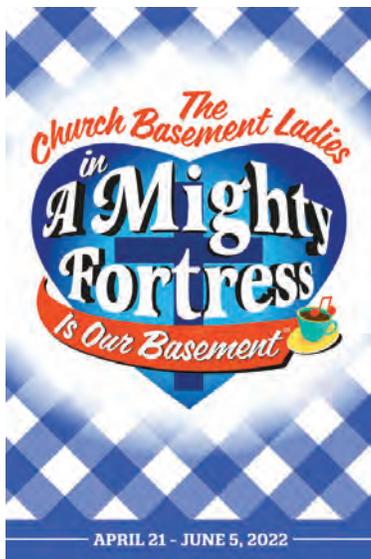


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The Flame

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



“Filled with hilarious comedy; fun, catchy songs; and more than their share of poignant moments.”

– Ed Flesch

The
FireSide
Dinner Theatre

THEY’RE BAAACK!

Originally scheduled for the spring of 2020, this delightfully hilarious installment of The Church Basement Ladies musical series will finally be coming to life on our stage starting April 21st. We’re very glad to have them back!

When you see one of these shows with the four zany, hard-working, brave women and their pastor, you immediately recognize someone you know. Even if you didn’t belong to a small, rural Lutheran church in the Midwest, these characters invariably strike a chord in all of us. We watch them cook and argue and support and love one another and we don’t just see characters in a play.

We see beloved friends and family who remind us of our own friends and family.

That makes us care about them. We laugh and cry with them and enjoy every moment of their funny and heart-warming journey. It’s safe to say you’ll be engaged, enthralled, moved, entertained, and filled with joy as you watch another chapter in this wonderful series of shows!



Preparing For Your Visit During COVID-19



The Fireside takes the health of our staff and guests very seriously and while we have always maintained the highest standards for cleanliness and safety, we are also following guidelines recommended for all restaurants at this time. Some of these changes are noticeable and others behind the scenes but just as in any theatrical production, both sides are essential to its success. Our goal remains the same, to make you feel welcome and provide each guest with a memorable experience through friendly, courteous and gracious service. Here is what you can expect during your visit to The Fireside.

- Masks are required for non-vaccinated staff and recommended for non-vaccinated guests. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask may certainly do so.
- Our entire facility is equipped with air purifying technology that is also used in the White House, Mayo Clinic, Boston Children's Hospital, and Google (99.4% effective against Covid-19, also effective against Flu, Bacteria, and other airborne allergens.)
- In addition to this technology, our HVAC units also incorporate fresh air into the space at regular intervals.
- Sanitizer stations are placed throughout the facility along with signage reminding guest to wash their hands.
- Reservations are recommended as we are frequently fully booked to a reduced capacity limit.
- Tables, chairs, salt, and pepper shakers are cleaned and sanitized between each use.
- Silverware is wrapped to protect from unwanted contact.
- Housekeeping has increased frequency of sanitation and cleaning of high touch areas.
- Entire facility is professionally cleaned nightly with special attention to high touch areas and increased disinfection methods that have been installed since the pandemic began.
- Our staff has temperature checks before every shift along with answering a questionnaire related to flu-like symptoms.
- Theatre is cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized between performances.

We appreciate and are honored by the trust you place in us to both entertain and care for your special guests. Our entire staff looks forward to your next visit!

THE INSIDE SCOOP



*Curt Wollan, original Director and
Creator of the Church Basement
Ladies musical series.*

Original show's creator, Curt Wollan, to direct A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT.

INTRODUCING OUR GUEST DIRECTOR

Curt Wollan is not only the creator of CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES, but he has directed many, many productions of it since it first premiered at Minnesota's Plymouth Playhouse in 2005, including our first production in 2017.

Curt graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1973 with a degree in Speech and Theater with an emphasis in Directing. He went on to receive an M.F.A. in Directing from the University of Iowa. He is the President and Executive Producer of Troupe America, Inc., a theatrical production company located in Minneapolis. Troupe America produces theatrical productions for Twin Cities area theaters and the national touring circuit. In past seasons, Curt directed the national tours of A CHRISTMAS CAROL, BIG RIVER, PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES, DRIVING MISS DAISY, STEEL MAGNOLIAS, OIL CITY SYMPHONY, ON GOLDEN POND, and more. He produced three national tours of FORBIDDEN BROADWAY with

Big League Theatricals of New York, three tours of Dylan Thomas' A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES, six tours of Victor Herbert's classic, BABES IN TOYLAND, and the world premier tours of MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET - The Musical and SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! based on ABC's Emmy Award winning cartoon series.

Since 1979, Curt's work has been seen most frequently at the Plymouth Playhouse where he produced and directed such long-running hits as PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES, DIAMOND STUDS, A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE, COTTON PATCH GOSPEL, the regional premier of NUNSENSE, and Plymouth's popular musical HOW TO TALK MINNESOTAN - The Musical; as well as the area premiers of CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES and its sequels, A SECOND HELPING, AWAY IN THE BASEMENT, A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT, and THE LAST POTLUCK SUPPER.

Mr. Wollan makes a yearly summer pilgrimage to the Dakota Badlands where he produces and directs the Medora Musical. The 57 year old summer musical is an outdoor wild-west country music extravaganza complete with cowboys, horses, and a cast of 30 set at the gates of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. He is also co-author and director for a series of musicals recounting the fictitious careers of the Lovely Liebowitz Sisters from 1945 to their "come back" engagement in 1963.

Curt is the recipient of the Twin Cities Drama Critics Circle "Kudos" Award in Directing, Luther College's Distinguished Service Award, the American Legion's "Patriot" Award, and is listed in Who's Who in America and American Entertainment. He is a former board member of the Northern Sign Theater for the Deaf as well as a former board member and secretary of the Twin Cities Tourism Attractions Association.

**KNOW
WHAT'S
NEW!**

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 CHRISTIAN CONCERT SERIES

Greater Vision Tuesday, March 29

Greater Vision has inspired audiences around the world with their rich vocal blend, becoming the most awarded trio in the history of Gospel music. They appear regularly on Dr. Charles Stanley's In Touch TV program and on the Gaither Gospel Video Series. Greater Vision's latest recording, "The Journey," celebrates the group's more than 30 years of ministry, with five new songs penned by Rodney Griffin, Chris Allman, and Jon Epley, and completely new recordings of eight "Greater Vision Classics." Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.



The Martins Tuesday, June 21

Siblings Joyce, Jonathan, and Judy, known collectively as The Martins, have enjoyed countless radio hits and performances at concert halls, arenas, and churches worldwide. Over the years the Trio garnered eight Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, as well as a prestigious Grammy nomination. Today their precedent-setting musical influence is stronger than ever. Since their return to touring, they've found the welcome arms of audiences who had been embracing their music for decades. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.



Booth Brothers Tuesday, August 9

Michael, Paul, and Buddy love Gospel music. It touches the soul and offers encouragement and hope. By ministering to audiences through word and song, these gentlemen are fulfilling God's call on their lives. Refreshing humor, inspiring songs, and encouraging words are embedded in every concert. Both collectively and individually they have received awards such as Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Trio of the Year, Male Group of the Year, Best Live Performers, Artist of the Year, and others. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$49.95.



Legacy Five Tuesday, September 27

When the Legendary Cathedral Quartet retired in 1999, Scott Fowler and Roger Bennett decided to continue the rich musical tradition of Southern Gospel Quartet singing and Legacy Five was organized. Since that day, they have made a major mark on Southern Gospel Music. Since the quartet's formation, they have established and maintained a firm place at the top of Christian music. In fact, Legacy Five has enjoyed more success in their short career than many groups experience in decades. Matinee and Evening concerts at \$39.95.

All Concerts On Sale Now including our Fish & Chicken Buffet.

SEE
WHAT'S
COOKING



INSIDE
CHEF MIKE'S
Kitchen

Hi everyone! My team and I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope you had a very Merry Christmas. It's time now to look ahead to the menu for A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT.

The first course will be our Chopped Salad which has been a crowd favorite when we have served it in the past. The salad consists of a blend of fresh Greens tossed with Chopped Egg, Red Onion, Avocado, Grape Tomato, Cucumber, Cheddar Cheese, and Cherrywood Bacon Chips. We top it with our house-made Peppercream Dressing and Tortilla Ribbons.

Now with three entrees to choose from, you can enjoy the Boneless Pork Chop that is braised in a pork stock until it's very tender, our Chicken Cordon Bleu which is always a favorite, or my own special recipe Lasagna.

The Grand Finale is our Homemade Apple Pie with Amanda's homemade pie crust filled with her delicious Apple filling, topped with Streusel, and baked to be served fresh with our house made Vanilla Frozen Custard.

All this delicious food reminds me of my own church basement dinners as a child and the wonderful ladies who cooked them. We salute you all!

Yumm!!! Yumm!!!

Michael Scott
Executive Chef



FEATURED MENU

*Choices for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Matinees,
Saturday Evenings* and Sunday MIDDAY*

Chopped Salad

Topped with The Fireside's Pepper Cream Dressing and Crisp Tortilla Ribbons

Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

Roast Boneless Pork Chop

With Herbed Crouton Dressing with Sauerkraut and Jones Original Recipe Sausage; Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes and Green Beans with Parisian Carrots.

Chicken Cordon Bleu

A skinless Breast of Chicken stuffed with an herbed Cream Cheese with Dijon Mustard, Jones Cherrywood Smoked Canadian Bacon, and Jarlsberg Swiss Cheese, dipped in buttermilk and egg, rolled in breadcrumbs, and sautéed to a golden brown, on a Madeira Wine Sauce. Served with Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes and Green Beans with Parisian Carrots.

Chef Mike's Lasagna

Lasagna noodles layered with Ricotta Cheese and a hearty meat sauce, topped with Mozzarella Cheese. Served with Green Beans and Parisian Carrots.

Homemade Apple Pie with Streusel Topping

Served with our Homemade Vanilla Frozen Custard.

Coffee, Tea and Milk

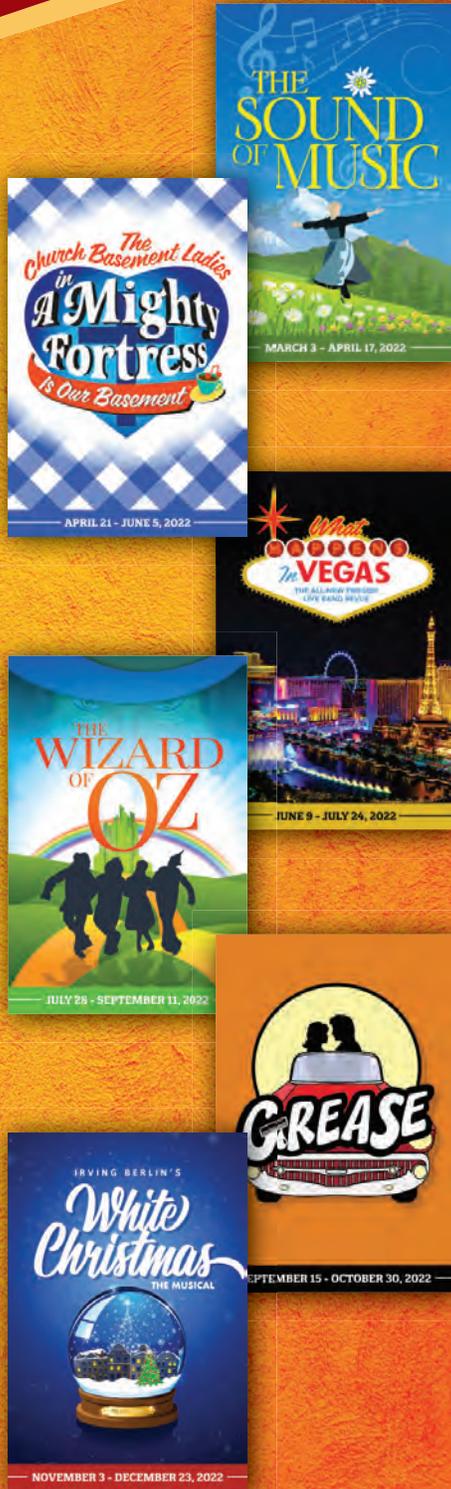
The Thursday Evening Signature Buffet begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Enjoy two special entrée selections in addition to Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Whipped Idaho Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Apple Pie for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk are included.

The Sunday Matinee Brunch begins with an assortment of Quick Breads and Pastries from our Bakery to enjoy with a Fresh Fruit Smoothie. We'll be carving Jones Hickory Smoked Ham and Roast Turkey Breast along with the buffet of Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Maple Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Buttermilk Pancakes, Breakfast Potatoes, a featured Beef Tenderloin dish, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Apple Pie for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk are included.

***Saturday Evening's menu also includes an Appetizer course.**

Coming Shows!

We look forward to helping you promote your trips to The Fireside. Promotional materials can be ordered for any of our upcoming shows through Group Sales or on our website.



GROUP SALES CORNER



We have so many shows on sale right now I'm just going to share them all and hope something sparks your interest. Our Concert Series shown below runs through the end of February and our Broadway Series kicks off March 3rd. The Christian Concerts announced on page 4 are sprinkled throughout the year. I'd love to help you plan a trip for any or all of these fantastic events!

For personal help with any of your bookings, call me at 800-477-9505 or email groupsales@firesidetheatre.com.

A Mighty Fortress . . .

Remember, if you're booked for A MIGHTY FORTRESS we have the new menu choices so you'll need to get us those final meal counts along with your final payment. We really think your travelers are going to love this new option!

All of us in the Group Sales team wish you and yours a very Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you, making your job easier and making you the star of the show with your travelers. Make it a great day!

Frankie Elmore, Group Sales Lead

FIRESIDE CONCERT SERIES



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NEW PRODUCTS FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST ART FORMS!

Mosaics have a long history, starting in Mesopotamia in the 3rd millennium BC. Often used as floor and wall decoration, they are traditionally pictures made of small pieces of terracotta, glass, ceramics, marble, wood, stone, or shells. We're thrilled to unveil this new collection of mosaic pieces you're going to love for your home and garden



Truly an ancient art form, mosaics came both from Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, were used heavily in Christian art and churches. Examples of modern day mosaic installations include the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Missouri and the Museum of Natural History station of the New York City Subway. While ancient mosaics tended to be architectural, today you'll find them covering everything from park benches and flower pots to items as small as earrings.

Check out our selection in the Garden Shop when you're here for A MIGHTY FORTRESS this spring!



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GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 18 or more people attending a performance.

You can hold seating with a small deposit while you finalize your exact count, due four weeks before your visit. You'll also qualify for a discounted ticket price and your meal gratuity is included.

For weekday matinees, 18 paid tickets earns a complimentary package, for all other shows it's every 21st ticket. There is plenty of safe, free parking on-site for coaches and cars. The Fireside is accessible to guests with disabilities; just let us know what special needs you have when making reservations.

- Save up to \$11.00 per person over individual ticket prices when you book a group of 18 or more. **Please see our menu page for more information on the new menu choice options for groups in 2022.**
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 18 or more in 2022 is \$81.50 (\$77.25 tax exempt) per person.
- The Premier Group Rate offers an additional discount of \$3.00 per person when your group attends a performance of A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT from April 21 - May 15, 2022.
- 2022 Premier Group Rate is \$78.33 (\$74.25 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is now the same price as the other shows. For rates on optional premium entrée selections, please call Group Sales.
- 2022 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meal are offered at \$58.29 (\$55.25 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2022 School Group Rates are available for Mid-Week matinees as low as \$71.25 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.