

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 are to honor Chuck and Jean Wegner’s 67th Wedding Anniversary, donated by their loving daughters.

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 29	9:00 AM
Bulletin Assemblers	Trish Brehm
Sunday, July 1	9:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Sue Ahrens
Bridge Greeters	Gerry Benz
Welcome Desk	Carolyn Frederick
Lay Reader	Bill Ritcey
Usher Team Captains	Dennis Korth and Pat Nelson
Multi-Media – audio	Mark Mauthe
Multi-Media – video	Sue Mauthe
Counters, July 2	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 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

Ave verum

Everett Titcomb

(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: The Word of the Lord came,

People: with hope for all people cradled in loving arms.

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

People: calling us beyond what we know, to go where grace is needed most.

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one beloved community.

Leader: This is the source of our hope, that this is God's world,

People: and God's love knows no bounds.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 532

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

People: God have mercy.

Leader: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

People: God have mercy.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(During the Children's Sermon, 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.)

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Joel Morien, Susan Lammers, Miriam Eubank, Audrey Van Der Loop, Aubrey Robb, Ben Heller, Pastor Steve Savides, Katie Mitala, Sydney Pittner, Kayla Bechyne, Makayla Mitala, Pippa Austin, Tori Schultz, Emma Eggen, Kyle Wilterdink, Noah Mitala, Emma Van Der Loop, Kalyn Vander Grinten, Dianne Droster, Joel Paltzer, Natalie Payette, Lauren Immel, Avra Taylor, Anna Lammers, Jeff Vander Gritten, Carmen Danz, Michael Murphy, Maria Sorensen, Bradyn Gentile, Hallie Vance, Nancy Van Der Loop, Emily Phillips, Jayci Heimer, Annika Schultz, and Taylor Vanden Berg

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

It gives us joy to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer as you travel and serve in Christ's name. We promise to keep in prayer those you will meet along this journey. May Christ be known to you and through you in the days to come.

SOLO

La fille aux cheveux de Lin

Bruce Danz, *clarinet*

Chris Danz, *piano*

Debussy
arr. J. Laroque

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10-4:11 (OT p. 1054)

MEDITATION

"Facing Our Own Worst Intentions"

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

***HYMN #275**

Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind

REST

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Here's One

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

***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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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, for ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Choral Preludes on Our Father in Heaven

J. S. Bach

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN # 223**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

REDHEAD NO. 76

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk /Solace

Trad./Scott Joplin
arr. J. A. Dempsey

***The Congregation Standing**

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

David Cook, *guest organist*

Bruce Danz, *clarinet*

Chris Danz, *piano*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

"Facing Off with God"

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture reading: Isaiah 1:10-20

Music: Anthony Padilla, *piano soloist*

Members in Service Next Week

Friday, July 6	9:00 AM
Bulletin Assemblers	Cathy Houst, Phyllis Wallis
Sunday, July 8	9:30 AM
Main Door Greeter	Todd Newell and Kevin Clavers
Bridge Greeters	
Welcome Desk	
Lay Reader	Kris Henke
Usher Team Captains	Rick and Sue Detienne, Rick Behm
Multi-Media – audio	Jill Smith
Multi-Media – video	Jonathan Steffen
Counters, July 9	



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enter either of the following addresses
into your web browser to view
livestream of First Congo's Service:**



For Facebook:
tinyurl.com/yayd8cud

For YouTube:
tinyurl.com/ybtlv9c6



**Like and Subscribe to our Facebook and YouTube pages
to get instant notifications when a live broadcast begins.**



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 Benzschawel
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
Maggie Hendrick
Mark Holly, nephew of Patricia Streur
Clara and Victor Hosang
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 Klemp
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
Amanda Spindler
Syrian refugees and Syrians affected by
violence
Beverly Trombla
Jean Van Wagenin
Our veterans and their families
Lyle Van De Hey and Janice Schmitz grieving
the death of their sister, Kathy Smudde
Mya Wardle, daughter of Brian and Lecia
Wardle
Jennifer Wild
Elden Willing
The Wittwer Family
Carol Yonan

THE OPEN DOOR

July 1, 2018

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Pastor's Message

As We Celebrate Independence Day

As July 4 draws near, we have an opportunity to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and the complicated road our ancestors traveled toward independence and democracy. I hope many of you are finding joy in the blessings of summer and time with family and friends, as we give thanks for the freedom we are so privileged to share.

The celebration of our national holiday also provides a challenging backdrop for current affairs. Conversations about immigration, travel bans, and Supreme Court appointments are never "just political." As people of faith, we think about these matters through the lens of our faith. And fortunately or unfortunately, there is never just one way to think theologically.

This past week, the Wisconsin Council of Churches (of which the Wisconsin Conference UCC is a member) presented a statement titled, "On The Misuse of Scripture to Justify Injustice". I thought I would share a few excerpts from this statement, not expecting all will agree about these matters, but to demonstrate how the church and state are often and always in conversation, in ways we may not even realize.

...We, the members of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, have covenanted "to pray and work together for the unity and renewal of the church and the healing and reconciliation of the world." That means, whenever possible, we will strive to give clear expression to the Christian faith that unites us, especially when that faith has been publicly perverted or maligned, and stand with the weak and powerless when they are being exploited, maltreated or neglected - especially by those who are officially responsible for the public welfare.

We are especially concerned with the Attorney General's appeal to scripture to support the policy of separating parents from their children, and by extension, the indefinite detention of undocumented immigrants and the rejection of asylum seekers.

The Attorney General appeals to Paul's statement in Romans 13:1: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God."

We reject this theological misrepresentation of Scripture, specifically, and of Christian teaching about the State, generally, in justification of such obvious injustice.

This verse has been used in many contexts: by Nazis demanding that Christians submit to and participate in the genocide of Jews; by South African Christians defending the injustice of Apartheid; by American Christians defending the institution of slavery. The historical echoes are profoundly disturbing and we call the church and society to attend, that the past not be repeated.

The Apostle Paul, author of these words, was himself imprisoned and executed by the Roman Empire. He wrote this sentence in a larger context, in a letter written to Christians in Rome, who were an illicit community and in danger of persecution. He wrote it as part of a larger argument that includes not only his insistence that governmental authority is ordained by God but that such authority has its limits.

...We declare that our common Christian witness is imperiled by inauthentic Christian teaching in the public square, and the church's own limited, episodic responses to injustice. When Christian teaching is perverted by those in governance and that twisting of scripture is allowed by the Christian community, we stand in a dangerous place.

...It is not only the government which bears responsibility for a just society; the voice of the people addressing their government, the witness of the Church and its prophetic voice offered in encouragement and admonition must not be absent. We must not only speak a Word into these perilous times, but be ready to act, as well.

...We call on the members of our congregations, lawmakers, and people of good will to rise up in protest against this injustice, to ensure that people seeking asylum, refugees, immigrants hoping to make a better life for themselves and their families, be welcomed, embraced, and allowed to help make this a better, more inclusive and diverse, stronger nation.

I am grateful not only to be a citizen of this beautiful United States of America, but to be a part of a faith tradition that challenges me everyday, to think more deeply about how faith informs my view of the world. Again, I share this letter not anticipating full agreement, but to add to the discourse many of us as people of faith are likely having these days. May God truly bless our country – especially with wise leaders and faithful citizens, whose collective words and actions will work together to move us all forward.

Your friend and fellow servant,
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

The full text of the Wisconsin Council of Churches statement can be found at:
<https://www.wichurches.org/>

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

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.)

Grow in Faith with Lay Academy

Lay Academy is a ministry of transformation and faith formation offered by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. Participants dive into scripture, explore theology, consider God's presence in their lives and discover fresh ways to speak about and live out their faith in their day to day lives. Registration is open now through July 31, for the next cycle of classes, which will begin on Saturday, August 18 and continue with additional two-day weekend sessions in September, November, January, March and April. For more detailed information, go to www.wcucc.org/layacademy or talk with Pastor Kathryn or Pastor Steve.

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/.



Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

NAMI Fox Valley's Summer Dinner

Thursday, July 19 • 6:00-8:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish,
222 E. Fremont St, Appleton

All you can eat dinner, entertainment, silent auction, raffles and more! Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 5-12, children 5 and under are free. The menu includes: spaghetti, chicken cacciatore, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

We are seeking donations of gift certificates and other gift items that we assemble into our raffle baskets or use for a silent auction. Contact Kelly for details.

For more information or to purchase your tickets, email Kelly at kelly@namifoxvalley.org, call (920) 954-1550, or for more information visit www.namifoxvalley.org/summerdinner

Point in Time

The Fox Cities Housing Coalition is reaching out to invite you participate in this summer's Point in Time Count. The count will take place on Wednesday, July 25 and run through the early morning hours of the 26. One major change to the count this year is that we will only have one shift. The shift begins at 11:30pm, with a brief training upon arrival, and ends at 3:00am.

Twice a year, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition, in conjunction with homeless and housing providers across the State of Wisconsin, coordinate a local count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Fox Cities called the Point in Time Count. Groups of volunteers are led by coalition staff members throughout the Fox Cities in an effort to identify persons residing on the streets, in campgrounds, under bridges and other places not meant for human habitation, in an effort to provide outreach and engagement to those in our community that are in need of housing resources.

If you are interested in volunteering, please following the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548a5a823a5fd0-july>

Bright Stars of Bethlehem Events

On July 24 and 25, the Madison Bright Stars of Bethlehem chapter will host two events featuring Reverend Dr. Mitri Raheb, President of Bright Stars of Bethlehem and Founding President of Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture, former senior pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church and widely published Palestinian theologian. Dr. Raheb will speak at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison on Tuesday evening, July 24 on *Hope in the Shadow of the Wall*. And on Wednesday evening, July 25, Dr. Raheb and Rev. Everett Mitchell will speak on *The Black*

Church and Palestinian Theologies: Intersections of Faith in the Midst of Empire at Christ the Solid Rock Church, 1502 Parkside Drive. Both events begin at 7:00 PM. There is no cost for these events; donations graciously accepted.

On Wednesday morning, July 25 there will be an ecumenical clergy breakfast with Rev. Raheb at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive. Clergy are asked to RSVP for the breakfast to bonnievano@aol.com.

These events are sponsored by: Madison Chapter of Bright Stars: Rev. Bonnie Van Overbeke, Nancy Baumgardner, and Rev. Phil Haslanger (Memorial United Church of Christ, Fitchburg), Rev. Blake Rohrer (Midvale Community Lutheran Church), Rev. Fred and Carol Zimmerman (Lutheran Church of the Living Christ), Joanne Lenburg (First Congregational UCC), Rev. Everett Mitchell and Susan Schwaab (Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church), and Host Congregations: First Unitarian Society, Shaarei Shamayim Jewish Synagogue, Lake Edge Lutheran Church and Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church.

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, 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.*

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, 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.

Summer Family Choir

July 22

Save the date! Open to children through adults. There will be an 8:30 AM rehearsal to sing in the 9:30 AM worship service. Come one, come all! Please RSVP to John Albrecht by calling the church at (920) 733-7393. Thanks!

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.

Youth and Families

Faith, fun and service.

Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch

Sunday, July 29 • 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Join mission trip youth and chaperones as they share their experiences and photos from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Enjoy

pancakes and other yummy brunch food! This meal is free for all trip stockholders, trip participants, and their families. Suggested donation for all others is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Please call or email Jennifer DeWitt at (920) 733-7393 or jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org to RSVP with the number of attendees.

Administration

First Congo's New Website!

We are excited to announce that we have a new website! After working with Stellar Blue for countless hours, we have emerged into the mobile-friendly website era. Check it out!

www.firstcongoappleton.org

Calendar for July 1–July 7

Sunday, July 1

- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Worship** - *Sanctuary*
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **HS Mission Trip Final Youth/Parent Meeting** - *Fellowship Hall*
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **HS Mission Trip Final Chaperone Meeting and Lunch** - *Fellowship Hall*
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **First Things First AA Meeting** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room, Common Grounds*

Monday, July 2

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Counting Team** - *Library*
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **ESTHER - Communications Committee** - *Upper Lounge*
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Facilities Ministry Area** - *Upper Lounge*
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **ESTHER Prison Reform Task Force** - *St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 South Green Bay Road, Neenah*
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** - *Upper Lounge*

Tuesday, July 3

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Independent Practice** - *South Fellowship Hall*
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Yoga @ the Congo** - *Fellowship Hall, River Room*
7:45 PM – 8:45 PM **Fireside AA Group** - *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, July 4

All Day **Church Office Closed** - *4th of July*

Thursday, July 5

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Strong Bones - Independent Practice** - *South Fellowship Hall*
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*
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Clergy Development Group** - *Upper Lounge*
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fox Valley 94 AA** - *Common Grounds*

Friday, July 6

- 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, July 7
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

David Stoddard

July 11 • 6:00-8:00 PM

First Congregational Sanctuary



Please join us for a special performance by David Stoddard, an award-winning folk musician, singer and songwriter. His music has sharp insights, clever lyrics, and memorable melodies. There will be a free will offering and treats. Bring a friend!



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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Youth Mission Trip Stockholder's Brunch

Sunday, July 29 10:30-12:00
In the Fellowship Hall

Meal is FREE for all trip Stockholders, trip participants and their families.

Suggested donation for all others:
\$5 per person
\$20 per family

Join mission trip youth and chaperones as they share their experiences and photos from Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Enjoy pancakes and other yummy brunch food!

Please call or email Jennifer at 920-851-6938 or jdewitt@firstcongoappleton.org to RSVP.

The Ministry

All the Members of the church, Minister
Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Kathryn Kuhn, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission
Maynard E. Beemer, Pastor Emeritus
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries
Jon D. Riehle, Organist
Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education
Joel Morien, Director for Youth Ministry
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant
Christina Trepanier, Communications Specialist
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator
Jonathan Steffen, A/V Coordinator
Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Childcare Provider
Cassidy Behm, Infant/Toddler Childcare Provider
Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor
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