

# The COURIER

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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## UPCOMING Events:

*Share-the-Care,*  
*Saturday, June 16*

*FCC Board Meeting,*  
*Tuesday, June 19,*  
*7 pm*

*FCC Book Club,*  
*Tuesday, June 26,*  
*7 pm at Sebastian*  
*Joe's in Linden Hills*

## Mission to Detroit coming up in July

The SpringHouse annual mission trip will be to Detroit, MI this summer to again work with Rippling Hope. Participants will help Detroit residents with home improvement projects. There is work for novices and experts so no experience is necessary. The bus will leave Saturday, July 21, and return Sunday, July 28. A majority of the trip will be in Detroit, but participants will also spend a day in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and probably cross over into Canada.

Cost of the entire trip will be \$300 per person (this includes all meals in Detroit and transportation). In addition, workers will need money for meals on the Saturday and Sunday to and from, as well as for the additional "play day." Scholarships are available if the cost is too prohibitive. Please contact Pastor Laurie for information.



Mike Hesano, Lu Griffin and Emily Miller painted a fence on the 2016 Detroit trip.

## Materials for Hospice Kits needed for day campers

Directors of the annual South Minneapolis Day Camp have put out a call to participating churches to help gather supplies for a service project the campers will be doing. This year, the youngsters will prepare hospice kits for Global Health Ministries. The kits are full of care items that are easy for us to get, but more difficult for those in some parts of the world.

Supplies needed for the 200 kits to be assembled are 1) **4 oz or larger tubes** of petroleum jelly; 2) new or used **wash cloths**; 3) heavy duty **household gloves** (kitchen type, medium size). If you want to help, purchase these items and bring them to SpringHouse on Sunday, January 17, or simply make a monetary donation and others will purchase the items.

## Sign up to work booth for Twin Cities Pride

Twin Cities pride is June 23-24, 10 am to 6 pm in Loring Park. We will once again have a joint Minnesota Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) booth – it's a great way to show our hospitality of extravagant welcome to the LGBTQ+ community. Two-hour shifts are available for both Saturday and Sunday. To sign up, go to the front page of the FCC website and look for the post about Twin Cities Pride.



*In Our Prayers. . .***Prayers of Concern**

*For Phil Kinney who is in rehab*

*For Skip Wolverton who broke his arm*

*For Henri Smith as she heals*

*For the seven young people and their leaders at the Standing Rock Camp*

*For Deb Murphy for a successful stay at Holden Village*

*For all our homebound members, including Elaine Moe and Donald Ulm*

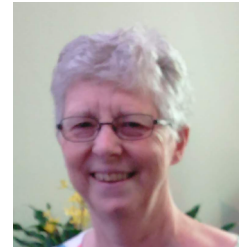
**Prayers for the world**

*For the people in Hawaii and Guatemala affected by volcano eruptions*

*For world leaders to come together to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula*

**Voices and Views**

Alice Keith

***On letting yourself be vulnerable***

“Never let them see you sweat!” Some of us might be old enough to remember that deodorant commercial from the 1980s. If memory serves correctly, the gist of the ad was that one could be nervous about something or be in a vulnerable position, but no one nearby should know it. This product would prevent that from happening.

I don’t know about you, but most of us do not enjoy vulnerability. We don’t like to be perceived as weak, helpless, or needy. Sometimes we behave like toads that hide in the grass in the summertime —we puff ourselves up to look bigger than we feel! We would prefer that NO ONE see us sweat. It is not easy to be exposed. Or endangered. Or open. However, it is valuable to reflect on those places in our lives that need to be examined, broken open, brought to light. Even as a community of faith, it is important to examine those things that make us sweat, make us fearful, make us vulnerable. Vulnerability is not weakness. In our brokenness, we can discover innovation, creativity and change. Vulnerability can be the glue that holds us together in community.

An ordinary egg can be a metaphorical tool to help us discover truths about our own vulnerability. So what do eggs and vulnerability have in common? Being vulnerable has risks. Eggs can be smashed like Humpty Dumpty. Look at an egg—fragile shell, easily broken, easily beaten—but think of all the things we gain from broken eggs. How many ways can you cook an egg? How many recipes include eggs? Innovation, creativity and change flow from that broken egg. Eggs are “glue” to bind cooking ingredients together. They are emulsifiers that allow oil and water to be combined without separating. Some folks even put the eggshells in their coffee! However, an egg is not especially useful until its shell is cracked. Allowed to sit unbroken in the carton for too long, it will rot!

I need to be willing, we all need to be willing, to be opened up, explored and known—to ourselves, to each other, to God. Opening ourselves, we can say with the Psalmist, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

## SpringHouse Share-the-Care this Saturday

Springhouse Building Committee is looking for volunteers for a Share-the-Care event on Saturday, June 16 from 8-10 am and then again from 12-2 pm. We're cleaning both the upstairs and downstairs carpets to get out the winter grime and need folks to move furniture out of the way and then back into position after the cleaning. Many hands make light work, so let's all show up, finish quickly, and use the extra time to party!

## FCC Book Club: time for treats and talk

Book Group will meet at Sebastian Joe's at 43rd and Upton in Minneapolis for it's annual 'treat night' on Tuesday, June 26 at 7 pm. We will discuss *Luther and Katarina* by Jodi Hedlund. It is also the time to bring your suggestions for future choices.

## Summer goings-on at SpringHouse

**Sunday School:** Stories and activities for younger children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will happen at 9:30 am each Sunday in the Squiggle Space. Youth will continue to meet at 9:30 in Micah. Pastor Dan Adolphson will lead adult education at 9:15 in the Gathering Space. The first series will be the *Theology of Gene Roddenberry*, focusing on selected episodes from the first three seasons of *Star Trek*.

**Visiting Mission Groups:** Four Disciple groups will be using SpringHouse as a base of operations for their mission trips – one in June, two in July, and one in August

**Different Summer Worship for Salem, Lyndale:** Salem church is having only one service at 9 am during June, July and August. Also, they will hold casual, fun family campfire-type worship services at 5 pm on June 24, July 15, and August 26. Lyndale will have worship services on Wednesday evenings instead of Sunday mornings during July. The Wednesday evenings will focus on community, spiritual practices, and FUN.

**Fringe Rehearsals:** Several theater groups will be having rehearsals at SpringHouse during the summer.

So **Building Coordinator Deb says:** Don't forget to put in your own requests for building use as soon as you can. As one renter put it, the church calendar starts to look like a game of Tetris!

## Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance issues statement

Pastor Dan Adolphson, currently moderator of the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance, released a statement on behalf of the Alliance about the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Colorado bakery. The statement ends by saying, "We look forward to upcoming cases that will allow the Supreme Court . . . to more clearly spell out that "religious freedom" is absolutely NOT a valid legal reason for discrimination in society and commerce."

Go to <https://disciples.org/general/alliance-q-reacts-to-recent-court-ruling/> to read the full statement.

## Immigrant Welcoming Action

As a Sanctuary Supporting / Immigrant Welcoming congregation, we can take action to assist a local man who is under threat of deportation. Armando, A DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) was picked up in December, 2017, by ICE. His case was highlighted at the May 22 Immigrant Justice action of the Poor People's Campaign. After paying a \$6000 bond, he was released and his case is now moving through the courts.

His family debts now include bond repayment and legal fees, and a GoFundMe site has been set up to help the family: <http://www.gofundme.com/HelpArmandoOUT980>

His sister Samantha says, " We are a real family dealing with real trauma from this horrible situation. My mom and I both work two jobs to be able to deal with this financial situation. I'm heading off to college as a freshman this fall and your support would relieve a lot of financial burden for my mother and me."

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

*North Sanctuary*

**Before Worship**

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

**After Worship**

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary  
For Sunday, June 17  
Do Not Covet  
Exodus 20:17**



Moses from China

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**Reflections on the Word**

*Exodus 20: 17: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

The desires of our hearts will lead us astray. We can develop all sorts of spiritual disciplines and practices, and these practices can help us curb the worse effects of our fallen nature. But in the end, we cannot do it. Thanks be to God for grace because we have 'all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.'

*Loving God, Help us to truly love you and to truly love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen*

By Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary

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

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