

First Congregational United Church of Christ

June 2, 2024



SERVICE
SUNDAY



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>
10:30-11:00AM	Kwik Trip Sales - <i>Narthex</i>
10:30AM-12:30PM	Service Sunday – <i>Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds, Chapel</i>
6:00-8:00PM	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 - fifth 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 2, 2024 9:30AM
Communion Sunday ~ Service Sunday

PRELUDE

Suite in F Major
Allemande
Courante
Sarabande
Double
Gigue

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

WELCOME

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us go the house of God.

People: This is God's house; we are gathered.

Leader: Come, let us worship together.

People: Come, let us worship God as one.

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

In Christ Called to Baptize
St. 1 & 2

ST. DENIO

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:23-28

Abby Schmidt

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

CHILDREN & CHURCH MESSAGE

"Called to Rest & Called to Service"

Pastor Nick Hatch

(During the message, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Message, the children may return to be with their families.)

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

Praise to the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Setting, Hugo Distler (1908-42)

LU Music Scholars

*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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements.
Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free.*

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

VERNON from *Harmonia Sacra*

Text by Charles Wesley, based on Genesis 32: 22-32

Arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Sanctuary Choir Ben Keating, *tenor* Casey Kollman, *student conductor*

Come, O Though Traveler Unknown stands at the top of Charles Wesley's career as a hymn-poet. His recasting of the story of Jacob's struggle with the angel in Genesis 32 takes 11 verses, only four of which are here used. The mood is wonderfully reflected in this stark shape-note tune. – Alice Parker

Come, O Thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

In vain thou strugglest to get free;
I never will unloose my hold;
Art Thou the Man that died for me?
The secret of Thy love unfold;
Wrestling, I will not let Thee go,
Till I Thy name, Thy nature know.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy name be Love.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me,
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee:
Pure, universal Love Thou art;
To me, to all Thy mercies move;
Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 7)

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St. 3 & 4

ST. DENIO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (c. 1659 – 1695)

Arr. C. H. Trevor

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

Pastor Dianne Droster

Abby Schmidt, *lay reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

Sanctuary Choir

Ben Keating, *LU Music Scholar tenor*

LU Music Scholars

Casey Kollman, *LU Music Scholar student conductor*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

SERVICE SUNDAY

JOIN US TODAY FOR SERVICE SUNDAY

Today, we invite you to stay after the worship service and participate in Service Sunday. Even if you cannot work on a project, we hope you will attend the inspiring worship service and enjoy a special treat in the narthex.

If you are participating, you will have your choice of five projects, all intergenerational. Please tarry in your pew for a few minutes to get general directions and meet coordinators. Projects will wrap up around noon. Work as long as you are able to, there is no required time.

Inside Projects:

TYING NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Meet in Fellowship Hall

Eilene Hoft-March and LouAnn Graf, coordinators

You do not need to bring anything - all supplies will be there.

POLISHING PEWS AND WOOD TRIM

Meet in Chapel

Nancy Brown-Koeller, coordinator

You do not need to bring anything - all supplies will be there.

We will also vacuum pew cushions and fill friendship pads.

CYF BUILDING BUILD OR CLEAN

Meet on the bridge

Sarah Wilterdink, coordinator

Cleaning pre-school toys and putting together IKEA chairs.

All tools/supplies there.



Outside Projects:

GARDENING AT PLANT-A-ROW

Meet at the gardens, 1465 Opportunity Way A, Menasha

Julie Gamm, coordinator

Please wear garden gloves and your garden gear for dirt/water/weather.

There are several trowels there and gloves available if you don't have any.

CLEANING UP, WEEDING, TRIMMING CHURCH GROUNDS

Meet under front portico

Wayne Lannoye and Chris Brittnacher, coordinators

Please bring a trimming/planting tool: looper, pruner, or shovel and garden gloves.

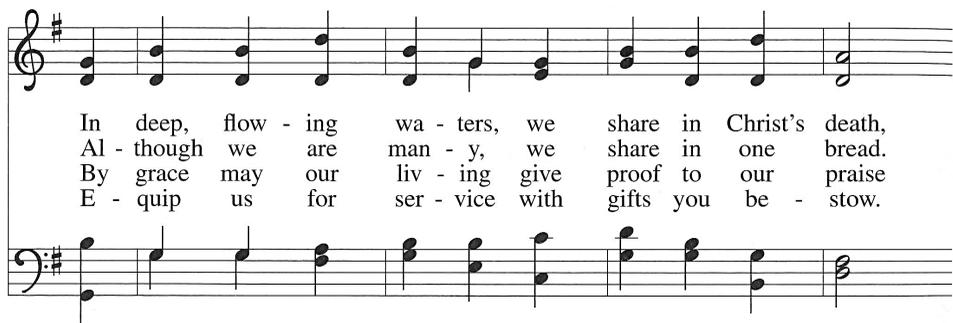
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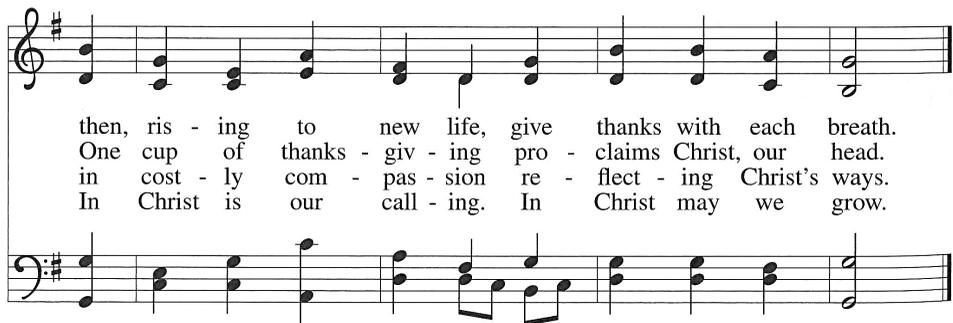
1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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

Ushers Needed: 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. 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. 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

Lay Lead Worship Mark 3:20-35

Musicians: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; Fox Valley Flutes

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 30	10:30-11:30AM	Approve 6-month Budget
Monday, July 8 -Friday, July 12	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School (times approx.)
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.

Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
Don Brittnacher	Gretchen Revie
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	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	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Ken Geiger	Kinsley Tarr
Margaret Hankwitz	Gloria Tate
Judy Hanson	Jack Thiel
JoAnn Helms	Peter Thiel
Shirley Hoft	James Totzke
Sandi Hurm	Those living with mental unwellness.
Jean Jepson	The Uehling family as they grieve the loss
Rick Johnson	of Robert, Ginger's brother
Kathy Lannoye	Wilma Wydeven
Nancy Kandler	

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.

CYF Update: Beginning this week, infants - kindergarteners are welcome to go to the Childcare Room during services. They can be dropped off before the service begins or may walk to the Childcare Room after the children's message. First graders and older are invited to sit with their parents, take a pew bag to work on during the service or hang out in the PRAYground during the service. Please be sure to sit in the back where you can see and help your children if they are worshipping in the PRAYground. Thank you!

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](#).



Human Resources (HR) Volunteer: The HR Committee is seeking to fill a vacancy. Previous human resources experience is helpful but not necessary. Meetings are held 4-6 times/year or as needed. Committee members must abide by strict confidentiality regarding HR-related matters. For more information, please contact Vince at vsalvia@uccappleton.org or (920) 851-9455.

Pillars Meal Sign-up: Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars **Thursday, June 6, 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.

The Economic Justice Work Group invites you to a presentation by Julie Filapek on Monday, **June 17** from 7:00-8:30PM, exploring neighborhood building. Julie, who grew up attending FCUCC Appleton, leads a neighborhood development initiative for NeighborWorks Green Bay (nwgreenbay.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that solves housing challenges and builds stronger communities. Julie launched the program, Neighborhood Partners, in Appleton's Historic Central neighborhood (where Zion Lutheran Church is located) and now supports urban neighborhoods and rural communities across northeastern Wisconsin that seek to strengthen their social fabric and build their capacity to work together for the common good. Previously, Julie was involved in managing a church/neighborhood relationship in Minneapolis surrounding two church-sponsored housing development projects. She will be sharing her experiences using the Asset-Based Community Development model and her perspectives on the possibilities and pitfalls of church efforts in engaging neighborhoods.

Please note: the presentation will be Zoom only, 7:00–8:30PM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86565089803?pwd=bpRnMfXjoFOO7I8nyNMBxnAKaKcMm4.1>
Meeting ID: 865 6508 9803 **Passcode:** 931092

Lawnmowers Needed: World Relief has the need for lawnmowers and gas cans to give to newly arrived families. If you know someone who would like to donate, please direct them to contact Nellie at NBrahe@wr.org

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series returns to Fox Valley this summer for its 27th season. The first program is held this Wednesday, **May 29** here at First Congregational UCC of Appleton and features Dr. Stephen Schnurr on our Moller pipe organ from 1969.

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series was founded by Frank Rippl in 1995 to bring classical organ music to the Fox Valley community. The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists now coordinates the series, with some of its members performing each year. Recitals are held on *Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45PM* throughout the summer at local churches, including a cherished July 4 sing-along at the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel.

These recitals give people the opportunity to hear a wide array of pipe organs in the many beautiful houses of worship in Appleton, Kaukauna, Neenah, and Menasha. Performers include several local organists as well as others from across the country. The concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering is taken to offset costs associated with the administration of the series, as well as to fund a scholarship program for new organists.

For more information, see the flyer on page 12 or visit lunchtimeorganrecital.org and newago.org.

2024 LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

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

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| June 5: Jared Stellmacher | All Saints Episcopal
<i>100 N. Drew St., Appleton</i> |
| June 12: Dr. Andrew Schaeffer | Holy Cross Catholic
<i>309 Desnoyer St., Kaukauna</i> |
| June 19 - Jeffrey Verkuilen, FAGO | First United Methodist
<i>325 E. Franklin St., Appleton</i> |
| June 26 - Dr. Stephen Ackert | St. Joseph Catholic (1:00 p.m.)
<i>404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton</i> |
| Thurs. July 4 - Drs. John & Dan Schwandt | Lawrence Memorial Chapel
<i>510 E. College Ave., Appleton</i> |
| July 10 - Dr. Benjamin Stone | St. Bernard Catholic
<i>1617 W. Pine St., Appleton</i> |
| July 17 - Colin Welford | First Presbyterian
<i>200 S. Church St., Neenah</i> |
| July 24 - Dr. Derek Nickels | Trinity Lutheran
<i>804 Grignon St., Kaukauna</i> |
| July 31 - Ethan Mellema | St. Paul Lutheran
<i>200 N. Commercial St., Neenah</i> |
| Aug. 7 - Don Verkuijlen | Zion Lutheran
<i>912 N. Oneida St., Appleton</i> |
| Aug. 14 - Dr. Erich Knapp | First English Lutheran
<i>326 E. North St., Appleton</i> |
| Aug. 21 - Vashni Seitzer, CAGO | Faith Lutheran
<i>601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton</i> |
| Aug. 28 - Dr. Naomi Rowley | Memorial Presbyterian
<i>803 E. College Ave., Appleton</i> |



scan for more information
or visit www.newago.org

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American Guild of Organists

Book Discussion: *Revelations*, by Elaine Pagels. 2012. 246 pp. On Thursday, **June 6, 2024**, First Congregational's Theology Discussion Group will begin discussing its next book, *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation*. If you enjoy reading and discussing good books on themes of religion, spirituality, justice, and growth in faith, we invite you to join us as Theo Group begins reading this new book together. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from noon to 1:30PM, with some participants gathering in person at Chefo's Pancake House in Kimberly and others taking part via Zoom. For more information about Theo Group, visit <https://www.uccappleton.org/projects/theology-discussion-group> or contact Steve Hirby on Realm or through the church office.



**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
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How Much Comes Back to Our Church Youth?
 Car Wash Cards – 44%!
 Grocery Cards – 20%
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 Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 3

3:30-5:00PM IPAC Meeting - *Upper Lounge & Zoom*
5:00-7:00PM Kenya Partnership - *Library*
5:30-7:00PM Facilities Ministry Area - *Upper Lounge*
6:30-8:30PM EJWG Steering Team Meeting - *Chapel*

Tuesday, June 4

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*
11:00AM-12:00PM Staff Meeting - *Upper Lounge*
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA - *Common Grounds*
7:00-9:00PM Worship & Ministry Team - *Upper Lounge*
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, June 5

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*
5:00-8:00PM All Isaiah Meeting - *Fellowship Hall*
7:00-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, June 6

9:00-10:00PM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*
12:00-2:30PM Clergy Support & Study Group - *Upper Lounge*
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group - *Chefo's Pancake House*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Friday, June 7

7:00-8:00PM AI-Anon - *Upper Lounge*
7:00-8:30PM N.A - *Common Grounds*

Saturday, June 8

3:30-5:00PM Ashes Scattering - *Memorial Garden*
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Sunday, June 9

9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare - *Childcare Room*
9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship with the Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary, Chapel, Upper Lounge*
6:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting - *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*
7:00-8:00PM AL ANON - *Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge*

Land Covenant

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation. Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.

We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soil, and web of life for all future generations.

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



We are "The Church of the Open Door," a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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