

All Church Announcements

THE FUTURE OF ONLINE SERVICES

We are working hard on a transition from providing pre-recorded services each weekend to regularly live-streaming our services. Starting May 2nd we plan to live-stream our 9:00am Sanctuary worship services. These services can be watched live on our church's YouTube channel [Appleton FUMC](#). They will be permanently available for later viewing on the same YouTube page. Later in the week the services will also appear on our church's [Vimeo page](#).

THE FUTURE OF IN-PERSON SERVICES

Many have asked when we will return to having a Saturday 5:30pm, and a Sunday 10:30am service. Please know that we analyze our attendance patterns weekly and will add services as we consistently hit capacity at our 9:00am service. Thus far we've been able to provide sufficient space that allows for appropriate distancing with only one service.

WNL DEVOTIONS IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED

We are excited to offer WNL Devotions in-person in our Sanctuary and live-streamed on our YouTube channel ([Appleton FUMC](#)) Wednesday evenings at 6pm on April 21 and 28. Please join us for a great night with your church family. You can tailgate in the parking lot before the service, and take a class after the service, if you would like.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

Nursery care is available upon request for Sunday worship services. Please make sure to register no later than the Thursday before the service. After that we cannot guarantee care. Nursery care will be available on Wednesday evenings for our WNL+ devotion and classes.

FREE PIANO!

We are looking for a new home for a baby grand piano. It will need some work to be functioning properly. The piano will be making its way to the Fellowship Hall sometime today. If you are interested, please take a look at it or contact the church office. The Trustees are able to provide assistance.

NEW MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

We were recently informed that Little Angel Child Care is closing. Therefore we have decided to support Project Bridges Day Care as an alternative. This agency has similar goals to that of Little Angel Day Care. The wish list will remain the same: educational toys, art supplies, diapers, and wet ones, garbage bags and new or gently used children's clothes sizes 2-6. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, send your check to the church office with 'April MoM' in the memo line. All goods may be placed in the marked bin by Wesley Room.

SCRIP- WE'RE BACK!

The Scrip team is excited to let you know that we are now selling Scrip gift cards again at worship services! You will find us in Fellowship Hall. Please stop before the service and drop off or complete an order form; then your order will be ready for pick up after! We will be behind plexi-glass and socially distanced for your safety. The Scrip team is excited to see you again!

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP EVENT

Thank you to everyone who picked up trash along the streets surrounding our church!! It was a beautiful day and we picked up lots of trash! We still have some "routes" left that were not covered. The routes were designed to take about an hour and are in the church neighborhood. Teams picked up from 1 to 4 plastic bags of trash per route. Please contact the church office if you are interested in doing a route on your own.

VIM PLANT SALE IS BACK AND WE ARE EXCITED!

Saturday, May 22nd 9a-7p and Sunday, May 23rd 9a-noon. If you have plants to donate, you can bring them in to the church on Friday, May 21st between noon and 5p.

HANDS-ON MINISTRY

BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD

Each month, First Church will provide opportunities to participate in hands-on volunteering throughout our local community. Coming up we have FEEDING AMERICA on April 23rd, and ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM on May 10th. Sign up on our website appfumc.org or contact the church office.

Youth Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

April 21 following the Wednesday Night Live Devotion we have Youth Group for Grades 6-12 from 6:30-7:30pm. The current Message Series is Alpha Youth. We exist to create a space where youth will be excited to engage in conversations about faith.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION SERVICES

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated twice in April. A Service for the 10th Grade Class will be held Saturday, April 24 at 11am. A service for the 9th Grade Class will be held Sunday, April 25 at 10:30am. The services will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel: Appleton FUMC.

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Wednesday, April 28th following the Wednesday Live Devotion First Church will offer a Photo Scavenger Hunt in Downtown Appleton for Grades 6-12 from 6:30-7:30.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

First Church will celebrate Graduates during Worship on May 16. If you have a family member who graduated in December of 2020, or is graduating from high school or

any higher education institution this Spring, please text a 10 second video clip in Landscape Mode by May 10 with the following information: Name, school, and future plans to Brian Stahl at 920-840-5075.

Kidz Announcements

KIDZ KONNECTION ON ZOOM AND IN-PERSON!

All children in Kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to join Ms. Louise and your friends for Kidz Konnection Live on ZOOM Wednesdays from 6-6:30. Our in-person Kidz Konnection will meet after WNL+ devotion from 6:30-7:30 in room 314.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Our online Sunday School class can be found in Google Classroom. The link is sent out in our All Church Email on Tuesdays. Don't forget to let us know you were there by answering the attendance question. We have in-person class at 9:00am. All children 3 years old-5th grade should report to room 314. Please register your child(ren) when you register for the worship service. Children will be required to wear masks.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Our third graders will receive their gift bibles on May 16 during the 9:00 service. Please contact Christine Ladewig for more information about the presentation or to sponsor a bible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JULY 26-30

Join us for an amazing week of ministry to our community! VBS will take place July 26-30 from 9-noon. All children 3 years (Jan 1 2021) - completed 5th grade are invited to attend. This is a free event so invite a friend! You can sign up now by visiting our [website](#) / Children's Ministries/ FUMC KIDZ.

Adult Education Announcements

Please sign up for classes on our [website](#) through the [adult education page](#).

WOMEN OF THE WORD MONDAYS "JONAH"

Mondays 7:00-8:30p.m. via Zoom (May 3-June 21). In this seven week study, author Priscilla Shirer invites participants to look at interrupted lives and God's divine intervention just like Jonah had to look at his life.

TUESDAY BOOK STUDY

"LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK"

Tuesdays 1:00-2:30 via ZOOM. (April 20-May 11)
Author Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor challenges readers to consider how we can learn from the darkness. Through darkness we can find courage, understand the world in new ways, feel God's presence around us and grow.

WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY

"THE GRACE OF LES MISÉRABLES"

Wednesdays 11:15-12:30 via ZOOM. (Apr 14-May-19)
Author Rev. Matt Rawle explores six themes of grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope found in the characters in Victor Hugo's novel. Rawle draws parallels between the story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to understand our faith and live it out in the world.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S THURSDAY NOON STUDY

"BE STRONG..." STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Men (Noon- 12:45), Women (12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
The Biblical book of Joshua teaches how to be strong in many senses of the word. Men will be continuing their study of Joshua while Women begin the study. Both groups will be led by Pastor Markus. Via Zoom.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY –SUNDAYS AT 10:15AM

"READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"

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

WNL PLUS PROGRAMING IS BACK!

**Embrace the Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength
on April 14, 21 and 28**

6:30-7:30pm

*Check out the variety of class opportunities
In-Person and Live-Streamed.*

Register on our website or by calling the church office

ENRICHING OUR SOUL!

April 21: Resiliency: How To Snap Back After Being Stretched Too Thin- Cultivating this skill has positive impacts on many areas of our lives, both personally and collectively. Ellen Koski, director of the Fox Valley Advance Care Planning Partnership, will lead this class.

April 28: Connecting to God Through Meditation and Centering Prayer- Rich Elrod will introduce the practice of transcendental meditation as a way to calm and renew our mind, body and spirit.

ENRICHING OUR HEART!

Knitting Unfinished Project - Have unfinished knitting projects haunting you? Participate in the K.U.P. event.

ENRICHING OUR MIND!

Called - Pastor Markus will lead the discussion, Called, which is in-person, and also will be live-streamed on our Church YouTube channel ([Appleton FUMC](#)).

ENRICHING OUR STRENGTH!

Qigong and Tai Chi - Engage in gentle qigong and tai chi movements, breathing exercises, meditation, and self-acupressure to strengthen your soul. Join Lorrie Formella, for three weeks to learn easy mind-body practices which foster serenity and peace that help to maximize health, resiliency, and wellbeing.