

The Courier

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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UPCOMING Events

Elders meeting,
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 7 pm

SpringHouse Joint
Worship in the Park,
Sunday, Aug. 17,
10:30 am

FCC Board, Tuesday,
Aug 19, 7 pm on Zoom

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

SpringHouse Worship in the Park August 17

The three congregations of SpringHouse will gather at Minnehaha Park on Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 am for our annual Worship in the Park joint service.

We will have a potluck lunch after the service. Please bring sandwiches, salads, veggies, chips, fruit or desserts. Lemonade and ice water will be provided.

The SpringHouse board will also meet, following the service and lunch.



August Mission at Our Doorstep: Diapers!!

We will be collecting diapers for users of this mission of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (3045 Chicago Ave. S.), another of our fellow AlignMpls members. All sizes are needed, especially sizes 5 and 6. Bring your contributions to the North sanctuary in August or send money through Givelify (Mount Olive Diapers--envelope available Aug 1-31) or send a check to the church office.



You can also order online and the items will be shipped directly to Mt. Olive. <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/mountlivediapers>

In case you didn't know: "Mission at Our Doorstep" started several years ago, when some of our members were going on summer mission trips to Paraguay and other places. "MAOD" was a way for those of us staying home to serve others too!

Some calendar changes in August

The FCC Board WILL meet on August 19; there are several items that will need a Board vote.

Some Coffee and Happy Hours will not meet in August:

No Happy Hour: 8/5, 8/14, 8/19

No Coffee Hour: 8/30

In Our Prayers



...Prayers of concern for **Ann Wolverton**, who fell and broke her left wrist. She will require a splint, but no surgery; for **Pam Ludwig** (friend of **Jim Lee**) who has been ill for many years and needs weekly blood transfusions; for **Margaret Hutchens** and **Tammy Rottschaefer**, as they continue treatments; for **Paul Rottschaefer** as he heals from shoulder surgery; for **Mary Hurlocker** having physical therapy after a fall.

Prayers for safe travels for **Anna Bliss's daughter Solveig** who leaves this week for her semester abroad at the University of Oslo.

Prayers for the continuing heartbreak of starvation and war in Gaza, for the return of hostages held for so long, for an end to the war in Ukraine, and for the leaders of the US to pass compassionate laws to help, not hurt, our citizens.

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 Pastor Dan



General Assembly: Find out what happened!

As you heard me preach in the sermon on July 20, we did a lot of good work at General Assembly this year! You may be wondering, what are these 'resolutions' and business sessions that Pastor Dan was talking about? One of the many reasons Disciples attend the General Assembly is to perform the worshipful work of the Church through business sessions. The General Assembly is the general representative body of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and receives and acts upon proposed policy and program, reports and resolutions, and other items of business presented during business sessions.

I've been involved in the resolution-writing process in some form since 2013, when I was part of the team that created [GA-1327: Becoming A People of Grace and Welcome To All](#). This year, I was supporting colleagues who created 2 of the emergency resolutions, and as part of that, attended "Reference and Counsel", where a small sub-section of the General Board meets to consider emergency resolutions – how do they meet criteria, how are they worded, etc. It's holy work to see the church in these moments, even when it goes until 1:30 AM!!

Here are a couple of videos that will give you an overview of the process:

[Life of a General Assembly Resolution](#)
[Business procedures](#) as told by Parliamentarian Bill Bailey

You can click on the links below to see the full text of each resolution or business item:

2025 Emergency Resolutions - Adopted as of July 15, 2025

[GA-2568](#) – An Emergency Resolution Concerning the Moral Crisis of Federal Budget Priorities in the 2025 Reconciliation Bill

[GA-2570](#) – Emergency Resolution Responding to The United States Federal Government's Attack on Immigrants, Migrants, And Refugees

[GA-2571](#) – Affirmation of the World Council of Churches

Business Items

[GA-2522](#) – Time and Place of GA 2028

[GA-2539](#) – Ratify Actions of the General Board – Adopted as of July 12, 2025

[GA-2523](#) – General Nominating Committee Report

[GA-2540](#) – Request-for-Change-of-Region – – Adopted as of July 12, 2025

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FCC Calendar for August 2025

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	10:30 am Worship, Children's Activity Table 9am - 12:30 SH Youth Group Open Hours
Tuesdays	8 am - SH Lectionary Group 5 pm - Happy Hour (Not meeting 8/5 or 8/19)
Wednesdays	9 am - Coffee with Community
Thursdays	5 pm - Happy Hour (Not meeting 8/14)
Saturdays	9 am - Coffee with Community (Not meeting Aug. 30)

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed., Aug. 6	7 pm Elders Meeting
Thurs, Aug 7	1:30 SHMC Clergy Meeting
Mon., Aug. 11	5 pm - SpringHouse Building Committee 7 pm - SpringHouse Finance Committee
Tues., Aug. 13	12:30 – Finance Committee Meeting
Sun., Aug. 17	10:30 am. SH Joint Worship at Wabun Picnic area SH Board meeting following worship
Mon., Aug 18	6:30 FCC Book Group at Amy Dunlop's home
Tues, Aug. 19	7 pm FCC Board meeting
Sat, Aug. 23	12 noon – 5 pm at Arlene Hillestad's home

Note: Worship services are hybrid (Live and Streamed); most meetings are on Zoom unless otherwise noted. Links are sent in emails and eblasts

FCC Board Notes

Thirteen people attended the July 15 meeting of FCC's Church Board. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

- Anna Bliss and Martha Harris gave updates on the work of the Search Team and the Transition Team.
- The board agreed to meet in August, anticipating some business that will need to be done.
- The board discussed dates for a fall Stewardship Campaign, and recommended using one of the packages the Worship Committee is looking at.
- Karen Kandik reported that the August Outreach project is collecting diapers for Mt. Olive's Diaper program.
- Finance Chairperson Mike Cackoski went over the figures for the June budget, noting we are staying close to expected expenditures. He noted that the budget may be "all over the place" in the next six months, with the many changes that are coming.
- Trustees reported on their July meeting.

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2025 Resolutions - Adopted as of July 12, 2025

[GA-2512](#) – Concerning Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Congregations Receiving a Silver Chalice Designation

[GA-2513](#) – Resolution Concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion in all Ministries within the Christian Church

[GA-2514](#) – Commitment to the Thursdays in Black Campaign: A Global Movement For A World Without Gender-Based Violence

[GA-2515](#) Opposing Project 2025 And Other Policies That Are Inconsistent With Our Commitment to Justice, Mercy, and Compassion For Our Neighbors

[GA-2516](#) – Proposed Resolution to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the DPF Peace Intern Program and 90th Anniversary of the Disciples Peace Fellowship and Inviting Regions and Congregations to Recommit to the Work of Peace and Justice

[GA-2517](#) – Amendments to *The Design*

[GA-2518](#) – Changes to the Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly

[GA-2520](#) – Calling the Church to Affirm the Sovereignty and Self-Determination of our Canadian Siblings

Sundays at First Christian Church

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

Children's Table Activities in person during worship: **Join us!**
Children's Activities are also available online at www.fccmpls.org

Revised Common Lectionary
August 10, 2025
Treasures of the Kingdom
Luke 12: 32-40



Artist Caspar David Friedrich,
1774-184

Reflections on the Word.

Luke 12: 35 – “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Jesus isn’t trying to create fearful, survivalist disciples here. If disciples wish to remain alert and ready, they pay attention to their spiritual disciplines, they open their eyes to opportunities to serve. This is not a call to live on the edge in fear that God is waiting to trip us up. It is a call to participate in the beauty and goodness of God around every corner.

Surprising God, we never know when you will call us to action. Ready our souls to love as you have loved. Amen.

Rev. Charlie Baber, in
Disciplines, 2025

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