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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

Regional All Congregational Gathering



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UPCOMING Events:

*FCC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, Aug 16, 7 pm*

*SpringHouse carpet
cleaning, Friday, Aug. 19
and Saturday, Aug. 20*

*Lu Zang and Yunyue Liu in
recital at Shubert Club,
August 17, 7 pm*

Disciple Regional Gathering has new summer flavor

Colorful booths, fun "midway" activities, and a 5K Walk-Run will all be part of the annual gathering of Disciples of Christ congregations in the Upper Midwest. And don't forget the free lunch, lodgings and child care!

The main events for this All Congregational Gathering will be on Saturday August 27 from 10 am to 3 pm. Members of Disciples churches in Minnesota and Iowa are invited to come early to the Christian Conference Center in Newton, IA, on Friday night, August 26, or stay overnight on Saturday. Lodge rooms, cabins, and Chi Rho huts are all lodging options, and all are being offered free of charge. RVs and tents also welcome.

Bill Spangler-Dunning will be the keynote speaker on Saturday morning, and a full range of workshops will be offered all day on such things as congregational leadership, showing love in the face of mental illness, ideas and sharing for church musicians, and innovative ways churches are using their buildings for ministry.

A "Varied Ministries Building" will be filled with booths with information about area congregations, organizations and projects. There's even a "Communion Bread Contest!" Midway activities include swimming, mini-golf and mini-disc, a dunk tank, large inflatable playgrounds, and games. Midway activities will be from 9 am to 1:30.

Singers are invited to participate in the mass choir, and a hands-on missions project will be offered. The day will end with a Worship Gathering.

Registration can be [done online here](#) or paper registration forms are available in the FCC office.

In Our Prayers. . .



Prayers of Joy

*For the youth of Waukee, IA,
who worshipped with us on
August 7*

*That our Destination Detroit
group had a successful
mission trip and returned
safely*

Prayers of Concern

*For Lindsey, niece of Dean
and Barb Creighton*

*For Gary Maanum's brother
Bob and also a friend, Bob
For Dan Adolphson's friend
Nancy*

*For Susie Smith (member of
Ecumenical Women's
Circle), undergoing clinical
trial*

*For Mary Hurlocker who had
a recent MRI for back pain*

*For all our homebound
members including Nick
and Mavis Rusinak*

Prayers for the World

*For families and communities
locally and globally who've
suffered from violence this
summer*



Voices and Views

Erick Reisinger, President
Disciples Church Extension Fund



Dear First Christian Church,

I am writing to you today to share the good news that Disciples Church Extension Fund has approved Iglesia Mision La Roca in Dallas, Texas, for a Holy Places grant. Located in the Kessler Heights neighborhood of South Dallas, Iglesia Mision La Roca is ministering in a community that is ranked highest in the state in crime, poverty, and domestic violence, and fifth-lowest in education. They have partnered with the Neighborhood Watch Association and have organized a door-knocking strategy to meet families, talk with neighbors and evangelize for change. Pastor Daniel Guzman describes a clear mission for the congregation: "to continue to establish God's Kingdom in the Kessler Heights community."

On August 20, 2015, Iglesia Mision La Roca inaugurated a church building in Kessler Heights. Dr. Larry Ross, North Texas Area Minister, wrote of the congregation's creation of their new Holy Place. "I have personally witnessed the sacrificial labor of the minister and members of the church in building their new home." We are very pleased to be a part of the creation of this Holy Place for this congregation's holy work in South Dallas.

We are grateful for your partnership in creating this Holy Place. Your congregation's commitment to serving the local and global community, especially where there is hunger suffering and brokenness, is extended to Kessler Heights through your support of the Holy Places Grant Fund. This is the first grant since First Christian Church's significant gift to the Holy Places Grant Fund. Thank you for your generosity and for giving this fund the jump start it needed. Together, we have helped build Iglesia Mision La Roca's Holy Place, where the people of South Dallas connect with God, each other and the community.

Blessings, and thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Erick D. Reisinger,

President, Disciples Church Extension Fund

Meet newest FCC member Ann Antus

Ann Antus joined our church family on August 7--a day that also happened to be her birthday! Ann was born and raised in Chicago and has lived in Australia, Pennsylvania, and the Iron Range before settling in Minneapolis. She is a special education teacher in St Paul for kids in grades K-5. Ann has three children and two grandchildren. She was raised Catholic but had been without a church for quite a while--until meeting Mark Carlson, who introduced her to FCC. Ann has been attending FCC for about two years and is involved in Sunday School every week. She also has assisted in mission projects. She likes to read and do handwork. Please welcome Ann as our newest member!



Post hole digger needed for Memorial Garden

In our continuing work on developing a Memorial Garden here at SpringHouse, we are in need of a 6inch diameter post hole digger. We need to make one or two trial holes for burial sites for the cremated ashes. Depending on how difficult (stony) it is we may need to rent a power auger later.



If you have one available that we can use, please contact Doug Malchow (Lyndale) at [612.616.3727](tel:612.616.3727) or dmalchow@yahoo.com

Don't forget: Worship in the Park, August 21

Worship in the Park will be Sunday, August 21 in the amphitheater at Bryant Square Park at 10:30 am. Bring lawn chairs for comfortable seating around the basketball court. All three congregations are participating and there will be a potluck picnic afterwards. Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, buns, condiments and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share – and don't forget serving spoons. Part of the park building is being remodeled. We will have access to the bathrooms and a few chairs and tables, but not the kitchen area, so bring coolers to keep your food cold if necessary! We just have to do this the old fashioned way.

Fringe Festival play at SpringHouse this weekend

A Fringe Festival play, "The Story of You and Me" by Maureen Bourgeois, will be at SpringHouse Friday, Aug, 12 at 7 pm and Saturday, Aug, 13 at 4 pm. Tickets and information available online at <http://www.fringefestival.org/show/?id=20161176>.

Health Ministry At SpringHouse

An invitation from Julie Andrix, Faith Community Nurse

To all folks interested in helping to make a difference in healing and health promotion here at Springhouse and community:

As the faith community nurse at First Christian, I invite FCC folks as well as those from Lyndale and Salem who may be interested in serving your respective congregation as a health advocate. A part of health ministry within each congregation involves participating in spiritual, mental and emotional support for those in the church family. Many people are already active participants by visiting the homebound, hospitalized, rehab, and providing support at church activities.

To have a health ministry at Springhouse involving all three congregations also includes folks to teach CPR (compressions only) use of the AED, and preparation of health care directives. I check blood pressures monthly Sept - May and if anyone from Salem and/or Lyndale is interested in doing this service for their congregation, you can join me. Other activities can also be discussed such as a health fair. Please contact me if you would like to become a part of this exciting ministry!
Julie Andrix
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*Sundays at First Christian Church
Worship at 10:30*

Before Worship

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

After Worship

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary Text
for Sunday, August 14
The Lord's Prayer**

Luke 11: 2-4



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Reflections on the Word

*Luke 11: 2 - He said to them,
"When you pray, say: Father,
hallowed be your name."*

How do we address God? One website lists 900 biblical terms used to name and invoke God, from *Abba* ("Father") to *Yashar* ("Just One"). On Sunday mornings when we say The Lords' Prayer, we can hear a variety of terms being spoken around us. No matter what word we use to address God, what matters most is the reverence and love the word summons in us.

*Holy One, Teach us how to pray
with our words and with our
lives. Amen.*

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

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