

First Congregational United Church of Christ

June 23, 2024



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>Sanctuary, Chapel, Upper Lounge</i>
11:00AM-1:00PM	Project Isaiah – <i>Fellowship Hall</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 every Sunday. Kindergarten and first graders may go to childcare the 2nd-5th Sundays of each month. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room. Kindergarten – 5th graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of June, July, August and September. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in Communion with their families.

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 and Youth Groups will resume in September. Let an usher know if you would like to receive further information.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 23, 2024 9:30AM

PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

African American Spiritual

Dr. John Toussaint, *trumpet* Noah Harmon, *piano*

Fred Velpel, *bass* Zach Harmon, *percussion*

Jazz Quartet

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dianne Droster

One: People of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and healing.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news.

All: We belong, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin pages 7 & 8)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hatch

ANTHEM

Majesty

Jack W. Hayward

arr. Jack Schrader

Dr. John Toussaint, *trumpet* Noah Harmon, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133

Brenda Jenike

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SERMON "How Sweet and Pleasant It Is"

Rev. Andrew Warner

*HYMN

Behold, How Pleasant

MIREN QUE BUENO

Refrain introduced by cantor, repeated by all

1 & 2 – cantor, followed by all on refrains

3 – all on verse and refrain

Behold, How Pleasant

Miren qué bueno

Refrain / Estribillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:

1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



Refrain / Estribillo

es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

*2 Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
se parace al rocío
sobre los montes de Sión. Estribillo*

*3 Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
porque el Señor nos manda
vida eterna y bendición. Estribillo*

Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933, based on Psalm 133

Music: Pablo Sosa

Text and music © Pablo Sosa

MIREN QUE BUENO

15 14 and refrain

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

Search for Peace

McCoy Tyner

Jazz Quartet

*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 #381

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Jazz Quartet

African American Spiritual

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Warner, *Guest Preacher*

Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Dianne Droster, *Minister of Visitation and Youth Ministry*

Brenda Jenike, *Lay Reader*

Jazz Quartet:

Dr. John Toussiant, *trumpet*,

Noah Harmon, *piano*,

Fred Velpel, *bass*,

Zach Harmon, *percussion*

John M. Albrecht, *cantor, Director for Music Ministries*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

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Join Us Next Sunday

June 30, 10:30-11:30AM in the Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting: Approval of 6-Month Budget

Rev. Andrew Warner

President of the Wisconsin Foundation UCC



Andrew B. Warner, CFRE, serves as President of the Wisconsin Foundation UCC. He leads the fundraising efforts of the conference, supports the planned giving and effective philanthropy of congregations, and works to organize a foundation based on a community foundation model for the endowments of the conference and congregations.

Before joining the conference staff in 2019, Andrew served for twenty-two years as pastor of Plymouth Church UCC of Milwaukee, a vibrant and inclusive Christian community. Through faith-based leadership and board service, Andrew developed as a leader who connects people's deepest passions with generative opportunities and initiatives.

Andrew also serves as a Generosity Outreach Officer of the national setting of the UCC. In that role he trains, coaches, and mentors conference and congregational leaders across the country to strengthen the culture of generosity in the UCC. Working collaboratively with staff of the national setting, conferences and congregations, Andrew will design workshops, presentations, and resources on philanthropy and development of best practices.

Andrew lives with his husband in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their eldest son Tomas attends the University of St. Thomas while their youngest studies aviation at Fox Valley Community College. Andrew loves to cook and entertain, a practice he calls his "gastro-evangelism."

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930–1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

Sweet, Sweet Spirit continued on page 8...

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

USHER TEAMS

JUNE USHERS: **TEAM 1:** Dennis Korth, Gale Korth, Kim Hanson, Dale Hanson, Tom Tatlock, Jim Thaldorf, Carol Valeri, Sue Wisneski, Logan LaViolette, and Luke LaViolette

TEAM 5: Rick Behm, Tim Bauer, and Peter Carman

JULY USHERS: TEAM 2 & 6

AUDIO & VIDEO: Tim Hanna, Rick Behm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Nick Hatch Mark 5:21-43

Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, organ; JD Jicha, bass; Chris & Bruce Danz, piano and clarinet

ON THE CALENDAR		
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Monday, July 8 -Friday, July 12	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 16 -Saturday, July 20		Youth Trip to Great Lakes Regional Youth Event, Rock Island, IL

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: 920-733-7393

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

Lyndee Aleman	Rick Johnson
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
Rev. Ralph Di Biasio-Snyder	Cheryl Reissmann
The family of Heidi Erstad as they celebrate her life	Gretchen Revie
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Larry Schiedermayer
David Galow	Frank and Pat Severin
Ken Geiger	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Margaret Hankwitz	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Judy Hanson	Kinsley Tarr
Steve and Joan Hawkins, in the passing of Steve's mother, Joan C. Hawkins	Gloria Tate
JoAnn Helms	Jack Thiel
Shirley Hoft	Peter Thiel
Sandi Hurm	James Totzke
Jean Jepson	Those living with mental unwellness
	Larry Vaubel
	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.

ESTHER Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting: What do 3.4% of Wisconsin residents have in common? We all get our drinking water from Lake Winnebago. So how healthy is Lake Winnebago? For this and many other questions about Lake Winnebago, join ESTHER's

Environmental Justice Task Force Zoom meeting. Our speaker is Dr. Bart T. De Stasio, Professor of Biological Studies at Lawrence University. Dr. De Stasio will give a presentation entitled "The Health of Lake Winnebago." Dr. De Stasio is an expert on freshwater environments. After his presentation there will be time for your questions. Join us by Zoom, **Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 7:00PM** from your den, office or living room. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84878940801?pwd=S3RVOWozYi9CUk1oMFJHdIRUSDNvZz09> See you then across a crowded screen. ESTHER'S Environmental Justice Taskforce Chair, Phil Gabrielson.



NOAAH Requests: A mom with an 18-month-old and due with her second needs a double stroller. She does not have a driver's license. She is also working on reunification with the 18-month-old. A man needs a bike for transportation to and from work. He has been job searching and has interviews scheduled but has a barrier with transportation. The bus line does not go to some of the locations he has applied to. In addition, he is requesting handheld weights (10 to 25 pounds) to work out and has been using a filled backpack to try and get in shape. A single mother with a limited income is looking for three sets of twin sheets. Her children are 1, 2, 6, 9, and 12. A man has moved out of a supportive apartment program and needs a couch, recliner, microwave, washer dryer, window air conditioner and area rugs. A person who is stabilized now after dealing with a mental health issue needs furniture and household items with stress on a queen bed frame and mattress. They also need dishes (set for 6) and cooking utensils. Other items still needed are: Native American hand drum, bike for a 400-pound man, bus pass, toddler toys, twin bed frame and mattress, and \$425 Drivers Education class. Please call Barb Minceff at 920-832-5515.

Join Us at Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 8-12: Community Love...racial justice, friendships, food justice, creation care, bible stories, service projects, crafts, music, outdoor adventures...



July 8-12 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

Please let us know if you can be a teacher's helper, **FOR EVEN JUST ONE MORNING**, of VBS.

To register scan the QR Code or [sign up on Realm](#).



VBS Grandparents Wanted: We need you! If you're retired or have a few free mornings free, come join us! VBS Grandparents don't need to have biological grandkids or any prior experience with little ones. If you find children's answers to questions adorably insightful and know how to hand out paint or open marker caps, YOU are the kind of VBS GRANDPARENT that we're looking for! Let Sarah know which morning(s) you would like to join us! (A background check will be done.)



VBS Youth Leaders Wanted: Are you babysitting a child who will be in K - 5th grade this summer? Do you need service hours for school or next year's Confirmation class? Do you have some mornings free? Come hang with our VBS kids and Youth Group friends. When VBS is done, stay for a picnic with fellow volunteer youth - you can even stay to play air hockey or darts, if you'd like! Volunteer, or ask questions at, swilterdink@uccappleton.org or 920-540-2576.

Reminder: Kwik Trip cards (to support the 2024 Youth Trip) are available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month (next date July 7) after worship in the narthex, and ALWAYS available for purchase in the church office during office hours.



2024 LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted

June 5: Jared Stellmacher

June 12: Dr. Andrew Schaeffer

June 19 - Jeffrey Verkuilen, FAGO

June 26 - Dr. Stephen Ackert

Thurs. July 4 - Drs. John & Dan Schwandt

July 10 - Dr. Benjamin Stone

July 17 - Colin Welford

July 24 - Dr. Derek Nickels

July 31 - Ethan Mellema

Aug. 7 - Don Verkuijlen

Aug. 14 - Dr. Erich Knapp

Aug. 21 - Vashni Seitzer, CAGO

Aug. 28 - Dr. Naomi Rowley

All Saints Episcopal

100 N. Drew St., Appleton

Holy Cross Catholic

309 Desnoyer St., Kaukauna

First United Methodist

325 E. Franklin St., Appleton

St. Joseph Catholic (1:00 p.m.)

404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton

Lawrence Memorial Chapel

510 E. College Ave., Appleton

St. Bernard Catholic

1617 W. Pine St., Appleton

First Presbyterian

200 S. Church St., Neenah

Trinity Lutheran

804 Grignon St., Kaukauna

St. Paul Lutheran

200 N. Commercial St., Neenah

Zion Lutheran

912 N. Oneida St., Appleton

First English Lutheran

326 E. North St., Appleton

Faith Lutheran

601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton

Memorial Presbyterian

803 E. College Ave., Appleton



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This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 24

No events today

Tuesday, June 25

9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
11:00AM-12:00PM	Staff Meeting – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:00-7:30PM	Council Committee – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30-7:30PM	Living Sober AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>
7:45-8:45PM	Fireside AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Wednesday, June 26

9:30AM-12:00PM	Isaiah Project Meeting – <i>Isaiah Room</i>
12:15-1:00PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – <i>Upper Lounge</i>

Thursday, June 27

9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
12:00-1:00PM	AA Search for Serenity Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Friday, June 28

7:00-8:00PM	Al-Anon – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00-8:30PM	N.A – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Saturday, June 29

7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>
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Sunday, June 30

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship – <i>Sanctuary, Chapel, Upper Lounge</i>
10:30AM-11:30PM	Congregational Meeting to Approve 6-month Budget – <i>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>

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.



—The Church of the Open Door—

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