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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events:

*SH Building Committee,
Monday, June 13, 7 pm*

*FCC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, June 21, 7 pm*

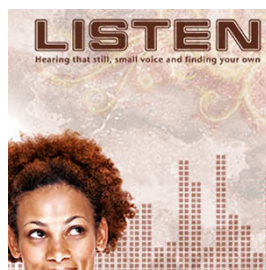
*SH Ministry Center Board,
Thursday, June 23, 7 pm*

Joint FCC-Salem adult class open to all

All members of SpringHouse are invited to a special summer adult Sunday School class that FCC and Salem are sponsoring. The curriculum for the class will be based on a video series (produced by a company called Darkwood Brew) described as “groundbreaking video resources exploring ‘convergent’ Christian faith and values.”

The class will meet in Lydia at 9:30 am throughout the summer, starting June 12 and running until September 4. Interested folks can come regularly or just drop in occasionally.

The videos feature world-class musicians, live interviews with renowned and emerging religious thinkers, and a variety of interactive media that allows for people to participate in real time.



The first series of classes starting June 12 is titled “Listen: hearing the still small voice and finding your own,” a seven-part series exploring how the voice of God speaks to us, what we can do to strengthen the connection and ways we can discern the Spirit’s “voice” amidst the static.

As author Phyllis Tickle said, “Was it the Holy Spirit talking or the pizza I just ate?” reflecting the appropriate skepticism any of us feel when we hear people claim they have been divinely inspired.

Don’t miss this opportunity for adult spiritual formation and fellowship with SpringHouse partners.

SH children have special summer Sunday school

The formal SpringHouse children’s educational programming takes a break for the summer, but we still offer something that we call “Art of the Covenant.” Deb Murphy and a volunteer or two will be in the Sunday School Hall from 9:30 to 10:15 am to do art projects that go along with a variety of Bible stories. Other fun programming is also being considered, so join the fun on summer Sunday mornings.



In Our Prayers**Prayers for students***For Caleb Callanan**graduating from high school
and St. Paul College**For Pastor Laurie starting
three weeks of doctoral
classes***Prayers of Sympathy***For Shannon Grady, whose
grandfather Norbert passed
away**For Larry Pray (Lyndale
UCC) whose mother passed
away***Prayers of Concern***Barb Rusinak, recovering from
surgery**Henrietta Smith, having tests**Barb Creighton's nephew Levi
having major surgery**For all our homebound
members including Evelyn
Lawson and Bev Singewald***Prayers for the World***For a stop to the series of
church fires in Canada**For Muslim brothers and
sisters around the world
entering into Ramadan***Voices and Views****Allan Henden and Garry Hesser*****An Invitation (and Experiment) in Meditation***

We would like to invite you to join us in an experiment in contemplation, both in solitude and as a SpringHouse community.

Here are the three elements to our Invitation/Experiment

1) Read (as often as you can) Richard Rohr's Daily reflection [see access process below], and spend some time in quiet contemplation reflecting on some ways that his ideas for that day expand your faith journey (using one/few approaches to meditation that seem to work for you).

2) Toward the end of each week (maybe after Rohr's Saturday Summary) write something (if you wish to do so) and share one thought, question, surprise or insight with the rest of us in a "Reply All" reflection. Then,

3) If possible, join the rest of us for lunch after your respective worship services on the last Sunday of the month. Bring a sandwich, get a Subway or an extra snack or "fast". Enjoy a dialogue as we share our experiences and some insights gained from Richard's thoughts and our own experiences in contemplative experiences.

If you are at all interested in participating, or if you have further questions, contact us by phone or email.

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2016 Daily Meditation Theme

Richard Rohr's meditations this year invite us to discover, experience, and participate in the foundation of our existence--Love. Throughout the year, Fr. Richard's meditations follow the thread of Love through many of his classic teachings in 1-2 week segments. Learn more and watch a video introduction at <https://cac.org/2016-daily-meditations-overview/>.

Sign up to receive CAC's free daily, weekly, or monthly emails for yourself by [clicking here!](#)

Twin Cities Pride booth needs you!

FCC will share a booth with FCC St. Paul during Pride Weekend at Loring Park, June 25-26. We need people to staff the booth in 2-hour shifts. It's low stress, lots of fun and a great opportunity to share our extravagant welcome with everyone. To sign up, just go to the front page of the [FCC website](#) and click on the Twin Cities Pride post.

Office hours shorter in summer

The SpringHouse office will be staffed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm throughout the summer. Pastors and other church staff folks will be around at other times, but the office administrators have committed to being in the office to cover these hours. Rick and Deb will be here more than the posted hours, but those times will vary. If you need to be in the building, contact Deb or call SpringHouse at 612-353-6292 to see if the building will be open or to make arrangements.

Mission at Our Doorstep plans underway

Mission at Our Doorstep is just around the corner! You will soon be seeing the booklet for this year's week of local mission opportunities. The dates are July 18-23. There will be sandwich making, bag decorating, a Habitat for Humanity home to work on, and many more activities! Some will be in the evening and some during the day. Come for one or come for all!



MN Churches join to celebrate Muslim event



SpringHouse and its member churches took up the invitation from the Minnesota Council of Churches to show solidarity with people of the Muslim faith as the month of Ramadan begins. "Have a Blessed Ramadan" signs were made available to SpringHouse members to put in their own lawns around the Twin Cities. In this era of increasing hostilities and violence, Minnesota churches see this as a gesture of love, healing, and community.

The Council is also continuing its "Taking Heart" program, which brings Christians and members of other faith communities together

for Iftar meals in mosques around the Twin Cities. Iftar is the meal that breaks the daily fast during Ramadan. Ramadan is from June 6 to July 5 this year.

An explanation of the "Taking Heart" program, a list of dates and places for Iftar meals, and registration forms are available on the MN Council of Churches website at <http://tinyurl.com/o8tsn3v>.

FCC Board Notes

Twelve people attended the May 16, 2016, meeting of FCC's General Board. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

- **Whittier International School** – Jen Abbey and Emily Fitzgerald from the school's PTA gave a presentation about the school as an invitation for FCC to explore possible partnerships with the school.
- Kirsten Cackoski reported on the findings from last month's **Table Talk on FCC's future**. A new committee is meeting to explore and build on the ideas that emerged. Committee members are Steve Rusinak, Garry Hesser, Dean Creighton, Kirsten Cackoski, Deb murphy and Pastors Dan and Laurie.
- **Mission at our Doorstep** will be July 18-23. Instead of painting a house, we will participate in a house-building Habitat Day with Sunrise Bank. A brochure with all the activities will be available soon.
- **Financials:** Offerings for April were \$13,551.54. Year-to-date actual offerings at the end of April were \$59,969.54; year-to-date budget projection were \$64,166.72.
- Mike Cackoski will replace Tom Curry on the **Building & Grounds Committee**.

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

Before Worship

Children's Art/Covenant, 9:30 am
Hearthstone Class, 9:00 am
Joint Adult Class 9:30 am

After Worship

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary Text
for Sunday, June 12
Walk by Faith
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**



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Reflections on the Word

2 Corinthians 5:7 -- For we walk by faith, not by sight
“Seeing is believing” is such a logical, such a common-sense statement. But both Paul and Jesus invite us to be open to more than just the reality of mortality; they call us to envision God’s presence in the things of the world that surround us.

Loving God, Open our eyes to see your spirit at work in us and alive in the world. Amen.

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

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