

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
215 West Elm Street
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Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:

"One Body, Christ"
Scripture: Psalm 19
Text: 1 Cor 12:12-31a

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

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
January 24, 2010
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Blanket Sunday—January 24 and 31

First Christian Church will be taking an offering for Blanket Sunday on both the 24th and 31st of January. This is an outreach that has been supported by the church for many, many years. Blanket Sunday itself has been celebrated for more than 60 years.

In case of disaster, both natural and man made, people often need the necessities of life, including blankets and much more. Contributions to Blanket+ mean that church World Service will be there to help families recover from disasters. Blankets+ is also there helping families that are struggling against poverty as they seek to develop viable and sustainable communities.

\$25 can provide 5 blankets for a family left homeless.

\$100 can enable 3 women to receive a loan, an investment in them and the future of their family.

\$200 can provide a family with a draft animal to increase food production.

\$250 can provide a sewing machine to a young mother to support her family.

Your support of Blanket+ makes possible all this and much more! Your contribution turns hope into reality for people in need the world over. Please be generous in your support of Blankets+.

-Outreach Committee

Lenten Soup Suppers



Lent is starting the week of February 17. We are again going to have Stone Soup Suppers. The dates and types of soup are:

Feb. 17	Chili
Feb. 24	Potato Soup
Mar. 03	Vegetable Soup
Mar. 10	Cheese/Vegetable Soup
Mar. 17	Chicken Noodle Soup
Mar. 24	Sausage/Bean Soup

(Recipe will be available.)

Bring your soup at 5:15, and Pastor Bob will give a lesson while it is being heated. Soup will be served at 6:00 p.m.

-Membership 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

(January 24, 2010)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Marty and Mike Hasty
Ushers	Bonnie and Charlie Harn
Acolytes	Trinity Baldry Joel Harris
Scr. Reader	Will Smalley
Ch. Moment	Gabby Taylor and Mikayla Osborne
Meditation	Rhonda Morgan
Elders	Jan Dearing Daryle Coleman
Deacons	John Harmon Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Don Taylor
Music	God's Kids
Counting	Rhonda Morgan Jan Dearing
Shut-ins	Daryle Coleman Mike Meade
Preparation	Judy Leitze
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee F'ship	Liz and Orville Clark
Nursery	Cyndi Bell Carl Fisher

Serving next week

(January 31, 2010)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Lori and Kevin Coleman
Ushers	Wanda Carmack Carolyn Woods
Acolytes	Avery Dean Hannah Malmgren
Scr. Reader	Jennifer Miller
Ch. Moment	Mindi Perez
Meditation	Mike Walters
Elders	Kevin Dearing Rhonda Morgan
Deacons	Stephen Snowman Jake Snowman Derek Schrodt Cydni Bell
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Rhonda Morgan Alan Coleman
Shut-ins	Rhonda Morgan Nathan Bloyd
Preparation	Pat Stanko
Jr. Deacon	Derek Schrodt
Coffee F'ship	Membership Brunch
Nursery	Lydia Smith Cydni Bell

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Monday morning, February 01, 2010.

January	01-10-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 10,298.30
Received	\$3,770.00	\$ 8,491.00

January	01-17-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 15,447.45
Received	\$4,061.58	\$ 12,552.58

noon
Happy Timers

Happy Timers will meet this Thursday, January 21. The menu will consist of Swiss Steak, Spike O'Dell potatoes, corn, and chocolate and lemon lush.

If you aren't signed up, call Carol at 647-1363 and she will add your name to the list.

At St. Francis: -530 NE Glen Oak
Bob Bowman Peoria, 61637
Shirley List

In the Hospital

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 Norma Pinder

In Nursing Facilities

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
Linnie Murphy

At Sunset: 129 S. First
Dorothy Eskridge 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

Others with special needs:
Laurie Bankroff (niece of
Marge Danner); Brett Beam;
Bobby Burkhead (brother of
Johnnie); Millicent Cox;
Lloyd Kemper; Sarabelle
Rigg; Dennis Robinson; Irene
Robinson; Gregory Williams
(great-grandson of Betty Con-
rad)



**REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER**

Please note: *In an effort to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. At that time, they will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list. Thanks for your help!!*



From **Dorothy Eskridge:** *Thank you to all of my church family for the gifts, cookies, cards and visits I have received here at Sunset. Special thanks to Gene Taylor for all he did. I love my church family and really appreciate everything.*

From **Lynette Stanko:** *Thank you so much for the gift of your scholarship! I am so blessed to have been supported by my church all of these years-the generosity just continues. Economic times are hard, school is expensive, and I thank you for your monetary, as well as spiritual, support. Every semester, your money is put toward my school book fund. It is so helpful!*

From **Millicent Cox:** *Thank you CWF for the cookies that were delivered to my home. They were delicious. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers!*

From **Amy Harmon:** *Thank you so much for the scholarship I received on January 10! This money goes a long way in helping me buy my books, and I have appreciated it each semester I have been away at school. This will be my last semester on campus, and I will student teach in the fall. Thank you for all of your support!*

From **Cody Krulac:** *I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for the scholarship money I received at church on Sunday. The continued support is second to none and truly is a nice boost for not only me but all the college students. I really enjoyed being home for break and making it back to church. I am looking forward to heading off for another semester and rooting for the Illini. Thank you so much.*



Don't forget our
5th Sunday brunch on
January 31!!

Sunday School will
begin at 10:45 a.m.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

THE NEW YEAR

I've been going there on retreat each year for the past forty years. Each time it's the same, yet somehow always different. The first time I went I forgot to bring my Bible. When I asked the guest-master if I could borrow a Bible, he said, "Wouldn't you care to write your own?" "What do you mean?" "Well, write your own Bible—something of your own on the order of the Bible. You could tell of a classical bondage and the great liberation, a promised land, sacred songs, a messiah—that kind of thing. Ought to be much more interesting than just reading someone else's Bible. And you might learn more."

Well, I set to work. It took me a month. I never learned so much about the official Bible. When I was finished, he recommended I take it home and try to live according to it for a year. I should keep a journal of my experience. But I shouldn't tell anybody about the project, nor show any one the books. Next year, after Christmas I could come back for another retreat.

It was quite a year. An eye opener. Most certainly I had never put so much energy and alertness into living by the official Bible as I was putting into living by this one. And my daily meditations had never been so concentrated.

When I arrived back for my next retreat, he greeted me very warmly, took into his hands my Bible and my journal, kissed them with greatest reverence, and told me I could now spend a couple of days and nights in the Hall of the Great Fire. On the last night of the year, I should consign my two books to the flames. And that's what I did. A whole years wisdom and labor—into the Great Fire. Afterwards he set me to work writing another Bible.

And so it went, these past forty years. Each year a new Bible, a new journal, and then at the end of the year—into the flames. Until now I have never told anyone of this.

Theophane the Monk, from the Tales of the Magic Monastery

What does the Bible and journal you are writing this year look like?

Pastor Bob

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 01-20-2010 THROUGH 02-06-2010

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AMOS			6:1-8	7:1-9	8:1-10	8:11-14
LK	6:43-49	7:1-10	7:11-17	7:18-35	7:36-50	8:1-3
OBAD 1:1-4; JON 3:1-4:11		NAH1:1-9	HAB1:1-4	2:1-14	2:20	3:17-19

Spring, 2010 Scholarships Given Out

On Sunday, September 10, the Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to our college students. Scholarships were given to: Clint Coleman, Katie Edwards, Tyler Edwards, Mark Gregory, Crystal Hale, Amy Harmon, Cody Krulac, Trygve Meade, Taylor Snowman, Taylor Soland, Lynette Stanko, Blake Stephenson, and Amanda Snowman Valentine. A scholarship was also given to Lisa Grace, our Seminary student.

We are proud of these young people and want to support them with our gifts and prayers!