The general groundwork has been laid to make it easy for someone to step in. Duties include overseeing the sign-up sheet and making sure all Sundays are full (with an occasional arm twist or asking help from a group). Please know that you would also have full support and deep gratitude (someone to lean on) of the Fellowship Team. Interested? Contact Mary Willems (Fellowship) at willems4@twc.com

2025 Coffee Hour Sign-Ups Ready and Waiting: The 2025 signup sheets are waiting for YOU to serve coffee after service on Sundays! 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. 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. Please consider helping us in the new year -- it's pretty easy (and the Fellowship Team is looking for ways to make it even easier...stay tuned!). The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex by the library window. Check your calendars, grab a friend/group and sign up TODAY!

Marriage Enrichment Workshop: 3rd Annual Marriage Workshop with Doug, Saturday, **February 15, 2025**, 8:30-11:30AM at Samaritan (1205 Province Terrace, Menasha WI 54952). Cost is \$50 per couple (includes a light breakfast). Celebrate love and connection the *day after Valentine's Day!* Start your day with this enriching workshop and make it the perfect kickoff to a date day focused on your relationship. Join us for a meaningful and uplifting experience designed to strengthen your marriage. Drawing on over 30 years of counseling and ministry expertise, Doug Bisbee (MDiv, MAC, LPC) will guide you through practical, faith-based strategies to build a resilient and thriving relationship. What to expect: focus on building strengths in your relationship, tools and insights for deeper connection, and a welcoming environment for all faiths, religions, and spiritualities. Start your morning with a light breakfast, fellowship, and inspiration for your journey together as a couple. **Space is limited – register today!** [Open link here](#) to register or scan the QR code.



NOAHH Requests: 1. Widowed mother of 2 kids ages 12 & 15 is looking for assistance in paying class fees for the 15-year-old. The classes are being offered by the courts to reduce fines as the family is very low income. These are self-help classes that will assist the teen in learning the effects of nicotine/vaping, and how hurting self or others impacts those around them and assist with coping methods. Each class is \$75. 2. K (male) just turned 18 and is being placed at Limitless Possibilities. He has limited support from family members to assist him with furnishings or any other items he needs to get started, and has limitations that make it difficult to obtain these items on his own. He needs a bed, pillow, sheets, comforter, bath and hand towels. 3. A woman is looking for a dresser. She is working part time and on disability and her boyfriend is permanently disabled and unable to work. All their money goes toward rent or the car that keeps breaking down. Our list of needs can be found on the Outagamie County website in the FAQ section under ["Current Needs"](#)

Library News: Our theme for January is Peace and Reconciliation. Maybe you need some peace in your home or are stressed about the political environment. Come see the offerings in the library on the topic. Here are a couple titles: *"Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation"* by Monique Gray Smith and *"Lord, Have Mercy: Praying for Justice with Conviction and Humility"* by Claire Wolfteich. If you are looking for a way to get involved at church and meet new people, but you really don't have much time - come volunteer in the church library. We're looking for a few people to help to check books out of the library on Sunday mornings - set up a display before church and staff the table after church (10:30-11:15AM). Volunteer as often as you want - every Sunday or a few times a year. For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Sullivan msullivan623@yahoo.com or 920-740-9452.

Mission Partner's Collections: Our congregation has two great mission partners, LEAVEN and World Relief. Outreach Ministries representatives have learned both of them need hygiene supplies donated this month. LEAVEN provides assistance to people in financial crisis and their cupboards are usually bare this time of year. World Relief is assisting about 200 newcomers who arrived with nothing to settle into apartments. We're doing the collection together as this is when both organizations have the greatest need. See their lists in the announcements below. If you see a Buy One, Get One sale, this is a really good time to make that purchase!

World Relief Hygiene Collection: World Relief needs basic hygiene items for newly arriving refugees. Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body lotion, deodorant and hand sanitizer. These items will be used in making housing ready for the new arrivals.

LEAVEN Hygiene Collection: LEAVEN helps clients in financial crisis with limited monetary assistance and referrals to existing programs in the community for which they are eligible. When available, LEAVEN distributes basic hygiene products to clients to help ease the burden of purchasing these items. All hygiene items distributed to clients are donated to LEAVEN – no budgeted funds are used. It is through the generosity of hygiene drives/collections that LEAVEN can keep a closet stocked with cleaning supplies and hygiene items. Items needed include:

- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Shampoo (please, no jumbo-sized bottles)
- Conditioner (please, no jumbo-sized bottles)
- Disposable Razors (in small packages; please, no refillables)
- Shaving Cream
- Laundry Detergent (small bottles or packages)



Donations will be collected in the narthex through the end of January.

Entry: \$5 per person,
\$15 max per family

YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER

Valentine's Dance & Social

6 - 8 PM

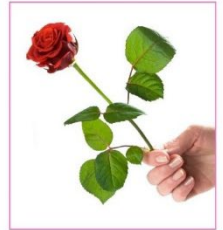
FEBRUARY 15

Dance - Social - Snacks
Rattles - Bake Sale - Board Games
Learn to Play Crokinole...and more
1940s - 2020s Music



*Additional Fundraising Opportunities
During the Event
- Bring Your Cash or Checkbook -*

50/50 Rattle	Bake Sale
Basket Rattles	Buy a Rose
Drawings	Kwik Trip Cards
Request a Song	Stock Sales



YOUR FIRST CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE:

If you help us prepare by registering ahead of time on Realm or calling the church office,
you will be entered into a special drawing for a sweet Valentine's bouquet!
(If you don't know your plans ahead of time, you are welcome to come to the dance without preregistering!)



YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING OUR YOUTH TO HELP OTHERS

Kwik Trip Cards Update

Thank you for supporting our youth group by purchasing Kwik Trip gift cards, which you can use to buy fuel and groceries. These cards are available for purchase after services on the first Sunday of each month and in the office on weekdays.

Kwik Trip sells the gift cards to our youth group at a discounted price. When you purchase them at face value, you're paying the same regular price you would at the pump or in-store. This means you contribute to the youth trip without spending any extra money. Thanks to your purchases, we've already raised \$2,000 toward this year's youth trip! To make purchasing even easier, we now accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

We deeply appreciate your continued support of this program. Thank you for helping our youth grow and participate in meaningful activities!

Stock Sales

FCUCC has a tradition of selling Youth Mission Trip Stock Shares. When you purchase "stock" in the youth trip, you are investing in the work, learning and fellowship that our youth will experience while on our trip. When you purchase a stock of any dollar amount, you will receive:

- An official stock certificate
- Daily emails of our adventures
- A postcard sent with gratitude

FEBRUARY IS YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISING MONTH

Every Sunday: Kwik Trip Cards and Stock Sales
February 15: Much-Anticipated Valentine's Dance
February 16: Bake Sale after Worship



This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 27

12:00-4:00PM

6:30-8:30PM

Building Task Force RFP Meeting - *Isaiah Project Room and by Zoom*
Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, January 28

9:00-10:00AM

4:00-5:30PM

5:30-8:00PM

6:30-7:30PM

7:00-8:30PM

7:45-8:45PM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
Outreach Ministries Meeting – *Upper Lounge*
Council Meeting – *Fellowship Hall*
Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*
Boy Scouts – *HS Youth Room*
Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, January 29

12:00-1:00PM

12:15-1:00PM

4:30-5:30PM

5:45-6:25PM

6:30-7:30PM

6:30-7:30PM

7:00-8:30PM

Prayer Chapel – *Chapel*
Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*
MS Group @ Fox Valley Humane Association
Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*
Youth Trip Information Meeting – *HS Youth Room*
Bible Study – *Chapel*
Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, January 30

9:00-10:00AM

12:00-1:00PM

6:30-8:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*
AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*
TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room*
Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, January 31

7:00-8:00PM

7:00-8:30PM

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*
N.A – *Common Grounds*

Saturday, February 1

1:00-5:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

Women's Craft Circle – *Upper Lounge*
Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

7:00AM Saturday-6:00PM Sunday ~ HS Winter Retreat to Chicago

Sunday, February 2

9:25AM-12:00PM

9:30-10:30AM

9:30-10:30AM

10:30-11:00AM

10:30-11:30AM

10:45-11:45AM

11:00AM-12:00PM

4:30-5:30PM

6:00-8:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

Childcare – *Childcare Room*
Sunday Worship – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
Children's Ministry: Chat in the Chapel – *Chapel*
Kwik Trip Cards & Stock Sales – *Narthex*
Children's Choir – *Choir Room*
Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – *Common Grounds*
Adult Education – *Upper Lounge*
LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*
First Things First AA Meeting – *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*
AL ANON – *Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge*

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. Kindergarten and first graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2nd-5th Sundays of each month. 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.

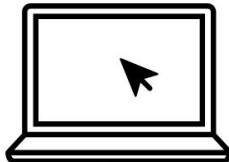
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

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.

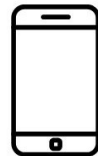
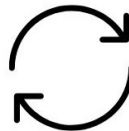
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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

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, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children’s Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Community Partnership – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences – <i>Common Grounds</i>
11:00AM-12:00PM	Roundtable Conversations – <i>Upper Lounge</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>

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

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

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No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.



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