

# The Courier

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



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## UPCOMING Events

Disciple Women's Retreat,  
Paynesville, MN, September  
28-30

World Communion  
Sunday, October 7

Middle School Game  
Night, Saturday,  
October 6, 6 pm

## What will be your legacy for the next generation?

Kirby Gould of the Christian Church Foundation is presenting a Planned Giving Seminar for all of the Twin Cities Disciple churches. Ms. Gould will address these and other topics:

- Ways to create a legacy gift for our church's ministries and other charities
- How to create a "pledge replacement" gift
- Ways to pass assets to children and charity in a tax-efficient manner
- That God calls us to be good stewards of all of our assets
- Why everyone needs a will.



Kirby Hughes Gould

She will also talk about the new 2018 tax laws and how they may affect charitable giving both this year and in the future.

The presentation will be at 10 am on Saturday, October 20, at SpringHouse. The information session will last about an hour, and then participants can have as much time as they need for questions and answers.

Kirby Gould has been with CCF since 1997, and has worked with FCC's Trustees in creating the church's endowment funds. She is a commissioned minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and vice president of the Foundation's North Central zone.

The Christian Church Foundation works with individual donors, local congregations, legacy congregations, regions and other ministries of the church to determine their passion for ministry and discern the best way they can use their gifts to support ministry.



## Bells ring out with new tone

Last year, FCC acquired a new set of handbells from a church in Iowa. Over the summer the bells were refurbished, and the congregation heard the deep, resonant tones of the "new" bells for the first time during worship on September 23. Section leader Tanner Vanderkrabben is the new director for the bell choir. Melinda Nickerson, Pat Dunlop and Jack Russell are shown here.



## *In Our Prayers*

### Prayers of Concern

*For Phil Kinney who will be  
having a lung biopsy  
For Elaine Tucker's  
colleague Jean who is  
entering hospice  
For Ali Hesano's friend's  
father who is having  
tumors removed  
For all those who are  
homebound, including  
Elaine Moe and John  
Takekawa*

### Prayers for the World

*For all the families and  
businesses affected by  
tornadoes and flooding in  
southern Minnesota  
For the continuing  
dislocation of families in  
the Carolinas, Texas, the  
Philippines and other  
places around the world  
suffering from natural  
disasters  
For Week of Compassion  
and Global ministries that  
are on the ground serving  
the needs of people*



## A message from Pastor Laurie Pound Feille



### ***On Attending Boarding School Conference***

Next week I will be attending the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Conference: *The Spirit Survives - a National Movement Toward Healing*, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I am going as the representative of Yakama Mission and the Disciples of Christ Center of Indigenous Ministries of which I am a member of the advisory board. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition office is located here in Minneapolis.

The mission of NABS is to “lead in the pursuit of understanding and addressing the ongoing trauma created by the US Indian Boarding School policy.” NABS was created “to develop and implement a national strategy that increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities. American Indian and Alaska Native Nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the boarding school policy of 1869.” These statements are from the NABS website: [boardingschoolhealing.org](http://boardingschoolhealing.org).

The trauma that occurred due to children being taken from their families, stripped of their language and cultural identities has been passed down generation to generation. And yes, the church played a major role in this trauma. At one time there were 14 boarding schools open in Minnesota. In 1872, Christian denominations were assigned 73 Indian agencies. Two were assigned to the Christian Church and that meant that the government assigned 8,287 Native American lives to our denomination. We ran boarding schools and were part of the effort to make Native American children be just like us.

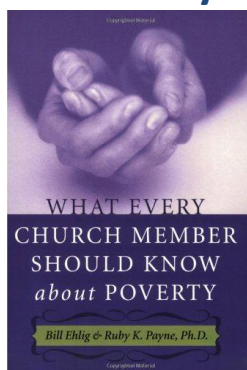
The conference in Carlisle is the first National Conference ever held by the NABS. The conference is for boarding school survivors and descendants, tribal leaders, and anyone working on understanding and addressing the impacts of boarding school trauma. There will be a premier of a video of survivors sharing their Boarding School stories as well as sessions on the long-term impact of boarding schools. It is important that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is present at this gathering.

I am grateful to represent our denomination as well as Yakama Mission and the Center for Indigenous Ministries at this historic gathering. I hope that you will keep all who gather for this conference in your prayers. I will share about the conference with you when I return!

Much love and peace, Pastor Laurie

## The New Women's Fellowship: book study continues

We had a great discussion of the first 3 chapters of What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne. The next meeting is Monday, October 1 at 7 pm at Bobbie Hall's home. We will be discussing chapters 4-8 of the book. Please feel free to come even if you haven't read the book! The topic is an important one! ALL women of the church are invited!



## Deanna Davis is new choir section leader



Deanna Davis has joined our FCC choir as the soprano section leader. Deanna graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Masters in Music and currently teaches voice and piano in the Twin Cities. She was formerly the head of the vocal department at the St. Paul Conservatory for the Performing Arts, where she worked with Adam Conrad and Mike Vasich. In the summer, Deanna works with the St. Croix Festival

Theater and the Minnesota Opera. She lives in St. Paul. Please make Deanna feel welcome!

## FCC Gardener wanted for SpringHouse landscape

The FCC Board is looking for someone from First Christian to be our representative on the SpringHouse Landscape committee. This group makes plans for and cares for the grounds around our SHMC building. If you enjoy working on outside landscape projects this could be an enjoyable way to contribute your time to Springhouse and FCC. Please contact Dean Creighton or anyone on the FCC staff if you are interested in participating.



## Service for Phyllis Takekawa to be September 30


A celebration of the life of Phyllis Takekawa will be Sunday, September 30 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club, 6300 Country Club Drive in Bloomington. The service will be at 1 pm.

## FCC Board Notes

Twelve people attended the regular September meeting of the FCC General Board. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

- The Covenant Review Committee has completed its revisions of the Covenant. They will now begin disseminating the key changes in the new Covenant to the various church representatives and governing bodies.
- The Finance Committee is looking at a new software finance system to replace the system FCC has been using.
- The Stewardship Campaign will begin October 14 and conclude on November 4. This year's theme is "Faithfulness." This will be the last year that the campaign is organized by the staff; next year, volunteers from the congregation will take over this important job.
- Treasurer Pat Dunlop went over the financial figures for July and August, and reported that budget numbers are in line with where they should be. So far we have less of a deficit than anticipated. General offerings for July were \$12,133; for August, \$17,007.
- Pastor Laurie reported that FCC will soon be getting a very special recognition for stewardship; watch for future details!



<b>October 2018</b> <b>First Christian Church</b>				<b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b> 9:15 Spiritual Formation Classes 10:30 Worship in the <b>Garden Sanctuary</b> 11:45 Fellowship Time in Gathering Space		
	<b>1</b> 7 pm – Women’s Ministries @ Bobbie Hall’s	<b>2</b> 8 am Lectionary Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:30 Handbells 7:45 FCC Choir 7 pm Youth Advisory Board	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6 pm Middle School Game Night	<b>6</b> 6 pm Middle School Game Night
<b>7</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b>  9:15 Inter-generational Sunday School	<b>8</b> 6:45 SH Building Committee	<b>9</b> 8 am Lectionary Bible Study	<b>10</b> 5:30 FCC Finance Committee 6:30 Handbells 7:45 FCC Choir	<b>11</b> 7 pm SH Finance Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 am SH Huddle 10 am SH Youth: Greenway Clean-up
<b>14</b> <b>Garden Sanctuary</b>	<b>15</b> 6 pm PRC Pastor Laurie	<b>16</b> 8 am Lectionary Bible Study 6 pm Worship Team 7 pm FCC Board	<b>17</b> 2 pm Mission and Outreach Comm. Meeting 6:30 Handbells 7:45 FCC Choir	<b>18</b> <i>8 am – 5 pm Stepping Stone Theater MEA event for kids</i>	<b>19</b> <i>8 am – 5 pm Stepping Stone Theater MEA event for kids</i>	<b>20</b> 10 am Planned Giving Seminar for Twin City Disciples 6 pm Youth Halloween Outing
<b>21</b> <b>Garden Sanctuary</b>  Noon Child Ministry Team	<b>22</b> 7 pm – Book Group at Bobbie Hall’s	<b>23</b> 8 am Narrative Lectionary Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:30 Handbells 7:45 FCC Choir	<b>25</b> 9 am Ecumenical Women’s Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Garden Sanctuary</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8 am Lectionary Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:30 Handbells 7:45 FCC Choir  <i>HALLOWEEN</i>			

	<b>Elders</b> (Offering elder listed first)	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Children’s Moment</b>	<b>Diaconate</b>	<b>Bus Drivers</b>
<b>October 7</b>	Steve Rusinak Ann Wolverton	Pat Dunlop	Dan Adolphson	A. Bliss M. Carlson	Mike Hesano 651-645-6758
<b>October 14</b>	Sandy Morgan Tom Curry	Becki Whitaker	Deb Murphy	J. Carlson A. Creighton	Mike Morgan 612.926-9834
<b>October 21</b>	Val Dunham Pat Dunlop	Wendy Manuel	Deb Murphy	B. Flanagan S. Grady	Garry Hesser 612.721.4905
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**Note:** Please call drivers by Saturday for Sunday bus ride

## SH Adult Education focuses on world crises



SpringHouse Adult Faith Formation has launched its fall studies with a 3-week series on disasters that have occurred in Puerto Rico, Detroit and Flint through the lens of Scripture and some of the Poor People's Campaign tenets. Over 25 people have been attending the 9:30 am sessions in the Gathering Space. Topics for future sessions will be announced soon. All SpringHouse members are invited to join in.

## SpringHouse to be site for MEA children's event

SpringHouse will be one of the locations for Stepping Stone Theatre's Fun Days during MEA school break on October 18 and 19. Children from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will fill the South Sanctuary and Gathering Space for two days as they rehearse and perform Halloween-themed productions.

"Bump in the Night" happens on Thursday, October 18 when the children create and perform a spooky mystery play in just one day. The kids will collaborate on a story, create characters, memorize lines and at the end of the day, perform for family and friends.

Michael Jackson's Thriller Workshop will be Friday, October 19. Kids will learn Michael Jackson's iconic dance moves, design and apply zombie stage makeup, incorporate theatre games which bring an undead character to life. At the end of this workshop, the kids will show-off what they've learned by sharing their Thriller moves and zombie characters at a 3:30 performance.

More information and registration can be found online at <http://www.stepsingstonetheatre.org/event/fall-fun-days-minneapolis/>

## Youth Events Calendar



### Middle School Game Night

Fifth through eighth graders: Bring your favorite game! Bring a friend!! We'll gather together on Friday, October 5, at SpringHouse, 6 pm-9 pm. Pizza for dinner! (Let Jon know of any dietary restrictions).

### Greenway Clean-up

Saturday, October 13, 10 am-1 pm, we will be joining in the Greenway Clean-Up with Salem Lutheran. Just bring yourself and a pair of work gloves.

### Halloween Adventure

Saturday, October 20  
6 pm-10 pm

We'll meet at SpringHouse to venture out for a Halloween-themed activity. Attend Youth Group to help plan! It might be a haunted house, pumpkin patch, or pumpkin carving, or a safely rated Halloween Movie. Plans will be finalized the first week of October. Stay subscribed to Youth Newsletters for more information

### Youth Group: Spring Retreat

Save the Date!  
Friday, March 8 - Sunday, March 10

Watch for more information from Jon!

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

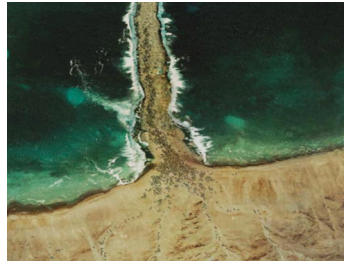
**Before Worship**

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

**After Worship**

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary for  
Sunday, September 30  
Rescue at the Sea  
Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29**



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is a partner church at SpringHouse Ministry Center*

Reflections on the Word

*Exodus 14: 21: Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.*

What do we think about with this verse? A grand cinematic special effects spectacle? Possible scientific explanations for the effects of Moses' stretched hand and the strong east wind? Or perhaps thoughts about what we are fleeing, what we are moving towards, and how God can help us on our path?

*God of Salvation, We know that you are with us on our journey. Help us place our trust in you and know that you will make a way. Amen.*

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

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