

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Office Hours
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Monday-Friday

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December 20, 2011
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December 25, 2011 "Christmas Reflections"

Pastor Nina will be preaching.

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Text: Isaiah 9:2-7

January 01, 2012 "All Things New"

Pastor Glenn will be preaching.

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-20

Text: Revelation 21:1-6

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

10:30 a.m. Chi Rho



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
All Ages Welcome
Saturday, December 24
7:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, December 25
Christmas Morning
Worship*

*Sunday, January 01, 2012
New Year's Day
Morning Worship at 9:00*

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

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John Davis, Dir. of Music
Gretchen Fuller, Organist

Serving Christmas Eve

(December 24, 2011)

Greeter	Marla & Mark Reneau
Ushers	Marty & Mike Hasty
Acolytes	Katie Smith Jake Smith
Ch. Moment	N/A
Ch. Church	N/A
Pres. Church	N/A
Meditation	Mike Walters
Elders	Jan Dearing Paul Wright
Deacons	Cyndi Bell Katie Edwards Mallory Meade Lynette Stanko Jessica Stanko John Jarvis
Music	All Choirs
Counting	Kevin Morgan Kevin Dearing
Shut-ins	N/A
Preparation	Kandy Wright Sherry Lindzey Doris Taylor
Jr. Deacon	N/A
Coffee F'ship	N/A
Nursery	Stephen Snowman Derek Schrodt

Serving this week

(December 25, 2011)

Greeter	Wanda Carmack
Ushers	Connie and Don Heller
Acolytes	Lukas Goforth Luke Miller
Scr. Reader	Norm Pollitt
Ch. Moment	N/A
Ch. Church	Lyn Snowman Amy Smith
Pres. Church	Combined with Children's Church
Meditation	Kevin Morgan
Elders	Rhonda Morgan Chuck Taylor
Deacons	Barb Pollitt Greg Pollitt Pat Stanko John Stanko
Music	John Davis and Pastor Glenn
Counting	Chuck Taylor Rhonda Morgan
Shut-ins	Kevin Morgan
Preparation	Pat and John Stanko
Jr. Deacon	N/A
Coffee F'ship	N/A
Nursery	Stephen Snowman Lauren Snowman

Serving this week

(January 01, 2012)

Greeters	Chuck Jarvis Family
Ushers	Barb & Greg Pollitt
Acolytes	Olivia Walters Lukas Goforth
Scr. Reader	Rhonda Morgan
Ch. Moment	John Harmon
Ch. Church	Lyn Snowman Jennifer Miller
Pres. Church	Combine with Children's Church
Meditation	Kevin Dearing
Elders	Rhonda Morgan John Harmon
Deacons	Shawn Snowman Lyn Snowman Stephen Snowman Jake Snowman tba
Music	
Counting	Kevin Dearing Rhonda Morgan
Shut-ins	John Harmon Dick VanRossem
Preparation	Nancy Cluts
Jr. Deacon	Stephen Snowman
Coffee F'ship	N/A
Nursery	Lauren Snowman Derek Schrodt

December	12-11-2011	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,076.92	\$ 253,846.00
Received	\$ 4,439.25	\$ 266,999.26

December	12-18-2011	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,076.92	\$ 258,922.92
Received	\$ 4,497.00	\$ 271,496.26



It's Time to Mark Your Calendars...

Wednesday, December 21—Advent Service at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day—Worship at 9:00 a.m.—No Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, January 01—New Year's Day—Worship at 9:00 a.m.—No Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship

At Graham Ext.-210 W. Walnut
Alan McPherson

At Farmington:- 701 S. Main
Beverly Tuckey Farmington, 61531

At Heartland: - 2081 N. Main
George Hubbard Vivian Hubbard
Eunice McCario Jim Paul
Maxine Payne 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
Millicent Cox 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

Others with special needs:

Deanna Anderson; Mary Baker; Ginny Bowman; Betty Conrad; Larry Cook; Sean Doran (nephew of Barb Pollitt); Dennis Doubet; Cathy Hughes (daughter of Butch Fuller); Shirley List; Judy Lawrence (sister of Mark Reneau); Irie McWhorter; Charlotte Moffitt; John Potter; Marilyn Rupe; Marge Saville; Martha Sepich (sister of Mark Reneau); Yvonne Shoemaker (sister of Marty Hasty); Kandy Wright; Robbie Young

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!!

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Connie Heller and family** at the death of her mother, **Dora Coyle**.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of **Sandy Daley**, at her sudden death this week. She was the sister of Pat Danner and Anne Vaughn.

***In the
Hospital***

***In Nursing
Facilities***



From **Susan Walters and Family:** *I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers and support my family received after the*

recent passing of my mother, Vurla McPherson. A special thank you goes to Pastor Glenn for all his support and prayers while we were in the emergency room and Pastor Nina for a remarkable memorial service. As always, the funeral meal was deliciously prepared by the loyal volunteers in the kitchen. At times like this, it is comforting to know your church family is there for you. God bless each and every one of you.

From **Marge Saville:** *Thank you for all the cards, flowers, pots of soup, hugs, loving care, and most of all—prayers you covered me with. God's power is at work renewing my body and spirit as only He can.*

From **Barb and Hobart Ault:** *Thank you to the CWF ladies for the delicious cookies that we received. It was very thoughtful of you, and we appreciated it very much. A special thanks to Barb and Larry for delivering the cookies to us—sorry we missed you.*

From **the family of Vurla (Jony) McPherson:** *CWF Ladies—your lunch was very much appreciated. Thank you for all you do at the church.*

Decorations Undo!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations around the church on Sunday January 8. Please come at 3:00 p.m. for about an hour and a half to help put them away and have a little snack together. If you have any leftover Christmas cookies or candy, bring them and we will enjoy them afterwards.

Thank you for your help!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Tuesday, January 03, 2012

From the Co-Pastors

Christmas is almost here!

We will be having a lovely candlelight Christmas Eve service on Saturday night at 7 p.m. There will be children, bells, special music, scripture and story. The service will be both celebrative and quiet to prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ child.

We have the rare opportunity to celebrate together the coming of Christ on Christmas Day, Sunday, at 9 a.m. This service will be special and little different from our regular Sunday morning service. We'll have lots of Christmas Carols to sing, and we'll have a prayerful reflection rather than a full blown sermon.

We, Nina and Glenn, want to express our hope that you will experience a Spirit-filled Christmas. We hope that as you celebrate and feast, as you mourn or weep, as you move through all the powerful emotions of this time of year, we hope that you feel God's warm embrace, that you see the light shining in the darkness, that you listen for the angel choir, and that you find moments to sing your own alleluias.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Nina and Pastor Glenn



Final Wednesday Night Advent Prayer Service (Take a Moment of Peace for your Soul)

Join us for our final special Advent Prayer Service this Wednesday from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. The service provides an opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually for the fast approaching Christmas. The service offers a quiet, reflective prayer style to help us center on the meaning of Advent and Christmas among the hustle and bustle of the season and its preparations.

This week the service draws upon the character of Mary in the Christmas story to explore the feelings, the longings and fears and hopes that are part of Advent and Christmas.

All are welcome.