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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events

Second Harvest
food packing, Saturday,
Nov. 4, 2:30 pm

Sandwich making
for Dignity Center,
Sunday, Nov. 5, noon

Benefit screening for
Groveland Food Shelf
Sunday, Nov. 5, 1 pm

Jon Bates called as SH Youth Minister



Hi all, my name is Jon Bates and I am so excited to be a part of the Springhouse Ministry Team.

I was born and raised in Shoreview, MN. There I grew up with my parents, Ray and Malu, and two older sisters Katy Jo and Becky, and Grandma. Growing up I was surrounded with Filipino food, bike rides, and karaoke machines.

In 2011 I began my college career at St. Cloud State University where I was changing my major quicker than my shoes. These two years led to a transfer of schools to Augsburg College (at the time) where I received a degree in Youth and Family Ministry in December 2015.

After graduation I was led to Billings, Montana, for a position as the Director of Youth, Family, and Education Ministries at Atonement Lutheran Church. I was there from June 2016 until this past August when I moved back to Minnesota to be closer with family. Now I am only a 20-minute drive to a majority of my family!

Since returning I also began a new position with the Star Tribune as their Digital Media Customer Support Specialist.

When I'm not working you can probably find me outside enjoying the outdoors before it gets too cold, drinking coffee, being with friends, strolling through Target, napping, and enjoying the occasional Netflix marathon.

I'm jazzed about what the future looks like as we all continue to walk with each other in faith, love, and justice.



*Stewardship:
Giving. Gratitude. God*

*Commitment Sunday
November 5
To support the ministries
of First Christian Church*



In Our Prayers

Prayers for Joy

For Jon Bates joining the SpringHouse ministry team

For Bryan Feille's successful eye surgery

Prayers for Sympathy

For the Rusinak family who recently celebrated the life of Nick Rusinak, FCC's choir director for 28 years

Prayers for Concern

*For Alice Keith's mother
For Regional Minister Bill Spangler-Dunning as he travels to Cuba with others to build relationships*

For all our homebound members, June Andrix and Evelyn Lawson

Prayers for the World

For Somalia, Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida, Flint and all the communities struggling with human and natural disasters



A message from Pastor Laurie Pound-Feille



By now most of us have received in the mail our Estimated Giving Cards and Time and Talent cards for 2018. On Sunday, November 5, we will offer these in the midst of worship. The information on the cards that are received will shape and form our ministry for 2018. Our Finance Team receives the total dollars pledged and creates our budget out of those numbers.

We know that life has bumps and curves so the pledges that are on those cards are received with the grace that if life changes then you are able to change your pledge. Sometimes pledges need to be lowered during the year and sometimes they are increased. There are many times that what is pledge is exactly what is given.

So what will happen with the gifts given in 2018? Well, if enough money is pledged then we will continue to offer money to the many outreach organizations that we support. We will continue to have Mission At Our Doorstep and offer monetary resources to people in need in our community. We will continue to support our Regional and General Church Ministries. We will continue to make Bags of Grace; make sandwiches for Dignity Center and Simpson Shelter; put together lunch bags for Simpson Shelter; serve meals at St Stephens Shelter; support opportunities for LGBTQ Youth to gather; and we will continue to reach out in a variety of ways into our community. We will also continue to pay our staff and Dan and me. We will continue to have instruments and soloists in worship and for our special services. We will continue to pay our share of SpringHouse Ministry Center expenses. This does not include our participation in Sheridan Story and our Servant Trips that are supported by the Wholeness Fund.

What will happen with the Time and Talent Cards? We will look at what you have a passion for and find ways for you to use your gifts in the life of the church. Your gifts of time and talent make us able to carry out our varied ministries. We have opportunities for volunteers to serve with our Children Ministries and Youth Ministries. We have opportunities for volunteers to make Communion and lead us in worship. We have opportunities for volunteers to commit to making sandwiches and going on international and domestic Servant Trips. We have opportunities for volunteers to run sound on Sunday morning and operate the camera so we are able to live stream our services. These are just a few of the many opportunities that are on the Time and Talent Cards. Most of all we want to know what gift of Time and Talent you have to offer that isn't listed on the card. We want you to use what it is your are passionate for and about in the ministry of the church.

With the monies pledged and the time and talent offered we will continue to be church and discover the many opportunities to share the love of God in this world that await us in 2018. This is why the cards are so important. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and on November 5th we will celebrate and anticipate all that 2018 will bring!

I am so excited for November 5th! Much love and peace, Pastor Laurie

Welcoming and Sanctuary Support Luncheon

Wondering what it means to be Sanctuary Supporting or Immigrant Welcoming? The Spring House Sanctuary Task Force is hosting a luncheon and “resource fair” on Sunday, November 12 following worship services to help answer our questions.



- ❖ **Fundraising Lunch.** Food will be prepared by Yolanda whose son-in-law Elmer has been detained 5+ months. Elmer and Kathryn are married with an infant daughter. Elmer worked in roofing and siding and was sole provider for his family. Household expenses are now a challenge. Free will donations at lunch will support this family (recommended \$5/person or \$20/family).
- ❖ **Learning.** Pick up materials on what it means to be Immigrant Welcoming and Sanctuary Supporting Congregations, including denomination resolutions.
- ❖ **Ideas.** Sanctuary Task Force will share ideas on actions that might manifest from our resolutions.
- ❖ **Pray.** Share in a joint time of prayer for immigrants and families.
- ❖ **Stories.** Learn about immigrant stories.

So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household, because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 NET)

Mission and Outreach opportunities:

Saturday, November 4

- 12:30-2:30: Pack food at Second Harvest in Golden Valley

Sunday, November 5

- Following worship, help make sandwiches for the Dignity Center
- 1 pm – Attend a benefit for Groveland at the Heights Theater in Columbia Heights. The benefit will be a special screening of the movie *My Fair Lady* accompanied by music played on the theater's Wurlitzer organ. All proceeds will go to the food shelf.

Ongoing on Friday mornings

- Spend an hour at Whittier School (10-11 am) delivering putting food bags in children's lockers or cubbies, so that food-insecure families have a little extra to eat on the weekends. Sign-up sheet is in the FCC office.

FCC Board Notes

Twelve people attended the October 17 meeting of the FCC General Board. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

- Three youth minister candidates were interviewed by the three ministers, Deb Murphy, a group of youth, and representatives of all congregations. After much discussion and a vote, one person was the clear choice and a contract was extended.
- On November 5, Chairperson Dean Creighton will invite people to bring their pledges forward and to participate in filling hygiene kits or cleaning buckets. This will allow visitors to participate without feeling left out while some go forward.
- The trustees and Pastor Laurie met with Kirby Gould of Christian Church Foundation and decided to create a new fund from FCC's two existing CCF investment funds; proceeds from the new fund will support our general budget.
- Pastor Laurie will attend an overnight retreat in Faribault on November 5-6 with the Downtown Clergy group, and a Church Extension meeting from November 12-14.



November 2017 First Christian Church			 Sunday Morning Schedule 9:00 Spiritual Formation Classes 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship Time in Gathering Space			
			1 6:30 Bells 7 pm Ordination Care Committee for W. Manuel 7:45 Chancel Choir	2 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry	3	4 9 am Men's Group 11 am Mobile Menders 12:30 Second Harvest food packing 3 pm First Saturday
5 <i>North Sanctuary</i> Noon – Child Ministry Team Meeting Noon – Shower for Rev. Ashley and Angela 1 pm Groveland Food Shelf benefit at Heights Theater	6 6 pm Yoga 7 pm SH Covenant Task Group	7 8 am Lectionary Bible Study @ Walker Residence Municipal Election South Sanctuary	8 2 pm Mission & Outreach 6:30 Bells 7:45 Chancel Choir	9 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry 7 pm Laurie's PRC	10	11 9 am Men's Group 9 am SH Huddle VOICES CONFERENCE 2-9 pm at Surly Brewing Company
12 <i>North Sanctuary</i> 11:30 Sanctuary Fair and Lunch	13 6 pm Yoga 7 pm Carter Circle@ Sandy Morgan's	14 8 am Lectionary Bible Study	15 5:30 FCC Finance Committee 6:30 Bells 7:45 Chancel Choir	16 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry	17	18 9 am Men's Group 8:30 am Prep for T'giving potluck
19 <i>North Sanctuary</i> THANKSGIVING POTUCK 11:45 am SHMC Activistas	20 6 pm Yoga 6:45 SH Building Committee 7 pm FCC Book Group@ Amy Dunlop's	21 8 am Lectionary Bible Study 7 pm SH Finance	22 7:45 Chancel Choir	23  10 am Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Basilica	24	25 9 am Men's Group
26 <i>North Sanctuary</i> Noon – SH Green Team	27 10 am Sanctuary Moving Day 6 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Brews & Views	28 8 am Lectionary Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team 7 pm FCC Board	29 5:30 pm FCC Staff Mtg 6:30 Bells 7:45 Choir	30 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry		

	Elders	Worship Leader	Children's Moment	Diaconate	Bus Drivers
November 5	Dean Creighton Barb Creighton	Henrietta Smith	Deb Murphy	K. Hintz Mary Hurlocker	Mike Hesano 651-645-6758
November 12	Ann Wolverton Kirsten Cackoski	Sarah Lauer	Dan Adolphson	Max Hurlocker E. Tucker	Mike Morgan 612.926-9834
November 19	Val Dunham Jay Hillestad	Karen Kandik	Laurie Feille	B. Whitaker G. Madsen	Garry Hesser 612.721.4905
November 26	Sandy Morgan Martha Harris	Earl Dunham	Steve Rusinak		Mike Hesano 651-645-6758

Note: Please call drivers by Saturday for Sunday bus ride



In The Squiggle Space

November Curriculum. In November, we will hear about the story of “Elisha Feeds 100” and “God’s Peaceful World” from the book of Isaiah. The Sunday after Thanksgiving we will be doing a service project, which will be decided at the next Children’s Ministry Team meeting.

The Older Kids Group. The 4th–6th graders have been creating a patchwork blanket to send to the Welcome Blanket Project. This group is collecting blankets, 40”x40”, from people all over the country to hand out to immigrants coming to the US. The hope is to collect enough blankets to equal the length of the proposed wall along the Mexico-US border. The idea is to transform exclusion of some peoples to inclusion of all.

Children’s Ministry Team. We meet the first Sunday of the month at noon in the Sunday School (Squiggle Space).

Apple Picking. Several Springhouse folks ventured out to Deardorff Orchards on October 1st to pick apples, taste wine, pet animals, and ride on the tractor. Jimmy Tucker (right) was one of our apple pickers.



Voices Conference features live podcast

First Christian Church’s third Voices Conference is titled, “Justice, Renewal and the Theology of Prince,” and features Christian Piatt (see profile). The conference is Saturday, November 11, at Surly Brewing Company from 2 pm to 9 pm and will include a live broadcast of conference headliner Christian Piatt’s podcast “Homebrewed Christianity Culture Cast. The guest for the evening podcast is Dr. Pamela Ayo Yetunde from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. The discussion will focus on her latest project at the seminary, Theology of Prince, her own exploration of Prince’s theology/spirituality (which she’s done some writing and speaking about) and why this is an important project in our current cultural mileau.

The afternoon sessions will be “Evolving Justice: From Retribution to Restoration” (2-3 pm), and “New Book Discussion: Surviving the Bible” (3:15-4:30 pm). The evening session will be the CultureCast Podcast (7-9 pm). The cost for the conference is \$40, which includes all sessions, Christian Piatt’s latest book and appetizers throughout event.

Voices Conference Headliner Christian Piatt



Christian Piatt is an author, editor, speaker, musician and spoken word artist. He co-founded Milagro Christian Church in Pueblo, Colorado with his wife, Rev. Amy Piatt, in 2004. Currently he serves as the Director of Acquisitions and Author Development for CrowdScribed, and as the Director of Growth and Development for First Christian Church (DOC) in Portland, OR.

Christian is the creator and editor of the Banned Questions book series, which include *Banned Questions About the Bible*, *Banned Questions About Jesus* and *Banned Questions About Christians*. He co-created and co-edits the WTF: Where’s the Faith? young adult series with Chalice Press.

Find out more about his current and upcoming books and his many blog links including Patheos and Huffington Post at his website ChristianPiatt.com.

Sundays at First Christian Church

Worship at 10:30

Before Worship:

Spiritual Formation Classes:

9:15 Children's Sunday School

9:30 SH Joint Adult Class

After Worship

11:45 Fellowship Time

Scripture text for Sunday, October 29

God Speaks to Elijah

I Kings 19: 1-18



Sleeping Elijah, by He Qi

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is a partner church at SpringHouse Ministry Center*

Reflections on the Word

I Kings 19: 5 Then he lay under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

I sometimes get up at night to wander into the kitchen in search of food, but not because of an angel's prompting. But once or twice in my life, I have had dreams that seemed to be sending me a message, whether from my unconscious or perhaps from an even deeper source. God sends many messages to Elijah through many unlikely sources, and Elijah is strong enough to hear them.

God our Creator, Help us to hear you speaking to us in our dreams, in our relationships and in our hearts. Amen.

*A Welcoming Community of Faith in the Heart of
the City*

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