

August 2022Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**First
Christian
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Meet a New FCC Member!



Keith Munstedt comes to us from Galesburg, where he was active at First Christian. Keith grew up in a military family and has lived all over the United States, but came to Canton to return to his Illinois roots and hoping to be a part of an active faith community. Keith is "on fire for the Lord!" someone who is steeped in the Bible. His favorite scripture comes from John 14 where Jesus tells the disciples as he's gathering with them before his crucifixion, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." Keith hopes to be able to participate in Bible study, volunteer with children's ministries and sing in the choir. It's such a gift to welcome such a passionate and eager Christian. Welcome Keith! And make sure to support his journey in faith as *Keith will be baptized during our Aug 21st worship service!*

Next newsletter you'll be introduced to our other new members including Glen Hamm and the Bryant family.

Be on the lookout for an updated membership directory that includes these folks and other updates in the life of our church. We hope to have these available in the office by mid-August.

Join the fun at the **PEORIA CHIEFS BASEBALL NIGHT** Friday, August 19

The game begins at 6:35 p.m., but you will want to get there early to get food and beverages! Fireworks after the Game!!

Your cost is only **\$12.00** per ticket! We have reserved 50 seats in Section 110 and you can purchase tickets online through website www.ticketreturn.com

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Password: churchgroup

or call the church office and we will secure them for you.

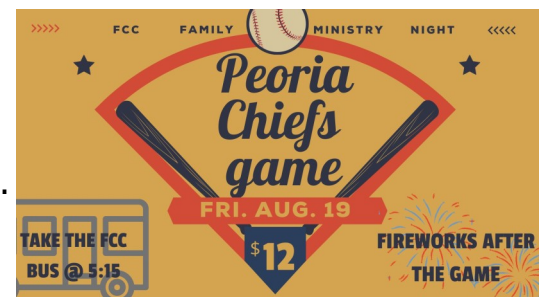
This should be a fun, family-friendly event!

Plan to invite some friends!

If you would like a ride, the **FCC Bus** can take up to 26 people.

If you take the bus, know it will leave the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m.** and return after the fireworks.

Call the church to reserve your space.



Steve Mason: Pastor
Emily Douglas: Office Coordinator
Email: contact@cantonfcc.org



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

I always love VBS weeks—even though I always need a nap after! They're such a fun time of faith formation and extending community beyond the faces we usually get to see. I also have noticed we do a great job of getting older youth to take a strong leadership role in our Vacation Bible Schools and I think that mentorship and leadership is such an important part of maturing as a disciples of Christ!

But as much as I love the games, the silly songs, the sugary snacks—not to mention what kids have been calling the “post-party” out at the playground; what I love most about VBS is something we do called “God Sightings.” These God Sightings are something we share at each evening’s wrap up. We ask the kids where they’ve “seen” God in their days—maybe it was in nature or a person or doing something difficult or remembering a scripture...it could be about anything. But here’s the amazing thing—each day as I get to ask the kids about their God Sighting, hands shoot up with kids as excited to share where they saw God today as if I just asked who wants free ice cream! They talk about relationships that nurture them, amazing creatures they’ve noticed, about strangers who show care and feelings they’ve experienced that connect them to the Holy Spirit.

What I want to know is: when did we adults stop having God Sightings?

If each Sunday a part of worship included a time for where each of us has encountered the Holy, would we wizened folks be as quick, as excited or as ready to share as the kids who haven't even been baptized? I've often found that adults have all kinds of opinions and thoughts on all sorts of things related to church, committees, finances, structures...but if you ask them, where is God in your life, all of a sudden we tend to clam up. Or we look to the elders to speak. Or a pastor. But I believe God wants each of us to have daily sightings of the Holy in our midst.

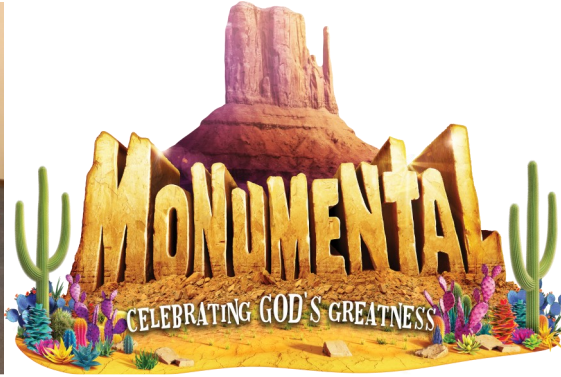
My hope is that as church, we celebrate the God sightings. That we help us adults who might need a bit of coaxing, to name that we actually apply this faith stuff that we keep saying is so important to teach our kids. In this respect, maybe it's we—myself included—who has something to learn from our children.

Help me, as we model our ministries with an eye towards supporting all of us to have God Sightings, to name and claim the Holy all around us. Maybe we can learn what Jesus meant when he said, “unless you become like a little child, you will never be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Thank God, we have some good teachers in our VBS kids!



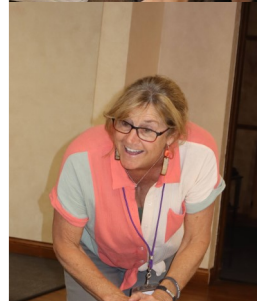
Starting back **August 15th** on Monday mornings,
Minute at First.

Find this good minute of information and spiritual formation in your email or on Facebook. Watch, like and share!



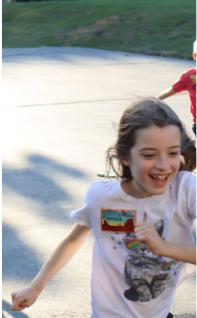
This year's VBS was **"Monumental"** in importance and success as well as numbers of volunteers helping!

Even though we had fewer children participate, this smaller number allowed us to continue with our safety protocols and to interact on a more individual basis to bring this year's theme and message to the kids.



We want to thank all parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends that shared your children with us to learn "What an awesome God we have!"

Our Station Leaders put a lot of time & effort into their lessons, our Crew Leaders helped our youth focus on & embrace the lessons each day, our Kitchen Crew provided take home snacks & water stations daily, & our Decoration Crew did a fabulous job helping to bring VBS alive for everyone who participated! Without the support of ALL of these individuals we wouldn't be able to have VBS every year. There are more pictures available on our FB page!



VBS Directors,
Jean and Janet



News from Outreach

Thank you for all who came to celebrate our Neighborhood and Pavilion.

Thank you for those who assisted with set up, clean up, meal prep, cookies, meal serving and delivery. It is wonderful to have such dedicated church members and friends!



BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Transcripts and Scholarship Applications

are due on August 15. You can pick up a application at FCC office or request to have it emailed to you, just email contact@cantonfcc.org for a copy.

Please note, there will be no Outreach meeting in August.

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

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**WANT TO ADD YOUR VOICE?
JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR:**

WE REHEARSE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
AT 7PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

*Rehearsals start
Sept. 7th*



Join us for worship, **Sunday Aug 14 at 9am**, as we take special time in worship to ask for God's guidance & blessing for our students & educators. Students, **bring your backpacks**, tablets or whatever reminder of your upcoming school year so we can pray for and bless your upcoming school year.



Blessing of the backpacks Aug 14th

Celebrate baptisms Aug 21st

Pictures of Jesus

A Worship Series celebrating the many sides of Christ Sundays in August

Help Needed with Bus Ministry at FCC!

Bill Leitze looking for people to help assist people on and off FCC bus for each Sunday Service.

No Training or Certification is needed. If you can help, please contact Bill directly at 309-253-1730.

This will be a **BIG** help!



The FAITH bus - let God take you places



Please Continue To Pray For:

We grieve with Betty Tracey upon the death of her son-in-law, Bob Schade. We mourn his loss.

Elaine Patrick with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Bob Stockham; Harriett Schleich; Tracy Snowman (Tom & Norma Snowman's Daughter in-law); Lloyd Eldon Leezer (friend of Allen Smith); Kay Bricker; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson & Family; Cory Reneau (nephew of Mark & Marla Reneau); Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Journee Vineyard (Doreen Shaw's friend); Allard Family; Sarah Eskridge (friend of Alan Coleman); Melody with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Brenda Lybarger (Melissa Dean's mom); Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Blaine Hardy; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim Wickert); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); and Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Kevin Coleman	2-Aug
Zack Krulac	3-Aug
Steven Moore	3-Aug
Dave Grigsby	4-Aug
Karen Meade	4-Aug
Susan Walters	4-Aug
Tracy Snowman	5-Aug
Norma Snowman	11-Aug
Savannah Snowman	12-Aug
Trygve Meade	19-Aug
Doris Taylor	20-Aug
Dee Doubet	22-Aug
Suzanne Freeman	23-Aug
Josh Kemper	23-Aug
Judy Leitze	23-Aug
Liz Pollitt	28-Aug
Char VanRossem	31-Aug
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
Shawn & Lyn Snowman	4-Aug
Bruce & Jean Edwards	6-Aug
Mike & Janet Krulac	7-Aug
Joe & Janet Stone	7-Aug
Chris & Sherry Hardy	12-Aug
Scott & Tracy Snowman	13-Aug
Dwayne & Cindy Bernard	14-Aug
Dick & Char VanRossem	14-Aug
Chuck & Jan Taylor	19-Aug

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates

Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright

At Red Oak Estates

Betty Kost; Tom Neill

At Renaissance Care Center

Curtis Krock; Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

At Sunset

Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Raymond Lindsey

The Loft Nursing Home - Jeff Zehring (Lorraine Neill's son), Suzanne and Diane Freeman

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

August 7, 2022 - Outside Service		August 14, 2022	
Scripture	John 10:7-16	Scripture	Matthew 5:13-20
Greeters	Don & Connie Heller	Greeters	Lyn Snowman & Family
Ushers	Mark & Laura Taylor	Ushers	Corey & Jen Miller
CtW Reader	Vinnie Cufaude	CtW Reader	Video
Scripture Reader	Kate Fitzjarrald	Scripture Reader	Tammy Weaver
Children's Moment	Randy Weaver	Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva
Children's Church	Kevin & Jan Dearing	Children's Church	Corey & Jen Miller
Invitation	Daryle Coleman	Invitation	Jen Miller
Prayer	Alan Coleman	Prayer	Jan Dearing
Counters	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver	Counters	Kevin Coleman & Doreen Shaw
August 21, 2022		August 28, 2022	
Scripture	Matthew 16:13-19	Scripture	Matthew 21:12-17
Greeters	Alan & Daryle Coleman	Greeters	Vinnie Cufaude
Ushers	Bruce & Jean Edwards	Ushers	Mike & Janet Krulac
CtW Reader	Lori Coleman	CtW Reader	Video
Scripture Reader	Eugenia Warden	Scripture Reader	Diane Schrodt
Children's Moment	Jen Miller	Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman
Children's Church	Rhonda Morgan & Jan Taylor	Children's Church	Mike & Janet Krulac
Invitation	Chuck Taylor	Invitation	Mike Walters
Prayer	Kevin Dearing	Prayer	Bruce Edwards
Counters	Daryle Coleman & Vinnie Cufaude	Counters	Don Heller & Jen Miller

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Elders Meeting 6:30 P.M.	2	3	4	5 Murder/Mystery Dinner Theatre at FCC 5th & 6th at 6 pm or Aug 7 at 1pm	6
7 Outside Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	8 Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	9	10 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	15 CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Cabinet Meeting 7:00 P.M.	16 Card Club 2:00 P.M.	17	18 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 A.M.	19	20
21 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	22 Property Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	23	24 No Outreach Meeting	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	29	30	31			