

August 2024

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



**First
Christian
Church**

www.cantonfcc.org

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Canton, IL 61520

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VBS AUG. 5-8

5:30-7:30PM

AGES 3-5TH GRADE

FREE DINNER

POOL PARTY



REGISTRATION:



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUG 11 @ 9AM



scholarships for fall 2024

- For Students attending college this fall semester
- Applications & more details are available in the church office
- Application Deadline: August 1st



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



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

Ask almost any church to describe themselves and usually the first word is “friendly”. But, in practice, most of the time, friendly really means friendly if you look, behave or believe like us...and it helps if we’re related. If you’ve ever been on the outside of a group, trying to make a connection, you know how hard it can be to cultivate friends. And, when done right in churches, being friendly can be an amazing ministry – I know that was a big factor in what drew me here over three years ago.

And I know we live in the world where you can “friend” someone that you haven’t seen or thought of in decades and that friendship seems like a lame door prize; but when Jesus talks about friendship, he speaks about it in radical and urgent terms. Jesus knows, that to call someone a friend, is a great honor and responsibility. In Jesus’ time a friend was considered an extension of family, or what Caitlin and I like to call our “family of choice”. Having a trusted network of friends has been shown to drastically improve our emotional and physical health.

All month long we are going to be talking about friendship – not only because this is such an important theme to our faith, but because this is the theme for our Vacation Bible School “Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God!” And if it’s important enough for kids to know, I think it’s important enough for the whole church to remember!

To give you one example of what a radical and amazing gift a friendly church can be, let me share this story: recently, my sister, Sarah, brother-in-law, Tito, and their girls were visiting us from Nebraska. We were going to a movie altogether at the Majestic. As we opened the doors, standing in front of us were two folks from First Christian. They took one look at our gang and said to Tito, “it’s so good to see you out and walking! We’ve been praying for you!” Mind you, almost two years ago my brother-in-law suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed and we had asked for prayers. So these wonderful folks, who had maybe only met Tito and Sarah one or two other times, at most, not only recognized them, greeted them and genuinely expressed gratitude for his health and connected it to their spiritual practice—talk about deep friendship! I turned to my sister and said, “and THAT is why we are so happy to be here!”

We all need friends. We need one another. We need to keep each other in prayer. Friendship is a vital gift of faith and a key to thriving in our lives! So make sure to join us this month—in VBS, in worship and in your daily practice—as we celebrate and cultivate the gifts of friendship.

Peace, *Pastor Steve*



Hey kiddos!

Join the cool kids at Children's Church

using the new *Whirl* curriculum
ages 4-5th grade
right after the children's message

Whirl



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

WILL RESUME ON

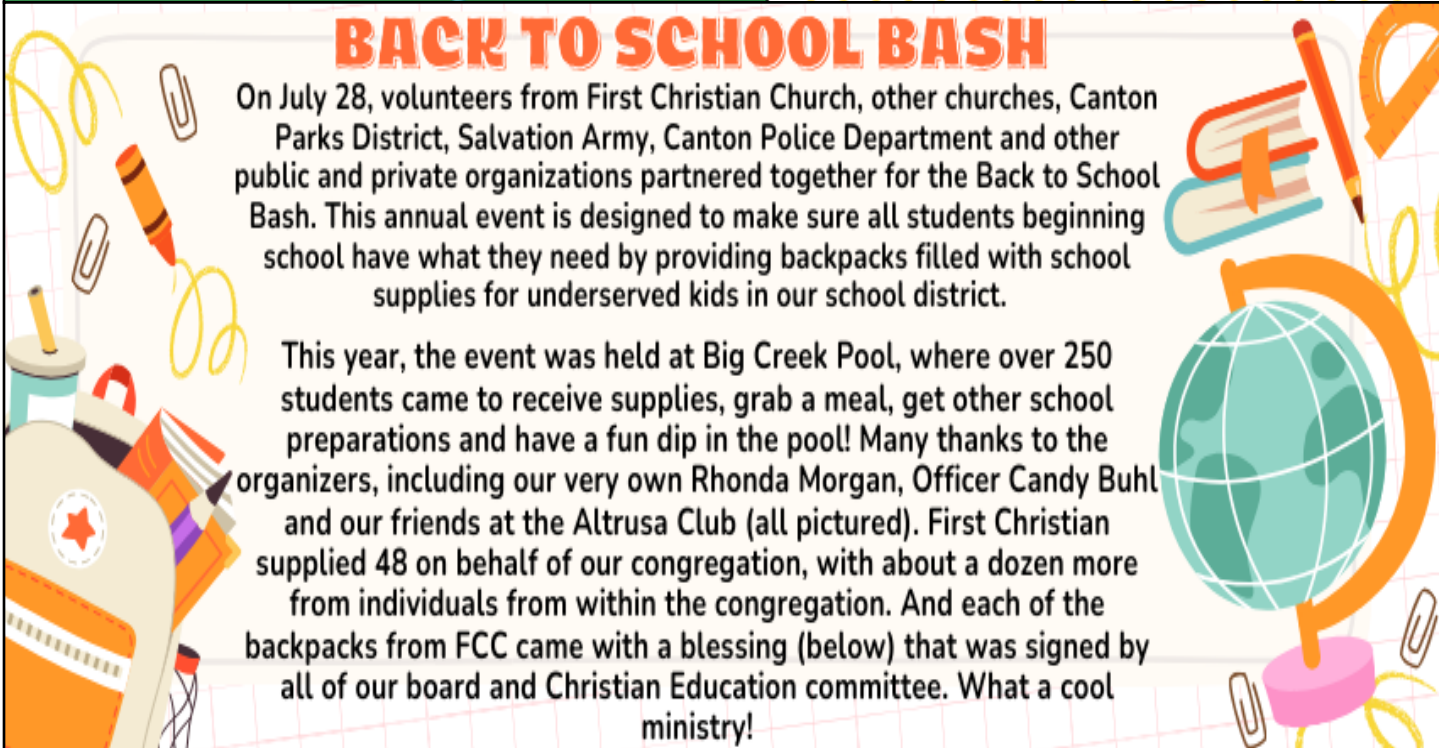
AUGUST 11TH! WE CAN'T

WAIT TO SEE YOU THEN!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On July 28, volunteers from First Christian Church, other churches, Canton Parks District, Salvation Army, Canton Police Department and other public and private organizations partnered together for the Back to School Bash. This annual event is designed to make sure all students beginning school have what they need by providing backpacks filled with school supplies for underserved kids in our school district.

This year, the event was held at Big Creek Pool, where over 250 students came to receive supplies, grab a meal, get other school preparations and have a fun dip in the pool! Many thanks to the organizers, including our very own Rhonda Morgan, Officer Candy Buhl and our friends at the Altrusa Club (all pictured). First Christian supplied 48 on behalf of our congregation, with about a dozen more from individuals from within the congregation. And each of the backpacks from FCC came with a blessing (below) that was signed by all of our board and Christian Education committee. What a cool ministry!

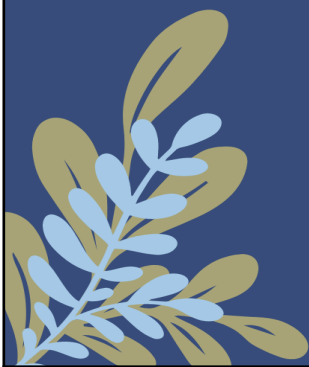




THANK YOU
Thank you members of FCC who ran, raised money and volunteered to help with the annual St. Jude run! \$120,000 was raised for the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

Inspiring Generosity Grants

Learn more & start brainstorming about your plans:
cantonfcc.org/grants



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EMPOWERMENT & COMPASSION RETREAT

A SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH CAMP

FRIDAY 16
SUNDAY 18
AUGUST 2024

- ✔ Share your Story
- ✔ Connect Faith & Action
- ✔ Build a Better World, Together!

REGISTER FOR FREE

BY AUGUST 5 11:59 PM CT
*THANKS TO A GENEROUS GRANT

More Info: www.CampWalterScott.org/justice

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15290 E 300th Ave, Dieterich, IL 62424
a ministry of the Christian Church in IL & WI



LGBTQ+ RETREAT FOR YOUTH

8th-12th grade

ST. LOUIS, MO
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Friday, Aug. 30- Monday, Sept. 2

REGISTER NOW!
<http://cciwdisciples.org/events>



LIVING LEGACY – Phase 2

As you may be aware we are moving ahead during this phase collecting names of those who are supporting the Living Legacy Plan. Please consider joining us. We have already heard a couple of testimonials sharing with you the reasons why they are becoming a Charter Partner this year.

Now here is a story of how a past Living Legacy gift has helped our congregation “thrive” today. It comes from the life of Dorothy Willcoxon. Dorothy grew up in Canton and in our church. She graduated from Canton High School and went on to graduate with a teaching degree from the University of Illinois. While attending U of I, she spent her summers here at First Christian Church. During that time, she was the Vacation Bible School director of 130 students.

She spent much of the rest of her life in the profession of teaching, eventually retiring from teaching in the Champaign area. Evidently her association with our church, her Sunday school class and Bible School held fond memories for her, memories that led her to leave a portion of her estate to our church. That \$20,438 gift in 1998 was quite appropriately put into our Scholarship Fund which now has over \$45,000 in it. In 2023 there were 14 scholarships given to our college students that added up to \$9,800. Some years we can afford to provide them through regular giving, but other years we utilize Scholarship Funds. Dorothy’s estate gift, a Living Legacy gift, has helped our student members and their families for over two decades.

Dorothy’s gift was most likely a \$20,000 life insurance policy that gained interest during the time her estate was being finalized. Have you considered this method of becoming a Charter Partner? All you have to do is make First Christian Church a benefactor on your insurance policy. This is a very easy way to make a significant commitment to our Living Legacy.

May God continue to bless our Living Legacy efforts.

Don Heller

On behalf of the Finance Committee



WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:30am
Room 104

BECOMING DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

August Birthdays

Kevin Coleman	Aug 2
Zack Krulac	Aug 3
Dave Grigsby	Aug 4
Karen Meade	Aug 4
Susan Walters	Aug 4
Tracy Snowman	Aug 5
Norma Snowman	Aug 11
Savannah Snowman	Aug 12
Gary Zaborac	Aug 12
Trygve Meade	Aug 19
Doris Taylor	Aug 20
Allen Smith	Aug 21
Cami Bernard	Aug 22
Dee Doubet	Aug 22
Josh Kemper	Aug 23
Judy Leitze	Aug 23
Liz Pollitt	Aug 28
Char VanRossem	Aug 31

August Anniversaries

Shawn & Lyn Snowman	Aug 4
Bruce & Jean Edwards	Aug 6
Mike & Janet Krulac	Aug 7
Joe & Janet Stone	Aug 7
Chris & Sherry Hardy	Aug 12
Scott & Tracy Snowman	Aug 13
Dick & Char VanRossem	Aug 14
Trent & Chantel Goforth	Aug 16
Chuck & Jan Taylor	Aug 19

Please Pray For:

Friends & family of Jerry during his passing (Keith's roommate); Brad O'Brien (Sherry Hardy's friend); Norma Snowman (broken hip) & the Snowman family; Tayvin Henderson (Friend of Jack Fitzjarrald); Larry Avery; Carol Harmon; Wendy Mayall; Margaret Landgrebe (blood clots in her legs); Jan Dearing; Kevin Allard (Tad Allard's brother); Doris Taylor recovering from back surgery; Sarah & Tas in their work at Salvation Army and for all of those w/o safe housing; Sid Smith while hospitalized (Lyn Snowman's uncle); Liz Pollitt; Blaine Hardy (deployed overseas); Joyce & Zack Norris; Steve Fisher (diagnostic procedures); Those battling with cancer: Jason Lasseigne, Bev Lynch (friend of Daryle Coleman), Lloyd Leezer (Marla Hedden's brother), Jessica Mayall (Sandy Foutch's niece); The Stephenson family on SueEllen's transplant recuperation; Steve Moore; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates: David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset: Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center: Angie, Bill & Sue

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

8-4-24: Thank You for Being a Friend		8-11-24: The One Where Jesus Tells U to Love	
Scripture	John 6: 26-35, 66-69	Scripture	John 13: 34-35 & 15: 9-17
Greeters	Connie Brady & Betty Tracey	Greeters	Barb Pollitt
Ushers	Alan & Daryle Coleman	Ushers	Mike & Susan Walters
CtW	Video	CtW	Kate Fitzjarrald
Scripture Reader	Aja Lawson	Scripture Reader	Jean Edwards
Children's Moment	Jean Edwards	Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman
Song Leader	Aja Lawson	Song Leader	Sherry Coffey
Invitation	Jen Miller	Invitation/Prayer	Chuck Taylor/Alan Coleman
Prayer	Daryle Coleman	Children's Church	Janet Krulac & Connie Heller
Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carisa /Zack & Janet	Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan /Corey & Mark T
Counters	Daryle & Alan Coleman	Counters	Chuck Taylor & Alan Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Doreen Shaw	Coffee Fellowship	Judy Kemper
8-18-24: Friends Don't Lie		8-25-24: A Friend's a Friend Forever	
Scripture	John 14: 23-27	Scripture	John 3: 16-21
Greeters	Mark & Laura Taylor	Greeters	Corey & Jen Miller
Ushers	McLean Family	Ushers	Liz Pollitt
CtW	Video	CtW	Lyn Snowman
Scripture Reader	Jack Fitzjarrald	Scripture Reader	Dave Bell
Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan	Children's Moment	Steve Mason
Song Leader	Belle Hardy	Song Leader	Caitlin Mason
Invitation/Prayer	Steve Mason/Bill Leitze	Invitation/Prayer	Caitlin Mason/Doreen Shaw
Children's Church	Caitlin Mason & Addy Dominski	Children's Church	Lyn Snowman & Becky Wilcoxon
Deacons (prepare)	Tad & Amy /Jean & Michelle	Deacons (prepare)	Dave & Sheila /Grant & Amanda
Counters	Tammy Weaver & Don Heller	Counters	Jen Miller & Doreen Shaw
Coffee Fellowship	Amanda & Grant	Coffee Fellowship	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Fall Scholarships Due!	2	3
4 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	5 Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	6 VBS 5:30-7:30PM	7 VBS 5:30-7:30PM	8 VBS 5:30-7:30PM	9	10
11 Worship 9:00AM Blessing of the Backpacks Bible Study 10:30AM	12 Worship Meeting 6PM	13 Finance Meeting 5:30PM	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	19 Christian Ed Meeting 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7:00PM	20 Outreach Meeting 5pm	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	26 Property Meeting 4PM	27	28	29	30	31