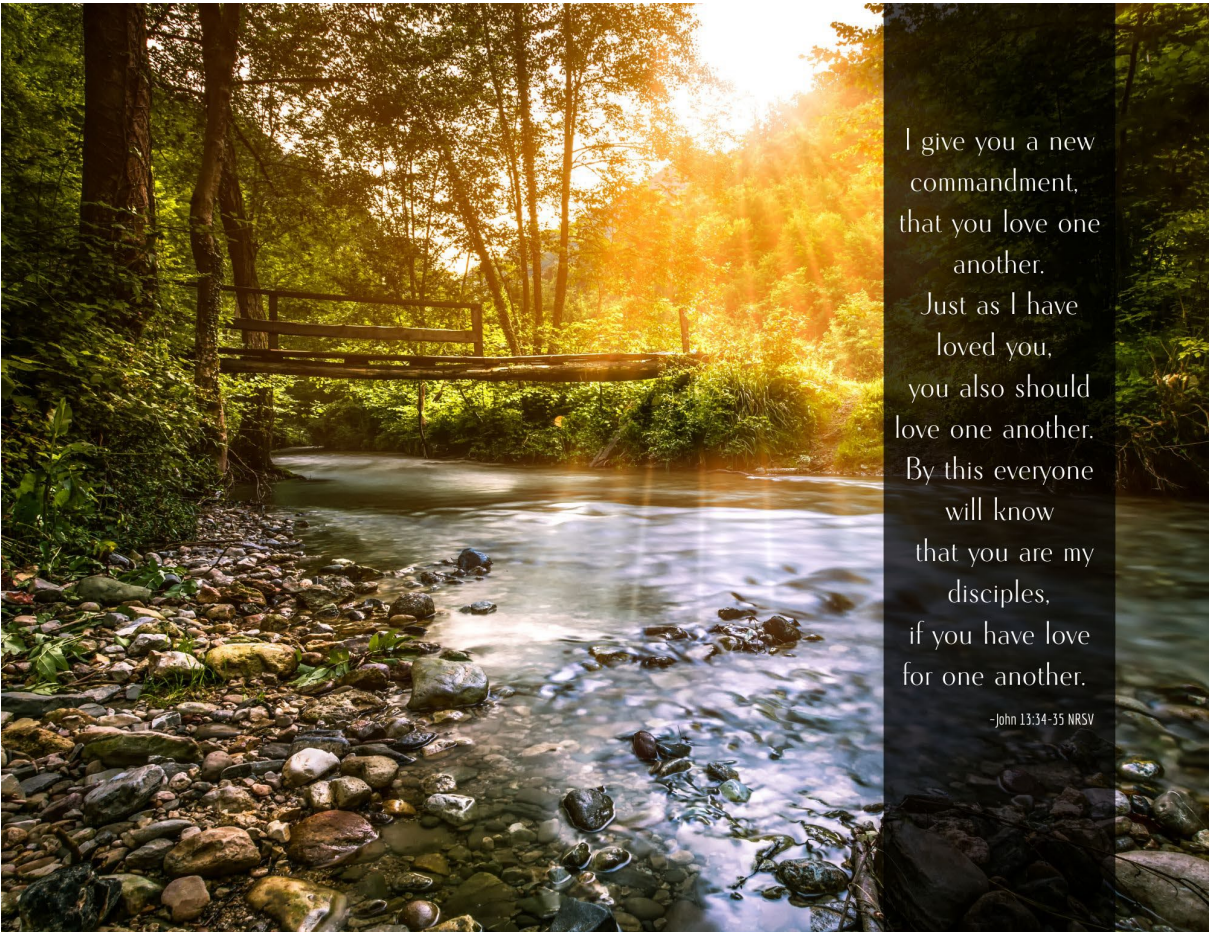


First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 18, 2025



I give you a new
commandment,
that you love one
another.

Just as I have
loved you,
you also should
love one another.
By this everyone
will know
that you are my
disciples,
if you have love
for one another.

-John 13:34-35 NRSV



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



"A Journey of Belief"

Over the past nine months, fifteen confirmands and mentors have gathered multiple times each month to have conversation and dialogues about the Christian faith. Their conversations come from a curriculum we have adapted called *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teenagers*. The goal of our time is to learn to be more aware of God's presence in all of our everyday lives and clarify our beliefs that direct how we are to live in our everyday life.

Here are some of these beliefs as they have been clarified over the past year, by the confirmands themselves. Enjoy the variety of places our young disciples stand in their journey of faith. Learn from them. Have hope in our mutual future that God is working through them and us as we all seek to refine the way in which we live in this world together.

Want to read more? Each complete faith statement is printed and is posted on a bulletin board on the bridge. Please feel free to read them.

Beliefs about God-

God is real, and he is there no matter what happens. At the end of the day, the most important thing is having a connection with God.

I have been familiar with God since a very young age. In Sunday school they always said he was our rock and our redeemer. I still believe this today. He is my rock. No matter the circumstance he is always here to listen.

I believe that God has made each and every one of us unique, and it's our job to use the gifts he has instilled in us.

Beliefs about Jesus-

I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God in human form. Jesus Christ is humble, and obedient. We see Jesus as a role model. We must serve others as he did.

I believe that Jesus Christ is our savior, sacrificing himself to save us from sins. He rose from the dead to show us the true powers of God, giving us real evidence of God's plan at work. He lived a holy life and to follow his example means to live a life filled with love and kindness. His resurrection gave the world joy, allowing me, many, many years later, to believe.

Jesus set the perfect example of how we, as Christians, are called to live with love, compassion, forgiveness, and faith in God. His life on earth was a model of selflessness

and service to others, from the way he treated the poor to how he responded to hatred with grace and patience. As followers of Christ, we strive to reflect these same qualities in our daily lives.

Beliefs about the Holy Spirit-

The Holy Spirit is with everybody, and lives inside of each and every one of us, to overall just live a better, more holy life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; an intangible force that is part of God and resides within us all. I think that the Holy Spirit is what is inside of all of us that gives us the ability to do good things, such as charity or community work. I also believe that the Holy Spirit gives us all a deeper connection with God.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is a tangible thing that we can connect with in a place where we feel joy or peace. The Holy Spirit is real because I can feel it especially when I am up north fishing or hunting. I call it thin spaces; a thin space is a place where you feel very close and connected to the Holy Spirit or God. For me, it is up in northern Wisconsin, when I am by myself in nature.

Beliefs about the Church-

This church has always been a part of my life. I grew up in this community, and it has always been welcoming and kind to me in every part of my life, which I will always appreciate. Attending youth trips and volunteering with the church has taught me about the world and given me great memories. I am proud to be a part of an organization that does so much good for the community and hope it will continue to do even more great things.

I believe churches are a place where we are meant to carry out and spread God's message on earth. They are a place for communities to learn and grow together in their faith journeys. I also believe that churches are places where anyone can go if they ask for help, no matter their history of religion or beliefs.

I also think that our church brings people together and provides a safe place for many people. Everyone is welcome at our church and that is the reason that this is an amazing place to worship God.

Other Beliefs-

Faith means having a deep confidence and trust in the things you hope for, even though you cannot see them yet.

I believe that it is important to share this faith with those around you.

God performs miracles, small and large. Some we don't notice, while others have lasting impacts on our lives.

So, what would your faith statement include beyond God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the church? What other beliefs or concepts might be important to define and include? What would you leave out? Where can you stand firm in a specific belief and where might you be unsure and have doubt?

It has been a privilege leading this confirmation group once again, and I praise God for all our mentors, parents, and congregational support that made it happen!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Nick

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Susan McFadden, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Ellie Lutterman, *violin*

Children's Choir: Elise Burton, Harlow Cartier, Malin Cartier,
Addie Gingerich, Elijah Hatch, McKenna Jahnke, Hazel Meier, Stella Meier,
Anders Schlabach, Joanna Schmidt, Abraham Slowinski, Henry Slowinski,
Elena Steffens, Evy Van Thull, and Lou Van Thull;
John M. Albrecht, *director*; Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *accompanist*
John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025 9:30AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Confirmation Sunday ~ Baptism Sunday

Graduate Recognition ~ Picnic Sunday

PRELUDE

Day by Day

Tune by Oskar Ahnfelt

Setting by Rachel Trelstad Porter

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

"The Story of Salvation" Medley

N. Sleeth/Trad./Spiritual

(Part of the Plan/He Is Lord/He's Got the Whole World)

Children's Choir

This morning concludes our Children's Choir season. Special thanks to our choir families for serving in music ministry throughout the program year.

Rehearsals resume September 21 for children in grades 2-6. . .all are welcome!

WELCOME

BLESSING OUR GRADUATES

May you have wisdom in heart and mind; faithfulness to seek God's intentions for your life; and courage to face challenges with grace. May you trust that wherever you go, whatever you do, God's love will always see you through.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us into covenant this day.

All: We rejoice in the God of faithfulness.

One: Some are coming to enter the covenant with us.

All: We give thanks for their faith in God.

One: We all are invited to renew our commitment to God.

All: With joy, we pledge anew our lives to God in Christ Jesus.

One: Let the water be a sign of our covenant.

All: Let it refresh us and bring us new life.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #329**

Now in the Days of Youth

DIADEMATA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the Prayer Request and Connection Cards will be collected.
After the Children's Message, the children will follow their teachers to the CYF building.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Nicholas Daniel Tseffos

Parents: Nicholas & Emily Tseffos

Godparents: Cassi & Phil Brown

The Baptism of Oren Elias Cousineau

Parents: Zachary & Jessica Cousineau

Godparents: Meghan & Pat Smits

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (when prompted):

All: We promise our love, support and care.

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

INTRODUCTION

BAPTISMAL HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

St. 1 & 2

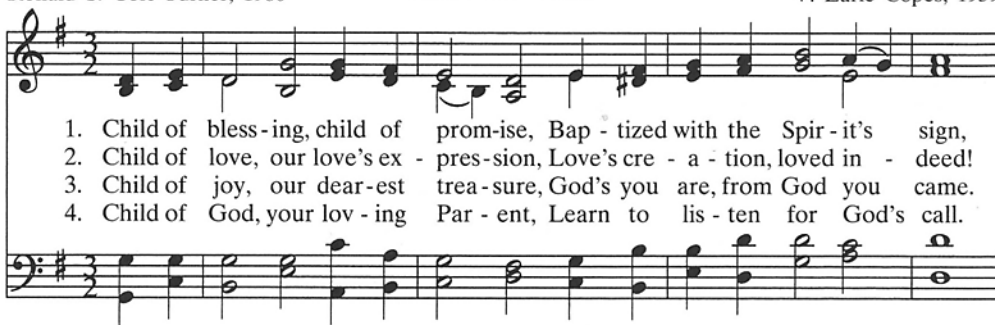
KINGDOM

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

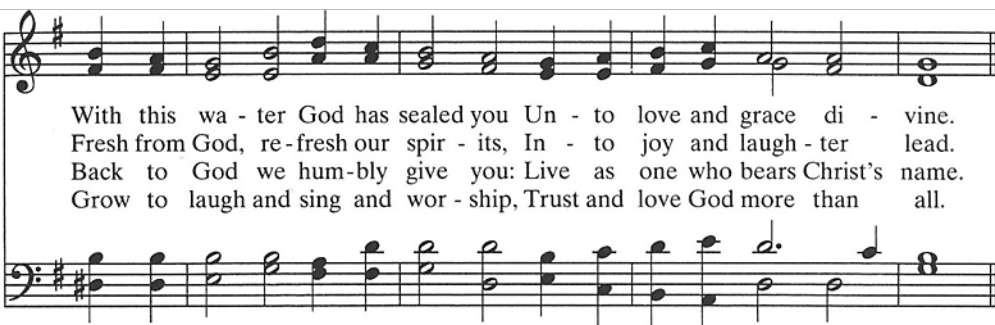
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

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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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

Shalom

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Sanctuary Choir Ellie Lutterman, *violin*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace. Shalom.

Not as the world gives, I give to you, Do not be afraid. Shalom. (John 14:27)

*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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 13:31-35

Susan McFadden

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

BRIEF MEDITATION *"Everyone Needs to Know"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Addison Baier, Parker Bidwell, Gavin Frega, Grant Gabbey,
Celia Gentile, Samuel Guttormsen, Maddison Hatch, Leah Kons,
Nina Kubiak, Evelyn McGowan, Easton Piepenburg, Alexander Radtke,
Rebecca Shauger, Alexa Streim, Hunter Thiel

INVITATION**PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS BY THEIR MENTORS****UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith Doxological Version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world

and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

(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.

CONFIRMATION HYMN #327

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
Stanzas 1-3 & 7 only, sung by All

WATERLIFE

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

Gracious God, in baptism you received these servants into your church. You granted them forgiveness and new life. Fill them with love for others, joy in serving you, peace in conflict, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***UNISON WELCOME**

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE**


*CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

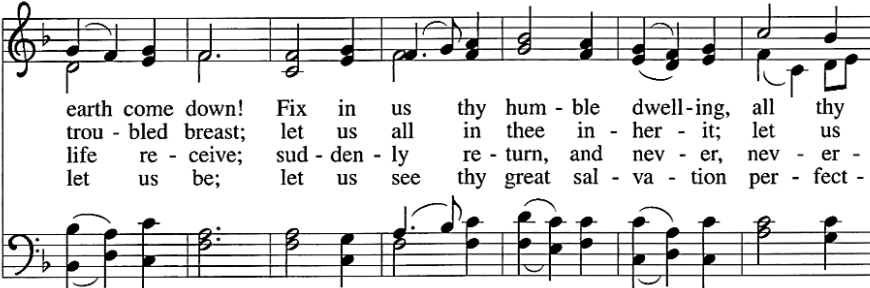
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St. 1 & 4

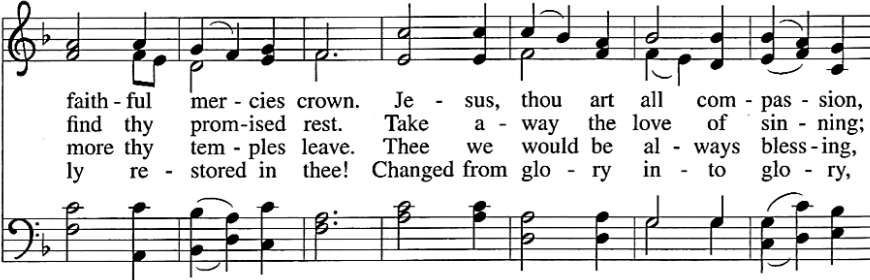
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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BENEDICTION

(Please be seated for the benediction & postlude. Once the confirmands and mentors have exited the sanctuary, we welcome you to come greet them in the narthex.)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

Join us for our CHURCHWIDE PICNIC after worship in Fellowship Hall!

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

MAY USHERS: **Team 1:** Dennis Korth, Gale Korth, Kim Hanson, Dale Hanson, Steve Hermesen, Tom Tatlock, Jim Thaldorf, Carol Valeri, Sue Wisneski, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette and **Team 3:** Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Susan Houston, Ryan St. Clair, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun, Bruce Valk
AUDIO & VIDEO: John Aaholm, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter; Memorial Day Weekend Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey
Music: LU Music Scholars with strings John 14:23-29

ON THE CALENDAR

June 1	Service Sunday	
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

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.

All people who being deprived by the freezing of federal funds that provided money for food, housing, medical care and research; and for all people who are out of work, those who used to work for the government and for other employers.	Sandi Hurm
Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Jean Jepson
Valerie Bales	Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Jim Kriner
Don Brittnacher	Mary Jo Laabs
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve	Kathy Lannoye
Reinkober	Tim Ligon
Karen Craddock	Elizabeth McNally
Debra, upon the death of her son Joshua	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Dean Ostrander
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya
David Galow	Anika Quillman
The family of Paul Gohdes	Frank and Pat Severin
Colton Heimlich	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
JoAnn Helms	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Shirley Hoft	Kinsley Tarr
Misty Hofman	Gloria Tate
	Jack Thiel
	Peter Thiel
	James Totzke
	Those living with mental unwellness
	Dave White

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.

Service Sunday June 1



Tying Fleece Blankets

Working on our grounds

Weeding at Plant-A-Row

Cleaning / polishing pews /
woodwork

Painting walls and cleaning
toys in CYF

Washing cars

Making cards (kids 5-9)

with a Repair Fair

We need you ! (And get lunch and a car wash !)

Service Sunday: On Sunday, **June 1**, dress for "service" because you're invited to stay after a shortened worship service and participate in Service Sunday. If you are interested in painting walls in the CYF, please contact Sarah Wilterdink in advance at swilterdink@uccappleton.org. For the others, you will have your choice of projects that morning: some for adults, some intergenerational and some for kids. If your first choice is full, move to your second choice. Projects will wrap up around noon. Work as long as you are able to, there is no required time. New this year - **a Repair Fair** (see page 15) - so bring in stuff that needs to be fixed and there's a car wash, too. A light lunch will be available until 12:30PM. Childcare will be provided for newborns through age 4. Thank you everyone. Enjoy a fun day of service and fellowship!

Grounds Care Volunteers Needed: Interested in gardening and plant care or helping to maintain the church grounds? First Congregational is blessed with a wonderful property. It includes 3 gardens: the Labyrinth Garden, the Memorial Garden, and the Hillside Garden. In addition, we have the ravine area which also has the potential to be a very beautiful space. Some of the grounds activities include: weeding, addition of new plantings, watering, mulching, applying deer and rabbit repellent, etc. Interested? Contact Wayne Lannoy via Realm, email, or in person.

Summer Music Sign-Ups Open! You are invited to share your musical gifts as a vocal/instrumental soloist or in a small ensemble for our 9:30AM summer Sunday worship services, **June 22 – September 7!**

Please let me know of your interest via e-mail, or by calling my direct line at church (see below), or by speaking with me (or Nathan) at worship. Providing your “best available dates” is helpful, too. *I will get back to you to discuss your schedule, music ideas & scriptures/themes for the day, and a rehearsal plan.*

Nathan and I look forward to making music with you this summer - *Alleluia!*

Thank you!

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

jalbrecht@uccappleton.org

Direct line at church: (920) 851-8097



Economic Justice Work Group is calling your attention to an important appeal from Noel Halvorsen, President and CEO of NeighborWorks Green Bay, to write to your representatives in national government. Since 1982, NeighborWorks America has provided services that have helped thousands of families move toward home ownership by leveraging modest resources into community investment. Their programs are now at risk due to actions begun by the Department of Government Efficiency. Take a few moments to write to your representatives in support of this non-profit's work to make housing affordable. More information is here: [Noel Halversen letter](#)

Thrivent Action Grant: If you have any type of Thrivent policy or account, you have an annual Action Grant for community service. If you have not used yours this year, you could use it to help with a Service Sunday or Mission Partner project. For questions, contact Nancy Brown-Koeller, nbkappleton@gmail.com.

Economic Justice Work Group calls your attention to the PIT: The “Point in Time” count, mandated by Housing and Urban Development, is a count of people experiencing homelessness that takes place twice a year on a night in January and a second night in July. This valuable information determines government funding and helps communities assess needs and work toward solving homelessness. Volunteers (like you!) are needed to conduct the **July 23** count. Find more information and a sign-up here: [PIT Sign-up](#)

Stretch Your Limits - Chair Yoga Classes: Are you looking for a gentle way to improve your physical and mental well-being? We invite both men and women to join our chair yoga classes here at church! Tuesday, **May 20**, 5:00-6:00PM at First Congregational UCC. Fee of \$12/class, max 25 students/class. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office: info@uccappleton.org or 920.733.7393. Presented by ESTHER/First Congregational Mental Health Task Force.

Library News: The theme for May is Mental Health. Come check out the selection of books. Here are a couple: *While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence*, by Meg Kissinger and *Turtles All the Way Down*, by John Green.

Please Help ESTHER Give Away Books at Juneteenth: ESTHER's Juneteenth book give-away has been so successful in the past; we want to celebrate reading again. We're asking you to share in this effort by purchasing a book or two by authors of color from black-owned bookstores with stories about black people. Also, gently used books are appreciated. You can drop them off at First Congregational UCC, 724 E South River Street, Appleton, 9:00AM-3:00PM weekdays, **before June 7.** (Book drop box in the narthex.) Then come to Juneteenth at Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W. Lawrence, Appleton on **Saturday, June 7, 1:00-4:00PM**, to celebrate with our friends and neighbors. No reservations are needed. No admission charge (food available for purchase.)

Join Wednesday Prayer Chapel! Need a mid-week faith boost? Want to connect with other church members and see different locations of our church's property? Wednesdays at 12:00PM, join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel, held weekly and live streamed from the church for around 20 minutes. Gather to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community. We look forward to seeing you for this personal mid-week touchpoint.

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.



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.

As part of **Service Sunday** this year the Isaiah Community Partnership team is excited to host a **Repair Fair**. This is part of a national movement with the motto "Don't Throw It Out, Fix It!" And a really good opportunity to put your information on Realm if you have not already done so.

We have the following fix-it or teach-it people confirmed already:

- Small appliance or lamp repair
- Sewing or mending
- Small furniture repair
- Basic tech help with phones or computers
- Knife sharpening
- Bicycle repair
- Jewelry repair (charge for batteries)
- Help signing up for Realm
- Using free graphic design platform "Canva"



Bring items to the front entrance and someone will direct you. (You will still be able to participate in other Service Sunday projects.)

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 19

10:00-11:30AM	Mental Health Task Force – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:30-6:30PM	Facilities Ministry Area – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:30-7:00PM	All Isaiah Meeting; Grace Trail – <i>Chapel</i>

Tuesday, May 20

9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
1:00-2:30PM	Chrysalis – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
5:00-6:00PM	Chair Yoga Class – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:30-7:30PM	Living Sober AA Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
6:30-8:00PM	Safety Committee – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00-8:30PM	Scout Troop 67 – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7:45-8:45PM	Fireside AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Wednesday, May 21

12:00-1:00PM	Prayer Chapel – <i>on Facebook Live</i>
12:15-1:00PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
2:00-3:00PM	Peabody/Heritage Worship @ <i>Peabody Chapel</i>
5:45-6:25PM	Youth Handbells – <i>Amistad Room</i>
6:30-7:30PM	MS Youth Group – <i>MS Room/HS Youth Group – HS Room</i>
7:00-8:30PM	Sanctuary Choir – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall</i>

Thursday, May 22

9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
12:00-1:00PM	AA Search for Serenity Group – <i>Common Grounds</i>
6:30-8:00PM	TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – <i>River Room</i>
7:00-8:00PM	Grief Group – <i>Chapel</i>
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Friday, May 23

10:00-11:30AM	Bulletin Folders – <i>Library</i>
7:00-8:00PM	Al-Anon – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00-8:30PM	N.A – <i>Common Grounds</i>

Saturday, May 24

7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – <i>Common Grounds</i>
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Sunday, May 25

9:25AM-12:00PM

9:30-10:30AM

9:30-10:30AM

10:45-11:45AM

5:00-6:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

Childcare – *Childcare Room*

Sunday Worship – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*

Children's Ministry: Movie & Popcorn – *CYF Wing*

Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – *Common Grounds*

LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

First Things First AA Meeting – *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*

AL ANON – *Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge*



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JULY 7 - 10 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM
OR...

AUGUST 25 - 28 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

AS LONG AS WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL RUN
TWO 4-DAY SESSIONS OF VBS.

MOST ACTIVITIES WILL BE REPEATED SO EACH CHILD CAN
ATTEND ONE WEEK.

WITH THIS BEING THE CASE...
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR SO MANY AMAZINGLY
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS LAST YEAR!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP THIS
YEAR, FOR ONE DAY, FOUR, OR EIGHT!

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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. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on Facebook: FCUCCAppleton or Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

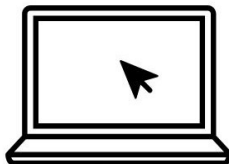
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families.

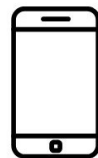
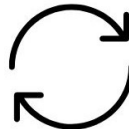
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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Confirmation Sunday/Graduates Recognition/ Baptism Sunday/Picnic Sunday – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
10:30AM-12:00PM	Family Day: Churchwide Picnic – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – <i>Common Grounds</i>
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY

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

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



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