



**Rediscovering. Renewing. Revitalizing.**  
**First Christian Church**  
**July 28 - November 17, 2019**

# Rediscovering Our Roots

## Picnic and Send-off celebration

**Sunday, July 28:** Please join us for worship in the park at North Regional Park, 5116 N. Mississippi Drive in Minneapolis followed by a catered lunch. This is our send-off celebration for Pastor Laurie as she sets off on her sabbatical journey to discover her family's roots. We will spend the next three months engaging in our own journey to rediscover our roots as Disciples of Christ and renew our purpose as a congregation.

**You don't want to miss this special event!**

## Book study

The whole congregation will be reading and discussing **A Handbook for Today's Disciples** by D. Duane Cummins. Please choose from one or more of the following options for discussing the book:

1. Sunday mornings in August with David Cobb: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Lydia meeting room
2. Thursday mornings in September with Pastor Dan: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., in Lydia meeting room.
3. Interactive Online Study: Details to be announced. Contact Pastor Dan for the link to join the discussion.
4. Small discussion groups: time and location to be decided by the participants

## History Tour

Please join us for a tour of FCC's previous home sites. We hope to be able to enter the 2201 building and see what changes have been made since our departure. We will also tour or view places where we do mission work. Information will be provided on the history of FCC. More details coming soon!

# Renewing Our Purpose

## Guest Speakers

The following denominational leaders will be our guest preachers for Sunday morning worship, which will be followed by a light lunch. After lunch our guests will lead us in conversations and activities to learn more about our denomination and our place in it.

1. Sunday, September 22: Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2. Sunday, October 13: Rev. Vy Nguyen, Executive Director, Week of Compassion
3. Sunday, October 27: Rick Lowery, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society

## Guest Preachers

Sunday, August 4: David Cobb

Sunday, August 25: Christine Isham

Sunday, October 6: First Christian Players

## Prayer Groups

Would you like to join a small group of people to meet regularly for prayer during this time of congregational renewal? Each group will decide when and where to meet. You will be provided with some questions to ponder as you gather for reflection and prayer.

# Revitalizing Our Community

## Fellowship Meals

Join a group to meet once a month and share a meal together. Groups will be formed to meet either at restaurants or in people's homes. Sign-up sheets will be in the sanctuary.

## Cidery Tour

**Sunday, August 11, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.:** Bring your thirst and come hungry! We will depart from SpringHouse and head out to discover the unique flavors of the following cideries: Number 12 Cider in downtown Minneapolis, Urban Winery and Cider House on East Lake Street and Sociable Cider Werks in Northeast, the Twin Cities' original cider house. Little Tomato is the resident woodfire pizza truck at Number 12 Cider and Sociable Cider Werks hosts a "Chef Incubator" food trailer that plays host to a new up-and-coming chef every six months.

## FCC Day at Como Park

**Saturday, September 14:** Join us for a fun day at Como Park. Come in the morning to enjoy the zoo, conservatory, carousel, Como Town rides, mini golf, paddleboat or bike rentals. There is so much to do! We have a picnic shelter reserved from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be doing a cookout dinner with potluck sides and desserts beginning at 5:30. (The zoo, conservatory and picnic are free. There are additional costs for other activities.)

## Fall Family Fun

**Saturday, October 5:** Join us for apple/pumpkin picking, hay ride, corn maze and more! More details will be coming soon. There may be additional costs for this activity.

## Fall Foliage Tour

**Saturday, October 12:** Join us for a day-long tour along the Mississippi River in Wisconsin. We'll head down Hwy 35 (The Great River Road) with stops in Maiden Rock (you'll want to get some good pastries and bread at the Smiling Pelican Bakery, among other quaint shops), and Stockholm, an artisan community that is also the home to Stockholm Pie Company and General Store. From there, we'll cross the river and head back north on the Minnesota side (Hwy 61) and stop at Pepin Heights Orchard on the way back to Minneapolis. There will be a couple of photo-ops along the river, so bring your camera! More details to follow.

## Bowling at Bryant-Lake Bowl

**Sunday, October 20, 12:30 – 2:30:** We'll walk over after church for lunch and two hours of bowling. This event is partially funded by the Lilly Grant, but there may be a small additional fee, depending on how many people go.

## Welcome Home Dinner for Pastor Laurie

**Sunday, November 17, after worship:** Plan to stay in the South Sanctuary for a catered meal and program to welcome Pastor Laurie home from her 3 month sabbatical. This will be a time of celebration and sharing our discoveries.

<b>July 28</b> Worship in N.Mississippi Park <b>Laurie's Send-off</b>	29	30	31	<b>August 1</b>	2	3
<b>August 4</b> Book Study  David Cobb preaching	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>August 11</b> Book Study  <b>Cidery Tour</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>August 18</b> Book Study  Worship in the Park	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>August 25</b> Book Study Christine Isham preaching	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>September 1</b>	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Book Study	6	7
<b>Sept 8</b> <i>Gathering Sunday</i> Joint Worship	9 Sanctuary Switch	10	11	12 Book Study	13	14 Day at Como Park
<b>Sept 15</b>	16	17	18	19 Book Study	20	21
<b>Sept 22</b> <b>GMP Rev. Terri Hord Owens preaching</b>	23	24	25	26 Book Study	27  Women's	28  Retreat

<b>Sept 29</b> <b>Women's Retreat</b>	30	<u>October 1</u>	2	3	4	5 Fall Family Fun
<b>Oct 6</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> First Christian Players	7	8	9	10	11	12 Fall Foliage Tour
<b>Oct 13</b> <b>Vy Nguyen (Week of Compassion) Preaching</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Oct 20</b> Bowling at Bryant Lake Bowl	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Oct 27</b> <b>Rick Lowery preaching</b>	28	2	30	31 Halloween	<u>November 1</u> All Saints Day	2
<b>Nov 3</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Nov. 10</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Nov. 17</b> <b>Pastor Laurie's Welcome Home Lunch</b>	18	19	20	22	23	24

**Your Prayer Group Members & Contact Info**

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