

What to expect today...

*Have a cup of coffee and a seat.
We're glad you're here.*

Music—Join in!

Midrash on Matthew

Song—sing along

Welcome & Say Hi

Message with a My Story ~Greg Meyer

Offering—Thank You

Songs & Closing

Took the Risk

Joseph told the story about that first Christmas night differently than anyone else. He didn't hear, see or experience the same thing anyone else did and I imagine the turning point of his story to be in the words "I took a risk." We all take risks. The Christmas story of God being born into this world is about more than Jesus' birth (a significant risk!) it is about the risks we all take for life. Life, change, growth are born of risk. Let's hear more stories of risk. What is yours? **Everyone has Stories! Pitch yours... fabricmpls.com/storytelling.**



What Else is Happening Today?



Hey Kids! The Pond (6mo-2yrs), Splashville (preschool), H2O Kids (grades K-3), River RATS (grades 4-5), and The Lounge (grades 6-8) are open today! These gatherings are designed specifically for kids to help them connect and grow. Try it! Kids are also welcome in the Commons... check out the kids table.

Coming Up and More!



Sunday, December 2: Perfectly Imperfect What an explanation can't accomplish a story sometimes can. We're working on those stories this Christmas season. Imagine what the Christmas story would be if it were told by, perhaps, the stable? What if the animal barn that Mary is remembered for birthing Jesus in, because there was no room in the inn, could talk? Would it's story be about being perfectly imperfect for the job? Does your life's story have some perfectly imperfect in it? Let's listen.



Kids—We're looking for *pre-gathering musicians* for all Sundays leading up to Christmas! All experience levels welcome. Email chris@fabricmpls.com.

Mark Your Calendar with our Christmas Gatherings:



Wednesday 12/19 @ 6:30pm—A neighborhood event with Fabric at the Parkway Theater.

Sunday 12/23 @ 10:30am—Christmas Wonder

Monday 12/24 @ 2:00pm—Christmas Eve

Sunday 12/30 @ 10:30am: All hands on deck for another big group project

Did you Know?

Fabric middle schoolers are being challenged to take \$100 and change the world with it! Seeds are being planted! See what's growing...

fabricmpls.com/seeds-taking-root



Technology and its effect on our youth - a FREE workshop on Dec 5
Families with teens...we challenge you to sculpt out your calendar so that you and your teen can attend. Know another family that would benefit from getting into some healthy behaviors around technology? Invite them along! Parents and teens (grades 6-12) will work together *and* in break-out sessions with Annex Teen Clinic staff. More at fabricmpls.com/events/lets-talk.



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*"It's not what you look at (listen to) that matters,
It's what you see (hear)." Henry David Thoreau*

Midrash of the story of Joseph - Midrash is the tradition of creating a story that explores what is untold of an story from the Bible. The midrash does not pretend to be true, but to better understand the story it came from.

Joseph's story tells us that risk is part of the CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Do you consider yourself a Risk-Taker or to be Risk-Averse ?

The truth is that risk-taking is NOT SO RISKY.

You are designed to ADAPT and CHANGE.

The riskiest life to lead is one with no risk!

Do you know the
difference between
taking risks and
being reckless?

Risk is Intrinsic to Living

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.
Matthew 1.18-25

Risk is composed of

HOPE—no guarantee of the outcome.

plus

COST—some sacrifice is involved.

If you have to pay the cost for what you hope for,
it doesn't mean the risk wasn't worth it!

~ Bill Stenross' story ~

Homework practice - Recognize the risks you have and are taking.

Notice how well your risks are panning out. (Remember, the Cost may be worth the risk!) Is there a new risk you want to take? Write & Talk about it.

If you are new, welcome!
Thanks for being part of Fabric today. We'd love to meet you and share some chocolate.



Find the table with this question mark...

What we're reading this week:

Matthew 1.18-25

Find more on digging into the Bible and this conversation at fabricmpls.com/scraps.



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Tues, Wed & Thurs 9 am to 4 pm