



August 1, 2018

The Self Study process is continuing at Fort Street. Through conversations, meetings in homes and at the church, and post-it notes on big paper in the Great Hall, the Fort Street Self Study Task Force is hoping for your input as we think about Fort Street's history and our future direction as a church!

There is one new activity for the next month: in a moment of inspiration, Pastor Anne put up a "Dream board" in the Great Hall. There, you can put up a note about your dreams for Fort Street in a variety of areas - worship life, outreach, and others. Stop by and share what dreams you have for the community!

There are more ways to be involved:

Also, the Self Study team is completing its reports by submitting information via the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey. It can be submitted online by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fortstreet>. It takes about 30 minutes to complete.

If you would prefer a paper version, contact the church office or pick up a copy in worship. There is a "Cat Box" where surveys can be dropped off, or you can pick up a pre-stamped envelope and drop it in the mail when completed.

The original deadline - August 1st - is being pushed back to make sure that everyone who is able to participate has enough time to do so. Surveys will be received through early September.

More meetings, more reports, and more work to come soon!

Other things happening at Fort Street

Prayer Procession, Monday, August 6th, 8:00am

Faith leaders from across metro Detroit are joining together in a prayer walk asking for the end of the practice of sending children to appear before Immigration Judges without adults or legal representation; and to end the practice of incarcerating asylum seekers and others in federal immigration detention who are neither dangers to the community or threats to national security. The procession will lead from Fort and Third to the McNamara Federal Building at 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Parking is available at Fort Street church.

The Fort Street Chorale is hiring an Interim Conductor for the 40th performance of Messiah taking place this fall. More information is available at fortstreet.org/openings. Members of the Fort Street Chorale are invited to participate in an interview / audition with candidates for the position on Thursday, August 30 at 6:00pm.

Participants will provide feedback for the selection committee as they recommend a final candidate to the Personnel Committee and the Session.

August Time Off Schedule for Staff

- The Christian Ed. Director is out of the office, **August 5-18**
 - The Open Door is closed **August 6-9**
 - The Pastors are out of the office, **August 22 - September 3**
 - The Music Director is out of the office, **August 13-26**
 - The Secretary is out of office, **August 6-9**
 - The Wedding Coordinator is out of the office, **August 4-15**
- * Alison Grosch will be back in the office on **August 20, 2018**