



Hallelujah!

*The Lord
is risen indeed.*

LUKE 24:34

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

8:30-10:00AM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
8:45AM & 10:30AM	Easter Sunday Worship – <i>Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge</i>
9:45-10:30AM	Easter Egg Hunt between services (No Children’s Ministry today) – CYF Wing
10:45-11:45AM	Small Group for Parents – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
7:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Commons 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

March 31, 2024

8:45AM & 10:30AM

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Little Fugue in G minor (8:45AM)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. R. Room

Sonata No. 2

J. Pezel (1639-1694)

arr. R. King

LU Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Jesus lay in death's dark prison)

Tune by Martin Luther (which he derived from a German melody based on an 11th c. plainsong)

Setting by Georg Böhm

Despite the first line of this hymn from which the tune is named, this ancient Easter proclamation tells of the Christ's victory over death. It celebrates with loud songs of Hallelujah that the night of sin is ended and that Christ is the very joy of all: the sun that warms and lights us, imparting eternal sunshine to our hearts.

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

Harmonia Romana

Pavel Josef Vejvanovsky (1640-93)

arr. J. Blahnik

Brass, Timpani, and Organ

WELCOME

One: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

Our Lord Is Risen Again Today (Surrexit Christus Hodie)

S. Scheidt (d. 1654)

LU Music Scholars: Tanvi Thatai and Casey Kollman, *soprano soloists*

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,

All: who comes to us, risen and whole!

One: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ

All: who brings to us peace and new life!

One: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:

All: the future calling us to be a resurrection people!

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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Setting by Aaron David Miller

Congregation with Brass, Organ, and Timpani

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children may return to worship their families or the Childrens Worship Area.)

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

Beethoven/arr. Hart

Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Organ, and Timpani

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8 Sue Detienne (8:30AM), Faye Binsfeld (10:30AM)

The Resurrection of Jesus

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

SERMON "At the Entrance There Is More"

Pastor Nick Hatch

***HYMN #216**

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

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.)

ARIA

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

Dana Abbo, LU Music Scholar soprano

*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.**

EASTER PRAYER

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

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (10:30AM)

Little Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. R. Romm

Brass Quintet

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

The Strife Is O'er

1, 2 & 4 - Full Congregation

3 - Sanctuary Choir, only

VICTORY

Setting by Robert J. Powell

*EASTER LITANY

One: Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen, indeed!

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

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

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

All: The risen Christ brings us a new life.

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

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

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

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

One: We are a people blessed with Good News.

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

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

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

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*The congregation will please remain standing and join the choir in singing
the "Hallelujah" Chorus.*

The music is found in the back of the hymnal.

"Hallelujah" Chorus from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Brass setting, D. Wolff

Full Congregation, Brass, Organ, and Timpani

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

Pastor Dianne Droster

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

Lawrence University Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet:

John Daniel, Jessica Jensen, *trumpets*; Ann Ellsworth, *horn*;

Dave Sawall, *trombone*; Martin Erickson, *tuba*

Victoria Daniel, *percussion*

Sanctuary Choir

LU Music Scholars: Tanvi Thatai and Casey Kollman, *soprano soloists*

Dana Abbo, *soprano*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

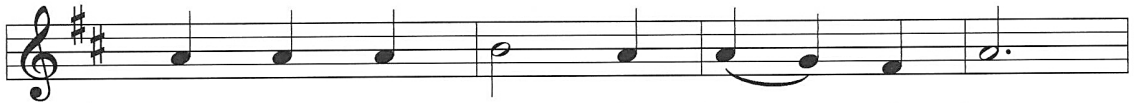
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Strife Is O'er

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



All 1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
All 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
Choir 3. *The three sad days are quick - ly sped;*
All 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - to - ry of life is won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.
let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
that we may live, and sing to thee:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, ca. 1695; *tr.* Francis Pott, 1832–1909, in 1861 (PD).
Music: *VICTORY*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594, and written in 1591;
adapt. William Henry Monk, 1823–1889, in 1861 (PD).
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EASTER EGG HUNT 9:45AM - UNTIL ALL EGGS ARE FOUND



Parents: It will HELP US VERY MUCH if you tell your children the information below before they come hunting. Thanks for your assistance!

ALL AGES are welcome to hunt, just be sure to leave plenty of eggs for our toddlers - 5th graders!

If you did not bring a basket or bag, there are a few extras on the bridge that you can borrow!

You can collect 20 eggs.

There are some VERY obvious eggs laying around. Please leave those for our youngest friends.

There are many eggs hidden in each little spot. The hunt will be more fun, and last longer, if you only take one egg from each hiding spot and leave the rest there for others.

Once you have collected 20 eggs, please empty the goodies into your basket or bag. Then help our planet by placing the empty eggs in containers that are set in the hallway, so we can reuse the eggs next year.

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)



God Will Dwell with Us!

On this Easter Sunday we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! We gather to hear the awesome story again, to learn to see the Resurrection in new ways and come to celebrate the new life we know through Jesus Christ. The Resurrection is attested throughout scripture, including this passage from Revelation 21:1-5:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

The vision of prophecy found in Revelation is deeply powerful. God makes a way for God's beloved people in their homeland. They are exiled no more. They have famine no more. They weep no more. All the things they thought impossible become possible through the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

As a faith community today is another form on Resurrection: for the first time in many years, you have two permanent pastors in your midst. Today we welcome Rev. Katherine Willis Pershey into our midst, into our homeland, to share the voice that God has bestowed upon her with us. How blessed we are for this Resurrection of stability and continuity to the fabric of our community relationships, our worship, and service to witness a progressive Christian light to the Fox Valley.

For the first time since the founding of First Congregational in 1850, this church will now have co-pastors serving as its primary clergy leadership. We will continue to be blessed with the leadership of Pastor Dianne Droster, Directors John Albrecht and Sarah Wilterdink, and the rest of our talented and committee staff and extensive lay leadership. While none of us have the resurrecting abilities spoken of in Revelation which belong solely to our glorious creator God,

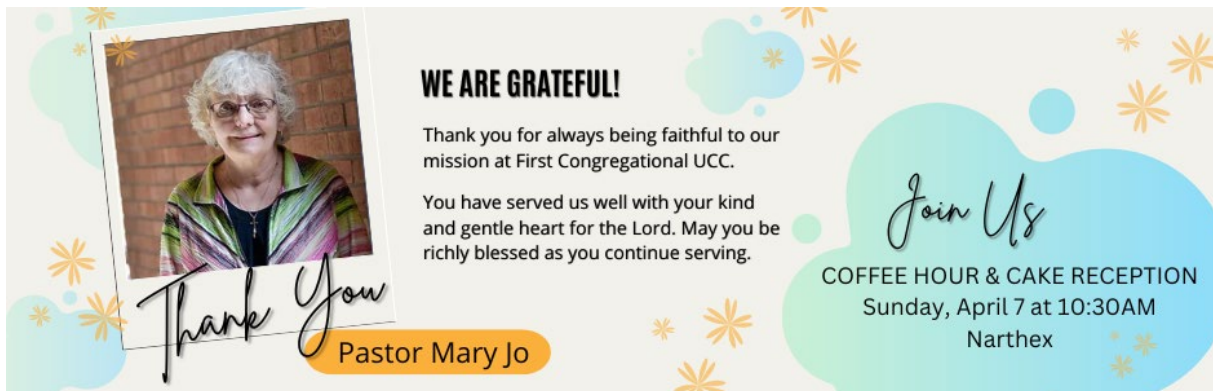
together we serve as symbols of God's presence in a challenging time for the institutional church in North America.

As this new partnership forms between us pastors and between you, our beloved church, we will write a series of messages meant to help all of us re-set our expectations for this new form of leadership. For whenever God does something new, something also must pass away. And we are all in this homeland together to learn to be a community of faith again.

In both our church community, and in our individual faith lives, we must practice deep trust in the renewing power of the Resurrection. May we dwell deeply in the prophet's words when he said, "He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them." We also must praise God for all the kinds of Resurrection that come to us, personally or corporately. Therefore, with shouts of joy and gladness of heart, may God be with you on this day of Resurrection!

Grace and Peace-

Pastor Nick & Pastor Katherine



WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Thank you for always being faithful to our mission at First Congregational UCC.

You have served us well with your kind and gentle heart for the Lord. May you be richly blessed as you continue serving.

Join Us

COFFEE HOUR & CAKE RECEPTION
Sunday, April 7 at 10:30AM
Narthex

Thank You
Pastor Mary Jo

Card Shower for Mary Jo! To show our gratitude we invite you to write her a card, sharing whatever you wish, and place it in the box in the narthex. This is an opportunity to send her off with all our blessings and the gratitude of the Holy Spirit!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

No Children's Ministry today ~ **EASTER EGG HUNT** in between services
 Childcare available during 8:45AM service only

USHER TEAMS & AUDIO & VIDEO

EASTER USHERS:

8:45AM-TEAM 5: Rick Behm, Tim Bauer, Peter Carman & **TEAM 2:** Mike Weaver, Liz Dettwiler, Doug Gilbert, Becky Gilbert, Wayne Lannoye, Susan Forsythe

10:30AM-TEAM 3: Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Kevin Coenen, Tonya Dederig, Cathy Paynter, Ryan St. Clair, Bruce Valk, Anne Sheridan & **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

APRIL USHERS: TEAM 4

AUDIO & VIDEO: Tim Hanna, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm



Help us become a more welcoming Christian community by serving as a Sunday morning usher! Ushers are key participants in our worship services. They offer greetings to all who enter the Sanctuary, hand out bulletins, gather prayer cards, collect the offering, and foster a safe environment. Won't you consider participating in this vital ministry? Interested volunteers will join an existing Usher Team and help as you are able. Currently a single Usher Team serves for one or two months during the spring, fall and/or winter. Special worship Sundays such as Easter and Christmas and summer Sundays are typically covered by two Usher Teams. If you wish to participate or have questions you are encouraged to call the church office at 920-733-7393 or send an email to info@uccappleton.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"No Doubt" Pastor Mary Jo Laabs John 20:19-31
 Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, organ; Sanctuary Choir

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7	10:30AM	Mary Jo's Farewell Coffee Hour & Cake Reception
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

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

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

Thank you!

Gifts for the 2024 Easter Display

In honor of:

Shirley Hoft ~ John & Eilene Hoft-March

All our family ~ Karl & Rose Heinz

In memory of:

Bill & Jan Dougherty and Tom & Helen Giese ~ Mark & Lori Dougherty family

Kathy Dettwiler ~ Liz Dettwiler

Deceased Clavers and Newell family members ~ Kevin Clavers & Todd Newell

My husband, Paul J. Siket ~ Christine Calhoun

Rev. Harveoy Kandler, by his family ~ Nancy Kandler

Adele & John Bowman and Marion & Elmer Gosse ~ Karen Gosse

Joan's parents, Carlton & Arlene Beyer ~ Joan & Steve Hawkins

Bob Hayes

My childhood best friend, Alicia Rose ~ Anne Brahe

Philip Crawford and family ~ Karen L. Crawford

*George & Helen Petersen, Rolf Petersen, Marvin & Fern Breitzman and Peter Moe
~ Michael & Gretchen Breitzman*

Charles Eggenberger ~ Jill Anthony

Jim & Marge Forsythe (dad & mom) ~ Susan Forsythe

In celebration of:

Our music program ~ Cheryl & Ron Reissmann

The gifts of children ~ Pat Hansen and Bill Lenz

Our mutual ministry ~ Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

The Open Door Announcements

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

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@uccappleton.org.

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

Praise & Clays! Come join Pastor Nick and other members of the church for a fun afternoon of sporting clays at Woodfire Lodge in Brillion on Sunday, **April 21** at 2:30PM. We will meet for a round of sporting clays then five stand shooting. After we will have dinner and a short devotional in the lodge together. Need a ride? New to the sport? Don't know anyone going? No problem! All ages are welcome. Clays cost \$36 per person plus your cost for dinner. Please let us know you will be there! Reach out to Mark Dougherty at Doughertymark59@gmail.com with any questions or to RSVP.

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.



Take the survey here!

Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **April 4, 2024**. Check out the link to sign up! [PILLARS SIGN UP](#) We will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy fellowship. For questions contact Shelley Nulton, snulton@att.net or 920-202-4419.

First Wednesday Dinners: Join us on Wednesday, **April 3** for our next 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. There is no cost -- though a free will offering is very much appreciated. Mark your calendars! See you there! The schedule and menu through spring is:

April 3 - The return of "Hot Dogs on the Run"

May 1 - Salad Extravaganza

Cabin Fever Craft Circle: Ladies! Come craft with us! Saturday, **April 6**, 1:00-5:00PM

- Bring whatever project you're working on!
- Feel free to bring a snack to share!
- Come join us for fellowship & fun!
- No need to register – Just come on out!
- Let's get CRAFTY!

Questions? Email Debra Morningstar at dawest@centurytel.net

National Health Care Decisions Day: Imagine you are in an accident or develop a serious illness and you can't make health care decisions for yourself. Who would make those decisions for you? Would they really know what you want? Advance Care Planning is making sure the people who matter know what matters most to you so they can follow your wishes. It is also important to know that Wisconsin is not a "next of kin" state meaning that spouses or parents of adult children are not automatically able to make health care decisions for their loved ones. That is why making these plans and completing the legal forms for Wisconsin is so important. On Sunday, **April 14**, join Ben Adams, retired elder law attorney, and Sue O'Neill, RN in the Chapel any time after church to have your questions answered and get the paperwork needed to help complete this process. If you are unable to make that time you can contact Fox Valley Advance Care Planning Partnership at fvacpp@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://www.FVACPP.org> They can also be reached at 920-997-8412. All their services are free.

The Indigenous People's Allies Committee (IPAC) is very pleased to announce the continuation of our educational programming, "We Are Still Here," with an April speaker series. The first presentation will feature Debra Morningstar, professional storyteller, fiber artist, and Oneida Tribal Citizen. Her topic: "Dismantling Dangerous Indian Stereotypes: The Hollywood Indian." All are welcome to attend on Sunday, **April 14**, 10:45AM-12:00PM in our Fellowship Hall.

Call-to-Connect Callers Needed: Would you be willing to call 1 or 2 members once a month who are over 80? Check with Betty Masaros at 920-733-1665 (tworaye@aol.com) or Pastor Mary Jo at 920-851-9455 (mlaabs@uccappleton.org) for details.

Voting Information for the proposed constitutional changes in the upcoming April 2



ballot/constitutional amendments which are on the ballot. In-person absentee voting is from Tuesday, March 19 to Sunday, March 31, 2024. Wisconsin constitutional amendments are on the April ballot. These will be binding and added to our Constitution if passed. Often the writing of the amendments is ambiguous, making it hard to understand...however, when assessing the immediate impact they will have on how our elections are run, they are damaging to voter access and an additional constitutional amendment is not necessary. The Wisconsin Council of Churches and the nonpartisan LWV Wisconsin are urging voters to **Vote No**. Check our weekly emails or Facebook for more information. Or click [HERE](#). Please help spread the word. Most voters are unaware of these proposed amendments.

Annual Meeting Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, Saturday, **April 20, 2024, 9:00AM-2:00PM** at Daycholah Center, UCCI, W1010 Spring Grove Rd, Ripon, WI 54971. The Annual Meeting is the one time of year we gather as an association for fellowship, to conduct necessary business of the association (budget, elections and ratification of committee reports) and education. We encourage all Northeast Association churches to have representation at the meeting. Everyone who is eligible to vote must be registered for the meeting, including clergy and delegates, so be sure to register by April 4. [Register for the Northeast Association meeting here](#)

United Church Camps Inc. Summer Camp News: Moon Beach and Daycholah Center are currently seeking to fill several key roles for the summer season. For job descriptions and applications, head over to our website! ucci.org/employment



Positions available include Camp Chaplain, Camp Community and Belonging Facilitator, Camp Cook, Guest Services Assistants, Lifeguard, Waterfront Manager and Breakfast Cook. Also, join us this summer at Camp Daycholah, for our five weeks of summer camp programming. New features for 2024 include weekly themes by age groups and activities, 2 or 3-day sessions perfect for first-time campers and those with busy schedules and expanded options for financial assistance. Camp Daycholah also offers a Fourth of July Family Camp and a variety of & Me sessions for multigenerational campers.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 1

5:30-7:00PM Facilities Ministry Area - *Upper Lounge*

6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, April 2

7:00AM-8:00PM Spring Election - *Narthex*

12:30-3:30PM Chrysalis - *Meet at Pullmans 12:30-2:00PM, then FCUCC Upper Lounge 2:00-3:30PM*

6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA - *Common Grounds*

7:00-9:00PM Worship & Music Ministry Team - *Upper Lounge*

7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, April 3

10:00AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Meeting - *Isaiah Room*

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*

5:30-8:30PM Childcare - *Childcare Room*

5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells - *Amistad Room*

6:00-6:30PM 1st Wednesday Dinner - *Fellowship Hall*

6:00-7:30PM MS Youth Group: 1st Wed. Dinner, Clean Up & Hang Out - *Fellowship Hall & Kitchen*

6:00-7:30PM HS Youth Group: 1st Wed. Dinner & 6:30 HS Group - *HS Youth Room*

7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir - *Sanctuary, Choir Room*

Thursday, April 4

12:00-1:00PM AA - Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group - *Chefo's Pancake House*

1:00-2:00PM Outreach Ministry Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

6:00-8:00PM SOAR Fox Cities - *Fellowship Hall*

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, April 5

7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon - *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:30PM N.A - *Common Grounds*

Saturday, April 6


1:00-5:00PM Cabin Fever Craft Circle - *Upper Lounge*

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

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Sunday, April 7

- 9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare – *Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship – *Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge*
- 9:30-10:30AM Children’s Ministry – *CYF Wing, Chapel*
- 10:30-11:00AM Kwik Trip Fundraising – *Narthex*
- 10:30-11:30AM Children’s Choir – *Choir Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM Small Group for Parents – *HS Youth Room*
- 10:45AM-12:00PM Adult Ed reserved for IPAC – *Upper Lounge*
- 4:15-5:15PM LU Music Scholars’ Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*
- 6:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*
- 7:00-8:00PM AL ANON – *Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge*



**Fundraising
CARD PROGRAM**


Order Form

Member Name	Phone #	Email
Special notes		Date turned in

QTY	Car Wash (5ct)	Paid ✓	Received (Initial)	QTY	Fuel Only	Paid ✓	Received (Initial)	Total
	\$36.00				\$20.00			
					\$50.00			Payment Type
QTY	Grocery Only	Paid ✓	Received (Initial)		\$100.00			___ Cash
	\$5.00				\$200.00			___ Check
	\$10.00				\$500.00			___ Online
	\$20.00							

How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?
 Car Wash Cards – 44%!
 Grocery Cards – 20%
 Gas Gift Cards – 10%



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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.
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