

Welcome, Visitors!

Information about our church and ministries is available on the Welcome Table near the main doors. Standing nearby are church members who will be happy to answer your questions. Interested in joining the church? Our next Membership Exploration will be fall of 2018.

For the convenience of those who need to leave the Sanctuary during worship, the service is video broadcast in the Chapel, Upper Lounge and Nursery.

Large-print bulletins are available. Please ask the ushers for a copy.

Children in Worship

Child care for infants and toddlers is available in the Children, Youth and Family Center. The Family Worship Area is open during service for children ages 3-10.

Sensory Boxes

First Congregational offers Sensory Boxes for any of our friends on the autism spectrum – adult or child. These boxes are filled with “fidgets” galore, headphones and much more. Please let us know if you or a loved one needs one of these tools.

Donating to First Congregational UCC

If you are enrolled in automatic contributions, you may still participate in the weekly offering by submitting a Giving Card, found in the pews. We encourage members and friends of First Congregational to assist us in planning our budget by pledging each year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and may be placed in the offering plates at any time.

Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible from www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6 or on Facebook at tinyurl.com/yayd8cud

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

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Flowers

The flowers on the communion table were donated by Chuck, Jeff, Eric, and Sandy George in loving memory of Douglas and Shirly George.

The arrangement was designed by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Communion

We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. Our communion elements are gluten-free; however, they are made in a facility that also processes wheat products.

Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are July 22 and August 19.

If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Members in Service This Week

Friday, June 15	9:00 AM
Bulletin Assemblers	Pat Hauser, Trish Brehm
Sunday, June 17	9:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Heather and Ben Hallett and Family
Bridge Greeters	Cathy Paynter
Welcome Desk	Gale Korth
Lay Reader	Fred Pahl
Usher Team Captains	Mark and JoAnn Shropshire, Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Jim O’Neill
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen
Counters, June 18	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 17, 2018

9:30 AM

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.
Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.*

PRELUDE

Andante

G. F. Handel

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People: We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.

Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

People: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.

All: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 60

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

OPENING PRAYER (Please join hands or link arms)

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, for ever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(During the hymn, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children may go to the Family Worship Area or return to the pews to worship with their families.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ISABELLA MARIE MARSH

Parents: Timothy and Tajara Marsh

Godparent: Brian Hurst

KYLE FREDERICK PAHL

Parents: Nathan and Kate Pahl

Godparents: Jessica Robb and Alex Pahl

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

People: 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 – Kyle and Isabella - 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 these children in the faith and family of Jesus Christ. Give them strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish Hymn

Stanza 4, All (below)

**Baptized in our blest Redeemer,
Sanctifier, and Creator**

**May we serve and love God, solely,
As we follow Christ, most Holy.**

ANTHEM

A Child Is Born

Thad Jones

Jon Pahl, *tenor saxophone*

*Now, out of the night, soft as the dawn, into the light.
This child, innocent child, soft as a fawn, this child is born.
One small heart, one pair of eyes, one work of art, here in my arms!
Here he lies, trusting and warm, blessed in this morn, a child is born.*

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER HYMN # 243

As We Are Gathered

AS WE ARE GATHERED

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

This is My Father's World

Franklin L. Sheppard

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:15-20 (*The Message* translation)

“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him – work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love.

“Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.”

MEDITATION

“Face to Face in Christian Confrontation”

Rev. Steve Savides
Tracy Plamann, Harbor House
Rick Detienne, Voices of Men

*CLOSING HYMN # 353

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Our Father's

arr. by Robert Hughes

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *guest organist*

Jon Pahl, *tenor saxophone*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 24, 2018

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM

“The Face of Grief”

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Scripture reading: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 17-27

Music: Kris Henke, *trumpet*

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JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

**If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified.
In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.**

All who are affected by violence
David Adams and family
Debbie Adams' brother Jim
Jill Anthony's neighbors, John and Katie
Jill Anthony's sister and brother-in-law
Katie Behl
Glen Benzchawel
Judy Burdick, mother of Megan Burdick-Grade
Dick Casperson
John Cawthon
Dena Collier
David DeWitt, Jennifer DeWitt's father-in-law
Jim Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Ivo Geurts
Nanette Geurts, and her aunt, Maureen
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
Mary Guenther
Friends and family of Mia Guion, killed in a car accident last weekend
Maggie Hendrick
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur
Ron Huebner
Sandy Hubert
Janis Ireland
Tami Johnson and her sister, Colleen
Nancy Jones, mother of Linda Jones
Pierron

Our Kenyan partners and students
All those affected by plant closures
Eunice Klempe
Betty Masaros
Our country's military around the world
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in-law
Ellie Olson
T. J. Ott, brother of Tom Ott
Families and children of Palestine
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Don Roehrborn
Gladys Schmidt, mother of John and Tim Schmidt
Jim Schwantes
Kathy Smudde, sister of Lyle Van De Hey and Janice Schmitz
Amanda Spindler
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by violence
Beverly Trombla
Jean Van Wagenin
Our veterans and their families
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia Wardle
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

June 17, 2018

Volume 18, Issue 24

Pastor's Message

Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in Times of Crisis

Our worship this Sunday is focusing on how Christians are tasked to confront evil in the world around us. Recently a group of distinguished pastors and theologians, including UCC leaders Rev. Otis Moss III and Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, led an effort to articulate what they believe is a faithful Christian confession for the challenges we are facing in our world, nation, and culture right now. As they put it, "The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness."

Below is a summary of their longer statement, "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis." I will be interested to hear what of this you find helpful and empowering:

I. WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God in some of the children of God.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership. We reject white supremacy and commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin.

II. WE BELIEVE we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God.

III. WE BELIEVE how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the language and policies of political leaders who would debase and abandon the most vulnerable children of God. We strongly deplore the growing attacks on immigrants and refugees; we won't accept the neglect of the well-being of low-income families and children.

IV. WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Jesus promises, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32).

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society.

V. WE BELIEVE that Christ’s way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. We support democracy, not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule. We believe authoritarian political leadership is a theological danger that threatens democracy and the common good – and we will resist it.

VI. WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples (Matthew 28:18). Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. We, in turn, should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants, rather than seek first narrow, nationalistic prerogatives.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT “America first” as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal.

What do you think of their focus on racial bigotry, misogyny, debasement of the poor and vulnerable, the rising acceptance of lying in political and civil life, the dangers of authoritarianism, and “America first” nationalism as the sins we most need to confront at this moment in history? Are there other dangers, evils, or concerns you feel are similarly pressing? Do you believe that the teaching and example of Jesus empowers us to confront these evils? What should the church’s role be in that confrontation?

I look forward to the conversations this remarkable confession might spark in us. For the full text of the Confession and for resources to reflect on it, please visit ReclaimingJesus.org.

Your friend and fellow minister,

Rev. Steve Savides

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Welcome New Custodial Supervisor Bart Forseth!

Bart Forseth has been hired as our full-time Custodial Supervisor. He and his wife, Ann, live in Appleton. Bart brings decades of experience as a Custodial Supervisor at Lawrence University, and most recently as an employee of Building Services Group. His usual hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, with some exceptions. Please help us welcome Bart to the staff team at First Congo!

Official Notice

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 24 for the purpose of voting on the 2018/2019 church budget.

Parking Lot Resurfacing

We have scheduled the resurfacing of the church's west parking lot for Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. There will be NO PARKING in the west lot on those days. Everyone will need to park in the east CYF lot those two days. Thanks!

Don Gillum Memorial Bike and Hike

July 21, 2018 • Conover, WI

Don Gillum died in December of 2016 after battling cancer for 13 years. His wife,



Sandy, recently joined First Congo. As a volunteer of Great Headwaters Trail, Don worked to make biking and hiking more accessible for all. A biking/hiking event in his memory will be held on Saturday, July 21, at Conover Community Park. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information or to register online, go to: www.ghtrails.org/dgmbikehike/.

We're O.F.F. Making New Connections

We're O.F.F. - First Congo's Outdoor Fun and Fellowship group! We organize several planned outings each year. Now we're thinking about providing an additional way for First Congo members to connect for outdoor activities, on a more spur-of-the-moment or casual basis.

If you are interested in connecting with members who would like to hike, golf, bicycle, play tennis, canoe, or kayak, **O.F.F.** will be setting up a group on REALM where you can find others with that interest.

How will this work? Say, if on a Monday you see the weather is going to be perfect for biking on Tuesday, you could pick a time and meeting place and send out a notice via Realm to other people in your group. This will allow you to find other members via the **O.F.F. Connection**, who would like to meet up to bike that day too!

The first step in setting up the **O.F.F. Connection** is to see what your outdoor interests are! Please let us know by June 30. Complete the survey located in the Narthex next to the We're O.F.F. binder

and scan/email to Nancy Brown-Koeller at nbkappleton@gmail.com or drop off in the office.

We're O.F.F. Making Connections!

(All First Congregational policies apply to any activity. Anyone signing up for We're O.F.F. Connections can unsubscribe or withdraw their name from the list at any time.)

Women's Retreat – Deadline Extended

Our 2018 Women's Retreat will be held November 2 through November 4. Once again, we will gather at beautiful Moon Beach Camp in St. Germaine, WI. We will need a minimum of 15 paid participants by June 24 to hold these dates. The cost of the retreat is \$170, which covers lodging, food and linens.

Please send a check to the church for \$170 for your reservation. Write "Women's Retreat" in the memo section. You can also pay online via Realm. If we have over 15 people and you are later unable to attend, we will refund your payment.

Last fall the retreat was full so please make your reservation early. Due to the time of year, we will have drivers to be sure all can attend. We will provide more information about the retreat theme, etc. as we get closer to the retreat date.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Uehling (www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/Barb%20Uehling) or Pastor Kathryn. Please know that financial assistance is available if the cost is prohibitive.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

NAMI Family-to-Family

Tuesdays, June 12-August 28, 2018
6:00-8:30 PM

NAMI Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. The class, which is offered at no cost to participants, is a designated evidence-based program. Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

For more information or to register, contact Lisa at (920) 954-1550, email Lisa at lisa@namifoxvalley.org or visit www.namifoxcvalley.org/education for more information. Thanks!

Appalachia Service Trip

September 22-29, 2018

"Warmer, Safer, Drier." That is the mission of the Appalachia Service Project. Their goal is to help families in need to improve the condition of their homes. We are planning our 5th service trip to Appalachia. This year, we will be at the Guyan Valley Center in Brenton, West Virginia helping to rebuild or rehab homes. You need no specific carpentry skills to participate, just a willingness to serve. We do our part and turn the project

over to the next arriving crew. Amazing work gets done! If we bring a willingness to work hard and a desire to connect with the families with whom we work and with each other, lives are transformed. Each trip has been an amazing experience for all of us participating.

The cost of the trip is \$325 plus travel expenses. The \$325 covers lodging and meals at the center and also helps fund the service projects.

Please sign up in the Narthex or call Valerie Schultz at (920) 915-8008 or email her at www.firstcongoappleton.org/contact/valerie%20schultz. You can also go to the Appalachia Service Project website for more information. Thanks!

Worship and Music

A diverse community practicing faith, finding spiritual connection and experiencing the Holy through artful sound.

Anthony Padilla: Piano Recital

Sunday, July 22 • 3:00 PM

Anthony Padilla, of the LU Conservatory Faculty, will perform a piano recital on Sunday, July 22 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. He is presenting a program of orchestral and organ transcriptions. A free-will offering will benefit LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network), a community based-nonprofit that helps families from slipping into greater poverty, homelessness, and ill health.

The 2018 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

All recitals start at 12:15 PM unless otherwise stated.

For more information visit their website at lunchtimeorganrecital.org

- Wednesday June 20 at First United Methodist Church, Appleton; Dr. Naomi Rowley. Austin Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Donald VerKuilen. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, July 4 at All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton; Frank Rippl. Möller Organ, 2m. **(4th of July Sing-a-long)**.
- Wednesday, July 11 at First Congregational Church, Appleton; Andrew Birling. Möller Organ 3m.
- Wednesday, July 18 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Appleton; Ryan Mueller. Dobson Organ, 2m.
- Wednesday, July 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Matthew Walsh. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton; Matthew Buller. Russell Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 8 at First English Lutheran Church, Appleton; Jared Stellmacher. Wahl Organ, 2m.
- **Thursday**, August 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Appleton; David Bohn. Schaefer/Holtkamp Organ, 3m.

- Wednesday, August 15 at First United Methodist Church, Appleton; Mario Buchanan, organ, Alexandra Piepenbrink, Oboe. Austin Organ, 4m.
- Wednesday, August 22 at Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton; Vashni Seitzer, SPC. Sipe Organ, 3m.
- **Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 PM** at First Presbyterian Church, Neenah; Mitchell Miller. Aeolian-Skinner/Goulding and Wood organ, 3m.
- Wednesday, August 29 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neenah; Marillyn Freeman, AAGO, organ Ralph Freeman, piano. Dobson Organ, 2m.

Zion Lutheran Church Presents: Bálint Karosi

Zion Lutheran Church is pleased to present Bálint Karosi as guest artist in their Organ Concert Series. He has won first prizes at the J.S. Bach Competition in Leipzig, the Dublin and Miami International Organ Competitions and the Improvisation Competition of the University of Michigan. An avid interpreter of Bach, he has recorded three CDs of Bach's music, most recently the Art of Fugue and the Clavier-übung III, released by Hungaroton.

The concert will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 709 Sixth Street, Wausau, Wisconsin on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow the concert. The church is handicapped accessible. A free-will donation will be received. For more information you may

call: 715-848-7286 or go to Zion's website: zionlutheranwausau.com.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Noah's Ark Information!

Who: For all UCC middle school and high school students. Friends are welcome!

When: Wednesday, June 20.

Time: Meet at the front of the church at 7:30 AM so we can leave by 7:45 AM. We will return at 6:00 PM.

Cost: \$35, which covers the bus, park ticket, and a hotdog lunch provided by the park. You can make checks payable to First Congregational UCC.

What to bring: Swimsuit, towel, water bottle, snacks/sandwiches, sunscreen, and extra money if you want to buy food or treats. Inexpensive water shoes or flip flops are also recommended.

Chaperones: We are looking for two additional chaperones. Please let Joel Morien know (jmorien@firstcongoappleton.org) if you are available to be a part of this big day!

PLEASE NOTE: The park will provide a light hotdog lunch, but many youth also like to bring along their own lunch. We store lunches in coolers and set a designated time for eating the packed lunches. Your permission slip and payment should be mailed or dropped off by **Monday, June 18** in the church office.

If you need a permission slip, please contact the church office at (920) 733-7393. Please contact Joel Morien at jmorien@firstcongoappleton.org or Jennifer DeWitt at jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org.

Mark Your Calendars for the First Congo Summer Carnival!

Please join us on Wednesday, June 27 for the First Congo Summer Carnival. This event is for children and families and people of all ages who enjoy old fashioned summer carnival fun! There will be two food trucks with carnival food for purchase. The two food trucks are: Street Eats, which has burgers, brats, sandwiches and Funtime Enterprises, which has popcorn, pretzels, ice cream treats and other concessions. There will also be free carnival games for the children and face painting. A balloon artist will also join us and make balloon animals for children of all ages. There will be a modern twist as well, with a bouncy house for the children (weather permitting). The carnival will take place in the East Parking Lot/CYF grounds. Join us from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for this fantastic fun-filled event!!

A Summer Worship Friendly Reminder

The summer months are upon us which means that there is no Church School. This also means that the Family Worship Area tends to be busier than during the program year. We are so happy to have our youngest worshipers with us! A few

reminders about those care givers who utilize the Family Worship Area:

Family Worship Area participants are expected to:

- Use quiet voices **at all times**.
- Enjoy the quiet activities provided.
- Participate in the worship service when appropriate (Children's message, Lord's Prayer, unison readings, etc.).
- Stop activity when praying.

Parents/Guardians are expected to:

- Enjoy the service from a spot in close proximity to your child/children or join them at the tables. There are reserved seats for parents and guardians near the Family Worship Area.
- Redirect, calm, or remove your child/children if they become disruptive to other children or to the service.
- Ensure that quiet play takes place so that all may enjoy the service.

Infant and Toddler Care – Summer Months

A reminder that First Congo will be offering infant and toddler care throughout the summer months. We are so fortunate to have two dedicated infant and toddler childcare providers who have agreed to work all summer and provide care for the very youngest members of our

church. Theresa Iacullo and Cassidy Behm offer loving care of infants and toddlers on a weekly basis. They plan and carry out craft activities, engage in interactive play and nurture the children. The Infant and Toddler rooms are located on the second floor of the CYF (Children, Families and Youth) Center.

Everyone has something that they are good at or enjoy doing!

CONGO CRAFTERS FOR CHRIST

MONDAY, JUNE 18
7:00-9:00 PM
UPPER LOUNGE



BRING YOUR CHOSEN PROJECT TO WORK ON OR COME TO SHARE IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS!

Calendar for June 17–June 23

Sunday, June 17

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Worship - *Sanctuary*

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

First Things First AA Meeting - *North Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

Monday, June 18

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Counting Team - *Library*

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ESTHER-Communications Regular Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Boy Scout Troop 8 - *Fellowship Hall, West Conference Room*

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

First Congo Crafters for Christ - *Common Grounds or Upper Lounge*

Tuesday, June 19

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Strong Bones - Spring Sessions - *South Fellowship*

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Yoga @ the Congo - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

ESTHER Transportation Funding Task Force - *First United Methodist Church, Appleton*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Horizon Ministry Team - *Library*

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Fireside AA Group - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, June 20

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Building Task Force Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

Thursday, June 21

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Strong Bones - Spring Sessions - *South Fellowship Hall*

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting - *Upper Lounge*

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

AA - Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Theology Discussion Group - *Atlas Coffee Mill and Café on Water Street, Appleton*

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Family/Friends Mental Illness Support Group - *Upper Lounge*

Friday, June 22

All Day

West Parking Lot Resurfacing – Use East Parking Lot

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Bulletin Assembly – Library

7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

N. A. – Common Grounds

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Al-Anon – Upper Lounge

Saturday, June 23

All Day

West Parking Lot Resurfacing – Use East Parking Lot

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds





First Congregational UCC, Appleton presents

Anthony Padilla

Piano Recital to
Benefit LEAVEN



Presenting a program of orchestral and organ transcriptions

Sunday, July 22 •



3:00 PM

*A free-will donation will be received
to benefit LEAVEN.*

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