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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events

*FCC Book Group,
Monday, April 17, 7 pm*

*FCC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, April 18,
7 pm on Zoom*

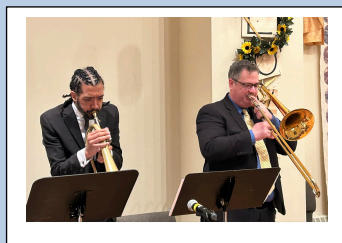
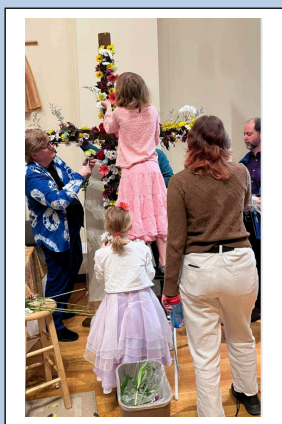
*Worship Committee,
Tuesday, April 25, 6 pm
Zoom*

*Coffee Hours continue,
9 am on Wed & Sat,
Happy Hours
5 pm Tues & Thurs*

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From Palm parade to Easter joy

First Christian Church experienced a Holy Week that spanned many moments: a joyful parade of palms, community solidarity as we made 300 sandwiches for Groveland food shelf, a time of deeply personal sharing during a Maundy Thursday Zoom service, the solemnity of the crucifixion story plus heart-stirring music in a Good Friday Tenebrae service, and finally, the sound of brass and choir, congregational singing, and a stirring sermon around a flowering cross as we gathered to celebrate the Easter morning Resurrection.



Clockwise from top: Palm Sunday parade, sandwich making; FCC staff (Caroline Polovny, Deb Murphy, Pastor Laurie Pound Feille, Pastor Dan Adolphson); Elders and Deacons at the table; guest brass players, Scott Agster and Omar Abdulkarim; flowering the cross.

In Our Prayers



We rejoice in prayer with **Zach Hesano** who is going to get a support dog from Can-do Canines; with **Rev. Jia Starr Brown** who successfully defended her dissertation, and for **Jon Povolny** whose drum line team won their division at state finals.

We pray in sympathy for **Mike Hesano**, whose Uncle Paul died in a car accident; for **Margaret Hutchens** on the death of Aunt Edna; for **Deb Murphy** at the death of her Aunt Hazel. and for **Katy McFall** on the death of her mother.

We pray in concern for **Ann Wolverton** and **Barb Rusinak** as they recover from recent surgeries; for **Deanna Davis'** recent sickness; for **MaryFrances**, friend of the **Cackoski** family, who is having a 5th back surgery.

We pray for children and adults killed in a Nashville school, for the Tennessee legislators removed from office for advocating for gun laws, and for the many communities affected by recent tornadoes.

Gracious God, we lift up these persons in our prayers, asking the blessing of your Grace and outpouring of your Love upon them. Amen

A Message from Youth Minister Chelsea Boyden



On getting started with the youth at SH

First things first, it has been SO wonderful meeting many of you these last several weeks. I am looking forward to getting to get to know you all more, continuing to participate and learn more about the quirks of each congregation, and meeting those of you whom I have not had the pleasure to meet in person yet!

Since I started my role as the Youth Minister last month, I have been meditating on **2 Corinthians 5:17** — *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* The word became flesh and has come to make all things new, beginning with each one of us, the community of SpringHouse, and the future of SpringHouse youth group. My vision for SpringHouse youth ministry is rooted in this idea of transformation and new creation, and I am embracing this season of creation and transformation with wide open arms.

That being said, I am really excited to get the ball rolling and reimagining youth group together! On Easter Sunday, I started holding open youth room hours from **9 am-12:30 pm each Sunday**. Other than the times where I will be in a worship service (I rotate between Lyndale, Salem, and FCC each Sunday), I will be in the youth room with some treats and invite youth and their families to stop by. We can hang out, get to know each other, brainstorm ideas, activities, and visions for youth group, or I could easily be convinced to take a group of youth over to Milkjam!

Youth and families are welcome to come and stay for as long or as little as they would like. At this time, I'm opening up youth group to those in 5th-12th grade, but if you have a youth in your family who is not yet in 5th grade but has maybe aged out of Sunday School, they are also welcome to come!

Again, I cannot stress how excited I am to lean into this transformation of youth ministry at SpringHouse and to create all things new with all of you. If you have any questions or would like to get ahold of me, please feel free to email me at springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org or give me a call or text at 641-390-0504. I look forward to getting to know all of you more and continuing on this journey together!

Chelsea Boyden (they/them)
Youth Minister, [SpringHouse Ministry Center](#)

Day Camp registration open now

South Minneapolis Day Camp is right around the corner in June! This summer we will again look at how kids can be heroes and do their own kind of community organizing in order to affect change. ***We will be building a cardboard city again*** (everybody loves building a cardboard city), as well as singing, listening to stories, playing games, creating art, and having lots of fun!

Building
Beloved
Community

There is programming for K-5th grade, 6th-8th grades (that includes field trips), and even High School Leader positions that come with a stipend! In addition, there is room for all kinds of volunteers...those who can come every day/all week and those who might be able to fit a few hours in on a single day. Day Camp is for EVERYONE so if you haven't participated before, this year is a great chance to get involved and be part of this amazing tradition!

Join us June 20-23, 2023, 9 am - 4 pm (Tuesday - Friday)

Location: Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407

- Special Family/Community Celebration: Friday June 23, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
- Find Registration for Kids (K-8) & Application for Youth Leaders at www.smpdsdaycamp.org
- Adult Volunteer Sign-Up on our site SOON!

Reminder: Trustone Parking available



Remember that on Sunday mornings, SpringHouse members are able to park in the Trustone lot south of 28th Street on Lyndale. This is a convenient parking opportunity that allows you to use a parking lot with sidewalks that lead all the way to SpringHouse.

Lenten mission goods ready for delivery



Pictured here are blankets and books that went to People Serving People and a portion of the 200 lbs. of sandwiches and food items delivered to the Groveland Food shelf, courtesy of our Lenten Mission and Outreach campaign.

FCC Board Notes

Twenty-four people attended the March 21 meeting of FCC's General Board. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

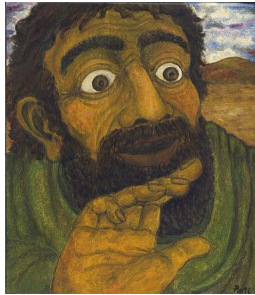
- The board voted unanimously to sign on as supporting General Assembly Resolution "Recognizing a truth and healing council to honor our covenantal relationship with indigenous peoples and to discern ways of reparations for a path to reconciliation.:
- Pastor Laurie Feille announced that her sabbatical will be August 2 – October 31, 2023. Board chair Kirsten Cackoski said we will again be doing congregational activities during the sabbatical.
- The board voted unanimously to designate the Trustees to oversee memorials as well as bequests going forward.
- Two important volunteer positions at FCC need to be filled: 1) a person to be trained in to help with FCC Treasurer responsibilities, and 2) a chairperson for the Worship committee.
- The Board was happy to acknowledge the return of deacons to help serve communion during worship.
- FCC Treasurer Pat Dunlop reported that pledged receipts for February came to \$12,535, which is close to the hoped-for amount budgeted. \$1,000 was donated to World Central Kitchen.

Sundays at First Christian Church

Worship at 10:30, in person or
livestreamed at fccmpls.org

Children's U-Pick Hybrid Sunday School, 9:20-10:15 am,
Squiggle Space and Zoom

Revised Common Lectionary
April 16, 2023
Doubting Thomas
John 20: 19-31



*Doubting Thomas, by Hungarian
artist Zoltán Joó*

Reflections on the Word

John 20: 27b: "Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Sometimes we focus our attention on Thomas, whether we judge him or relate to him. Certainly, we find his struggle with belief and unbelief compelling. But when we turn our gaze to Jesus, we witness him encouraging Thomas to touch his tender wounds in hopes that he will believe in God's glory.

Jesus, give us what we need to see you for who you are and the courage to confess that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

By Katherine Willis Pershey in
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