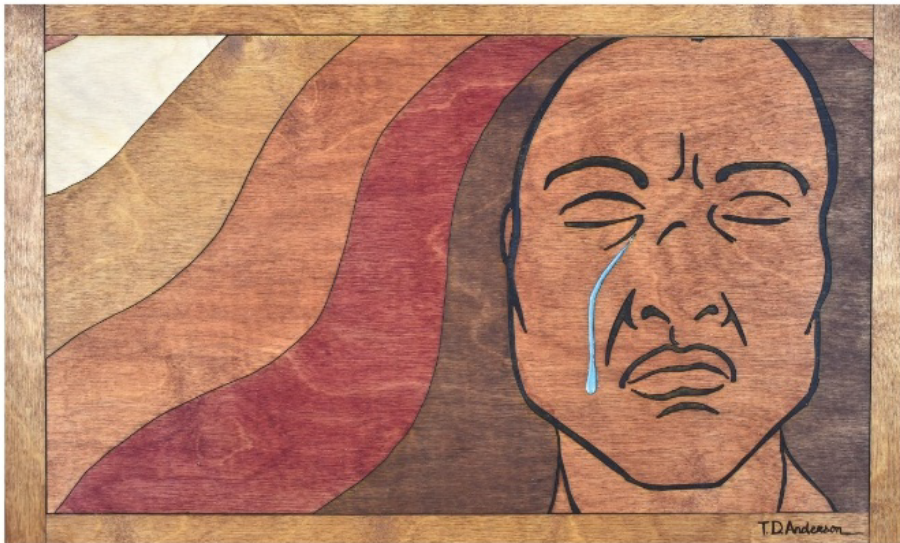


First Congregational United Church of Christ

March 16, 2025





Enough by Rev. T. Denise Anderson
Inspired by Luke 13:31-35; Wood and acrylic inlay

Jesus' lament over Jerusalem's intransigence is powerful because you can hear a righteous indignation and a deep anguish. He foreshadows his own execution, but his pain is for the waywardness of his people. This is one of a handful of times scripture uses feminine, specifically maternal, imagery in connection to God: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings..." That, for me, is significant. As a mother, I know what it feels like to watch from a relative distance as a child makes heartbreaking decisions. I didn't want to illustrate the details of the scene with my piece; I wanted to depict the emotions in it, to somehow capture the heartache of a parent whose children have chosen a destructive path.

Engaging with this theme has drawn me to wood and water. Here, I've moved away from realism and my usual oil paints to a medium with a more graphic quality: wood inlay. I wanted a simple depiction of this very specific pain. I felt that an emotion so germane to the human experience had to be anthropomorphized, and because Jesus uses feminine imagery, I decided to depict a figure who could be perceived as feminine, but perhaps could also be perceived as masculine or nonbinary. The Parent's eyes are closed as if they cannot bear to watch what's happening. The hair radiates to the left, mimicking a mother hen's wingspan. The teardrop is a clear acrylic inlay with its underside painted blue, and the subtle way it refracts and reflects light is reminiscent of water.

As I consider the destruction we continue to visit upon each other and all of creation, I imagine God is still grieved. What emotions arise within you when you consider the human condition?

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025 9:30AM
Second Sunday in Lent ~ Baptism Sunday

PRELUDE

Love Unknown (We Sing to You, O God)

Text by Gracia Grindal

Tune by John Ireland

Setting by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

We wandered far from home out in a desert land, you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band. You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to its young; you rise up on your wings and bear us toward the sun. We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings, the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring. Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

God So Loved the World (John 3:16-17)

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

LU Music Scholars

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

THE SOLID ROCK

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We know that you are with us –

In the good, the bad, and everything in between –

But so often we act like we are alone.

All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt,

We hold it in or cast it onto others.

Instead of coming to you with our joy,

We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you

While living like you are nowhere to be found?

All: Forgive our self-centered ways.

Forgive any pain we have caused friend or neighbor, stranger or sibling.

One: You are the God of overflowing grace.

All: You are the God of unconditional love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE #183

What Wondrous Love Is This (St. 1)

WONDROUS LOVE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this! That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Eloise Margaret Osness
Parents: Garrett and Stephanie Osness
Godparents: Megan Sitzman and Kalie Osness

The Baptism of Rylee JoyceAnn Schwanebeck
Parents: Ryan and Haley Schwanebeck
Godparents: Sam Schwanebeck, Briana Brendal, and Brittany Le Capitaine

The Baptism of Harbour Ann Airis-Heeren
Parents: Christopher and Brittanni Airis-Heeren
Godparents: Julie Aranda and Cody Severson

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

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 witnessed here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us in the household of your love. Grant us grace to nurture them in the faith and family of Jesus Christ. Give these children strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, and hope in new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

St. 1 & 2, sung by All

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

V. Earle Copes, 1959

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum - bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.

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ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. S. Eithun

Youth Handbells and Tonechimes

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

Eilene Hoft-March

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my

way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

SERMON "As a Hen"

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

*HYMN (see bulletin page 8)

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

TRINITY OF LOVE

Introduced by the Choir and then repeated by All

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

Cantique de Jean Racine

G. Fauré (1845-1924)

Sanctuary Choir

*O Redeemer, Divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal light of the earth and the sky,
We kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.*

*Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!*

*O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!*

*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 page 9)

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Spring from The Four Seasons

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Arranged by Lawrence Rosen

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Vince Salvia, *Director of Operational Ministries*

Eilene Hoft-March, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

LU Music Scholars

Curtis Anderson, *LU Music Scholar leader voice*

Youth Handbells: Henry Clothier, Will Clothier, Elena Eubank, Avery Gentile,

Celia Gentile, Mark Hallett, Ruth Hallett, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette,

Easton Piepenburg, Eva Schmidt, Chase Wahl; John Albrecht, *Director*

Sanctuary Choir

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and righ- teous- ness;
2 When dark- ness veils his love- ly face, I rest on his un- chang- ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer- it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with- in the veil.
when all sup- ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ- teous- ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979
Music: Brian Wentzel
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TRINITY OF LOVE
8 6 7 6 8 8 10

Guide My Feet

Leader

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

All

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.



Ordination of Derek Elkins

March 30 at 2:00PM

We are thrilled to host the Ordination of Derek Elkins on March 30 at 2:00PM. Derek is one of our Members in Discernment and served as a ministry intern during the summer of 2023. Derek is currently serving as the Pastor of First UCC in Green Bay. The ordination service will feature special guests from the Wisconsin Conference and our ecumenical partners, music from Karma's Mailbox, and an offering to benefit the Members in Discernment Scholarship Fund. It will be livestreamed.

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

MARCH USHERS: Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Cathy Paynter, Ryan St. Clair, Anne Sheridan, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun

AUDIO & VIDEO: Sue Forsythe, Rick Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor Nick Hatch

Music: Sanctuary Choir

Luke 13:1-9

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16	11:00AM	Family Day: Bowling @ The 10 th Frame
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)

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	Joseph Martin
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
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
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Anika Quillman
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	Larry Vaubel
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Lynn Weyenberg Hooyman
Jim Kriner	Dave White
Mary Jo Laabs	
Kathy Lannoye	

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



If you would like to send a card to Pastor Mary Jo Laabs as she recovers, please mail it to or drop it off in the church office.

We will deliver them all to her with our get well wishes!

The Open Door Announcements

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

Collecting March 16-March 30 for Back Bay Mission: Look for the blue cart in the narthex! Volunteers from First Congregational will soon be driving to Back Bay Mission, the UCC's Community Ministry in Biloxi, MS. We will be working in the day shelter, the food pantry and rehabbing homes. While there we like to stock the shelves at the food pantry and bring items in short supply at the day shelter. Our transportation space is limited so we are suggesting the following small, easily packable items or Walmart gift cards or checks. (Envelopes for gift cards or checks are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Check out the bulletin board display, too!)

Thank you! The Back Bay Mission Team

- Hot sauce (we are the only group that brings this!!)
- Packets of tuna or canned chicken
- Soup mix (family size)
- Small packets of Slim Jims or similar meat sticks
- Soft protein bars (e.g. Think bars, Complete cookies)
- Readers (\$5 at Aldi's)
- Small packs (16 count) Huggies baby wipes
- Travel-size bug spray and sunscreen
- New or gently used
 - Golf/baseball hats
 - Fanny packs
 - Reusable grocery bags



FREE Mental Health First Aid Training: Learn how to support an adult facing a mental health challenge or crisis. NAMI Oshkosh is sponsoring Mental Health First Aid training on April 5, 9:00AM-5:00PM at NAMI Oshkosh, 525 N. Main Street, Oshkosh. The skills-based course gives people the tools to identify, understand and respond to someone who might be struggling with a mental health or substance use challenge and connect them with the appropriate support and resources when necessary. The training will be taught by Anita Kinsley, a certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. Anita has spent 44 years working in behavioral health, both in service as well as university-based education. While Anita loves providing service and administering programs, her passion is teaching and behavioral health advocacy. She recently moved to Oshkosh from Pennsylvania. Training materials, lunch, snacks and beverages are provided by NAMI Oshkosh. Register by email at info@namioshosh.org or call 920-651-1148.



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:

Steering Committee: Invitation for Questions

If you have questions about what is going on with the Isaiah Project, we want to hear from you! There are multiple ways to pass your questions along. You can speak to one of the Isaiah representatives in the narthex after worship (look for the orange buttons!) You can submit a paper question or comment in the Isaiah Box on the welcome desk in the narthex. You can submit online at <https://www.uccappleton.org/the-isaiah-project> (click the button labeled, "Isaiah Box, Questions, Comments, and Ideas"). Or you can email Director of Operational Ministries Vince Salvia at vsalvia@uccappleton.org. As a Congregational church, we want every voice to be heard! Questions and responses addressing matters of general interest may be published in The Isaiah Corner in future issues of the Open Door.



Save the Date! The Isaiah Project team invites you to an update session today Sunday, March 16 after the church service. Come hear of and ask questions of what each of the task force teams (Building, Grounds, Community Partnerships, Finance) have been focusing on. We look forward to you joining us in person or online. March 16, 2025, from 10:45AM-12:00PM in the chapel. Join on Zoom via: <https://tinyurl.com/4d4h2fyn> or this QR code

Support a Scholar...Share a Hope! In 2021, our Indigenous Peoples' Allies Committee signed an agreement with College of Menominee Nation in Keshena to provide a \$500



scholarship for each of the two annual semesters. Gracious gifts from members have allowed this church to provide two \$1000 scholarships per semester for several years! Recipients are selected by the college and may use the scholarship in a variety of ways from tuition to books, computer/program purchases, commuting costs, childcare, or food...all to enable student(s) to start or continue their higher education. Please consider donating to our CMN Scholar Fund by check or cash. Make checks payable to FCUCC with memo line: CMN scholarship. Many many thanks!

NOAHH Requests: Most recent requests include: a family has a baby on the way and has a crib mattress but needs a crib frame, a mother of a 6-month-old is requesting a crib as the one she has just broke and is no longer safe, a parent has a small apartment and is looking for a small table and two chairs so there is a place to put a highchair when the child in out of home care comes for visits. Contact Barb Mincheff, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Outagamie County Health & Human Services, for pick up/ drop off, 920-832-5515

Bridging Past and Present: The Indian Story Stick Workshop with Debra Morningstar:

Debra Morningstar's workshop will be held at the Lakeshore Park 4 Seasons Building, 1875 Punhoqua Street, Oshkosh, from 1:00-4:00PM. With its roots in ancient tribal teachings, this adult-oriented workshop encourages participants to explore their past as they embark on this life-altering experience. Adorning their sticks with ribbons, shells, beads, sweet grass, and feathers, participants are guided on a journey of spiritual renewal and self-discovery. At the culmination of this activity, the people come together in the Sacred Circle to share their stories. All adults are invited to be part of this deeply moving experience as the Indian Storystick takes you on your Earth Walk of reflection, healing, and self-care. If you want to learn more about Debra Morningstar please visit her website



- <https://www.debramorningstar.com/>. If you have questions about this workshop, please direct them to Anne Schaefer, City of Oshkosh, Marketing and Fund Development Coordinator, at 920.232.5306.

The Fox Valley Flute Choir under the direction of Dr. Marc Sackman will give a concert Sunday, Marcy 22 at 4:00PM. in the sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public. The program will include a wide range of music written for the flute an in transcription ranging from Baroque to the 20th century. The ensemble will celebrate the new season with a performance of a transcription of Antonio Vivaldi's Spring. The Fox Valley Flute Choir is a 17-member musical group and has been performing for over a decade. The group rehearses on Monday evenings under the direction of Dr. Marc Sackman. Members are flute enthusiasts and include music majors, accountants, attorneys and a physician. In addition to the traditional C-Flute, the choir also performs with piccolo, alto flutes and bass flutes. A full range of sound is achieved.

Library News: The theme for March is Women's History. Come learn about women who did great things. Here are a couple titles to consider. *"Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights,"* by Mikki Kendall and *"Dream Books and Gamblers: Black Women's Work in Chicago's Policy Game,"* by our own Elizabeth Schroeder Schlabach.

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THE 10TH FRAME
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BOWLING *Party*

Only
\$10

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 11:00AM

Bowl 1 or 2 Games: You Choose
Shoes, Pizza & Soda Included
Bring \$10 Per Person/Max \$30 Per Family
to the Alley That Day
(The cost is being offset by FCUCC.)

HURRY!!!

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OR CALL THE FRONT OFFICE
ASAP TO SAVE A SPOT ON THE LANES
(MINIMUM: 10 BOWLERS, MAX: 30)

Now Filling!
**EASTER
EGGS**

PENNIES, TRINKETS, STICKERS, CANDY...
What can fit in a plastic egg??

Please donate egg fillers
by Sunday, March 23
so volunteers have time to
fill the eggs here at church.

Donation items shown:
- pennies & other coins
- sweet notes: Love Letters from God
- sunflower seeds to plant
- mini erasers
- water balloons
- scunci
- temporary tattoos
- Legos

Believe in:
The Lord Jesus Christ,
and you will be saved.
written or typed scripture verses

The Lord
is good to all.
written or typed scripture verses

Thank You for
Your Generosity.
Your Excited
FCUCC Children

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 17

4:45-5:30PM Facilities Ministry Area - *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, March 18

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis - *Upper Lounge*
2:00-4:00PM Library Committee - *Library*
6:30-8:00PM Safety Committee - *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group - *Common Grounds*
7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts - *Fellowship Hall*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, March 19

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*
2:00-3:00PM Peabody/Heritage Worship @ *Peabody Chapel*
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells - *Amistad Room*
6:30-7:30PM HS Youth Group & Confirmation Class @ *Pillars Family Shelter*
6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group - *MS Youth Room*
6:30-7:30PM Lenten Devotional: Turning Over Tables - *Chapel & Zoom*
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir - *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 20

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*
9:30-10:30AM Adult Education Meeting - *Chapel*
11:00AM-12:00PM Finance Committee Meeting - *Upper Lounge*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ *Holidays Pub & Grill, Appleton*
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership - *Isaiah Project Room*
6:30-8:00PM Family/Friends NAMI Mental Illness Support Group
- *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 22

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

This Week's Schedule continued on page 17...

Sunday, March 23

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Third Sunday in Lent – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i> (No Children’s Ministry or Children’s Choir)
9:30-10:30AM	MS Bible Study – <i>MS Youth Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Community Partnership – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
10:45AM-11:45AM	Confirmation Class – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
11:00AM-12:00PM	Adult Education – <i>Chapel</i>
4:15-5:15PM	Lenten Yoga – <i>River Room</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, soils, 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.

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.

~ The flowers are in memory of Charles Eggenberger. ~

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.

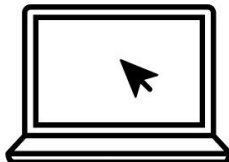
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

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.

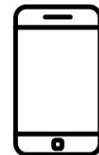
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TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

- 8:30-11:30AM Private Event – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00-11:00AM Private Event – Upper Lounge
- 9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare – Childcare Room
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship/Second Sunday in Lent/Baptism Sunday– Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel
- 9:30-10:30AM Children’s Ministry – CYF Wing
- 10:00AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Update – Chapel
- 11:00AM-12:30PM Family Day: Bowling @ 10th Frame
- 4:15-5:15PM Lenten Yoga – River Room
- 7:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds
- 7:00-8:00PM AL ANON – Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

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

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