

First Christian Church

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



Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:

"Let down the nets!"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Text: Luke 5:1-11

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

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

February 07, 2010

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Lenten Soup Suppers

Lent is starting the week of February 17. We are again going to have Stone Soup Suppers. Several people will be sharing in the lessons this year. The schedule is as follows:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Soup</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Feb. 17	Chili	Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 24	Potato Soup	Will Smalley—"Matthew"
Mar. 03	Vegetable Soup	Vinnie Cufaude—"Woman Healed"
Mar. 10	Cheese/Vegetable Soup	Henry Dare—"Nicodemus"
Mar. 17	Chicken Noodle Soup	Daryle Coleman—"Adulterous Woman"
Mar. 24	Sausage/Bean Soup	Jack Koehler—"John"

(Recipe will be available.)

Bring your soup at 5:15, and a short lesson will be given 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

(February 07, 2010)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Nancy and Bud Cluts
Ushers	Paula Grigsby Nancy Whites
Acolytes	Joel Harris Trinity Baldry
Scr. Reader	Jean Edwards
Ch. Moment	Kevin Coleman
Meditation	Bruce Edwards
Elders	Daryle Coleman Bill Leitze
Deacons	Mindi Perez Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt Jennifer Miller
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Bruce Edwards Alan Coleman
Shut-ins	Bill Leitze Kandy Wright
Preparation	Diane Schrodt
Jr. Deacon	Stephen Snowman
Coffee F'ship	Wanda Carmack
Nursery	Carl Fisher Lauren Snowman

Serving next week

(February 14, 2010)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Cheryl and Henry Dare
Ushers	Marty and Mike Hasty
Acolytes	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
Scr. Reader	Mike Meade
Ch. Moment	Amy Smith
Meditation	Don Heller
Elders	Paul Wright Chuck Taylor
Deacons	Barb Pollitt Jean Edwards Marty Hasty Carl Fisher
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Don Heller Paul Wright
Shut-ins	Chuck Taylor Marty Hasty
Preparation	Judy Leitze
Jr. Deacon	Cyndi Bell
Coffee F'ship	Membership Committee
Nursery	Cyndi Bell Lauren Snowman

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Monday morning, February 15, 2010.

January	01-24-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 20,596.60
Received	\$3,262.57	\$ 15,815.15

January	01-31-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 25,745.75
Received	\$5,366.75	\$ 21,181.90

Happy Timers
noon

Happy Timers will meet Thursday, February 18 at noon. The menu will consist of chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and red velvet cake.

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

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

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

In the Hospital

In Nursing Facilities

Others with special needs:

Ron Banks; Laurie Bankroff (niece of Marge Danner); Brett Beam; Bob Bowman; Bobby Burkhead (brother of Johnnie); Millicent Cox; Ora Gray (sister of Laura Murphy); Lloyd Kemper; Judy Lawrence (sister of Mark Reneau); Sierra Rawson; Sarabelle Rigg; Dennis Robinson; Irene Robinson; Martha Sepich (sister of Mark Reneau); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Margaret Wright



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 **Ora and Joanna Jarvis:** *Ora and I want to thank the CWF for the nice Christmas cookies that were delivered to our home during the Christmas season. Thanks to Leta and Marty for delivering them to us. We do appreciate your thoughts and prayers.*

From **Taylor Soland:** *Thank you for the 2010 Scholarship. I am very thankful for it. It always helps out with school materials. I am sorry I could not be there to receive it in person. We moved back to school on the 9th because classes started on the 11th. My last semester of college is going to be great. Time went by so fast. Thank you for all your help over the years.*



We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Gene McMahon, upon his death on Saturday. Services will be held on Thursday morning, Feb. 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the Oaks-Hines Funeral Home.

Band of Brothers

The Band of Brothers would like to invite all men to join with them on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for a time of study, sharing and fellowship. They will meet on Feb. 4, and beginning on Feb. 18 will meet each week.

If you would like more information, please contact one of the following: Bruce Edwards, Dwayne Bernard, Kevin Morgan, Mike Grace or Dennis Crawford.



Several changes are taking place within our church due to construction. The Berean Sunday School Class will be meeting in room 208, and the Discovery Class will meet in room 102. The office will be moved across the hall into room 104 for the duration of the re-do in the office.

Regular meetings will need to be moved into different areas. Our Fellowship Hall walls will be completed within a couple of weeks,

so that space will be available at that time.

This is a temporary situation, so please bear with us and be patient while these projects are completed.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

INFINITE RESPECT

Did you ever hear a sermon begin with the words, "When I was in heaven"? That's how the old preacher began his rap with us, " When I was in heaven..."

"When I was in heaven, they gave me a torch with which I could see EVERYTHING.

"Everything—do you believe me? Of course I couldn't see myself but I really could see everything else. Oh, I reveled in it—the beauty, the connections, the great dance. I was dancing the great dance! That went on for several years; but then came a time when seeing everything became an embarrassment. I had trouble fitting what I was into words. And they had trouble fitting me into their lives. So increasingly I would set aside the torch and rely on their flashlights and fluorescents and books. One day I hid the torch under a bushel somewhere and proceeded to forget all about it. I just went forward with their flashlights and fluorescents and books.

"And that's the way I lived, many years. I become what they call a theologian. I, the Teacher, led the way! But once I brought a group of college students here on retreat. They were rather like you. They were fascinated with the place and with the preacher who was talking to them.

"Then one of them asked the question that changed my life. He asked, "Do you believe in guardian angels?" I was embarrassed. How would the person answer that one?

"But no difficulty for him. 'No, I don't believe in guardian angels. A guardian angel is one who gazes on the glory of God, and at the same time specializes in your welfare. He is the messenger between God and you. That is what the word 'angel' means. Why don't you close your eyes? Now ask your guardian angel for a message from God.'

"We did, and I did, and the message I got was 'Infinite Respect.' 'Infinite Respect'—the whole world changed. I can no longer bear to be called a theologian, or a teacher. I do what I can. I serve. I share. My angel has told me about heaven, and about the torch I used to have. Someday it will be mine again, but meanwhile though I realize I am blind, whenever anyone comes into this room, my angel whispers 'Infinite Respect," and my spirit prostrates before God in that person.

TALES FROM A MONASTERY- THEOBOLD THE MONK

Pastor Bob

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 02-03-2010 THROUGH 02-20-2010

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAB			HAB1:1-4	2:1-14	2:20	3:17-19
LUKE	8:4-15&8:16-18	8:19-21	8:22-25	8:26-39	8:40-56	9:1-6
ZEPH	1:1, 12&8, 2:1-4	3:1-7	3:11-20	HAG 2:1-9	ZECH 7:1-10	8:1-17