

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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October 02, 2011 **"Stumbling Over Stones"**

Pastor Glenn will be preaching.

Scripture: Philippians 3:10-14

Text: Matthew 21:33-46

October 09, 2011 **"Gone Too Far?"**

Pastor Nina will be preaching.

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

The Ruler

"Words to measure life"



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

9:00 Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Second Sunday Assembly

On Sunday October 9 you will have another opportunity to experience a slice of the 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nashville. All the adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the sanctuary during our regular Sunday school time.

Last month we watched a sermon preached at the Opening Worship service of the Assembly. Holly McKissick, a very successful Disciple pastor in Kansas, shared a moving and challenging sermon reflecting on how our Disciple identity is the right church for the time we live in. After the sermon was over many of us were wiping our eyes.

On October 9 we'll watch a sermon preached by Sandra Gourdet at a Sunday morning service in a local Disciples church. Mandy Reneau and Rhonda Morgan attended the trilingual worship service where this sermon was preached. Sandra serves as a Global Ministry Partner (or missionary) in Africa. Among other things, the sermon reports about Sandra's experiences and learning from her experiences in Africa. Last month, we reflected on how the gospel could be shared in the United States. This month we will hear how the gospel is being shared and lived out in Africa. Come and experience a bit of the larger church that we are part of on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Reverend Dr. Glenn Nestlerode and Reverend Nina Merkle Nestlerode, Co-Pastors

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John Davis, Dir. of Music
Gretchen Fuller, Organist

Serving this week

(October 02, 2011)

Greeters	Nathan Bloyd and Family
Ushers	Paula Grigsby Joan Bankes
Acolytes	Olivia Walters Lukas Goforth
Scr. Reader	Dan Fitzjarrald
Ch. Moment	Rhonda Morgan
Ch. Church	Nathan Bloyd Mike Meade
Pres. Church	Chantel Goforth Jan Taylor
Meditation	Kevin Dearing
Elders	Rhonda Morgan John Harmon
Deacons	Sherry Lindzey Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Michelle Mortland
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Kevin Dearing Rhonda Morgan
Shut-ins	John Harmon Zach Perez
Preparation	Nancy Cluts Sherry Lindzey
Jr. Deacon	Eric Jarvis
Coffee F'ship	Dee & Dennis Doubet
Nursery	Addy Rogers Lauren Snowman

Serving next week

(October 09, 2011)

Greeters	Melissa & Jeff Dean and Family
Ushers	Doreen & Rick Shaw
Acolytes	Katie Smith Sienna Rader
Scr. Reader	Dick VanRossem
Ch. Moment	Jennifer Miller
Ch. Church	Mike Meade Sherri Rader
Pres. Church	Jan Taylor Jennifer Miller
Meditation	Bruce Edwards
Elders	Chuck Taylor Jack Koehler
Deacons	Mindi Perez Zach Perez Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Chuck Taylor Bruce Edwards
Shut-ins	Jack Koehler Jan Taylor
Preparation	Zach Perez
Jr. Deacon	Hannah Malmgren
Coffee F'ship	Zach Perez
Nursery	Addy Rogers Stephen Snowman

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Monday, October 10, 2011

September	09-18-2011	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,076.00	\$ 192,922.96
Received	\$ 5,857.50	\$ 201,130.98

September	09-25-2011	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,076.00	\$ 197,999.88
Received	\$ 5,079.15	\$ 206,210.13

Attendance Figures

September, 2011 Worship Average—149.75
September, 2011 Sunday School Average—54

September, 2010 Worship Average—161
September, 2010 Sunday School Average—55.66

At Graham Hosp-210 W. Walnut
Shirley List

At Graham Ext.-210 W. Walnut
Alan McPherson

At Clayberg: - 625 E. Monroe
Irene Robinson Cuba, 61427

At Farmington:- 701 S. Main
Beverly Tuckey 61531

At Heartland: - 2081 N. Main
George Hubbard Vivian Hubbard
Eunice McCario Jim Paul Kenneth Young

At Red Oak Estates: 435 N. 16
Opal Baughman Eleanor Berry Annamae Dare
Dorothy Glasford Norma Pinder

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
Linnie Murphy Dottie Stevens

At Sunset: 129 S. First
Dorothy Eskridge 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
Jim and Judy Wickert and family
at the death of Judy's sister-in law,
Rosetta Heffren *on September 16;*
and to the family and friends of
Alice Stevenor, *at her death on Sep-*
tember 10. Services were conduct-

ed here at the church by Pastor Glenn on Septem-
ber 24.



**Don't miss out on
Sunday School!**

In the Hospital

In Nursing Facilities

Please Pray for These People:

Ginny Bowman; Betty Conrad; Larry Cook; Millicent Cox; Sean Doran (nephew of Barb Pollitt); Cathy Hughes (daughter of Butch Fuller); Carol Jaquette (sister of Jack Cox); Judy Lawrence (sister of Mark Reneau); Irrie McWhorter; Maxine Payne; Connie Reed; Marilyn Rupe; Martha Sepich (sister of Mark Reneau); Yvonne Shoemaker (sister of Marty Hasty); Anne Vaughn; Barb Williams; Robbie Young

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 call the office to ask that a name remain on the list. Thanks for your help!!*

From **Marlyn Mahannah:** *Thank you so much for sending the church directory to me. I'm enjoying all the pictures of my friends. I also say thanks for sending The Ruler, which I enjoy reading!*

From **Irene Robinson:** *A Graham Hospital student nurse is working with me and we are making beautiful things to leave as memories. Thank you, Lord for my church, my family, and my infant great-granddaughter. It makes my family complete including my family, my church family, and my most special Clayberg family. We take one day at a time and one step at a time. We are very thankful for what the Lord has given us and is going to give us.*



Disciples Women/CWF

All women are invited to the next meeting of the Disciples Women/CWF on Thursday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m. There will be special music by Dick Wilkenson and the devotions will be given by Barbara Douglas. Marty Hasty and Marilee Casper will serve as hostesses.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

Senior Sunday Club

At Graham Hospital's
Cornerstone Café

Menu

Wisconsin Cheese Soup
Country Fried Steak with White Gravy

or

Sliced Ham

Mashed

or

Scalloped Potatoes

Buttered Corn

or

Peas

1 Trip to the Salad Bar

Dessert, Roll and a Beverage

Only \$6.75

Sunday, October 2nd
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Special Offering

This past Sunday, September 25, and this coming Sunday, October 02, we will be observing Reconciliation Sunday with a special offering.

The theme, "Planting Seeds of Hope" reminds us that we are part of a "larger church" and that our gifts can make a difference in food pantries, soup kitchens, clinics, and living conditions in many extremely depressed areas around the world.

Disciples really are people of the Table, gathering all over the world and at home to plant seeds of reconciliation and hope.

Your gifts will be used both in local ministries, including Peoria and Chicago, as well as for needs around the world.

Please give generously.

October Anniversaries

Kevin & Gina Riley	October 1
Amanda & Craig Reed	October 6
John & Carol Harmon	October 7
Howard & Sheila Dye	October 10
Irrie & Peggy McWhorter	October 15
Bud & Nancy Cluts	October 16
Rick & Tanya Games	October 18
John & Georgia Schleich	October 27
Trent & Chantel Goforth	October 31



Community Concerts

We are taking the church bus to the Community Concerts.

About 10 people rode over Tuesday, September 27 for a show called "Three Style" in Pekin.

There is a show on Sunday, October 16 titled "Aion Clarke" in Monmouth. We will take the bus for the afternoon concert

On November 10 there is another evening concert in Pekin at 7:30 titled "The World on a String".

If you are interested in riding the bus to these performances, call Marilee Casper or the church office at 647-1363. We like to have a group to go together!

From the Co-Pastors

Growing up, we remember reciting the Pledge of Allegiance each day in school. Saying those words was intended to remind us of our identity and values as citizens of the United States of America. At weekly Boy Scout meetings, Glenn would recite the Scout oath and Scout laws. They, too, were intended to remind scouts of their values, their identity and to guide the way they acted each day.

What do we do on a daily basis to remind us of our Christian identity and values? Sunday worship service is a once a week activity to remind us, but over the years far too many people have demonstrated that it is possible to be a “Sunday only” Christian. In other words, it’s possible to attend church and “act” like a Christian on Sunday morning, but then to live the other six days of the week without acting very Christian at all.

So what do we do to remind ourselves of our Christian identity and values all through the week? Reading scripture is one way. Doing acts of service in Jesus’ name is another. Setting aside time for prayer or conversation with God is also an important way of remembering whose we are and whom we are serving.

We live in a fast paced world, filled with things that beep or vibrate or use images or audio to cry out for our attention. With all those distractions and interruptions, how do we listen for God? Part of being a Christian is being intentional about giving our attention to God. But God doesn’t use a cell phone or automatic alarm or facebook or e-mail to get our attention. Unless you live in a monastery, you don’t have a bell calling you to regular prayer. And yet to grow as Christians it is vital to set aside time to talk with God, to listen to God, and to just soak up being in God’s presence.

One of the songs in our Chalice Hymnal captures this notion that we need to check in with God regularly.

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.
Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,

May we remember to do things each day that slow us down and turn our attention to God so that we may be God’s people all through the week.

Blessings,

Pastor Nina and Pastor Glenn



Halloween Trip to Six Flags

We are looking for a date to join with the Canton Park Recreation Department in taking a trip to Six Flags during their "Fright Night" Halloween season. This trip would be aimed for children age 8 through high school and their chaperones as appropriate. As of this writing the date being considered for the trip is either October 21, 22 or 29. If you are interested in joining this group taking the church buses to Six Flags, please let the church office know of your interest and which dates you can attend. We will get back to those interested with more finalized information.



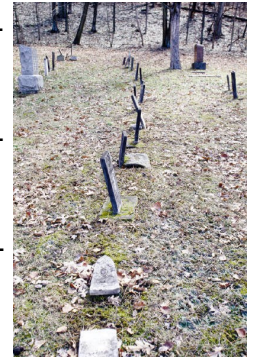
Spoon River Reads

(formerly The Big Read) is back for a fifth year bringing the enjoyment of a good book and related events to the community. My Antonia by Willa

Cather has been selected as this year's book. Spoon River country will relate to its themes of prairies, pioneer life and immigrants.

Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to read this beautifully descriptive book and participate in the exciting events that have been scheduled during October. Books are available at Parlin-Ingersoll Library and Blessings. My Antonia is also a free download for e-readers. The My Antonia Radio Read will begin October 3, from 9:00—9:30 a.m. every weekday. Tune your radio to WBYS AM 1560 to hear the complete novel read on the air.

You will not want to miss the Heritage Graveyard Walk at Greenwood Cemetery, coming this Monday, October 3 at 4:00, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. On this walk you will meet and hear the story of immigrants buried at Greenwood. The 4:00 performance will be performed in front of the mausoleum. Bring a lawn chair. A shuttle will be available for transport from car to performance area. The 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. performances will occur at the gravesites. The rain date is Tuesday, October 4.



For the complete list of Spoon River Reads events, go to www.src.edu/spoonriverreads.

