

First Christian Church

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



Rev. Jack Koehler will be preaching on:

“Poles and Other Obstacles”

Scripture: John 13:31-35

Text: Acts 11:1-18

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

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

May 02, 2010

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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The Ruler



“Words to measure life”

Looking forward...

With the retirement of Pastor Bob and Bev Rueter, we are turning our attention to the following upcoming events here at First Christian:

Saturday, May 01	10:00 a.m.	Work day in the outside garden areas
Sunday, May 02	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Jack Koehler to preach in worship
Thursday, May 06	9:30 a.m.	CWF Spring Breakfast and Bridal Show
Sunday, May 9	9:00 a.m.	Mother’s Day—Elder Bill Leitze to preach in worship
Tuesday, May 11	7-11:00 a.m.	Annual Altruistic Coffee in Fellowship Hall
	8:30-5:00 p.m.	Lifeline Screening at First Christian Church
Sunday, May 23	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday and Recognition of Graduates in worship

Robert W. Rueter, Pastor

John Davis, Dir. of Music

Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist

Rickie Coulter, Church Custodian

Serving this week

(May 02, 2010)

9:00 a.m.

Greeters	Chris Walters Olivia Walters
Ushers	Marlee and Sam Wright
Acolytes	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
Scr. Reader	Mandy Reneau
Ch. Moment	Amy Smith
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 Nathan Bloyd
Preparation	Kandy Wright
Jr. Deacon	Derek Schrodt
Coffee F'ship	Peg Hays Margaret Wright
Nursery	Carl Fisher Lauren Snowman

Serving next week

(May 09, 2010)

9:00 a.m.

Greeters	Peg and Bill Hays
Ushers	Char and Dick VanRossem
Acolytes	Lukas Goforth Jake Smith
Scr. Reader	Dee Doubet
Ch. Moment	John Harmon
Meditation	Don Heller
Elders	Paul Wright Chuck Taylor
Deacons	Barb Pollitt Jean Edwards Marty Hasty Carl Fisher
Music	God's Kids & New Faith
Counting	Don Heller Paul Wright
Shut-ins	Mike Walters Marty Hasty
Preparation	Judy Leitze
Jr. Deacon	Cydni Bell
Coffee F'ship	Dennis Doubet Kevin Morgan
Nursery	Lydia Smith 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, May 10, 2010.

Our shut in ministry is in need of some help!

With our newly revamped sound system, we are making DVDs of our worship services to take to our shut ins. The quality is much better than the old tapes, and our shut ins can see everything that is going on during the service.

We currently have 2 portable DVD players and one soft side carrying case. The DVD players run around \$90.00 and the case about \$20. If you, your family, your Sunday School Class or other group would like to help out in this way, please make your donation with a note on it indicating "shut-in ministry". Your contributions will enable us to purchase more equipment for our shut ins to use!

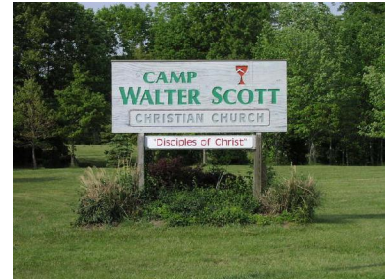
Canton Area Church Women's Salad Luncheon
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Parrish Center
139 East Chestnut

Bring a salad to share
 Drinks & table service furnished
 No salad needed for Assisted Living & Working Women
 Come on your lunch hour
 Mothers with small children are welcome

April	04-18-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,149.15	\$ 82,306.40
Received	\$ 3,593.00	\$ 73,331.11
April	04-25-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,149.15	\$ 87,455.55
Received	\$ 3,587.00	\$ 76,918.11

WORDS FROM WILL

As we move into the summer season it is time to be thinking about church camp. Those of us who have gone to camp know how life changing it can be for youth and adults alike. I have memories and friendships that I made at camp that will last the rest of my life. If you know someone in grade school please let them know about camp and talk to them about going. If you have any questions please talk to me. I will be attending two camps this summer as a councilor and would love to take some of our youth along with me. Spread the word!



YOUTH UPDATE

April has been a great month. The youth and I have continued with our weekly studies while having a little fun. On April 11th we went out for breakfast and then played Frisbee golf in the park. It was a beautiful day. Then on the 18th we had an opportunity to learn about service and using our gifts to help others. Unfortunately the yard work we had planned had already been done. Yet we were still able to go for breakfast and study the word. GOD IS GOOD! Thanks be to God!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 2 : 10:30 A.M. CYF bible study

Sunday May 9 : 10:30 A.M. CYF bible study

GOD CALLS US TO REACH OUT AND INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND CHURCH AND BE ACTIVE IN THEIR FAITH. IF YOU KNOW ANY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO ARE OUT OF THE LOOP, LET THEM KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND INVITE THEM TO COME TO OUR SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY.

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

It's time.....

Anyone who is interested in summer camps should contact Alan Coleman, Chair of Christian Education Committee, or inquire in the office with Will or Carol. We have the information and the forms necessary.

The Evangelism Committee is wanting to sponsor a non-member youth who would like to attend camp but who has a need for financial help in order to attend. If you know of such a person, please contact Vinnie Cufaude, Evangelism Chair.

All Congregations & Friends of the Christian Church (disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin are cordially invited to a reception honoring the ministry of Beth Dobyms, Acting Regional Minister & President on Sunday, May 23, 2010, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the Crestivew Christian Church, 4415 N. Water Street, in Decatur.

If you would like to send your own greetings or contribute to an Appreciation Gift for Beth, please send these by May 20, payable to CCIW, to: CCIW, 1011 N. main, Street, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Senior Sunday Club
At
Graham Hospital's Cornerstone Café

Sunday, May 02
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

~Menu~

*Cauliflower Cheese Soup
Fried Chicken or Roast Beef,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy or
Au Gratin Potatoes and
Squash or Buttered Corn
1 Trip to the Salad Bar
Dessert, Roll and a Beverage*

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 Arvie Miller
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: #162, 1707 N. 12, Carl Bushard
Markword 1,
Quincy, Il 62301

At Westminster Village:
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, Il
61701

*We extend our sincere sympathy
to the family of Mildred Bollin-
ger, at the death of her sister,
Carolyn Long, last week.*



In the Hospital

In Nursing Facilities

Others with special needs:

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; Millicent Cox; Mary Cox Fidler; Judy Lawrence (sister of Mark Reneau); Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Elaine Ostiguy (daughter of Elgin Cook); Ron Parrish; Dean Powell; Irene Robinson; Bev Rueter; Marilyn Rupe; Ron Rupe; Becky Russell (friend of Kandy Wright); Martha Se-pich (sister of Mark Reneau); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Sarah Wright (friend of Paula Crawford)



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 **Dan, Kara, & Kate Fitzjerald:** *Thank you so much for the baby quilt for Kate. It is such a wonderful gift. I still have mine as a keepsake. Also, thank you for the warm welcome we received on Sunday. We feel so fortunate to*

have a loving church family.

From **Greg Pollitt:** *I would like to thank the Personnel Committee and the entire church family for the gift card. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the church.*

From **Carol Harmon:** *Thank you to the Personnel Committee for the gracious recognition and gift card during worship last week. I appreciate it greatly. I am truly blessed and fortunate to have 3 jobs that I love—coming here to work every day and being a part of this church family is such a joy!!*



Next CWF Meeting

The next meeting of the CWF will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. for a Spring Breakfast.

Betty Conrad has the devotion, and our hostesses will be Marilyn Taylor and Marty Hasty.

Our Special Program will be "Show and Tell Wedding Memories". We are asking that you participate by sharing a wedding story or item with us at that time. This will be great fun! See you there!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Bev wants to thank each one of you for the prayers, cards, inquiries, meals, and love shown during her illness. The concern you have shown has meant a lot to her and her recovery.

We also want to thank you for the last twenty-one months. Last night we were talking and both commented that this was the ideal congregation for us to conclude our ministry. We have had fun and hope that you have also.

So goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, adieu, been good to know you, see you around and most appropriately, adios.

We will be at 8412 Jimson Ave, California City, CA., 93505-1964. The phone number is 760-373-1389. The golf course is a mile away, the fishing hole is an hour away, our kids are forty minutes away, and the shuttle will go right over our house when it lands at Edwards AFB.

Best wishes and blessings to each and everyone of you.

Blessings

Pastor Bob

Would you like to help?

A group of volunteers are willing to do some upgrading and renewal of the foyer garden. We are interested in any donations of the following:



- Pottery/Ceramic pots (large and small)
- Baskets
- Plastic Pots
- Plant Stands

If you have any of these goods you are willing to donate, please bring them to the furnace room across from the office.

If you are interested in helping, please let me know.



—Pat Stanko



Help Needed

There will be a workday at the church this Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. We will be working in the outside garden

areas of the church.

If you enjoy this type of work, please come and join with us as we get the gardens ready for spring together.

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 04-29-2010 THROUGH 05-15-2010

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JAS 1:1-8	1:9-16	1:17-18	1:19-27
LUKE	13:10-17; 13:18-21	13:22-30	13:31-35	14:1-6	14:7-14	14:15-24
JAS	2:1-13	2:14-26	3:1-12	3:13-18	4:1-12	4:13-17