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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events:

FCC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, June 18, 7 pm

Handcrafters,
Thursday, June 27,
9 am at SpringHouse

FCC Book Club,
Thursday, June 20,
7 pm at Sebastian
Joe's in Linden Hills

Twin Cities Pride
Festival,
June 23-24

Join Disciples at Twin Cities Pride Festival

Twin Cities Pride will be taking place June 22 and 23 at Loring Park in Minneapolis, and once again we will have a joint Disciples of Christ booth. This is a great way to spread the extravagant welcome of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations, and show the LGBTQ+ community that there are churches that love them and stand with and for them.



PRIDE
TWIN CITIES

There are lots of shifts available in the booth on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. You can [signup here](#) or go to fccminneapolis.org and find the Pride link for signup.

What does working in the Disciples Pride booth entail? Smiling and saying hello; handing out wristbands and other fun knickknacks; chatting with people who show an interest in the brochures and fliers on the table; enjoying the wonderfully diverse and creative people that pass by on the sidewalks. It's a fun and uplifting way to spend two hours!

As Pastor Dan explained in the May 11 issue of *The Courier*, this is a very special Pride Month, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riot in New York City, which launched the modern Pride movement.

Pastor Dan wrote: "In this 50th anniversary year, while the LGBTQ community has much to celebrate, there is an increasing tide of anti-LGBTQ legislation occurring at the state and national level. Much of this legislation specifically targets our transgender siblings. It is why it is so important for us to show up at the Capitol and have a presence at the Twin Cities Pride Festival. Our message of extravagant welcome, of all means ALL, is more important than ever. Our God welcomes everyone. Our LGBTQ siblings need to know that we care."

Still time to contribute needed supplies for MAOD

Mission At Our Doorstep is right around the corner, starting on Monday, June 24. When you come to church this Sunday, check out the supply lists on the back wall of the Garden Sanctuary to see what items are still needed for the many outreach projects that our Mission and Outreach Team has planned for the week. Every contribution helps; the goal is a congregation-wide effort to serve the people in our community.

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

*For all graduates, including
Deb Murphy and Lyndale
member Emily Miller who
graduated from Washburn
High School.*

*For Phil Kinney, whose recent
checkup showed him to be
cancer-free*

*For Susan Morgan's new job
For David Cobb who is now a
board-certified chaplain*

Prayers of Concern

*For Pastor Laurie and Pastor
Bill Spangler Dunning as
they lead 8 youth in the
Standing Rock Camp*

*For Deb Murphy's family
member who is ill*

For Richard Decker

*For Mike Hesano's
grandmother*

*For Pastor Laurie's father as
he prepares to move to
Minnesota*

*For all our homebound
members, especially Phillis
Dunlap and Elaine Moe*

Prayers for the world

*For religious organizations
that deny LGBTQ people
recognition as equal
members of the human
family that God created and
loves*

Poetry by
Elise Hempel



Editor's Note: This lovely poem seemed appropriate not just for Father's Day, but also for this column of spiritual reflections. I'll leave it to readers to work out theological implications of Hempel's tender evocation of a parent's love that carefully listens to and responds to the individual needs of beloved children.

His New Twin Daughters

Even now, after all
these years, my father, 89,
still uncertain when I call
whose voice it is—Ann's or mine—

saying *Hi, Dad*, and from where,
the next town or a different state,
still pausing in that powdered air,
this little silence as he waits

at the nursery door, discerning tone
and pitch, listening hard to know
which way to bend, which crib, the one
against the wall or by the window,

still concentrating, trying to keep
us separate, our needs, do what
she would, letting my mother sleep,
this moment's blank as he's about

to choose between us, make some shift
in the soft-lit dark, decide whose cry
it is tonight, which girl to lift,
to whisper or hum, which lullaby.

Elise Hempel is a poet living in Illinois. This poem is from her book Girl in the Clock, No Chair Press, 2018. The poem was shared with permission by American Life in Poetry, an online free weekly column whose mission is to create a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture.

Save these dates for Renewal activities



Rediscovering. Renewing. Revitalizing.
FCC Sabbatical Journey 2019

The Lilly Grant that is funding Pastor Laurie's sabbatical is also providing our congregation with money to fund several "congregational renewal" opportunities. The hope is that when Pastor Laurie comes back refreshed and renewed from her sabbatical, she will find a congregation also refreshed and renewed and excited to move forward in ministry together. We will have many more details in the coming weeks and months, but for now

please put these important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, July 28: Worship and picnic at North Regional Park in Minneapolis
 Sunday, August 11: Cider Tasting tour with Mike & Lu
 Saturday, September 14: FCC day at Como Park, including a picnic dinner
 Saturday, October 12: Fall foliage tour
 Sunday, November 17: Welcome home dinner after church for Pastor Laurie

We will have many more activities, special speakers and a book study. Watch this space for more information!

News Briefs

Flower planting at SH, June 15, 10 am to noon

Join the SpringHouse Gardeners to spruce up the plantings around the building. Our flower beds need weeding and mulching to make things look neat and tidy again. Bring tools such as rakes, pruners, and spades. Many hands make light work!

Work Opportunity at local facility

Signe Burckhardt Manor, a small S. Minneapolis community of seniors, is hiring care-givers. Experience as a home health aide, certified nursing assistant, or nursing assistant preferred, but not necessary; we will train people who have the heart for care-giving. Hiring for all shifts, AM, PM, overnight – part-time and on-call hours available. If the idea of living a purposeful life includes work that feeds your soul, we have an opportunity that fits your schedule. Call Marlene at 612-821-2191 for more information.

Sunday morning drivers needed

Several of our regular FCC members don't drive and need rides to church. Three faithful drivers have been bringing people to church for many years, mostly using their own cars; however, one of these three is retiring from this post, so if you could join in the monthly rotation, please call Mike Hesano at 651-645-6758 to join in this important service to others.

Creighton-Sosienski Shower July 14

Everyone is invited to the wedding shower for Alison Creighton and Steve Sosienski on Sunday, July 14. Plan to stay after worship for a light lunch and fellowship. The couple is registered at Target and Crate & Barrel.

FCC Board Notes

Eleven people attended the May 21 meeting of FCC's general board. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

- Doug Mork, a staff member with Twin Cities Social Cohesion, spoke to the board about his work.
- Kirsten Cackoski presented a Wholeness Fund request from the South Minneapolis Day Camp for \$1500 for an artist-in-residence and for various supplies for the camp. Request was approved by the board.
- The Renewal Planning Team is planning many Congregational Renewal activities during Pastor Laurie's sabbatical. Details will be announced soon.
- The SpringHouse Ministry Center Board approved a payment for a recent street assessment.
- FCC will be able to send two official delegates to July's General Assembly. The board will vote in June on the two delegates.
- Skip Wolverton presented the Treasurer's Report, which showed that as of April, actual General Offerings were \$4,415 **ahead** of the projected budget.

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

Before Worship

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

After Worship

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary
For Sunday, June 16
Praise the Lord
Psalm 113**



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Reflections on the Word

Psalm 113: 1 – Praise the Lord!

*Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.*

Psalm 113 is a classic hymn of praise. One important aspect of this psalm is the connection between praise and being servants of the Lord. Praise is one of the ways that we can become servants of the Lord. In the very act of praising God, we become God's own people.

Loving and Giving God, We praise you for all of your gifts and all of your love. Help us be your servants and share what you have given.

Amen.

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

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