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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events:

Congregational
Meeting to vote on
Sanctuary Church
proposal
Sunday, June 11,
following worship

Brews & Views, Monday,
June 12, 6:30 pm

FCC Board, Tuesday,
June 20, 7 pm

Congratulations to FCC's 2017 Graduates!



Lu Zang, Tom Stevning-Roe, Ali Hesano, Serena Chial with Pastor Laurie Feille



Sean Cackoski



James
Petermeier

Lu Zang – Doctor of Music, University of Minnesota

Tom Stevning-Roe, Bachelor of Music Education, University of Minnesota

Ali Hesano – Associate of Science in Child Development, St. Paul College

Serena Chial – Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Metro State University

Sean Cackoski – Postgraduate Professional Course at École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris, France

James Petermeier – Masters in Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

In Our Prayers. . .



Prayers of Joy

For all the graduates in our congregation, our families, and our communities

Prayers of Sympathy

For Carolyn Povolny and her family on the death of her cousin Matt

Prayers of Concern

For Phil Kinney as he enters rehab for his broken leg

For Gwen Elmshouser

For Tim Leach's father after his recent heart attack

For children entering summer vacation that they may have safe places to play and enough to eat

For all our homebound members including Mary Lou Cain and Dorothy Becker

Prayers for the World

For the many people around the world who have been injured or killed in terrorists attacks, including Manchester and London, England; Portland, Oregon; Kabul, Afghanistan



Voices and Views

Wendy Manuel



Transcendence and Immanence

Recently I went on a bird watching trip with a friend from Texas. She had a tip from a well-known birding tour guide that we could see snowy owls near grain elevators on the piers in Duluth. We drove down to the piers to find there were lots of grain elevators! Where to look? My friend thought perhaps people at the businesses on the piers might know. I didn't think businesses on industrial piers would be following snowy owls. Still we saw a UPS distribution center and so turned in there. It was closed. There was one other car in the parking lot. My friend knocked on the driver's window. She asked if he knew where to see snowy owls. He did! Not only that, he was a friend of the guide who had given us the tip. He drew a detailed map for us how to get to a nearby small airport and where to see the owls.

We drove across the bridge to the airport in Superior, WI. We sat in a little restaurant to watch for the owls. The restaurant staff all knew about the owls and told us where to look. Sure enough, an owl soon came. So did several cars with other bird watchers. We went outside to join them. A woman in a van told us that her friend, the UPS worker who drew the map, texted her to watch for us! She was kind and had us follow her to a couple of other spots to see even more owls. She texted yet another birder who brought over his spotting scope so we could watch the birds closely.

What are the odds of meeting these kind people? I read an author who called events like these "God-incidences". When I think of God as transcendent, God sometimes seems "up there" and distant. But God-incidences such as this make me see God as immanent. This is God that permeates all that is, right here, right now. God, the Holy Spirit, providing connections. Connections that seem uncanny, improbable yet God given. This God answers even tiny prayers, requests for help from others by connecting us with those who are kind, who help strangers to be blessed by seeing snowy owls.

Wendy Manuel
Chaplain Resident
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Join TC Disciples at Pride Festival June 24-25

Join other Disciples from Twin Cities Disciples churches at the Disciples booth for the Pride Festival in Loring Park on June 24-25. Members from



FCC St. Paul, Plymouth Creek Christian Church and Lake Harriet Christian Church will be participating. It takes a village to share the message of welcome around the table! Please sign up for a 2-hour slot on Saturday or Sunday. You can sign up online at this address:

http://www.fccminneapolis.org/disciples-twin-cities-pride-booth-signup/?task_id=115

Special children's summer Sunday School

Deb Murphy is again offering a special summer program called "Art of the Covenant" while the formal Sunday School programs take a break. Deb and a few other volunteers lead the kids in art projects and other fun programming. Art of the Covenant is in the Sunday School hall on Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:15, from June 4 through August 27. All kids are welcome!

Summer office hours posted

The SpringHouse office staff have committed to having the Ministry Center office open 11 am – 2 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday through the summer. Staff may be around other hours, as well as the Pastors and Building Manager Rick Bowman, so call the office if you want to check if someone will be around outside of those hours to let you in. 612-353-6292.

FCC says goodbye to Lu Zang, section leader



Lu Zang is pictured here with the wall-hanging created by Deb Murphy as Lu's going-away gift from FCC. Lu has finished his studies at the University of Minnesota and is returning to his home in China. He has been the bass section leader in our choir for a number of years. The banner

displays the opening notes to "O Holy Night," one of the congregation's favorite solos that Lu sang for us.

50th Anniversary for Conference Center

Plans are beginning to come together for the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Christian Conference Center in Newton, IA. Here are ways you can help:

Plan to attend the All Congregational Gathering on August 26th where we will celebrate our past ministry and begin dreaming about future ministry.

Submit a story about your camping experience to be part of our official 50th Anniversary book project. You can email submissions to Tiff Williams at tiff.umw@gmail.com. Stories can be humorous, inspiring, or something in between.

Help us spread the word to former interns, counselors and directors about our celebration and invite them to attend.

Come hungry as we attempt to create the World's Largest S'more during the August celebration.

Sign up to work as an individual or group on our new cabin, which we'll be building in Chi Rho Country. Email Linda Wolf to sign up at glwolfdn@gmail.com.

Finally, register campers for summer camp and help us reach even more kids this year with the story of God and God's work through Jesus Christ

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

Before Worship

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

After Worship

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary
For Sunday, June 11
Psalm 100**



Lift Every Voice and Sing, Augusta Savage

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is a partner church at SpringHouse Ministry Center*

Reflections on the Word

Psalm 100: 2 – Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

"How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound,
Alleluia!"

God of Glory, around whose eternal throne, all the heavenly powers offer their ceaseless songs of praise: Grant that we may overhear these songs, and with our own lips and lives interpret them to all in whose presence we play or sing. Amen.

pp. 7, 9 Chalice Hymnal

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