

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
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Office hours  
8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30  
Monday-Friday

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Reverend Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on the topic of:  
"Peter Goofs"

Scripture: Romans 4:13-25

Text: Mark 8:31-38

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY**

March 08, 2009

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

# The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

## Lenten Stone Soup Suppers

Don't miss out on our Lenten Stone Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings!

Plan to be here by 6:00, and bring your own "soup of the day" to add to the pot. You can bring a can of your favorite, or some of your very own home-made soup. We will have a short lesson at 6:00, while the soup heats, and we will eat together at 6:30.

Our first Stone Soup Supper was last Wednesday, on February 25, and we enjoyed a short lesson by Pastor Bob and wonderful chili.

Here is the soup schedule:

*02/25 Chili*

*03/04 Potato*

*03/11 Chicken Noodle*

*03/18 Vegetable*

*03/25 Broccoli Cheese*

*04/01 Taco*

Please be sure you are on the list—if you haven't signed up, call the office at 647-1363 and ask Carol to add your name to the list.

**We hope to see you there!!**

## First Christian Church

**Rev. Robert Rueter**

**John Davis**, Director of Music

**Carol Harmon**, Organist

**Beverly Rueter**, Dir. of Christian Education

**Mike Wooster**, Custodian

**Carol Harmon**, Office Coordinator

## Serving this week

(March 08, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Marla & Mark Reneau	Carol & John Harmon
<b>Ushers</b>	Cyndi & Mark Johann	Marge Saville
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	John Harmon	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Bev Rueter	Bev Rueter
<b>Meditation</b>	Daryle Coleman	Daryle Coleman
<b>Elders</b>	Dwayne Bernard Vinnie Cufaude	Dwayne Bernard
<b>Deacons</b>	Howard Dye Sheila Dye Jennifer Miller Connie Reed	Janet Krulac Mike Krulac Eric Jarvis
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Grace Dwayne Bernard	Mike Grace Dwayne Bernard
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Vinnie Cufaude	
<b>Preparation</b>	Nancy Cluts	Janet Krulac
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Katie Edwards	
<b>Coffee</b>	Nancy Whites	
<b>Nursery</b>	Cyndi Bell Lydia Smith	

## Serving next week

(March 15, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Sherry Lindzey	
<b>Ushers</b>	Betty Hopper Charlotte Moffitt	Lisa Stockham & Mackenzie
<b>Acolytes</b>	Evie Taylor Shelby Taylor	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Mike Hasty	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Diane Schrodt	Diane Schrodt
<b>Meditation</b>	Rhonda Morgan	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Elders</b>	Alan Coleman Don Heller	Alan Coleman
<b>Deacons</b>	Diane Schrodt Marty Hasty Mike Meade Kevin Morgan	Mindi Parsons John Harmon Carl Fisher
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	God's Kids
<b>Counting</b>	Ron Rupe Alan Coleman	Ron Rupe Alan Coleman
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Don Heller Janet Krulac	
<b>Preparation</b>	Diane Schrodt	Mindi Parsons
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Amanda Snowman	
<b>Coffee</b>	Margaret Wright	
<b>Nursery</b>	Carl Fisher Katie Edwards	Carl Fisher Katie Edwards

### CWF Meeting

March 05, 2009

*Time: noon - Salad Luncheon  
Please bring a salad to share.  
Devotion: Betty Conrad  
Hostesses: Laura Murphy  
Marilee Casper*



Have you been thinking about joining the congregation? We are calling young people, young families, and all of you thinking about being baptized or transferring your membership to a congregation that is coming to life. New member classes begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 7, 14, 28, and on April 4 and 11. These are classes that will examine what we believe and why. All ages are invited. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Pastor Bob**

February	<b>02-22-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 34,811.36
Received	\$ 4,948.25	\$ 35,128.46
March	<b>03-01-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 39,162.78
Received	\$ 6,219.00	\$ 41,347.46

# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

## CAN WE DRINK THE CUP?

"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came with her sons to make a request of Jesus and bowed low; and said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.' Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' He said to them, 'Very well; you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those whom they have been allotted by my Father.'" Matthew 20:20-23

This Lenten season I ask that you follow along with me on a journey that makes us think and meditate on following Christ. It is based on the above scripture and comes from a book by Rev. Henri J.M. Nouwen. Yet I think we rarely really consider what this means.

Nouwen has a series of questions that he asks us to consider. Can I, can we, drink the cup that Jesus drank? Can you drink the cup? Can you empty it to the dregs? Can you taste all the sorrows and joys? Can you live your life to the full, whatever it brings?

Nouwen breaks the study down to three separate actions, *holding*, *lifting*, and *drinking*. Over the next six weeks we will consider these actions as part of our meditation.

But for now let us consider:

Can we drink the cup that Jesus drank?

Can you empty it to the dregs?

Can you taste all the sorrows and joys?

Can you live your life to the full, whatever it brings?

Pastor Bob

### DAILY BIBLE STUDY 03-04-2009 THROUGH 03-21-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah			41:17-20	42:1-9	42:14-20	43:1-13
Mark	10:32-52	11:1-11	11:12-19	11:20-26	11:27-33	12:1-12
Isaiah	44:1-8	45:18-19	49:1-7	49:8-18	50:4-9	51:1-8

### "Ruler" Schedule



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, March 17. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Monday morning, March 16.

At **Graham Ext.**-210 W. Walnut  
Alan McPherson Dorothy Reneau

At **Farmington Country Manor:**  
Isabella Varnold

At **Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Linnie Murphy

At **Kelly Home:** 344 W. Chestnut  
Barbara Bruniga Hazel Swan

At **Prairie View:** 175 Sycamore  
Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542

At **Red Oak Estates:** 435 N. 16th  
Ruth Sprecher

At **Renaissance:**  
Ruth Wong

At **Sunset:** 129 S. First  
Helen Grose Fairy Leezer  
Delores Spiva

At **Veterans:** Carl Bushard  
Rm 162, 1707 N. 12, Markword 1,  
Quincy, IL 62301

At **Westminster Village:**  
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams  
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, IL 61701

## *In the Hospital*

## *In Nursing Facilities*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### Others with special needs:

Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Annabelle Baugh; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Sam Coffey; Marge Danner; Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Curtis Krock; Cindy LaSalle; Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Sandra Pasley; Liz Pollitt; John Schleich; Martha Sepich; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor (son-in-law of Shirley Harris); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Mike Wooster



With  
Sympathy

*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Helen Doubet** at her death last week. She was the sister-in-law of Dennis Doubet.*

From **Amanda Snowman:**

*Thank you for the scholarship money. It really helps out with paying for college.*

From **Elizabeth Pollitt:** *I want to say a big "Thank You" for all the prayers on my behalf and all the cards and phone calls I received while in the hospital and recuperating at home.*

From **John Jarvis:** *Thank you all so much for the scholarship! The money came in very helpful when it came time to buy books. It's really encouraging knowing that there are still people out there, especially in the current struggling economy, that are willing to reach out and help. I have been doing well in my schooling! Right now I am enrolled in a lot of biology and physiology classes and plan to continue that when I transfer to SIUC next fall and pursue my career goal somewhere in the health field.*

From **Mike and Karen Wooster:** *We want to thank the church family for all the encouraging prayers, cards and visits during Mike's surgery. The surgery went well and Mike is now home, recuperating. We both appreciate everything.*



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO BE A PART OF A  
**NEW SUNDAY  
SCHOOL CLASS**

IF YOU ARE OUT OF COLLEGE TO AGE 40ish.

ANYONE INTERESTED MEET DURING S.S. TIME

ON  
MARCH 15, 2009  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

## **Band of Brothers**

The next meeting of the Band of Brothers will be on Thursday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All interested men are encouraged to attend!!