

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on the topic of:  
"The Colt"

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Text: Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

April 05, 2009

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

# The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

## GREETINGS!

The next ten days are going to be busy. We are into the full blown busyness of Lent/Easter.

April 1 - Last Soup Supper- Taco Soup

Topic - Where is the Christian Church headed?

April 5 - 8:30 Service - PALM SUNDAY

Topic - The Colt

11:00 Service

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Baby Dedication - Heather Buckley

April 9 - 6:00 Passover Service "Seder"

It will be a potluck celebration, [no pork products, Please] This meal is one that shows us not only how our Jewish forebearers celebrated but gives us the basis of our communion service.

April 10 - 8:00 - Tennebrae Service

This is the service of "The Shadows" that recreates the last day of Jesus' life before death upon this earth. A day of sorrow expressed in worship.

April 11 - EASTER SUNDAY

Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 with baptism

Topic - I Have Seen the Lord

Coffee Hour - 9:30 - Baptismal Candidate Reception

Special Baptism - 2:00

## 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—*Palm Sunday*

(April 05, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Peg and Irrie McWhorter	Denise Carmack
<b>Ushers</b>	Susan and Mike Walters	Linda Woods
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Kevin Morgan	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	John Harmon	John Harmon
<b>Meditation</b>	Vinnie Cufaude	Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Elders</b>	Bruce Edwards Dwayne Bernard	Bruce Edwards
<b>Deacons</b>	Jan Taylor Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet Sherry Lindzey	Paula Crawford Jean Edwards
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir, God's Kids and New Faith	God's Kids and New Faith
<b>Counting</b>	Bruce Edwards Vinnie Cufaude	Bruce Edwards Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Dwayne Bernard Sherry Lindzey	
<b>Preparation</b>	Wanda Carmack	Paula Crawford
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Amanda Snowman	
<b>Coffee</b>	Marilyn Taylor	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lydia Smith Cydni Bell	Lydia Smith Cydni Bell

## Serving next week—*Easter*

(April 12, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Jennifer & Corey Miller Family	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan
<b>Ushers</b>	Char & Dick Van Rossem	Reba and Jim Burton
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Jennifer Miller	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Rhonda Morgan	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Meditation</b>	Paul Wright	Paul Wright
<b>Elders</b>	Don Heller Daryle Coleman	Don Heller
<b>Deacons</b>	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Howard Dye Sheila Dye	Janet Krulac Mike Krulac
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Walters Bill Leitze	Mike Walters Bill Leitze
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Daryle Coleman Janet Krulac	
<b>Preparation</b>	Connie Reed	Janet Krulac
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lydia Smith	
<b>Coffee</b>	Marilee Casper and Laura Murphy	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher	

### Band of Brothers

The next meeting of the Band of Brothers will be on Thursday evening, April 02, at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee lounge area of Crawford's Furniture. All interested men are encouraged to attend!!

From **Ron and Marilyn Rupe**: *Thank you for having our daughter Becky Marcotte share her talents at worship and in concert March 29. Our church and sound system made this a wonderful place for Becky's concerts. A special thanks to Greg Pollitt and his sound system expertise!*

From **Mike and Becky Grace**: *Please accept our thanks and appreciation for the sympathy cards and caring words of comfort and support upon Mike's mother's stroke and subsequent passing. It meant a great deal to us in helping to deal with our loss.*

From **Ron Dilts**: *Thank you for sending sympathy cards to me thinking my brother had passed away. Don Dilts was a distant cousin. He had brothers Ron and Charlie which is confusing as my brother is also Charles Emery Dilts (he lives in Florida). It was nice of you to think of us.*



# ***PASTOR'S PONDERINGS***

Here we are, ten days from Easter. What has happened to the time that I thought I would have for preparation? In historical terms Jesus is in his last week on the way to Jerusalem. The crowds are coming to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. They have been arriving for the last four or five days.

What wondrous things would happen in the life of Jesus in the next ten days. The entry into Jerusalem with all of the crowds proclaiming him as Messiah and King. The week in the temple where he taught huge crowds. Then the celebration of Passover, the highest and biggest, celebration of the entire year. You gathered with family and friends to eat the Passover lamb and have a giant party. What a great time.

Then came the wonder of wonders, Jesus fulfilling the prophecy that he had made. To be persecuted, arrested, and executed. But the greatest of all was his resurrection. God bringing him back from the dead to show his power over death and Satan. Jesus showed us his love for us by sacrificing his life for our sins. The ultimate servant.

This led to a new concept that Jesus had been preaching and showing people. One of prayer and service to one another which expressed love for everyone, not the laws demands and convictions. Without the law, sacrifice was no longer needed to be in the presence of God.

Christ has Risen!  
Hallelujah!

Pastor Bob

## **DAILY BIBLE STUDY 04-01-2009 THROUGH 04-18-2009**

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah			54:4-13	55:1-11	57:14-21	58:3-9a
Mark	14:1-21	14:22-31	14:32-42	14:43-52	14:53-65	14:66-72
Isaiah	60:1—61:11	62:10-12	63:7-9	63:16-64:8	65:17-25	66:10-14



## **“Ruler” Schedule**

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, April 14. 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, April 13.

**At Methodist Hosp.**-221 NE Glen Oak  
Tim Taylor Peoria, 61636

### *In the Hospital*

**At St. Francis Hosp.**-530 NE Glen Oak  
Ruth Sprecher Peoria, 61637

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

### *In Nursing Facilities*

**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  
Eleanor Berry

**At Renaissance:**  
Ruth Wong

**At Sunset:** 129 S. First  
Helen Grose 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



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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; Cindy LaSalle; Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Sandra Pasley; John Schleich; Martha Sepich; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor (son-in-law of Shirley Harris); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Mike Wooster



*We extend our sincere sympathy to **Pastor Bob and Bev** at the death of his sister, **Patricia Wolcot**, of Elmwood, Nebraska; and to the family and friends of **Fairy Leezer**, who passed away at Sunset Nursing Home.*

### CWF Meeting April 03, 2009

*Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Leader—Marge Saville  
Hostess: Brenda Dilts*

March	<b>03-22-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 52,217.04
Received	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 54,895.47
March	<b>03-29-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 56,568.46
Received	\$ 2,577.00	\$ 57,472.47

## HOLY LAND HALL NEWS

March has come and gone and I haven't shared with you the happenings in the Marketplace. Brenda Gregory told about the connection between the Seder meal and the Last Supper as she shared some yummy homemade bread. Pat Stanko helped us make travel brochures showing where Jesus and his disciples' footsteps might have led them during Holy Week. Would you like to see the video Alan Coleman helped us make of Holy Week and the Last Supper from the perspective of a mouse? In the HLH gallery you can view our rendition of a stained glass window Bev Rueter helped us make. The chalice and bread serve as a reminder of the Last Supper.