

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:
"Can You Drink This Cup?"
Scripture: Acts 20:7-12
Text: Mark 10:35-40

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
October 04, 2009
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Reconciliation Offering to be Taken

This year's Reconciliation offering will be taken again on Sunday, October 4, 2009. This special offering is taken up by congregations all over the country and around the globe to help reconcile us to God and to other Christians.

This year's theme is "Many Members, One Table". It will be taken on World Communion Sunday. It is a ministry to remind us that regardless of skin color, gender, nationality or age, we are all brothers and sisters in the Lord and we need to do everything we can to bring God to all. It is a ministry that calls us to remember the relationship of love and forgiveness. It is a ministry that remembers the covenant of communion that we celebrate each week.



Many
Members,
ONE TABLE

Join with others to support this important ministry.

Outreach Committee

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

(October 04, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Chris Walters Olivia Walters
Ushers	Maralee and Sam Wright
Acolytes	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris
Scr Reader	Jan Dearing
Ch. Moment	Rhonda Morgan
Meditation	Bill Leitze
Elders	Bruce Edwards Paul Wright
Deacons	Barb Pollitt Mike Meade Marty Hasty Sherry Lindzey
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Bill Leitze Bruce Edwards
Shut-ins	Paul Wright Nathan Bloyd
Preparation	Diane Schrodtt
Jr. Deacon	Eric Jarvis
Coffee F'ship	Peg Hays
Nursery	Cydni Bell Lydia Smith

Serving next week

(October 11, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Doris and Bill Svob
Ushers	Sue and Mike Walters
Acolytes	Trinity Baldry Hannah Malmgren
Scr Reader	Vinnie Cufaude
Ch. Moment	Mike Meade
Meditation	Chuck Taylor
Elders	Don Heller Daryle Coleman
Deacons	Shawn Snowman Lyn Snowman John Stanko Pat Stanko
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Chuck Taylor Don Heller
Shut-ins	Daryle Coleman Sherry Lindzey
Preparation	Pat Stanko
Jr. Deacon	Stephen Snowman
Coffee F'ship	Marty Hasty Cheryl Dare
Nursery	Carl Fisher Lauren Snowman

CPR Training Scheduled

On Sunday, October 04, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., there will be a CPR training session here at the church. All nursery workers should plan to attend.

Adults wishing to volunteer are also encouraged to come!

“Cookies for College” Help is Needed



The Membership Committee is planning the annual “Cookies for College” program for all of our college students. They are in need of people who will bake cookies to send, and also need some extra hands on October 13 at 9:30 a.m. when the committee meets to pack and send the boxes.

If you can help in either (or both!) ways, please call the office at 647-1363, or contact Laura Murphy or Marilee Casper to let them know.

You are invited to a tea....

Central Christian Church of Havana is inviting you to a pair of "Elegant Victorian Teas" held to raise funds for the preservation of the church's historic 103-year old Hinners Pipe Organ, built in Pekin, Illinois. The teas will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Following a selection of teas, finger sandwiches, and desserts, a brief concert will showcase the Hinners Organ. Local musicians will join Pastor Dennis Steckley and organists Hugh McHarry and Randy Bell at the console, providing a selection of popular music from the Victorian era as well as light classics. The suggested donation is \$7.00 per person. Reservations are requested. Call the church at 309-543-1234 or email the church at victoriantea@rocketmail.com.

Central Christian Church is located at 215 S. Broadway on Havana's Historic Church Row.

Nursery Coordinator Needed

First Christian Church is looking for someone, age 21 or older to be a paid nursery supervisor on Sunday mornings and possibly at other times as needed. Someone with child care experience is preferred, so if you know of someone who might be suitable for this position, please have them contact the office or Daryle Coleman, Personnel Chair.

Help Wanted— 1 hour per week



We are in need of someone to drive the church van on Wednesday afternoons for a while. Howard Dye, who normally drives the red van, will be having some knee surgery and will need to take a break from picking up children. If you are available and are willing to help us out beginning October 14, please call Carol in the church office at 647-1363.

The October meeting of the CWF will be held at 1:00 on this Thursday, October 1.

The lesson will be given by Doris Taylor, and the leader is Betty Conrad. Hostesses are Laura Murphy and Doris Taylor.



"Ruler" Schedule

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, October 13, 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, October 12.



The October meeting of Happy Timers will be held on Thursday, October 15 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

The menu will include beef stew and a biscuit, and orange fluff.

The program will be presented by Wisnu Meier. Wisnu originated from

Indonesia and will share with us some of her native costumes, dance, and culture.

Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings or call the office at 647-1363 and ask Carol to add your name to the list.

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank all of those who helped with the Friendship Festival Parade.



A special note of thanks to our wonderful bus driver, Dick Van Rossem. Many thanks to both those who rode the bus and handed out water and those who walked and gave that water to the crowd.

It was a huge success.

Those who rode or walked are: Mike Hasty, Kevin Dearing, Jeff Fritz, Sherry Lindzey, Nathan Bloyd, John Harmon, Chris Walters, Char Van Rossem, Jan Dearing, Blake Bloyd, Isabella





We extend our sincere sympathy to **Bob and Ginny Bowman** at the death of their son, **Steve**. Memorial services were held here on Saturday.

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Mike and Marty Hasty** at the death of **Rex Barton**, Mike's brother-in-law.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Bruce Lindzey** at his very sudden death Monday evening. He was the husband of **Sherry** and the step-father of **Tyson Smith**.

At Proctor Hospital-
Betty Moore

In the Hospital

At Graham Hosp.-210 W. Walnut
Bill McCamey Norma Pinder

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

At Care Center of Abingdon
Dottie Stevens 801 W. Martin
Abingdon, 61410

*In Nursing
Facilities*

At Clayberg Nursing Center
Violet Marshall 625 E. Monroe
Cuba, Il 61427

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

At Red Oak Estates: 435 N. 16
Eleanor Berry Betty Moore

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
Linnie Murphy

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:



**REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER**

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Lucille Bowton; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Lori Bremer; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Bobby Burkhead (brother of Johnnie); Benjamin Church (nephew of SueEllen Stephenson); Sam Coffey; Dave Cope; Millicent Cox; Marge Danner; Pat Danner, Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Dale Goyen (father of Kandy Wright); Duane Grace (father of Mike); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Rita King; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Cody Krulac; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Elaine Ostiguy (daughter of Elgin Cook); Dennis Robinson; John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Linda Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Marvin White (father of Cindy LaSalle); Margaret Wright



Thanks to **Susan Walters and Olivia Walters** for their gifts of time and labor in pulling weeds in our new prayer garden!

Thanks to **Paul Wright and Howard Dye** for their gifts of time and patience in driving the

van and bus on Wednesday afternoons to pick up children and youth from all 4 schools for choir.

Thanks to **Donita Taylor and Cindy LaSalle** for riding on the bus and van on Wednesdays to help with the young people, back packs, lunch boxes, papers, etc!!

Thanks to **Greg Pollitt** for all he does on Sunday mornings—not only does he run the sound system and lights, but he sets up microphones, music stands, picks up attendance registration sheets, makes sure the candles are out...and the list goes on and on!

September	09-20-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 165,353.96
Received	\$ 4,701.19	\$ 169,935.58
September	09-27-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 169,705.38
Received	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 173,344.58

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

PRAYER AND HOPE

In the silence of prayer you can spread out your hands to embrace nature, God and your fellow human beings. This acceptance means not only that you are ready to look at your own limitations, but that you expect the coming of something new. For this reason, every prayer is an expression of hope. If you expect nothing from the future, you cannot pray. Then you say with Bertold Brecht:

As it is, it will stay

What we want will never come.

Henry Nouwen

This is why I'm asking you to pray for the minister that God is preparing to serve this congregation.

Also it is why you are being asked to pray for the Spirit to inspire you and show you where this congregation is being called to Serve.

Pastor Bob

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 09-30-2009 THROUGH 10-17-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Cor			1:12—2:4	2:5-11	2:14-17	3:1-6
John	16:4b-15	16:16-24	16:25-28	16:29-33	17:1-5	17:6-13
2 Cor	3:7-18 & 4:1-6	4:7-15	4:16-18	5:1-5	5:6-10	5:11-15

Who is The Missing Piece?

We're missing YOU!

Our kids classes (**Pre school, K-4th grade and 5th—8th grade**) still have room for YOU. Our marshmallow fight would have been even more fun with YOU! The 5-8th grade class is wanting to have a party. Why don't YOU come to help plan the kind of party YOU would like!

Kevin has a great DVD just waiting to share with YOU.

All of our adult classes still have room for YOU.

Our **Young Adult Class** is up and running in room 205. They're going to spend a few Sundays learning more about us, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. And then the group will decide on their next study. These classes would have more fun and be a better class with YOU there on Sunday!

YOU are the missing piece!

