

# The COURIER

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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## UPCOMING Events:

*VOICES Conference*  
*At Surlly Brewing,*  
*2-9 pm, November 11*

*Carter Circle, 7 pm,*  
*Monday, Nov. 13*

*Thanksgiving Potluck,*  
*Sunday, Nov. 19*

*FCC Board Meeting,*  
*7 pm Tuesday,*  
*Nov. 28*

## Sanctuary Task Force Resource Fair and Fundraising Lunch Nov. 12



Anyone who is angered by the current US immigration policy that "demonizes" immigrants without papers and rushes to deport them without regard to their important role in their family and community, please consider coming to The Sanctuary/Immigrant Welcoming Fair at Springhouse on November 12. Here's why:

1. Your presence will support one family who is struggling due to ICE imprisonment and a threat of deportation of the main bread-winner. All proceeds from the luncheon(11:45am) will go to this family. This is one small step we can take to acknowledge the struggle this family is going through.
2. You can consider how Springhouse congregations and individual members might be more involved in the sanctuary movement in the Twin Cities. What actions can we take to further immigrant rights here in MN? Organizations active on these issues will have information available at tables in the gathering space.

## Mobile Menders at SH featured on WCCO-TV

Mobile Menders, a newly-formed organization of volunteer sewing aces, met at in the Garden Sanctuary and Lydia meeting room at SpringHouse on November 4 to mend prom dresses for Operation Glass Slipper, a 10-year old organization that supplies prom dresses to young people in Minnesota and Wisconsin who cannot afford to purchase new frocks. WCCO-TV ran a brief feature on November 4 about the 14 volunteer sewing folks. No surprise that Deb Murphy is one of these Mobile Menders.



Mobile Menders takes its services wherever they are needed; in November alone they will be repairing clothes for people at Job Corps, House of Charity, Ebenezer Tower Apartments and Dress for Success. Volunteers and donors are always welcome at Mobile Menders, whose goal is "to provide clothing repair to those in need. We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to have clothes that fit and are in good shape." Check out the group's website at [mobilemenders.weebly.com](http://mobilemenders.weebly.com)

*In Our Prayers. . .***Prayers of Joy**

*For Wendy Manuel's  
successful second ordination  
interview*

*For newly appointed Youth  
Minister Jon Bates*

*For Melinda Nickerson and  
Kristen Cackoski's  
successful completion of the  
Chocolate Run!*

**Prayers of Sympathy**

*For Mike Hesano and Lu  
Griffin on the death of  
Mike's Aunt Mary*

**Prayers of Concern**

*For Henri Smith and her  
daughter Theresa as Henri  
continues her recovery at  
home*

*For Anna Bliss' mother  
Carolyn Bliss*

*For Melinda Nickerson  
For Nancy Curry's family  
friend Brayden Newsome*

*For all our homebound  
members Elaine Glore and  
Donald Ulm*

**Prayers for the World**

*For the victims of the Texas  
and Las Vegas massacres  
and for our country to have  
the courage to reckon with  
the scourge of gun violence*

**Voices and Views**

**Rev. Terri Hord Owens**

Disciples General Minister and President

**A word about Sutherland Spring, TX, shootings**

*28 I go about in sunless gloom;  
I stand up in the assembly and cry for help.*

*31 My lyre is turned to mourning,  
and my pipe to the voice of those who weep.*

*Job 30:28, 31(NRSV)*

How long will we allow high capacity guns to slaughter human beings? The lessons of Las Vegas, Orlando, Sandy Hook, Columbine – all are lost on us. And now 26 more people murdered in church on a Sunday morning. And in a quiet, small community of 400 near San Antonio. Mothers, fathers, children.

We don't yet know why the gunman chose to attack in that place at that time, but we do know he had one thing in common with the shooters in all those other cities and towns that suffered mass casualties. He had access to a high-capacity gun.

At the 2015 General Assembly in Columbus, the Disciples gathered there passed a resolution "call(ing) on members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to demand of their elected officials that gun safety laws be enacted as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, including: an assault weapon ban, the elimination of the gun show and private-party loophole by requiring mandatory background checks and waiting periods before all firearm purchases, a ban on high capacity magazines, and requiring federally enforced safe firearm storage."

There is a distinction here. These high capacity weapons are not tools for hunting game. These weapons were developed to inflict the greatest damage possible. There is no reason that such guns should be available to civilians.

Church – we are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. One way to address the destruction is to find ways to move the conversation forward in our communities and our legislatures. Having those tough conversations about how to keep our children safe is a step toward healing the fragmentation. As Representative John Lewis said today, it is not enough to mourn and pray. We must act.

God, may we be agents of healing and carriers of your love and peace  
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## Thanksgiving dinner, service coming soon

Join in on the annual **SpringHouse Thanksgiving Dinner** after worship on Sunday November 19. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We Gather Together



The **annual Thanksgiving Day Interfaith Prayer Service** will be at the Basilica this year at 10 am on Thanksgiving Day.

## Memorial Garden really taking shape

After two years of careful planning, conversations, revisions and landscape work, The Springhouse Memorial Garden is one step further to reality. The granite memorial (formerly called granite pillar) was installed on Tuesday, October 24. This ½ ton piece of granite required special lift equipment to put in place. The landscaping work for this section of the south-facing lawn is planned for next spring. Volunteers will be recruited at that time.



The ashes of Joyce Battcher-Malchow and Dan Vanderploeg will be interred in due time, according to the plans of each family.

For those who worship at one of the Springhouse churches who might wish to reserve a place for their own or family member's ashes, a process has been established to do this. Information and documents will be available by mid November. This is all being coordinated by the Springhouse Memorial Garden Committee, and overseen by the Springhouse Board.

## FCC Music Notes

Former FCC Choir section leaders are continuing their music careers locally and around the world.

**Yunyue Liu**, former keyboard specialist for FCC, is currently the Executive Director of the Bach Society of Minnesota. She also continues to perform, and recently posted this news item on the Bach Society website:

"Last month, I went back to China and had an amazing journey with my partner, **Lu Zang**. Many of you came to my recital with him before in Twin City area. We performed Winterreise by Schubert at one lunch/afternoon tea time concert in Shanghai Concert Hall and it was sold out. AND All the tickets were sold out in SIX minutes! I want to share my joyful experience with you all for your support along my journey."

**Tim Murray** made his Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut this season as a member of the 2017-2018 Resident Artist Program.

**Zac Colby** continues to perform with the acclaimed vocal group Cantus.

**Tom Stevning-Roe** is a vocal music instructor at Tri-City United Schools in Montgomery, Mn.

Current section leaders **Carolyn Povolny**, **Brianna Farah** and **Tanner Vanderkrabben** continue to enhance FCC's music program.

THE VOICES CONFERENCE SERIES OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

**JUSTICE, RENEWAL, & THE THEOLOGY OF PRINCE**

Presenters:  
Christian Piatt - Speaker, Author, Antagonist, God Nerd.  
Dr. Pamela Ayo Yetunde, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 - SURLY BREWING COMPANY - MINNEAPOLIS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:  
[www.fccminneapolis.org/home/voices](http://www.fccminneapolis.org/home/voices)

***Sundays at First Christian Church  
Worship at 10:30***

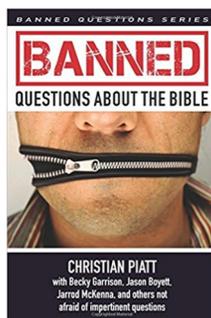
**Before Worship**

Children's Classes, 9:15 am  
Joint Adult class 9:30 am

**After Worship**

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Sunday, November 12  
Guest Preacher  
Christian Piatt**



**Reflections on the Word**

*Can I be a Christian if I don't believe the Bible is perfect?*

At the foundation of every non-Catholic Christian church is this value of the individual freedom of belief, at least in theory. . . .Some religious leaders will say you can't be a Christian without claiming the perfect inerrant authority of scripture. The good news is that you get to decide for yourself whether you agree with them or not.

by Christian Piatt, in his book  
**Banned Questions about the Bible**

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