

# The COURIER

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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## UPCOMING Events:

*Daylight Savings  
Time begins Sunday,  
March 11*

*Wednesday Lenten  
offerings continue:  
Soup Supper 5 pm;  
Holden Prayer 6 pm;  
Lenten book study,  
6:30 pm*

*FCC Board Meeting,  
Tuesday, March 20,  
7 pm*

## Eastertide ways to help the hungry in MN

In Minnesota, March means Minnesota FoodShare Month. The FoodShare March Campaign is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, accomplished by participating groups and individuals engaged in the fight against hunger in support of 300 partner food shelves.

This year, First Christian is participating in this campaign by encouraging members to donate money to the **Groveland Food Shelf**, the food shelf we have supported for decades. (The donations are in lieu of a huge bank of Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter morning.) FCC members can make donations to



Groveland "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special. On Easter morning, an insert in the bulletin will list of all those honored or remembered through a donation.

Forms for indicating the honorees as well as pre-labeled green donation envelopes are on the literature table in the sanctuary. If you write a check, make it payable to First Christian and put Groveland in the memo. You may also give to Groveland by using the Givelify App.

FCC folks are also invited to a **MN FoodShare Fundraiser at Lake Harriet Christian Church** on Sunday, March 18. Lake Harriet (5009 Beard Ave. S., Minneapolis) is having a potluck and a Wii bowling "FUNdraiser" starting at 11:30 am, and FCC members are cordially invited to attend.

For those who are interested in **political action** in support of helping the 1 in 10 Minnesotans who don't know where their next meal will come from, Second Harvest Heartland is urging people to contact their state representatives in support of Second Harvest Heartland's request for general obligation bonding funds. If you're willing to make a phone call or send an email by March 16, you can find sample talking points for an email or phone call at [http://www.2harvest.org/about\\_us/capital-campaign-/talking-points-for-calling-representatives.html](http://www.2harvest.org/about_us/capital-campaign-/talking-points-for-calling-representatives.html)

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

*For Derek Carlson who has announced his engagement to Stephanie Serakos.*

**Prayers of Sympathy**

*For Alice Keith and her family, whose mother passed away recently  
For Jeff and Laurie Nelson; Jeff's brother TR passed away recently. His memorial service was here at SpringHouse.*

**Prayers of Concern**

*For Nancy Curry, continuing her recovery  
For Ann Antus  
For all our homebound members, including Elaine Moe and Donald Ulm.*

**Prayers for the World**

*For the people in the Northeast suffering from recent storms*

**Voices and Views**

**Deb Murphy**

**“5 – 7 – 5”**



When I work too hard to come up with an idea – artistic or otherwise - I never get one. The more I think about it, the more elusive it becomes. I had been trying to think of an art theme to use for Lent /Advent 2018, but nothing was coming. When Pastor Laurie asked during a 2017 staff planning retreat what we should use as our art focus for 2018, I said, “I got nuthin’.”

At least, that is what I thought I said. What actually came out of my mouth, much to my surprise, was “Poetry.” Where did that come from?!? I do not like working with poetry...which I’m sure is exactly why the Holy Spirit had that word come out of my mouth. Suddenly, I knew how the ADAM Campers (art, drama and music campers) feel when I make them work with poetry every year.

I want to share with you the *haiku* that the ADAM Campers wrote last summer. They separated into their small groups, picked a scripture story, and wrote it as a *haiku*. They then read it to the rest of us and we would guess the story. It’s a great way to study scripture. You need to have a pretty good understanding of the story to be able to express it in 17 syllables (5-7-5).

Three old men were there  
The baby in the cradle  
Jesus was his name

Jesus was preaching  
The people demanded food  
He made lots of fish

One was forgiven  
Both said be patient with me  
Once was imprisoned.

Two beaten, one killed  
Sent for rent, did not collect  
A father’s lament

He died on the cross  
He was hidden in a cave  
Mary found no man

A large man was strong  
But God was stronger than he  
That stone really hurt

A sheep lost, alone  
The shepherd carried it home  
That sheep, it was you

A mammal ate him  
He spent t3 days in the dark  
Still very bitter

You just got beat up  
A man you hated helped you  
How do you feel now?

Left-right: Wise Ones, David & Goliath,  
Loaves & Fishes, Lost Sheep, Unforgiving  
Servant, Jonah & the Whale, Wicked  
Tenants, Good Samaritan, Death &  
Resurrection

## SpringHouse Youth Activities coming up

Two activities for SpringHouse youth are coming up, according to Youth Pastor Jon Bates:

- "Third Thursday Turnout" will be Thursday, March 15 from 5:30 to 8 pm at Bob's Java Hut. Spend time talking about faith over a game of cards or get homework help if needed! Bring money for a coffee beverage.
- "Love Simon Movie Outing" will be Saturday, March 24 at Mann's St. Louis Park Cinema 6. The movie will be sometime between 4 pm and 8 pm; stay tuned for specifics!

Also, the youth will be preparing and serving an Easter Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 9:30 – 10:15 am. The proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the youth on their camp and summer endeavors.

## Lyn-Lake design workshop at SpringHouse



David Baker Architects is facilitating a design workshop at SpringHouse on Saturday, April 7 from 9 am to noon. The workshop is open to anyone interested in collaborating with friends and neighbors to envision something new on the

Garfield surface parking lot at LynLake. A more extensive article about the Garfield lot development was recently published in the Southwest Journal. See <https://tinyurl.com/y9rjosdv> for details.

## Looking for tech help for FCC worship services

If anyone is interested in participating in worship in the areas of sound, live streaming and/or power points, please talk to Wendy Manuel, Mike Cackoski or Ann Wolverton. No experience necessary – training will be provided!

## A Thank You from the Hurlockers:

*Dear First Christian Church,  
Thank you for the wonderful family dinner and kind words this past Sunday. You have been our Minnesota family for many years, and we appreciate the love, guidance, and grace that you have given us over the years. As we depart for North Carolina, we pray blessings on FCC that you may continue to faithfully serve God through missions and ministry. You will always be special to us.  
Love, Mary and Max*

## FCC Board Notes

Thirteen people attended the meeting of First Christian Church's general board on Tuesday, February 20. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

- Wendy Manuel of the Sanctuary/Immigrant Welcoming Task Force thanked everyone for supporting the work of this group. The committee has published a list of three ways to support immigrant families (this list was published in the Courier on February 24).
- Details for the Family Dinner honoring Max and Mary Hurlocker on February 25 were reviewed.
- Belinda Flanagan expressed concerns about getting someone to make needed repairs on the new bells. She will research local people who can make these repairs.
- Pastor Laurie reported that 9 or 10 people have expressed interest in the summer Detroit Mission Trip. The church received a \$500 gift from the family of Lois McKinnen to be used for mission trips.

Trustee Skip Wolverton gave the Treasurer's report for Treasurer Pat Dunlop. January pledged income was \$16,048.

**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

**Narrative Lectionary  
For Sunday, March 11  
Jesus and Pilate  
John 18: 28-40**



Barabbas, by James Tissot. Brooklyn Museum

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**Reflections on the Word**

*John 18: 40 – They shouted in reply, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a bandit.*

Meda Stamper, a Presbyterian minister in England, writes, "We too are confronted with a choice about what and whom we will set free in the world and in our hearts. Do we choose the transforming, freeing love of a man on a cross and testify to his presence impossibly alive in a garden? Or is this kind of truth so deeply countercultural that we would rather have something un-mysterious, which lets us feel good without being disoriented, comfortable without being dangerously free?"

*God of Truth, Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of Jesus. Amen.*

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

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