

## All Church Announcements

### IN-PERSON CHURCH

We have put a pause on in-person worship currently. Watch our all-church emails for updates on our resuming of in-person worship.

### WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

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

### DRIVE THRU PRAYER & PLEDGE SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-11:00 a.m. You are invited to come for private prayer with our pastors and pick up a free Advent Devotional with devotions written by some of our church members. You are also welcome to drop off your pledge card. If you will participate in our all-church Advent study you can also pick up a copy of this year's Advent study book "Almost Christmas" for \$5. We hope to see you there!

### DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY

Join us on December 18 & 19 from 6-8 pm, and December 20 from 10:30-12:30 for our Drive-Thru Live Nativity! **We are looking for families to participate.** We currently need parking lot guides, Wiseman, shepherds, angles, and sheep! Families will stay in a group together so we can be socially distanced throughout our parking lot. We are asking you to sign up for one night/morning only. Please contact Christine Ladewig for more details on this exciting ministry opportunity!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC STUDY & HYMN SING

Each Wednesday, starting at **7:15 p.m.**, **all members of our church** are invited to join this session via ZOOM. We will dive in and 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 [pjuhazie@appfumc.org](mailto:pjuhazie@appfumc.org).

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

Our annual food drive, the FESTIVAL OF GOD'S HARVEST, is in full swing! This year we are asking you to provide your own bag. The most needed food items include Hamburger Helper, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, and Jelly. The last designated drop-off time will be on Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:00 to 6:00. The Mission Team has created the specified collection times to avoid multiple interruptions of church staff, but if this time is inconvenient for you, you may drop off your canned

goods during church office hours. Please put them in or near the Wesley Room. If you are unable to deliver your groceries, please call Chris Hartman at 739-5368 to arrange a pick-up. The St. Joseph Food Program and hungry members of our community have a great need at this time, so all contributions will be especially appreciated this year.

### GUEST SPEAKER ON DIGNITY & RESPECT NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.

Are you curious about what Appleton is doing to promote dignity and respect for all people in our area? If so, please join us Wednesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> after the devotion to hear Karen Nelson, Appleton's Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, speak about our community's Dignity and Respect. The Zoom link will be emailed the Tuesday prior. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the link.

### BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is located by the portico doors. We have many people in need coming to our Blessing Box. If you would like to donate, please contact [Amy@appfumc.org](mailto:Amy@appfumc.org) in the church office and we will arrange for you to bring items in.

### GIFT OF PRAYER

Thank you for all those who have signed up to pray for our church during this time of uncertainty. We ask for your continued support. If you are interested, please sign up under Gift of Prayer for Our Church at [www.appfumc.org](http://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](mailto:aschottmuller@new.rr.com) or (920) 450-4387.

### SCRIP

Whatever you need to purchase, Scrip is here for you! We have gift cards in stock ready for you to swing by and pick up. Call the Church office to place your order.

## Adult Christian Education

### ALL CHURCH ADVENT STUDY

Join one of our 4-week classes as we are reminded of approaching Advent wholeheartedly, offered Sunday-Thursday. Tied together with John Wesley's "The Almost Christian", we are shown how to break down the barriers that prevent us from experiencing an "altogether" love, hope, joy, and peace in Christ in our lives and in the world around us. Books are \$5. Please call the church office to reserve your copy and sign up for a class.

## Kidz Announcements

### ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Ms. Christine for a recorded Sunday School video each week! We will enjoy music, a craft or activity, a bible story, and learn some new bible skills each week! Lessons can be accessed on our FUMC Kidz/ Kidz Konnection Facebook page or on our Children's Ministry page at [www.appfumc.org](http://www.appfumc.org). Please contact Ms. Christine if you would like a printed copy of materials.

### REMIND APP

All families should have received an email about the Remind App. We are really excited about utilizing this handy tool as another way to communicate with you. This app will be used to let families know when an email update has been sent or when there are class cancellations or closures. If you didn't receive the email please contact Christine Ladewig for our group code!

### FAMILY SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a safe way to serve our church and community? Please help us fill our blessing box, and collect items for Columbus Elementary, Wilson Middle, and West High School! We are collecting food items, hygiene products, laundry soaps and paper products, and snack items for young children, adult socks, and prepared food items that can be opened without a can opener. Please label items Children's Ministry. Items can be dropped off at church during normal business hours.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADVENT MATERIALS

#### PICKUP

Join us November 22 from 10-11 am for a drive-thru prayer and materials pick up. Each family will receive a kit filled with Sunday School activities for the winter session, and fun and meaningful Advent resources. If you cannot pick up during this time please contact Christine Ladewig to arrange a time for items to be dropped off or picked up.

## Youth Announcements

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

The next opportunities to meet for Youth Group (Grades 6-12) will be November 18. First Church offers a virtual option with two times: 6:00-7:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm. The Zoom link will be emailed to families on Tuesdays.

### 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 December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.bstahl@appfumc.org](mailto:meet.bstahl@appfumc.org)

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. The final count is still being finalized. If you still have a box to return, please return them to church by Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> by Noon. Thank you so much for your continued generosity in blessing children all over the world.

### 2021 FUMC APPLETON YOUTH MISSION TRIP PAYMENTS DUE!

The next payment for 2021 Youth Mission Trips is due November 30. Sisseton payment is \$150, Denver payment is \$150, and Puerto Rico payment is \$250. Families, please contact Brian at [bstahl@appfumc.org](mailto:bstahl@appfumc.org) if you would like to use fundraising account monies for your payment. Checks should be made to FUMCY. At the end of November participants should have the paid the following totals: Sisseton - \$200, Denver - \$200, and Puerto Rico - \$400. There are still openings for the Sisseton and Denver trips!

## Community Announcements

### SUPPORT GROUP

The Fox Valley Memory Project is launching a brand new Support Group for caregivers who are isolated from and unable to see loved ones living in care facilities during this time. The Support Group meets the 2nd Thursday at noon on Zoom and is open to all. Contact Harper Smith ([harper@foxvalleymemoryproject.org](mailto:harper@foxvalleymemoryproject.org)) for more information.