

All Church Announcements

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

Worship with us each weekend. Find our weekly church service on our [website](#) every week by Saturday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC STUDY & HYMN SING

We will meet this Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., all members of our church are invited to join this session via ZOOM. We will discuss a piece of music each week and how it ministers to us, our community, and/or our world and attempt to sing through our Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing. It may not be our traditional choir rehearsal but it's the best thing we can do to make music with our music community! If you have any questions, please reach out to [PJ Uhazie](#).

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Do you miss walking in the doors of First Church? The sanctuary available for prayer and quiet time for anyone that wants to come in. The space will be available Monday and Tuesday afternoons (1pm-4:30pm), and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (8:30am-noon). Since it is such a large space, you do not need to make a reservation. When you arrive please go to the entrance under the canopy and ring the doorbell.

GIFT OF PRAYER

Thank you for all those who have signed up to pray for our church. We ask for your continued support. If you are interested, please sign up under Gift of Prayer for Our Church at www.appfumc.org. It is located on the homepage above Stay Connected With Us. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Allison Schottmuller at aschottmuller@new.rr.com or (920) 450-4387.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

BEING GENEROUS AND CARING... That is the theme of our 2021 Stewardship Focus. THANK YOU to the **244** of you that have already returned your pledge card! We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 300 pledges! The year 2021 may seem like a gigantic puzzle with many questions but we can be the piece that brings it all together. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider how generous you can be in giving from the heart and return your card to the church office today!

HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES

Join us in providing a meal at Pillars Adult Shelter. We will be making and serving a meal on January 21st. Sign up [online](#) or call the church office.

COVID AND MENTAL HEALTH

Struggling with keeping your mental health balanced during the pandemic? Join us on January 20th at 6:20pm, via Zoom immediately following our WNL Devotion (same Zoom link), to hear Hannah Keesler, MS, LPC, SAC-IT from Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, who will share with us practical ways to nurture our mental health during this difficult time. Her therapeutic approach focuses on healing the mind, body, and spirit. Learn ways to get back to being your "best self" and combat the winter COVID blues.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Our Mission of the Month for January is our church Blessing Box (located under the canopy entrance). A large number of people have been using the Blessing Box and we need help keeping it filled with food and other items for those in need in our community. Food items needed: cans with lift off lids (Vienna sausages, Chef Boyardee, soups, etc.), also tuna pouches, single serving fruit and pudding cups, small cereal boxes, granola bars, and snack crackers. Other items needed: small bottles of detergent, hats, socks, gloves, scarves, toothbrush/toothpaste, hand soap/washcloth (put in plastic baggie), hand/feet warmers, and masks. Please drop off items at church (go to door under the canopy and ring doorbell). If you are unable to shop, consider giving a monetary donation. Please help the Mission Team keep the Blessing Box full for all God's people! ***Thank you to everyone that stopped by last Sunday and dropped off donations!***

THANK YOU from SCRIP

This has been an interesting year for the SCRIP program and we want to take a moment to send a great big THANK YOU to those who have continued to support the church with their purchases. Our methods of 'honking at the door' may have been unorthodox, but it worked! Thanks to you sales for the year are only down about 25% and the Scrip program will be able to support the church with \$7,500 for 2020. It truly is remarkable to see how a little extra effort can make things work out. Please continue to support the SCRIP program by calling or emailing in your orders at any time. Amy and Lynn are here to help with your purchasing!

Kidz Announcements

KIDZ KONNECTION LIVE!

Join us for a fun half hour connecting with the Bible and your friends! Kidz Konnection Live will take place Wednesday evenings from 6-6:30. We can't wait to see you! Please contact Ms. Christine if you did not receive the link.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Our online Sunday School class can be found in Google Classroom. Follow this private link to access the videos and activity sheets. Don't forget to let us know you were there! Please contact Ms. Christine if you did not receive the link.

Youth Announcements

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

First Church will offer Confirmation for Youth in Grades 8 and 9 the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The next opportunity to meet will be February 3rd. Classes will be offered virtually (Via Zoom). The Zoom link for the will be emailed to families on the Monday before. We are excited to offer supplemental videos that will be emailed to families on weeks we don't meet.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

The next opportunity to meet for Youth Group (Grades 6-12) will be January 13th. First Church offers a virtual option via Zoom at 7:00-8:00 pm. The Zoom link will be emailed to families on Tuesdays.

Community Announcements

MLK Day of Service set for Monday, January 18th. Older adults are invited to preregister for the free MLK Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 18, from 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. at Thompson Center on Lourdes Sacred Heart Parish Location gym in Appleton. Bring your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and pass on the tradition of volunteering. Paint rocks, build birdhouses and decorate greeting cards that will be given to residents in long-term healthcare facilities to brighten their day. Everyone will receive a goodie bag. Face masks will be required and social distancing guidelines will be in place. Preregistration required for the morning (9:30-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1-3 p.m.) session with Volunteer Fox Cities at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org.

Adult Education Announcements

*All Classes are online via Zoom at this time.
Please sign up online or by contacting the church office at
920-734-2677 or office@appfjmc.org
At this time we ask that all participants purchase
their own books.*

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

“READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR”

This easy to follow study allows for connections between the Old and New Testament while enjoying reading the Bible with a group!

WOMEN OF THE WORD

“BETTER: A STUDY OF HEBREWS”

In this 10-week verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40).

TUESDAY BOOK STUDY

“THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS”

In this novel written by C.S. Lewis, readers are entertained with religious satire that portrays human and foibles from the vantage point of *Screwtape*, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below."

WEDNESDAY STUDY - “UNAFRAID”

In this book, Adam Hamilton, reads learn how to flourish as a beacon of hope and serenity in an anxious age by embracing Jesus' recurring advice: "Do not be afraid." Let's live courageously!

THURSDAY ‘NOON’ STUDIES

The Biblical book of Joshua teaches how to be strong in many senses of the word. Pastor Markus will lead both the Men and the Women's classes. The men will be continuing their study of Joshua at noon, and the women will begin the study at 12:45pm.