

# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
215 West Elm Street  
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Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:  
"Ever been tempted? Jesus was."  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Text: Luke 4:1-13

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

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
February 21, 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 21, 2010)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Chantel and Trent Goforth
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz and Norm Pollitt
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Malmgren Mackenzie Stockham
<b>Scr. Reader</b>	Lyn Snowman
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Janet Krulac
<b>Meditation</b>	Kevin Dearing
<b>Elders</b>	Henry Dare Mike Walters
<b>Deacons</b>	Shawn Snowman Lyn Snowman John Stanko Pat Stanko
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Counting</b>	Mike Grace Kevin Dearing
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Mike Walters Doreen Shaw
<b>Preparation</b>	Judy Leitze
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Jake Snowman
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Nancy Whites
<b>Nursery</b>	Lydia Smith Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(February 28, 2010)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Daryle and Alan Coleman
<b>Ushers</b>	Reba and Jim Burton
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Dean Joel Harris
<b>Scr. Reader</b>	Jan Taylor
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Carol Harmon
<b>Meditation</b>	Pastor Bob
<b>Elders</b>	Jan Dearing Rhonda Morgan
<b>Deacons</b>	Janet Krulac Mike Krulac Diane Schrodt Linda Woods
<b>Music</b>	God's Kids
<b>Counting</b>	Jan Dearing Alan Coleman
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Rhonda Morgan Sherry Lindzey
<b>Preparation</b>	Kandy Wright
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Eric Jarvis
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Judy Kemper
<b>Nursery</b>	Cydni Bell Carl Fisher

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

Monday morning, March 01, 2010.

noon  
*Happy Timers*

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

The program will be presented by John Harmon of the Better Business Bureau.

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

### *Are you able to help out?*

We have lost a couple of our office volunteers recently and are looking for two or three more. Special skills needed are a willingness to help your church, the ability to enjoy one another's company, and about 1 hour of your time every week or so. If you would like to join our group of fun-loving volunteers, please call the office at 647-1363.

February	<b>02-07-10</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 30,894.90
Received	\$4,170.00	\$ 25,351.90
February	<b>02-14-10</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$5,149.15	\$ 36,044.05
Received	\$3,760.00	\$ 29,111.90

# Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about summer camp!

The snow is still falling, but the Christian Church camps are lining up directors and have a few needs:

They are in need of a director for each family camp this summer:

Memorial Day Family Camp—May 28-31

Labor Day Family Camp—September 3-6

Family camps are very lightly structured. For more detail, call Becky Lewis at 217-739-2332 or email [campcciw@yahoo.com](mailto:campcciw@yahoo.com).

Are you a Red Cross certified lifeguard??  
Would you like to spend the summer at beautiful Camp Walter Scott??  
Please contact Becky Lewis at 217-739-2332

## Summer Camps 2010

Memorial Day Family Camp	May 28-31
Beginner (finished grades 2-3)	June 7-9
Post Hi (ages 19-25)	June 11-13
CYF (finished grades 9-12)	June 14-19
Chi Rho (finished grades 6-7)	June 21-26
JYF (finished grades 3-5)	June 28-July 3
Grandparents & Me (finished grades 1-5)	July 5-8
8th Grade (finished grade 8)	July 12-17
CYF (finished grades 9-12)	July 19-24
JYF (finished grades 3-5)	July 26-31
Emergent Leadership (finished grades 9-12)	July 26-31
Labor Day Family Camp	September 3-6

# Week of Compassion Offering

Much of the world's attention has been on Haiti since the devastating earthquake of January 12<sup>th</sup>. Week of Compassion has been there since the beginning representing the Disciples of Christ in doing work to help ease the pain and suffering of the situation.

Much of the attention has started to subside, but the needs of the Haitian people will remain for months and years to come, much like the areas affected by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina here in the United States. Much of the need now is on basic necessities such as food, water, medicine and shelter. In the long run these needs will continue as well as post trauma physical and emotional care for the survivors.

Much of the country is in shambles. The economy is in disarray and the Haitian government is not in much of a position to help. First Christian Church of Canton will take an offering on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February for Week of Compassion. Money received will not only go to Haiti, but also to Cedar Rapids, Iowa as they strive to recover from the flood of 2008 that destroyed more than 5,000 homes and businesses. As the Week of Compassion Director says, "It is because of your generosity that we are able to respond in immediate, effective and faithful ways to so much human need all over the world. And it is because of YOU that we are able to engage in this important ministry of compassion. We are sharing resources and changing lives. Praise be to God!"

The Outreach Committee invites you to be a part of this special ministry around the world.

Thank You.

**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*

Steve Anthony (brother of Jean Edwards); Cody Armstrong (nephew of Marty Hasty, in Afghanistan until June); Ron Bankes; 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); Ron Parrish; Sarabelle Rigg; Dennis Robinson; Irene Robinson; Martha Sepich (sister of Mark Reneau); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Margaret Wright

***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 re-*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER



From **Tyler Edwards:** *Thank you so much for the blessing of this semester's scholarship. The funding you have provided me with over the past four years has been so helpful in the purchasing of my increasingly expensive books and school supplies.*

*It's great to know that I have a home church who continuously seeks their college students. Thanks again!*

From **Katie Edwards:** *Thank you once again for the generous scholarship that I received. The money really came in handy when it came time to buy my books. Thank you for your continued support, love and prayers. Thanks again!*



*We extend our sincere sympathy to Virginia (Duke) Taylor at the death of her mother, Garnet Buell last week.*

### **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 beginning on Feb. 18, 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.

### ***Next CWF Meeting***



The next meeting of the CWF will be Thursday, March 4, 2010, at noon. This will be a salad luncheon, and all women are encouraged to bring a salad to share.

The Leader is Vinnie Cufaude, the devotions will be provided by Vinnie Cufaude, and the hostesses will be Doris Svob and Peg McWhorter.



# ***PASTOR'S PONDERINGS***

## ***ASH WEDNESDAY, LENT AND HOLY WEEK***

The Lenten season extends over a 46 day period from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week. A period of 40 days is observed during this time. The six Sundays during this time are not a part of Lent, because as are all Sundays they are mini-Easters and a time of celebration. This means that if you give up something for Lent, then you do not have to observe that abstinence on a Sunday during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It developed as a day of penitence to make the beginning of Lent. It is a particular time for new beginnings in faith, a time for returning to the Lord. On this day we recall our mortality and wait upon the Lord for a renewing Spirit.

Each Wednesday of Lent in our congregation this year will be marked with a Soup Supper. The schedule will be to bring your soup to the kitchen for inclusion and heating into one big pot. At 5:30 we will have a lesson, either Ash Wednesday or one of five lessons from the "Trial of Christ" series. Each lesson will be presented by different members of the congregation. We will then share our meal at 6:00 p.m.

Lent originally was a time for prospective members to fast, study and pray in preparation for their baptism on Easter morning. It started with a one day fast and preparation, then grew to a one week fast and preparation, and finally to the 46 day season that we have today. It also became and is a time for members of the church to prepare themselves and observe the Paschal Event through. Lent is therefore a time for evangelism and for true conversion—a time for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting and concentration upon our baptismal covenant.

We will conclude the season of Lent with Holy Week. This is the week prior to Easter. This congregation will not have a Wednesday evening meeting, but will instead have a worship services on Thursday and Friday. We will have a Maundy Thursday Communion service commemorating Jesus initiation of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday we will have a Tenebrae, a service of narration and music. This is all in preparation for the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning.

***Pastor Bob***

### **DAILY BIBLE STUDY 02-17-2010 THROUGH 03-06-2010**

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZEPH			3:11-20	HAG 2:1-9	ZECH 7:1-10	8:1-17
LUKE	9:7-20	9:21-27	9:28-36	9:37-45	9:46-48	9:49-56
ZECH	9:9-12; 14:20-21	MAL 3:1-7	3:8-18	HEB 1:1-14	2:1-4	2:5-13