

# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
215 West Elm Street  
Canton IL 61520-2496



Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:

"Do you know...."

Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Text: Mark 10:35-45

Office hours  
8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30  
Monday-Friday

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

October 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 Coffee Fellowship

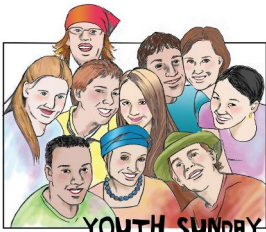
10:30 Sunday School

## The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

### Youth Sunday Sunday, November 1



YOUTH SUNDAY

Plan on being here for Worship on Sunday, November 1. We will be honoring our youth, and they will be serving in various ways during our Worship Service.



Beth Dobyms will be bringing the message to us in Worship on Sunday, October 25. Following Brunch in Fellowship Hall, we will all be returning to the sanctuary for a visioning session with her. *This will be an appreciative inquiry time for you to express your thoughts of where God is calling this church to go and serve.* This will be a great help to our Search Committee as they look for the pastor who will lead us forward on our journey of faith.

### "Nativity Walk" Saturday, December 5 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Our Evangelism Committee is asking church members bring their Nativity Scenes. We plan to have them displayed throughout the church for folks to enjoy during a walk-through.

There will be music and refreshments. Please plan to join us!



More details to come!!

### Men's Night Out (The ladies are cooking!!) Friday, November 13



Men, we will soon have a sign-up sheet for you to join us for a fun night of good food served by the women of the church. Ladies, if you can help and haven't signed up to do so, please notify Maralee Casper, Marty Hasty, Vinnie Cufaude, or Betty Conrad.

More details to come!!

### 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 18, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb and Greg Pollitt
<b>Ushers</b>	Paula and Dennis Crawford
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
<b>Scr Reader</b>	John Stanko
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Mindi Perez
<b>Meditation</b>	Mike Walters
<b>Elders</b>	Kevin Dearing Henry Dare
<b>Deacons</b>	Janet Krulac Mike Krulac Diane Schrodt Linda Woods
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Walters Kevin Dearing
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Henry Dare Janet Krulac
<b>Preparation</b>	Judy Leitze
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lydia Smith
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Nancy Cluts
<b>Nursery</b>	Lydia Smith Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(October 25, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat and John Stanko
<b>Ushers</b>	Brenda and Ron Dilts
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Dennis Crawford
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Leta Krock
<b>Meditation</b>	Pastor Bob
<b>Elders</b>	Rhonda Morgan Jan Dearing
<b>Deacons</b>	Nathan Bloyd Jean Edwards Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt
<b>Music</b>	God's Kids
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Grace Rhonda Morgan
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Jan Dearing Doris Taylor
<b>Preparation</b>	Wanda Carmack
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Mallory Meade
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Membership—Brunch
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Cydni Bell

**Happy Timers** Don't forget Happy Timers this week! On Thursday at noon we will enjoy a meal together of Beef Stew with a biscuit and Orange Fluff. Our program will be presented by Wisnu Meier, who originates from Indonesia. She will share some of her native costumes and culture with us. If you haven't signed up yet, please call the office at 647-1363 to do so!



**At St. Francis** -530 NE Glen Oak  
Ron Parrish Peoria, 61637

*In the Hospital*

**At Graham Hosp.**-210 W. Walnut  
Howard Dye

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

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

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

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

**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:**  
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams  
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, Il 61701

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); 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; Irrie McWhorter; Debbie Meacham; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Cody Osborne (nephew of Liz Pollitt); 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



REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

*In Nursing  
Facilities*



From **Taylor Snowman:** *I just wanted to thank the church for my scholarship this year! Being an art student gets really expensive, and you really helped me cover a lot of that cost! I think it's so nice that you help out the college students of the church. Thank you all so much!*



*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Anna-Mae Maple**, upon her death last Saturday. Services will be conducted by Pastor Bob on Friday.*

October	<b>10-04-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 174,056.80
Received	\$ 5,458.00	\$ 178,802.58
October	<b>10-11-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 178,408.22
Received	\$ 4,174.11	\$ 181,976.69

**Change in "Ruler" Schedule**

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Because Carol will be in Louisville, Kentucky for a training conference for several days, the "Ruler" will be printed early. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Thursday afternoon, October 22.



# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Henri Nouwen in his book *In the Name of Jesus* was asked to describe what leadership would be in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He writes the following:

"Is there anybody who loves me? Is there anybody who really cares? Is there anybody who wants to stay home for me? Is there anybody who wants to be with me when I am not in control, when I feel like crying? Is there anybody who can hold me and give me a sense of belonging?"

Feeling irrelevant is a much more general experience than we might think when we look at our seemingly self-confident society. Medical technology and the tragic increase in abortions may radically diminish the number of mentally handicapped people in our society, but it is already becoming apparent that more and more people are suffering from profound moral and spiritual handicaps without having any idea where to look for healing.

It is here that the need for a new Christian leadership becomes clear. The leaders of the future will be those who dare to claim their irrelevance in the contemporary world as a divine vocation that allows them to enter into a deep solidarity with the anguish underlying all the glitter of success, and to bring the light of Jesus there."

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*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.  
Mark 9:37*

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY 09-14-2009 THROUGH 10-31-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Cor			4:16-18	5:1-5	5:6-10	5:11-15
John	17:14-19, 20-26	18:1-11	18:12-14	18:15-18	18:19-17	18:28-38a
2 Cor	5:16-21; 6:1-10	6:11-13	6:14—7:1	7:2-16	8:1-7	8:1-15

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child 2009 is now in full swing. Worshipers were greeted with a HUGE pyramid of empty shoe boxes when they arrived for Worship Sunday morning, but wait until you see the small pyramid that is left!!!

If you have not picked up a shoe box (or 2), please do so. Shopping for these deprived children is so much fun—and it's amazing what you can fit into a small box!

There will also be religious material inserted into each box, printed in the child's native language.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula or Dennis Crawford!