

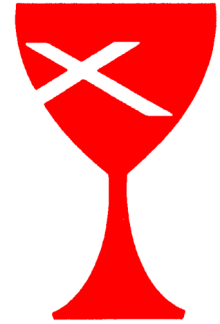
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Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday-Sunday
Closed

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Canton, IL 61520-2496
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
9:00 Worship & Children's Church



Join us for worship,
Sunday Aug 8 at 9am, as we take special time in worship to ask for God's guidance &

blessing for our students & educators. We will welcome any students to come forward & **bring their backpacks**, tablets or whatever they want to bring as a reminder of their upcoming school year to pray for them.

Educators are also invited to come forward & bring anything with them they would like as a part of the blessing! What a joy we have to pray for a safe, exciting & enriching school year for all!

We are participating in the Back to School Bash on **Sunday, August 1 from 3-5pm**. It is at Jones Park. We will have a tent with games.

There will be Bounce Houses, Carnival Games, Food, Music, & Fun for Whole Family



Free Book Bag with Starter Supplies (K-8 grade)-Book bag request forms may be filled out at the Canton Police Department, Salvation Army Food Bank, & First Baptist Church Food Bank

From the Re-Entry Committee:

After the latest CDC announcement, the Re-entry committee is recommending going back to **face masks for everyone attending inside Sunday service**, both vaccinated and unvaccinated. The Coronavirus has developed new variants which can be transmitted even by those vaccinated.

We will continue with distance seating, individual communion, sanitation as well. We are aware that other churches and groups may be handling things differently, but our sincere goal continues to be providing a safe environment for our church family. Your cooperation and patience are very much appreciated.



Useful Websites:

Website- <https://cantonfcc.org/>

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/Canton-First-Christian-Church-192804694616/>

Online Giving- <https://engage.suran.com/cantonfcc/s/give/new-gift>

Steve Mason: Pastor

Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor

John Davis: Director of Music

Misti Crossland: Office Coordinator

Gretchen Fuller: Organist

www.cantonfcc.org

Church Email: contact@cantonfcc.org

For those of us who are novice gardeners, it is a rude awakening that first season when you discover the gardening involves more than planting a seed and simply waiting for that flower, vegetable or fruit to show up. You all know it takes weeding, pruning and watering, at the least. That's because for the plant to develop and bear fruit, it must grow deeper roots and mature.



There is a reason why Jesus and so many authors of our scriptures describe faith in terms of gardens and plants. We have to grow and mature – we need passionate spirituality to become the kind of deeper disciples who bear good fruit. At First Christian Church, we are committed to that vision of fostering such disciples. After all, imagine if your faith lacked the kind of basic care we give to a vegetable garden. If the only sermons you ever heard were children's sermons, if Bible study never addressed the deep and challenging complexities of life, if you always relied on other adults to say your prayers or if you never learned how to share the gospel with those around you. That kind of faith would never carry you through hardships, it wouldn't help you dig deeper roots, blossom and fruit into the kind of dedicated disciples that Jesus calls you to be.

So here is the ask: we need some people who will commit to imagining what will make our faithful garden grow. In other words, we need some people who will commit to meeting together a few times, to help us decide what programs in ministries can help us grow as deeper disciples. We need people who are passionate about Bible study or prayer or being a welcoming and inviting church. And we need people who may never have been satisfied with ways you have experienced those things in the past, but who have hope and ideas for the future.

I trust that within this congregation, there are hearts and minds who want to grow deeper, who feel that our faith offers a bumper crop of support in life and that we want to share it with our neighbors. I bet we have people who will commit to being on a team that cultivates this church's discipleship. People who can plan studies and small groups, people who have ideas on how we can help welcome new people beyond our current congregation and how to mature the faiths of people in our midst.

If you think you might be one of these people who will help imagine how we can tend to our garden of discipleship, please reach out to me and let me know within the next week or two so that we can assemble a team to dream and take the first steps in caring for First Christian's garden of faith.

--Pastor Steve



Outdoor Worship On September 6th

This is our last Sunday outside our church parking lot this year. Please come join us for Sunday fun under the Sun (or in the shade if you choose.) Please remember to bring your lawn chair!!!!

News From Outreach, August 2021

This month, Paula and I helped at the YWCA Workday. We did some painting. We support both of the Ys financially and through time and talent.

Thank you to all who send cards to our shut ins and those in care homes. You know you are bringing a ray of sunshine to them. Just a note saying "Thinking of You" means a lot.

Important Dates

- ◆ **Sunday, August 1**-Scholarship applications are due.
- ◆ **Sunday, August 1**-Back to School Bash from **3-5p.m.**
- ◆ **Sunday, September 12**-after morning worship. Join us in Fellowship Hall on a walk through to see the various activities and groups you can participate in.
- ◆ **Sunday, September 19**-Carry out/Pick up Lunch, Free to all, from **11a.m.-12p.m.** Opportunities to help with this project: Kitchen, Dessert packaging, Food Packaging, Delivery, Pickup.

Submitted by Judy Kemper, Outreach Chairperson



Update from the Worship Committee:

We will be having Worship in the Park on **August 15th at 10:15 a.m.** The service will be at Big Creek Park. Remember that you need to bring your own chair. You are welcome to stay after the service to visit. **There will**

NOT be a potluck style meal this year. You are welcome to pack your own lunch.

On Aust 29th we will be having Steve's installation service. The service is designed to welcome Steve formally as our settled pastor.



Installation

Upcoming departure of the Crossland Family

We are both excited & sad to share this news with our church family. We will be relocating to Victoria, Texas. Ryan has accepted a position there that begins in September. We are unsure of the exact date of our departure because we are currently looking for a home to buy in Victoria. It will more than likely be between the end of August and beginning of October. I have enjoyed working in the church office the past 4.5 years & will certainly miss my interactions with our congregation. The Office Coordinator position has been posted & we are hoping to have the position filled before I leave so I can help acclimate whomever fills it. I am sure they will be a wonderful asset to our congregation. With love, Misti Crossland

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

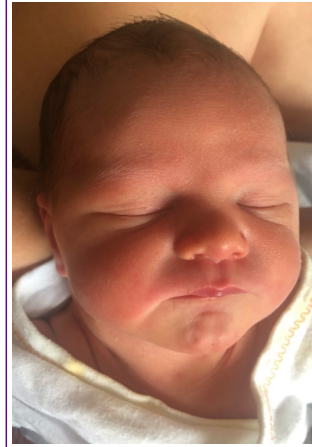
-Winnie the Pooh

CHURCH BOARD

Greetings from the Board!

The board has had a busy summer. We are currently looking for volunteers to be on our **Discipleship Team**, which was developed as part of our

new vision. It may be that you are called to just take on one task, or be a team leader. Next up for the board, committees will be preparing budgets for the new year. Our budget reflects our visions and dreams for the Church. It reflects our commitments to our giving and our commitment to the vision we have laid out. There are several ways to serve the Church in the next month, so be sure to check out the schedule! Have a Blessed August! -Kara Fitzjarrald, Board Chair



Haddon Tyler Edwards was born to Tyler & Stacey on July 26th in Urbana, IL. Welcomed home by big brother, Glen, & big sister, Maeve. Proud grandparents are Bruce & Jean Edwards.



What: Back To School Family Night Celebration

When: Sun Aug 22nd 6-7PM

Where: First Christian Church - Fellowship Hall

We will be playing some family minute to win-it-games for all ages, we will have snacks and other back to school themed fun activities!



All ages are invited to attend!

This year we want to thank our teachers for all their hard work. We will be taking donations of items for the teachers personal and mental use and for classroom use to put together in "thank you baskets to be delivered to the schools!

Please bring items to the event, or there will be a box at the church to drop off items. Ideas: Hand Lotion, Tylenol, Clorox Wipes, Nail Kits, Flair Pens (fun/fancy), Tic-Tacs, Gum, pretty paper/notepads, sticky notes, Coffee Gift Cards, Face Masks, Snacks, Inspirational shirts or other items, air fresheners, Jolly Ranchers, Mints, stickers, amazon gift cards, cheap ear buds or other items.

Hosted by the Family Ministry Team- for questions, contact Amy Allard



In search for a Chi Rho Leader!

We are looking for a new Chi Rho Leader for FCC. Michelle Spiva has done a wonderful job the past couple years, but she is going to move up with her youngest and beginning our High School Youth Group (CYF) again. We are excited for her to return this program to FCC. We would love to see our Chi Rho program continue. If you'd like more information please contact Michelle Spiva or Steve!

CYF-High School Youth Group

We are in the process of forming a new CYF group for our local high school aged friends. Before Covid we had been meeting with some other churches in the area to collaborate on forming a partnership for this youth group. We had planned several months worth of activities throughout the community which, unfortunately, had to be put on hold. Now that larger groups are allowed to gather again, we are ready to start planning activities for this new group.



Our new CYF group will be called 3:16 and will be in collaboration with Trinity Lutheran and First Presbyterian. More churches are welcome to join us at anytime and all local high school students will be invited to attend our events. We are in the process of setting a planning meeting in August with the hopes of having our first 3:16 event in September. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.....

-Thanks, Michelle

Nursery Workers

We are planning to reopen the Nursery in August. (Exact date will be announced once we have our new staff trained.) Hours: 8:45-10:15. We are requiring COVID Vaccination. You will be primarily working with children infant-age 3. This job is ideal for High School students. You must be at least 15. Contact Misti if interested, contact@cantonfcc.org.



HELPING HANDS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The Christian Education Committee would love to welcome any church member who'd like to work with our Youth! See below who to contact:

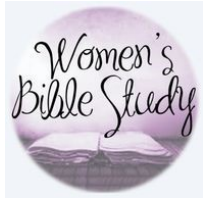
- ◆ PreK/Ki Church-Lyn Snowman
- ◆ Children's Church-Jean Edwards
- ◆ CYF-Michelle Spiva
- ◆ Children's Moment-Jen Miller
- ◆ Chi Rho-Michelle Spiva or Steve

Church Pictorial Directory:

I will be taking pictures 15 min. before & after church on 8/1/21. You can also choose to send in your own image. If you do so please try to send a landscape-full body image taken outside. I will crop it so that it is just you torso on up. If you are taking a photo with kids be sure everyone is on the same level heightwise. It looks better they way the directory is set up. **You can send in images until 8/8/21.** I will be finalizing the Directory on 8/9/21.



If you want me to include your contact information without a picture please let me know. **I will only include you in the final draft if you contact me and state you'd like to be included.** We do not want to share information unless it's approved. –Misti



G.E.M.S. is meeting weekly at **10:30 a.m. on Thursdays** at Wallace Park Pavilion. They are currently discussing Women from the "Bible People" study series from Abingdon Press. This group is open to anyone would like to attend. You do need to bring your own lawn chair to the pavilion.

Thanks yous from Outreach Missions



Dear Friends, We want to thank you for your donation to help our Food Pantry! It is the generosity of people like you that help to keep our food ministry going! May God Bless You,
First Baptist Church
Food Pantry

First Christian Church, Thank you so much for your recent donations to Fulton County Rehabilitation Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you, Individuals & Staff of FCRC

To Our Friends at FCC, Thank you all so much for your donation to the Health & Wellness Connection. Your donation will help at least 12 clients! Thanks again, Missy

Dear Friends at First Christian, Canton– Thank you for your ongoing support of our Regional Church ministry. We are so very grateful for who you are, your new Pastor Steve & family, & everything you do to serve in Jesus' name. Blessings, Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Dear First Christian Church friends, Thank you so very much for your ongoing support of our YMCA. Your donation helps us share our facilities & programs with anyone who needs a helping hand & is deeply appreciated! Thank you for all you do, Paula Grigsby

FCC Friends, Thank you for always being our little ray of sunshine! On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff & Clients of Fulton-Mason Crisis Services (FMCS), most sincerely, thank you for your thoughtful contributions. We are grateful for you! We appreciate your continued & faithful support!

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift. Your generous support ensures that Woodhaven can continue to provide opportunities to build skills for independence & develop meaningful relationships with members of our community. Because of you, we can offer fun & enriching activities for the men & women we serve to help them discover their full potential. Thank you, Dan Soliday

Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent gift. With your kindness, hardworking families will receive life-changing animals & education from Heifer to start them on a new path forward. What's more-your generosity gives the gift of hope. With gratitude, Pierre U. Ferrari, Heifer International

Vacation Bible School was a blast this year! We had 35 kids participate this year. The smaller number allowed us to safely social distance & enjoy bring this year's theme to the kids. We appreciate all the support we have from our congregation. 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! Remember that the kids will be sing & dancing during worship on August 1st! Come see part of what they experienced this week.





Prayer List – August 2021



Our prayers and sympathies go out to Diane Schrodt and Lynn Reffett and the family and friends of **Donald Larry Reffett**. He passed away on 7/11/21.

Please Continue to Pray For:

Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Mark Bitner (friend of Rickey Noe); Terry Foland; Blaine Hardy; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim & Judy Wickert); Dan Heffern (cousin of Janet Stone); Nancy Hendrix (sister of Janet Krulac); Karen Howell (cousin of Judy Wickert); Karen Latimer (niece of Karen Wheeler); Larry Latimer (nephew of Karen Wheeler); Ava Leitze (granddaughter of Bill & Judy Leitze); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); Linda Reneau (sister-in-law of Mark & Marla Reneau); Crystal Robinson; Randy Weaver; Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler); Cain Wilson (grandson of Martha Harr); Those not named who are carrying great burdens. Our world, that where there is strife & brokenness, God's light will bring healing & wholeness.

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
John & Pat Stanko	11-Aug
Chris & Sherry Hardy	12-Aug
Samuel & Maralee Wright	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 & Leta Krock; Angie Slater**

At Sunset-**Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Shirley Harris; Raymond Lindsey; Shawn Nikula**

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

8/1/2021

Scripture	Acts 2:42-47
Sermon	Jesus Pulls Us Through and Holds Us Together
Greeters	Spiva Family
Ushers	Pheobe Raker
Scripture Reader	TBA
Children's Moment	-
Summer Children's Church	Trygve Meade, Mike Meade, & Rhonda Morgan
Invitation	Bill Leitze
Elder	Alan Coleman

8/8/2021

Scripture	John 6:35, 41-51
Sermon	Soul Food
Greeters	Chuck & Denise Jarvis
Ushers	Dick VanRossem
Scripture Reader	Randy Weaver
Children's Moment	Steve Mason
Summer Children's Church	Dee & Denny Doubet
Invitation	Trygve Meade
Elder	Daryle Coleman

8/15/2021

Scripture	Psalms 23
Sermon	Worship in the Park
Greeters	Darryl & Kim Schrodtt
Ushers	Mike & Karen Meade
CtW Reader	None
Scripture Reader	Jan Dearing
Children's Moment	-
Summer Children's Church	Michelle Spiva
Invitation	Jen Miller
Elder	Jan Dearing

8/22/2021

Scripture	Eph. 6:10-20
Sermon	A Second Skin
Greeters	Bruce & Sherry Fisher
Ushers	Greg & SueEllen Stephenson
CtW Reader	Michelle Spiva
Scripture Reader	Lyn Snowman
Children's Moment	Jen Miller
Summer Children's Church	Jen & Corey Miller
Invitation	Chuck Taylor
Elder	Kevin Dearing

8/29/2021

Scripture	James 1:17-27	Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Sermon	James and the Giant Preach: Faith is a Verb	Summer Children's Church	Jan Taylor & Janet Krulac
Greeters	Tad & Amy Allard	Invitation	Mike Walters
Ushers	Shawn & Lyn Snowman	Elder	Bruce Edwards
Scripture Reader	Mark Taylor		

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1-Sep	2	3	4	

VBS Sunday

9:00 a.m. Outside
Worship

7:00 p.m. Elders
Meeting

3-5:00 p.m. Back to
School Bash (Jones Park)

Scholarship Deadline

Blessing of the Backpacks

9:00 a.m. Worship

Directory Deadline

Worship in the Park

10:15 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. CE
Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Cabinet
Meeting

9:00 a.m. Worship

6-7:00 p.m. FMN: Back
to School Celebration

6:00 p.m. Property
Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline

Installation Service

9:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Property
Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Card
Group

Misti Vacation

10:30 a.m. G.E.M.S.
Big Creek Park Pavilion

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1:00 p.m. Minutes
Packet Deadline

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