

# ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPDATES 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.

## WILL YOU SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR TEAM IN 2022?

If you are interested to serve in the leadership of our church please prayerfully discern volunteering for one of the positions that are open this year. Find a one-page insert in the weekly worship bulletin or on our website to see in which areas we need help. Please submit your form by October 7th to the church office. You can mail it in, place it in the offering basket, drop it off during the week, or take a picture of your filled out form and email it to the church office. We look forward to being in ministry with you. The lay-leadership committee of our church will meet in October to finalize this year's process.

## 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 to help with truckloads of items that need to be 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 [appfumc.org](#).

## GRACE REHEARSAL

Grace Women's Choir will begin rehearsing on Mondays, at 6:00pm on in Room 301. Please contact with Cindy Trudell 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, eight (8) 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 had a wonderful first Small Group Facilitator Training on September 14<sup>th</sup> and look forward to session two on September 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can sign up for a 2 hour shift from 8-10, or 10-noon. 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**

We would love to have you in our choirs! 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. 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**

Sundays, 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](http://appfumc.org) or by calling or emailing the [church.office@appfumc.org](mailto:church.office@appfumc.org). All children age 3yrs old-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Bring a friend!

### **KIDZ KONNECTION**

Kidz Konnection will begin indoors on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in room 314. Kidz Konnection is for children in kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Teacher Becky Brazil Hurlbutt is looking forward to see you all!

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Hey Families, Did you know that First Church offers Middle School (Grades 6&7) Sunday School in the Youth Lounge on Sunday Mornings from 9:00-10:00 am? Please Join us!

### **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!**

Middle School Trip, for Youth in Grades 6-8, will be June 12-17. Total Cost is \$450. There are 3 Youth Spaces and a Female Adult Leader Space remaining. The High School Trip, for Youth in Grades 9-12, will be June 25-July 2. Total Cost is \$500. There are 5 Youth Spaces and an Adult Leader Space remaining. A \$50 Deposit, check made to FUMCY, will reserve your space. For more information, please contact Brian Stahl at [bstahl@appfumc.org](mailto:bstahl@appfumc.org) or 920-840-5075.

## **ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Register for classes online at [appfumc.org](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.