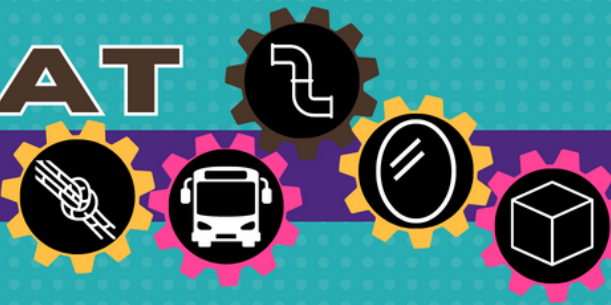


STUFF THAT WORKS



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Stuff That Works - PIPES: To put it simply, you are meant to be a pipe, not a bucket. That means you are a vessel through which the stuff of life flows, not in which stuff accumulates. While you may agree with that, clearly it isn't our human instinct. We like to have, possess, collect, hold on to. Letting go is one of the hardest things we do, yet it is how life grows - within and beyond us. Since it is so important and so hard, it is important for us to consider and practice this thing that works.

WELCOME!

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with the strands of your full self, others, and that third strand that is bigger, beyond, around and within us all that you may or may not know as God.

Learn more about Fabric at FabricMpls.com

Miss a week or want to hear the message again?
Check our podcast fabricmpls.podbean.com

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here

Music with Chris Tripolino and the Fabric Band
Welcome

Baptism -- Quinn Katherine Danielson

Say Hi and some music

Message -- Greg Meyer

Connecting with and supporting Fabric & more music
Closing Thoughts for kids and adults

Kids - What's Happening Today Kids will get a chance to explore what strengths they have and how they might share them and design a world that is over-flowing! Kids start out in the Commons and during the welcome will be invited to their special spaces...6 months-preschool will be heading the media center and kindergarten through 8th graders will head to the gym. More at fabricmpls.com/kids-current



We celebrate Quinn Katherine Danielson today! Baptism is a rite, or 'knot' moment. Today, we celebrate the weaving of Quinn's life with our community, the rest of the world, and God. This weaving happens whether we mark it or not, but those relationships are stronger and healthier when we pause to celebrate them.



COMING UP AND MORE!



Fabric & the Twin Cities Marathon - NEXT SUNDAY! We'll be at 34th Ave S & Minnehaha Pkwy 9-11:30! One of the wonders of Fabric is that there isn't anything we have to do, except be relevant. After fighting road closures and everyone's involvement with the marathon some years ago we realized it makes sense to just be part of it. Cheer for your friends and neighbors with us! Wear your Fabric t-shirt and bring noisemakers! More at fabricmpls.com/marathon.

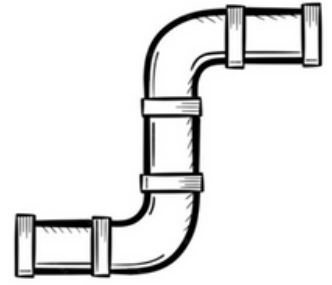
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Where we are and the story of our land matters. Most of us live in, and we gather in land that was part of the Dakota people for centuries, but from which they were forcibly and dishonorably removed by the US government. It is an honor and a responsibility for us to live on and care for this land today.

We often don't understand how the real deep stuff of life works, so we do it our own way, and miss the real Stuff That Works.

You are a PIPE, not a BUCKET.

What does a bucket believe? "I am filled up by ACCUMULATING." *The more the better!*



What does a pipe believe? "I am fulfilled by STEWARDING." *There can be too much of a good thing.*

A steward is someone ENTRUSTED with something of value by its owner.

The steward can USE and ENJOY it,

and is responsible for caring for it for the PURPOSES OF THE OWNER.

Being FULL is not the same as being FULFILLED.

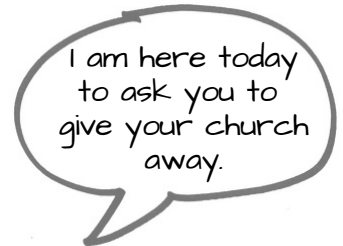
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↘ *Purpose*

As for those who in the present age are rich, instruct them not to be arrogant, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6.17-19

Being a pipe doesn't only pertain to money and possessions. It is the way the world works. It is the way Fabric works.



You can either seek to fill yourself by having your church MEET YOUR NEEDS,

or you can seek to be fulfilled by helping your church MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

HOMEWORK - Be a pipe for someone else to experience Fabric. Put a lawn sign by your house. Wear the t-shirt. Consider what you would share about your Fabric experience with someone else. Different people are looking for different things, you will need more than one story. Consider sharing an idea, a podcast or part of a podcast with someone you think it would connect with.

R.O.A.M.

ROAM (Read, Observe, Apply, Meditate) through these Bible readings this week.
 Consider that for 1000s of years people have found this to be true. **Proverbs 11.24-25.**
 And spend some time with the reading from today. **1 Timothy 6.17-21** Maybe take on the whole chapter.