

# 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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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on:  
"How is He to be read?"  
Scripture: Mark 3:20-35  
Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
1 Sam 8:4-11, 16-20

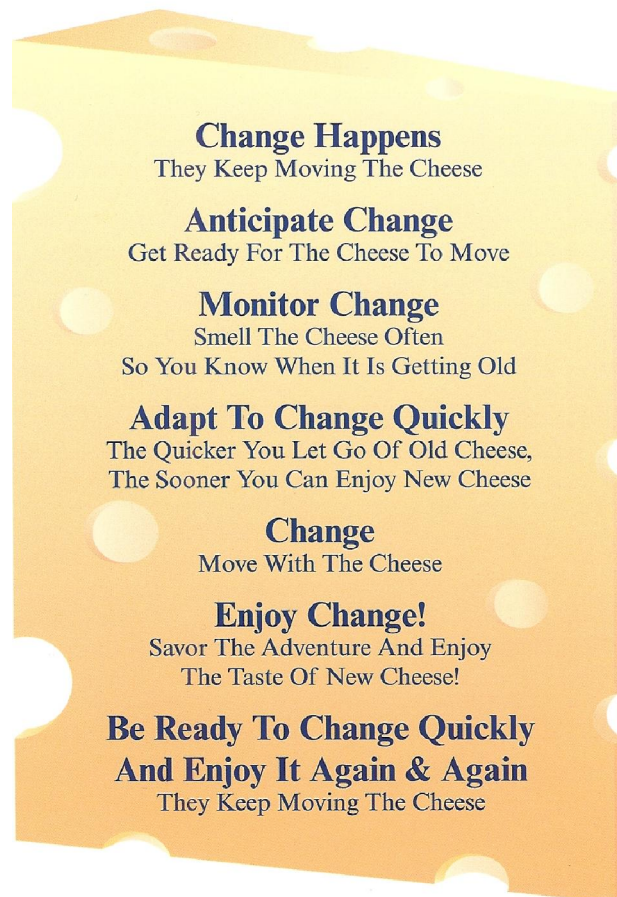
**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY**  
June 14, 2009  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 Sunday School

## The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

### Who Moved My Cheese?<sup>™</sup> THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL



### Robert W. Rueter, Pastor

John Davis, Dir. of Music  
Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist

Bev Rueter, Dir. Christian Education  
Rickie Coulter, Church Custodian

## Serving this week

(June 14, 2009)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Laura and Mark Taylor
<b>Ushers</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Shirley Rockhold
<b>Acolytes</b>	Evie Taylor Shelby Taylor
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Leta Krock
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	VBS
<b>Meditation</b>	Daryle Coleman
<b>Elders</b>	Alan Coleman Bill Leitze
<b>Deacons</b>	Diane Schrodrt Marty Hasty Mike Meade Kevin Morgan
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Grace Alan Coleman
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Bill Leitze Nathan Bloyd
<b>Preparation</b>	Diane Schrodrt
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Amanda Snowman
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Rhonda and Kevin Morgan
<b>Nursery</b>	Cydni Bell Lauren Snowman

## Serving next week

(June 21, 2009)

*Father's Day*

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Ann and Marty Harris
<b>Ushers</b>	Shirley & Howard Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Mike Meade
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Diane Schrodrt
<b>Meditation</b>	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Walters Alan Coleman
<b>Deacons</b>	John Stanko Pat Stanko Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Counting</b>	Chuck Taylor
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Doris Taylor
<b>Preparation</b>	Pat Stanko
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lydia Smith
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Doris Taylor



## Miracle Day 2009

The Christian Church in Illinois/Wisconsin is pleased to announce that Miracle Day 2009 will be held on August 29, 2009. Unlike the two previous Miracle Days, this day you have a choice of three sites to attend. Local churches in Peoria, Decatur and Mt. Carmel will host opportunities for mission. This year the work will center in the community the church serves and not on a church building. Various ministries will be offered and opportunities will abound for the talented, the semi-skilled and people like me. Opportunities such as yard work, painting, roofing, cleanup, food organizing and delivering, and exterior and interior work will be offered.

First Christian Church in Canton has always responded to this day and the needs of others. It would be really nice if we could have a busload heading to one of these sites. Registration deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in the office. More information will be made available as it becomes known. Please carefully consider this mission opportunity and keep this day in your prayers.



Mike Grace  
Outreach Committee

**At Graham Hosp.**-210 W. Walnut  
Hazel Swan

*In the Hospital*

**At Graham Ext.**-210 W. Walnut  
Millicent Cox Alan McPherson  
Dorothy Reneau Eleanor Stenger

**At Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Jim Paul

**At Kelly Home:** 344 W. Chestnut  
Barbara Bruniga Linnie Murphy

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


**At Red Oak Estates:** 435 N. 16  
Eleanor Berry

**At Renaissance:** 1675 E. Ash  
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**

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Kevin Bankes; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Lucille Bowton; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Ellie Carper; Sam Coffey; Marge Danner; Pat Danner, Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Larry Eskridge; Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Rita King; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Sandra Pasley; Maxine Payne; John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Svob); Linda Vandermeer; Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Margaret Wright

*In Nursing Facilities*




From **Christopher LaSalle:**  
*Thank you so much for the coffee cup you gave me as a present for my high school graduation. I appreciate it!*

From **Bonnie Krulac:** Thank you for allowing CASA the use of your

facilities for the annual dinner/auction. Thank you also for the \$50.00 checks you send each month. Your support is very much appreciated.

From **Diane Schrodt:** *My thanks to Happy Timers for the unexpected monetary gift waiting for me upon my return from Florida. I have applied your present to a hand-blown vase I purchased during our Disney travels. Be on the lookout for it on the serving table next September when Happy Timers begins another season of fun, food and fellowship!*

From **Jeannie Arndt:** Thank you for your prayers for my sister Sandi who lives in California and has been fighting ovarian cancer. She has now completed her chemotherapy but needs continuer prayer that it has put her cancer into remission and due to additional life concerns which she is experiencing. (Her husband has Alzheimer's Disease.) Thank you for your Christian support.



**“Ruler” Schedule**

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. 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, June 22.

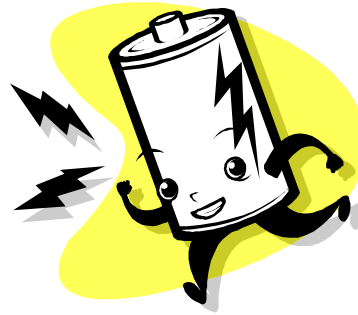
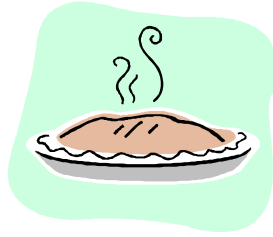
May	<b>05-31-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 95,731.24
Received	\$ 5,901.12	\$ 98,308.35
June	<b>06-07-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 100,082.66
Received	\$ 5,549.00	\$ 103,857.35

## Disciple Camp 2009

### WANTED: pie tins

Becky is planning on making stepping stones again this year at Church camp in mid-July and we could use all aluminum pie tins you can spare. Please drop them off in the Church kitchen and she will find them.

THANK YOU,  
Becky Grace  
Mike Grace



will have Sunday school classes for them. Parents do your children a favor by letting them stay for this time on Sunday so that they may recharge their "Jesus Battery".

This Sunday, June 14, the children will sing during church some of the songs they learned in Vacation Bible School. Let's all be here to support them! And as on every Sunday we

## *Studio Go! Gameshow is off to a great start!!*

We are having a blast at the:

Primetime Bible Challenge with Rhonda Morgan  
Spotlight Creations with Jan Dearing and Amber Dearing  
Backstage Fun and Games with Kara and Dan Fitzjarrald and in the Music Mix Room with Bev Rueter.

We also have a wonderful group of leaders! Connie Reed, Sherry Lindzey, and Jenny Knowles are leading the Preschool Group, Amy Smith and Mandy Reneau are leading the K-2 Group, and Terri Osborne and Marty Hasty are working with the 56 grade Group. Susan Walters is once again doing a fabulous job coordinating all of the delicious food prepared in the kitchen. Her staff of helpers include: Charlotte Van Rossem, Laura Murphy, Marilee Casper, Marge Saville, Shirley Taylor, Marilyn Taylor, Shirley List, Vurla McPherson, Vinnie Cufaude, and Shirley Harris.

Alan and Daryle Coleman are working as our resident Videographer and Photographer. Emily Baldry and Cindy LaSalle are working hard at the Registration Table getting all of our kids in each night. Don Taylor is doing a great job are running the sound and lights each evening. Ron Rupe did a great job playing the soldier Gideon and Liz Pollitt was fantastic as the Queen Esther. Ray Reed did a wonderful job at creating and helping set up our Studio Go! Set. Corey Miller also was a great help in setting up!

A big thank you goes out to all of the above mentioned people for all of their time. The kids really appreciate it all. Another big thank you goes out to all of the extra people who stopped in to help with VBS. This week would never happen without all of these great volunteers!!!



# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*The Proper season, the time between Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday, November 22 this year, is upon us. During this time the lectionary readings do not complement each other. Instead we have primarily the gospel of Mark which follows the idea of the Davidic succession, Samuel which paves the way for this idea and then we have Paul trying to explain his theology of the cross in Corinthians.*

*So this summer we will be following parts of each in worship as the topic for our worship services. What we will be examining is the idea of a positive approach to the church.*

*We are so good at laying guilt trips upon ourselves that maybe it is time to explore the fact that we are good people who have been and are forgiven our sins. The fact that we do not earn our way to heaven but share the love of Christ with one another and are already God's children. For this time we will try to forget two words, "guilt" and "shame"*

*Several years ago a friend said the following words to each person he gave communion by intinction to: "Christ died for you, you don't need to die for him." In other words you have been forgiven by Christ's action, why are you trying to earn what God has given you.*

*We need to be less up tight and accept ourselves and others where we are. Not condemn ourselves and others with guilt and shame for things God has already forgiven us. Let us instead bring people to Christ so they can celebrate their acceptance.*

*St. Patrick had the best idea. Get to know people, accept them for who they are and try to show them a better way to celebrate out lives in Christ.*

*Pastor Bob*

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY 06-10-2009 THROUGH 06-27-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah			18:1-11	20:7-13	22:13-17	23:1-6
John	5:1-18	5:19-29	5:30-38	5:39-47	6:1-15	6:16-21
Jeremiah	Jer 28:5—29:9	31:1-14	31:27-34	33:14-16	LAM 3:19-33	EZEK 2:1-5