

May 2026

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



**First
Christian
Church**

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A Joyful Easter Celebration

This Easter season was a beautiful and meaningful time for our church community. From the Upper Room Experience to Easter Sunday, each moment in April was filled with joy, reflection, and a powerful sense of togetherness. It was truly uplifting to see so many familiar faces, as well as new ones, come together to celebrate hope and renewal. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made these services so special. To those who helped plan and organize, those who volunteered their time, those who shared their musical talents, and everyone who simply showed up with open hearts—your presence and contributions made all the difference. Each detail, seen and unseen, helped create an atmosphere that was both welcoming and inspiring. Thank you for being part of such a meaningful and memorable Easter!



Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
Kevin Dearing: Care Coordinator



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

Pastor Hank Anderson's Report

My friends,

I am very excited to be with you for the next three months. I have many fond memories of my time with you back several years, and have been following your journey in the time since.

This time, however, will be different. For example, I will only be here on Sunday mornings and one or two other days during the week. In addition to being present on Sunday for worship, I also will be leading the "Digging Deeper" session following worship. The other day that I plan on being here is Wednesday. I will also meet with the board and the elders and maybe another group or two. But my time will be limited. I will, of course, also be available for any emergencies that might arise.

One thing I will ask is that you be patient with me. I have never been good with names, and haven't gotten better since 2021. Many of you I will recognize, and remember from my last time at Canton, but there is a good chance that you will need to remind me of your name. I apologize ahead of time for my bad memory, and thank you for your assistance in getting to know people again.

You as a congregation have changed in many ways over the past five years, and so have I and Deann. I look forward to hearing your stories of your recent journeys through life, sharing mine, and enjoying our journey together over next several months.

God bless, Hank



The Weekly Word Podcast & Minute at First will be taking a break while Steve is on Sabbatical & will start back up when he returns in August.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

A 5 week series on busting the myths and taking action on substance abuse

Led by Roger Larson from

NORTH-CENTRAL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

Sundays in May 10:30-noon

room 102



Children's Church Update

- Last Whirl Children's Church on May 17th
- Playground will be available this summer

Buen Camino, Pastor Steve!

We sent Pastor Steve off on sabbatical, Sunday April 26th, with prayers, blessings, and probably a lot of band-aids! As he walks the Camino de Santiago, we pray for rest, renewal, and strong feet! We'll miss you, Steve, but we know we are in good hands with Pastor Hank Anderson! We can't wait to hear all your stories and experiences when you get back! Also, special thank you to Don and Maida for the delicious Bon Voyage cake! It was the perfect touch to a wonderful send off! Pastor Hank's first Sunday with Canton FCC will be May 3rd. We hope to see you there!



Walking Challenge Accepted

While Pastor Steve walks the Camino, we invite you to participate in a church-wide Walking Challenge! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to stay connected, care for our health, and reflect spiritually as we walk together—wherever we are. Here's how it works: Walk at your own pace, in your own neighborhood or favorite park; Track your distance each day or week; Join us in working toward a shared congregational goal to keep up with Steve during his walk; Use your walking time for prayer, reflection, or simply enjoying God's creation. Let the office know what your total distance for the week was every Thursday for the month of May. There will be a fun map to follow the challenge along with on the bulletin board between the main entrance and fellowship hall! You're also invited to share your own experiences, photos, or prayer thoughts along the way! May this time be one of renewal, connection, and joy for us all.



Walk the Camino with Pastor Steve and see who gets there first...Steve or FCC?



WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:30am
Room 104

YOUR WEEKLY
MINUTE AT FIRST

Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.
Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.
Watch, like and share!



Community Work Day

FCC showed some joyful service helping with the community clean up day! Our church volunteers were in charge of landscaping at the Canton YMCA. Many other members of the community came out to help with the beautification of Jones Park and Big Creek Pool! Thanks to all the volunteers who showed some love for our community and helped make our town sparkle!



Know a Graduate?

Let the office know so we can celebrate during worship, May 17th!

Special Offering in May

In a world where many people feel uncertain, divided, or disconnected from one another, the Church is called to be a different kind of presence — one that reflects Christ’s compassion, humility, and grace. New Church Ministry is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada that trains, equips, assists, and multiplies emerging and affiliating congregations and leaders from the DisciplesNEXT methodology, which focuses on contemplative action, prophetic advocacy, and faith-rooted organizing. More information will be provided in the church bulletins later this month.



TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. -MICAH 6:8



LOVE IN ACTION.

**2026 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 17 AND MAY 24**

SUPPORT THE PENTECOST OFFERING



Scholarships for fall 2026

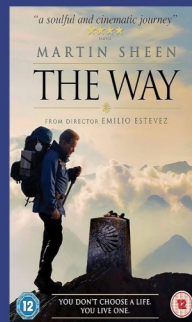
Applications due June 15th

(application forms available online at fcc.org)

Contact the office w/ any questions
309-647-1363



FCC MOVIE NIGHT



Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30pm in fellowship



This movie is about someone who is walking the same path as Pastor Steve during Sabbatical

Lunch & Learn

Getting Smart, Getting Connected

Date: Thursday, May 14th

Time: 12:00pm -1:30pm

Location: **Baker Rec Center**
940 N Main St.

Free with lunch provided!
call 309-647-1345 to RSVP

**Topic: Financial
Planning**

with Greg Glomb
from Edward Jones

HOSTED BY:
CANTON PARK DISTRICT
&
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ATTENTION
PLEASE!

**May-August
the nursery is not staffed**

During this time, you are still welcome to use this space,
but do not leave children unattended.

We apologize for any inconvenience and kids are welcome in
worship and at the playground

If you have suggestions for qualified nursery
attendants, please contact the office

Camp Big Sky: Volunteers Needed

Camp Big Sky, in Fairview IL, is dedicated to providing enriching outdoor experiences for individuals with disabilities and their families, friends and caregivers. They are reaching out to our church community to seek new volunteers who are interested in making a difference. They are specifically looking for individuals who can assist in the following roles; Boat Drivers, Tractor Drivers, Kayaking Assistance and Fishing Assistance. If you, or someone you know would be interested in joining their volunteer team, please reach out to Haven Kensinger at Exec@campbigsky.org or call (309) 258-6002. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



Message from Property Committee

The elevator is temporarily out of order. Please, use the southside entrance to the sanctuary if you need ramp assistance. The bus will drop off & pickup there.

Also, the far south side bathrooms (upstairs & downstairs) will be permanently closed and no longer in use.

Thank you!

68th Annual

Altruistic Club *Cookies for a Cause*

We will have our homemade cookies available for pick-up or delivery

for \$12.00 per box.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Pick-Up or Delivery 7:30-10:30 am

First Christian Church

215 W Elm St, Canton

If you would like to preorder boxed cookies, text or call

309-224-6560 (Darlene) or 309-264-6821 (Kathy)

Donations Are Appreciated

May Birthdays

Misti Crossland	May 1
Larry Warden	May 8
Trinity Baldry	May 9
Doris Svob	May 12
Kim Schrodt	May 13
Keith Munstedt	May 16
Gavin Stephenson	May 17
Nancy Cluts	May 18
Gillian Spiva	May 21
Mindy Glomb	May 23
Jarrold Zaborac	May 28
Juliana Jump	May 29
Amy Smith	May 29

May Anniversaries

Greg & Barb Pollitt	May 2
Bill & Judy Kemper	May 8
Dee & Denny Doubet	May 10
Kevin & Lori Coleman	May 26
Frank & Melinda Jones	May 28

March 2026 Giving & Ministry Needs

		<u>YTD</u>
Ind. Giving:	20,431	54,150
Other Income:	396	25,071
Total:	20,826	79,221
Needs:	26,838	86,808
Difference:	6,012	7,587

Please Pray For:

Tammy Weaver; Marilee Casper; Ava Leitze; Lela Marie & Lonnie; Jeff Shelby & family; Penny Winters; Donna (Keith's Sister); Carolyn Sue (Murphy) Tandy; Lorraine Neill; Diana Black Williamson; Christine Malott; Blaine Hardy; Sharon Hall; Don & Shirley Edwards (Bruce's parents); Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Gary Reneau, Brad O'Brien, Beverly McComb, Stephanie Parson, Tim Roberts, Katie Hill, Steve Lefferts, Barb Bishop, Gary Barnhart, Kim Schrodt, Lana Formal, Jodi Smith, Crystal Graybel, Pam Beadles, John Brown, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne

Care Facilities:

The Carriages Bloomington- David Meeker

Holly Brook Peoria - Liz Clark

Heritage Woods- Bruce Christy, Barb Uno, Nancy Cluts

Renaissance C.C.- Angie Slater; Bill Brockett

Sunset - Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

May 3		May 10	
Scripture	Psalm 22: 1-5	Scripture	Matthew 7: 24-27
Greeters	Doris Svob	Greeters	Diane Schrodt
Ushers	Lorraine Neill	Ushers	Shawn & Lyn Snowman
Call to Worship	Colleen Conrad	Call to Worship	Dave Bell
Scripture Reader	Hailey Bryant	Scripture Reader	Maddie Bryant
Children's Moment	Kevin Coleman	Children's Moment	Sherry Coffey
Invitation/Prayer	Kevin Coleman/Shawna Axline	Invitation/Prayer	Maida Williams/Grant Stephenson
Deacons (prepare)	Carissa & Amanda/Dave & Sheila	Deacons (prepare)	Shawn & Lyn/Shane & Chris
Counters	Kevin Coleman & Don Heller	Counters	Grant Stephenson & TBD
Children's Church	Jen & Corey Miller	Children's Church	Amanda & Janet White
Coffee Fellowship	Kevin Dearing	Coffee Fellowship	Paula Grigsby
May 17		May 24	
Scripture	Romans 8: 37-39	Scripture	Isaiah 43: 18-19
Greeters	Susan Perez	Greeters	Alan & Daryle Coleman
Ushers	Spiva Family	Ushers	Bruce & Sherry Fisher
Call to Worship	TBD	Call to Worship	Janet Krulac
Scripture Reader	Vinnie Cufaude	Scripture Reader	Don Heller
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva	Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson
Invitation/Prayer	Sherry Coffey/Chuck Taylor	Invitation/Prayer	Tammy Weaver/Mike Krulac
Deacons (prepare)	TBD & Eugenia/Denny & Dee	Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carissa/Zack & Janet
Counters	Chuck Taylor & Sherry Coffey	Counters	Tammy Weaver & Alan Coleman
Children's Church	TBD	Coffee Fellowship	Judy Kemper
Coffee Fellowship	Amanda & Grant		
May 31			
Scripture	Psalm 1: 1-13	Children's Moment	Jennifer Miller
Greeters	Mike & Sue Walters	Invitation/Prayer	Rhonda Morgan & Kevin Dearing
Ushers	Marilee Casper	Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan/Emily & Mark T
Call to Worship	TBD	Counters	Daryle Coleman & Jen Miller
Scripture Reader	Lyn Snowman		
Coffee Fellowship	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan		

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Substance Abuse Class 10:30-12pm	Elder's Meeting 6:30 PM	GEMS 10AM	Choir Practice 7PM			
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Substance Abuse Class 10:30-12pm	Worship Meeting 11:00AM	GEMS 10AM	Choir Practice 7PM			
17 Honoring Grads	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Substance Abuse Class 10:30-12pm	Christian Ed 6PM Board Meeting 7PM	GEMS 10AM Finance Meeting 5:30PM				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Substance Abuse Class 10:30-12pm	Memorial Day (Office Closed) Property Meeting 4PM	GEMS 10AM				
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