

ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UP-DATES ON IN-PERSON SERVICES

Here are our guidelines for September:

- Mask wearing in worship is strongly recommended.
- Social distancing and 50% worship space capacity will be maintained.
- Be extra conscious about maintaining social distance from children and vulnerable people.
- Coffee hour and funeral lunches will continue to be offered.

Both our sanctuary and chapel services have been comfortably full, not exceeding 50% occupancy on any given weekend so far. If you are able to return to church, please come, there is room! If you are not vaccinated we ask you to continue to take utmost precaution, masks and hand sanitizing stations are readily available in church - online services will continue to be offered.

ONLINE SERVICES

Our 9:00am Sanctuary worship services are live-streamed. 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. The services will also appear on our church's Vimeo page later in the week.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

We have the opportunity in September to support the Rehoboth Congolese Congregation with donations of various hygiene and cleaning supplies. *We have opened our church doors to the Congregation and this is a way to help with our hearts.* Following is a list of most needed items: size 4, 5 and 6 diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene pads, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bars of hand soap, laundry detergent, liquid dish detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, and toilet paper. Please put items in the designated box near the Wesley Room. If you are unable to drop off items and wish to donate, please forward cash or check donations to the church office indicating it is for the September Mission of the Month.

LIAISON TO THE CONGOLESE

We are looking for church representatives to be a liaison to the Congolese Congregation that worships at our church. Spent about one hour at church on Sunday afternoons once a month to help the congregation get settled and be a human bridge between our two churches. For more information please call our church office.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

While we are in the search of a new Director for Children and Family ministries we need help to carry on our kids program. This is a compensated position on a part-time basis. The main focus of this position is to recruit and schedule volunteers for the areas of our children's program, mainly Sunday school and Wednesday evening Kidz Connection. If you are able to invest several hours each week and interested to help out our program, please

contact Pastor Markus. This position will be kept until we formally hire a new full-time director.

HANDS-ON MINISTRY

Jake's Network of Hope (formerly Jake's Diapers) has begun a new program they are calling "Turn Truckloads of Fun into Truckloads of Hope." Jake's is seeking volunteers with a sense of adventure, mixed with a commitment to make our world a better place. Truckloads of Fun are random product donations from their corporate partners. Products are then sorted into logical categories that their nonprofit partners need. We will have a team volunteer at Jake's Network of Hope on Friday, Oct. 1 from 12-2 pm. Please [register](#) to participate by going to our website [appfmc.org](#).

GRACE REHEARSAL

Grace Women's Choir will begin rehearsing on Monday, September 13, at 6:00pm on in Room 301. Cindy Trudell is looking forward to seeing all of your excited faces again as the group begins rehearsing music for fall. Please contact with Cindy or Matthew Harden with any questions.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to have Children's Sunday School at First Church. Every Sunday, four (4) volunteers are needed to serve in the Children's Sunday School. We encourage every member to help with this ministry. The plan is to engage one person (or a couple) once every two months to split the ministry load and allow each member to participate in this super important ministry to our children. Please sign up to help on the *You Can Count On Me* bulletin insert or by calling the church office.

SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

We will be holding a small Group Facilitator Training on September 14th and 28th at 6:30-8:00 pm in Asbury Lounge. The speaker will be Pastor Sue D'Allesio. It will be two sessions: Gifts of Small Groups, and Growing Wide, Growing Deep. We encourage leaders, small group facilitators, and future facilitators to participate in this workshop. Please let Pastor Hae-Jeong or Amy know if you plan to join the sessions.

REQUESTING YOUR INPUT

Pastor Hae-Jeong is asking everyone for their answers to the following questions: 1. What questions would you like to ask God? 2. What are the greatest stresses in your life? Please submit answers to the church office or directly to Pastor Hae-Jeong HJYoon@appfmc.org. The answers will be used for future sermon planning. Thank you! You can also fill out your answers on the *You Can Count On Me* bulletin insert.

EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITIES

As a part of evangelism, we decided to distribute free water at First Church during the Saturday morning Appleton downtown farmer's market on October 2nd. You can sign up for a 2 hour shift from 8-10, or 10-noon. Also, we will have a booth at Octoberfest in Appleton on September 25th and need volunteers. Please sign up to help on the *You Can Count On Me* bulletin insert or by calling the church.

WEEKLY BULLETINS AVAILABLE ONLINE

We now have our weekly worship bulletins posted on our church website, appfumc.org under [Worship Services](#).

SANCTUARY CHOIR AND WESLEY HANDBELLS

Do you like to sing? We would love to have you in our choir! Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Wesley Handbells Choir will be rehearsing at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in Room 302. Danny Schierl is looking forward to seeing all of your excited faces again as the group begins rehearsing music for fall. Please contact Matthew Harden, Director of Music and Worship Ministries with any questions, or if you'd like to ring.

SCRIP IS EASY!

Support First Church by simply purchasing gift cards at the Scrip table at any worship service and a percentage of that purchase goes back to the church. You will be surprised at all the places we have gift cards for! Stop by the table today! It's also easy to sell Scrip! We are looking for people to volunteer just a couple times a year to sit at the table and sell Scrip cards - takes just 15 minutes after service! Please consider helping the Scrip program that contributes \$10,000/year in profits!

KIDZ ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts Sunday, September 12th 9am-10am.

Kidz get ready for an amazing Sunday School adventure at "CAMP OUT" in room 314! We'll enjoy exciting campfire music, stories from the Bible, fun camp activities, and yummy Camp snacks! We can't wait to see you in Sunday School! Register on our website appfumc.org or by calling or emailing the [church office](#) office@appfumc.org. All children age 3-5th grade are invited. Bring a friend!

KIDZ KONNECTION

Kidz Konnection will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:15pm with an outdoor celebration for the whole family! Come join us in City Park for dinner, worship and fellowship. There will be some fun kids' activities, too! Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm in room 314. Kidz Konnection is for children in kindergarten thru 5th grade. Teacher Becky Brazil Hurlbutt is looking forward to see you all!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars for the return of Wednesday Night Youth Group (Grades 6-12) on September 22 from 6:00-7:45! Large Group from 6:00-6:30pm and Class for Grades 6 & 7, Confirmation for Grades 8 and 9, and Jesus League for Grades 10-12.

2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS!

Next year First Church will offer two Youth Mission Trips. The Middle School Trip, for Youth in Grades 6-8, will be June 12-17. Total Cost is \$450. The High School

Trip, for Youth in Grades 9-12, will be June 25-July 2. Total Cost is \$500. A \$50 Deposit will reserve your space. Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first come basis. For more information, please contact Brian Stahl at bstahl@appfumc.org or 920-840-5075.

ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register for classes online at appfumc.org, or fill out the *You Can Count On Me* insert in your bulletin.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Sundays at 10:00am in the Wesley Room. This study allows for connections between the Old and New Testament while reading the Bible with a group!

PRAYER MEETINGS WITH PASTOR HAE-JEONG

Mondays at 6pm in Asbury Lounge. What a privilege that we can pray to God! When two or three gather together, God said I will be with you. If you can pray as God wants us, you will own what God owns. Let's find joy in prayer and see the miracles that God works in our lives.

TUESDAY EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP- "THE CHOSEN"

October 5 - November 23, 7:00-8:00 pm, Wesley Room
The Chosen is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ. Created outside the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Him as witnessed through the eyes of those who knew him. *The Chosen* is scripturally based, and at the same time, tells a story that is between the lines of scripture based on the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. Group participants will view each of the 8 episodes of season 1 prior to class and then meet to question, discuss, dig deeper, and reflect.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP- "THE WALK"

Join the Wednesday Study Group for a six-session study of Rev Adam Hamilton's, *The Walk*. *The Walk* examines five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus's own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. The five practices are: worship, prayer, study, serving, giving, and sharing. How we carry out these practices daily is essential to our life and health of the church. Gather at 11:15 with discussion from 11:30-12:30pm in Asbury Lounge on Wednesdays, September 29-November 3. Facilitators: Kathi West and Cynthia Whitely.

WOMEN OF THE WORD- "THE FAITHFUL- HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT"

Explore crucial moments in the lives of five Old Testament figures—Queen Esther, Gideon, Hosea, Malachi, and Nehemiah. Strengthen your faith as you walk alongside these larger-than-life figures who all chose to obey God no matter the circumstances. Mondays, September 13-October 11. Class meets over ZOOM, 7:00-8:30 p.m., facilitated by Sue Stehula.

THURSDAY NOON MEN'S LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

On October 7th we will resume our Thursday noon men's Bible study. Until then you are invited to join the men in City Park for a casual lunch (in church when the weather is bad). Bring your own lunch, the men gather near the fountain area.