

November 2025

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



**First
Christian
Church**

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Canton, IL 61520

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Middle School Youth Group Shines Bright!

On Sunday Oct. 26th, our growing middle school youth group continued to expand and explore our faith! We talked about our hidden talents and how it's sometimes hard to really "show up" and "be seen" in our world, but as Jesus said in Matthew 5, we should let our lights shine before others! And to help remember that lesson, we carved Jack-o-Lanterns... because a Jack-o-Lantern that doesn't let it's light shine out in it's spooky or goofy individual ways is going to just be a rotting pumpkin with a smothered candle. So grateful for 15 of our youth, and to Mindy and Greg Glomb who have stepped up in supporting the group as leaders!



Advent Festival

Meal ✨ Crafts ✨ Games

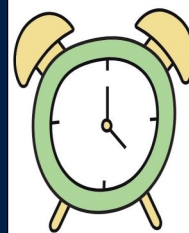
Sunday, November 30th from 4:30-6:30pm

Crafting @ 4:30pm

Help decorate the church, create Christmas cards for shut in seniors, homemade bird feeders, decorate cookies & handmade ornaments for your Christmas Tree!

Potluck Dinner @ 5:30pm

Join us for a fun evening with family and friends!



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
REMINDER**

Don't forget to set
your clocks **backward**
Saturday evening,
November 1st, 2025

Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
Email: contact@cantonfcc.org



Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor
John Davis: Director of Music
Gretchen Fuller: Organist

I'm taking a preaching class.

I know, I know...some of you are thinking, "about time!"

Hopefully not too many of you are thinking that. 😊

Really, as I've grown in ministry over these past 15 years, preaching has been one of my favorite responsibilities in this vocation. Some weeks I spend a lot of time wrestling with a text or in fierce debate with God about what the church needs to hear in this time and in this place about this text. But, overall, it's a joyful responsibility to step into the pulpit, look into the camera and attempt to unpack and discover what an ancient scripture might, with the help of the Holy Spirit, speak some deep and liberating truth into someone's life.

But, now, I'm taking a preaching class.

I thought it'd be fun.

Caitlin needs to take the class for her ordination requirements and it's online, so I thought it might be nice to accompany her on this journey and to be able to hear a few tidbits of wisdom. The class is through a respected seminary with deep Disciple roots and so I felt confident going in that our education would match my expectations.

But, I'm gonna be honest, this class is challenging me.

Not only because it's been a while since I've had so much reading and responding to do within a given timeframe; but also, because the professor's approach to homiletics (the art of preaching) is so different than mine. His central belief is that "every Sunday should solve a problem" and that "no one likes going to church" so our sermons should be less about what the Bible says and more, "what's in it for me (the listener)?" How will Jesus make your life better?

At first, I really wanted to push back or just drop out, but I think the healthier thing would be to discover why I'm so opposed to his philosophy. I wonder if there's something I can learn. I wonder if some of his criticism at the church hits a little too close to home.

I share all this, not because I want you to weigh in on preaching pedagogy, but because we all face some class, some teacher, some situation that we have a knee jerk reaction to. We might want to get away from it. We might want to complain about it.

But what if we stuck to it and asked, "God what are you trying to teach me in this moment? What can I learn from this discomfort? Is there something I can learn?"

At the end of the day, we may still stick with our old ways, our old wisdom. But I bet, we are better for the struggle, more able to know who we are and why we believe what we believe. So for all of you in seasons of struggle, whether it's a class, a health crisis, a political quandary or a family drama: may this be a great teacher and may we all be wise students.

Pastor Steve



Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.

Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

Watch, like and share!

WHO KNEW DOING GOOD COULD BE THIS MUCH FUN?

Trivia for Good

RSVP
RECOMMENDED
TEXT SHERRY HARDY
309.657.2345

November 18th
5:30pm @ Old Dog

RAISE FUNDS FOR WESTVIEW
ELEMENTARY
BY PLAYING FAMILY-FRIENDLY
TRIVIA

\$5 PER PERSON, MULLIGANS
FOR PURCHASE. TEAMS OF ANY
SIZE.

FOOD AND DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OLD
DOG.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS, PLEASE.
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[spotify.com](https://open.spotify.com/)



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Middle School
Youth Group

Thank you!

5-6:30pm
Nov 23, Sunday

Gratitude
Practices



Thank you, FCC!

Thank you very much, FCC, for such a
lovely Pastor
Appreciation Celebration!
We feel the love!

Thanks so much for the gift of minis-
try together and we look forward to
many more years of being church
together!

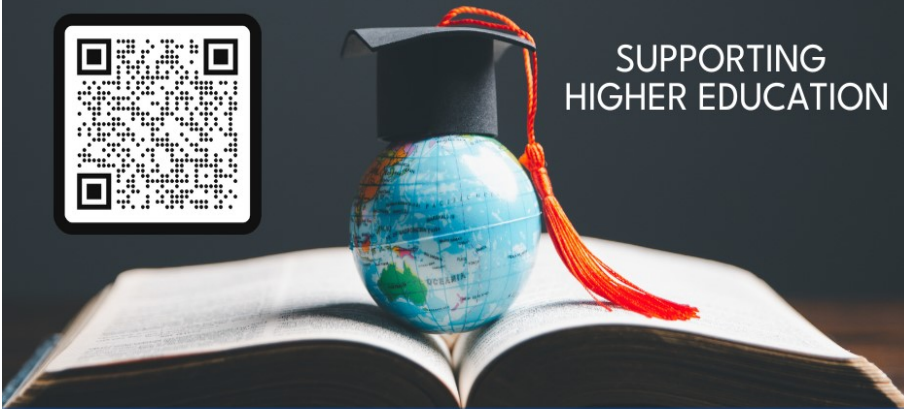
—Steve and Caitlin Mason

Upcoming Thanksgiving Special Offering
Gifts will be received November 16th and 23rd
To support the growth of young hearts and minds
through Disciples of Christ colleges, seminaries and
educational scholarship programs.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING



SUPPORTING
HIGHER EDUCATION



Bringing Students and Resources Together



First
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LIFE SKILLS ACADEMY

Prepare for the next steps of life with experts and one-on-one support in a welcoming space. This is the **SECOND** session, focused on college scholarships and managing your digital footprint. Hear what the professionals are looking for. Bring your scholarships with you for help.



\$500
scholarships
for 5 who
complete all
sessions

Who: Juniors, Seniors and 2025 Grads

When: Wednesday Nov. 19, 7-9pm

Where: First Christian Church

Cost: **FREE!** And snacks provided!



Scholarships and Digital Footprint

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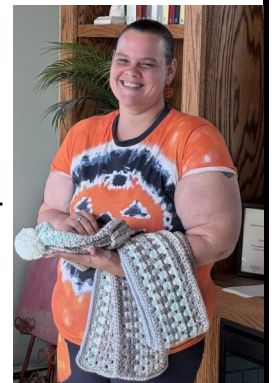
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East Elm Update

For over 40 years, East Elm Apartments has been a ministry of FCC and other area churches to provide affordable, community-centered housing for seniors. We have done that so well that the apartments are at 100% occupancy. And the board has decided to sell the property to S and A Rentals, a company co-owned by Sam Hines and Austin Rhodes, to manage the property going forward with the three core values of: affordable, community-centered, senior housing. The board is also in the process of transferring assets, which means **FCC will receive their share of \$80-100,000, which will be used for other outreach and community-building ministries.** Thanks FCC folks who have stewarded this ministry, including our current board representatives: Eugenia Warden, Susan Perez and Becky Wilcoxon.

Crochet Donations

FCC's own Moneta Bedwell generously shared some of her homemade crochet creations with the folks over at Renaissance care facility. Moneta donated lap blankets, stocking caps, and



scarves, which were happily received. Thanks for such a wonderful



example of inspiring generosity Moneta!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE

Community Thankful meal

NOV 23RD 2025

10:30AM CARRY OUT & DELIVERY BEGINS

DINE IN WITH US FROM 10:45AM-12PM

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
309-647-1363 TO RESERVE YOUR
MEALS BY THURSDAY NOV 21ST
BY 1PM!

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SAVE THE DATE

On November 16th, The Inspiring Generosity team will be announcing and handing out checks to the 2026 IGG recipients during worship at 9am!

World Communion Sunday



On Sunday, Oct. 3rd "we celebrated "World Communion Sunday" an annual celebration of unity and wholeness around the globe that's been going on for almost 100 years. It takes place on the 1st Sunday of October and, even in traditions that don't have communion every Sunday, churches from around the world will unite in the reminder of Jesus' prayer that we may all be one. Special thanks to deacons Don Powell and Tom Axline for preparing such a lovely celebration.



BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

November Birthdays

Caitlin Mason	Nov. 3
Scarlett McLean	Nov. 5
Cindy Hankins	Nov. 9
Dan Fitzjarrald	Nov. 10
Judy Kemper	Nov. 10
Lincoln Krulac	Nov. 10
Ella Goforth	Nov. 14
Jenna Goforth	Nov. 14
David Meeker	Nov. 19
Marilee Casper	Nov. 20
Katie Smith	Nov. 22
Lainey Moser	Nov. 22
Belle Hardy	Nov. 24
Mia Hardy	Nov. 28

November Anniversaries

Misti & Ryan Crossland	Nov. 5
Ashley & Chris Jump	Nov. 18

Last Months Giving & Ministry Needs

Ind. Giving: 18,594

Other Income: 870

Total: 19,464

Needs: 39,413

Difference: **-19,949**

YTD

YTD: 164,367

YTD: 8123

YTD: 242,551

YTD: 280,597

YTD: **-38,047**

Please Pray For:

Family & friends of Bob Bishop upon his death; Beverly McComb; Keith Munstedt; Cooper Ward; Family & friends of John Burgard; Jeff Ossman (stroke); Sharon Hall; Randy Weaver; Kelly (Laurie's husband); Don & Shirley Edwards (Bruce's parents); Cindy Schoenheider; Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); David Lueck (Janet White's nephew); Brad O'Brien; Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Tim Roberts (Diana Drinkwater's brother), Katie Hill, Steve Lefferts, Barb Bishop, Gary (& Susan) Barnhart, Kim Schrodt, Lana Formal, Jodi Smith, Haleigh Schoop, Crystal Graybel, Pam Beadles, John Brown, Mark Stoneking, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne; Tracy Snowman

Care Facilities:

Holly Brook Pekin - David & Bea Meeker

Heritage Woods— Bruce Christy, Barb Uno

Renaissance C.C.- Angie Slater, Bill

Brockett & Sue Weaver

Sunset - Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

November 2

Scripture	Eph. 1: 15-23
Greeters	Doris Taylor
Ushers	Paula Grigsby
Call to Worship	Vinnie Cufau
Scripture Reader	Susan Walters
Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson
Children's Church	Grant & Amanda
Invitation/Prayer	Maida Williams/Chuck Taylor
Deacons (prepare)	Zack & Janet /Jake & Carisa
Counters	Chuck Taylor/Don Heller
Coffee Fellowship	Judy Kemper

November 9

Scripture	Isaiah 1: 10-17
Greeters	Don & Connie Heller
Ushers	Barb Pollitt
Call to Worship	Video
Scripture Reader	Eugenia Warden
Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan
Children's Church	Caitlin & TBD
Invitation/Prayer	Kevin Coleman/Brian Spiva
Deacons (prepare)	Corey & Mark T /Judy & Susan
Counters	Brian Spiva/Kevin Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan

November 16

Scripture	Isaiah 65: 17-25
Greeters	Jan & Chuck Taylor
Ushers	Corey & Jen Miller
Call to Worship	Trygve Meade
Scripture Reader	Janet Krulac
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva
Children's Church	Amanda & Denise
Invitation/Prayer	Kevin Dearing/Shawna Axline
Deacons (prepare)	Jean & Michelle /Tom A. & Don P.
Counters	Shawna Axline/Bruce Edwards
Coffee Fellowship	Amanda & Grant Stephenson

November 23

Scripture	Isaiah 61: 1-4
Greeters	Judy Leitze
Ushers	Denny & Dee Doubet
Call to Worship	Video
Scripture Reader	Hailey Bryant
Children's Moment	Steve Mason
Children's Church	Jen & Corey Miller
Invitation/Prayer	Caitlin Mason/Grant Stephenson
Deacons (prepare)	Carissa M & Amanda /Dave & Sheila
Counters	Grant Stephenson/Daryle Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Thanksgiving Meal

November 30

Scripture	Romans 13: 11-14	Children's Moment	Jennifer Miller
Greeters	Pheobe Raker	Children's Church	No Children's Church
Ushers	Karen Meade	Invitation/Prayer	Tammy Weaver/Mike Krulac
Call to Worship	TBD	Deacons (prepare)	Shawn & Lyn /Shane & Chris
Scripture Reader	Maddie Bryant	Counters	Tammy Weaver/Alan Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Potluck		

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	No Book Study Elder's Meeting 6:30 PM	GEMS 10:00AM	Choir Practice 7PM			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Making Room Book Study 10-11AM Worship Meeting 11:00AM	GEMS 10:00AM Finance Meeting 5:30PM	Choir Practice 7PM	Lunch & Learn 12-1PM @ Baker Rec. Center		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM IGG Presentation	Making Room Book Study 10-11AM Christian Ed 6PM Board Meeting 7PM	GEMS 10:00AM Trivia Night @ Old Dog 5:30PM	Life Skills Academy 7-9PM Choir Practice 7PM			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM FCC Thankful Meal Youth Group 5-6:30PM	Property Meeting 4:00PM	GEMS 10:00AM	No Choir Practice	Happy Thanksgiving!		
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Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM Advent Festival 4:30-6:30PM						