

February 2022

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



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

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Jan 23rd, we had some Snow Day fun with our Family Ministry! We had snowball fights, played indoor hockey, made fake snow and enjoyed a hot cocoa bar to go. Thanks to Judy and Kevin for all the help and everyone else who joined in on all the fun!

Join us February 27th, starting at 6 for an all-ages Family Game Night!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PLAY!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Bring a game or just play... but you ALWAYS have time for fun!

Sunday, Feb 27th
FCC Fellowship Hall
starting at 6

RSVP on Facebook

Together for Joy in February

"Together for Joy" aren't just words our world could use more of, it's the theme for our stewardship season Feb. 13-27. We'll be guided by Psalm 98 to remember God inspires us to be "Together for Joy!"



TOGETHER FOR JOY

SAVE THE DATE:

March 2
@ 7pm

Ash Wednesday

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



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

If someone asked you where the Holy Spirit moves, “board meetings” might not be your first answer. Yet, time and again, since beginning my ministry here, I’ve been impressed with the deep, prayerful dialogue that happens in board and committee meetings. Everyone seems to bring their hopes and their prayerful thought into these conversations. I want to share with you a moment from our most recent board meeting.

We were discussing, as a board should—thanks to the leadership of our board chair, Kara Fitzjarrald—how accurate our mission and vision plan currently is that we came up with a few years ago, what needs to be adjusted and how we live out the vision that God is calling us to. That’s actually the major work of the board—to set the mission and vision for a church and empower it to live that out. We were looking at one of the mission imperatives that we thought needed a high priority to live into: “establishing new worship practices.” First we acknowledged that much of what we’ve done in 2020 until now has been a new practice—with online worship, inviting videos and a broader selection of music.

But the board wanted to consider how we could further establish new worship practices, which meant, we had to consider quite a few things: who is this for (people already in church wanting to grow deeper? People who have dropped away or intentionally left this congregation? People who may not have recent or any background in Christianity?); what are we hoping the worship conveys (prayerful and silent? Joy and praise-filled? Community and fellowship-building?) and what’s the format that would be helpful (traditional worship at a different time? Pub theology? Dinner church? Taize reflections?). As you can see, there’s a lot to think about...and our board shared aloud many of these questions.

One of the primary realizations that we kept coming back to as a board is that while previous generations could have simply said, “here’s a new worship service with either different music or at a different time” and that would have been enough, now-a-days, we need to be more thoughtful and clearer in engaging people. For some people we not only have to explain “why this worship” but “why church...why Christianity...and why any kind of faith”. And for those of us who have been a part of church for a while (some of us even just at FCC) it’s harder to explain to someone those basic elements of faith. For example, why do you choose to be a part of this church (or any church)? What is so special about Jesus that you are a Christian instead of another faith? And why do you even choose to claim a God when there’s so much baggage in our world surrounding organized religion? And since we were talking about worship—why do we worship? And we acknowledged that if we were trying to reach folks beyond those already in this congregation, before we could even think about worship, we need to be grounded in relationship with them so we can explore these questions with them.

These are just some of the questions our board is wrestling with. They are good and important Holy Spirit questions. I want to celebrate our board for having these difficult and courageous conversations. And I am sharing all this with you, because I think if we are to be able to share the Good News we know in Christ with our neighbors, we have to be able to wrestle with these questions ourselves. So, please keep the board and our committee leaders in your prayers as we explore these things. And I’d invite you to also prayerfully consider such questions. If you have thoughts, ideas or struggles, let’s talk together about these things and remember what a gift that we get to explore them together.

—Peace, Pastor Steve



3:16 Lenten Burn for Youth

The 3:16 Youth Fellowship (powered by First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church) smashed into existence with the "Christmas BREAK" event in December...and now, we invite you to join us for the Lenten BURN! Youth, grades 5-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, February 27th from 4:30-6:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (301 E. Chestnut) for a time of fun (but meaningful) preparation for the season of Lent. We will burn palms to prepare ashes for our congregations to use on Ash Wednesday.

Parents and youth are invited to connect with 3:16 Youth Fellowship on Facebook (search for "316YouthCanton"), but we especially encourage everyone to download the BAND app and then join our group by visiting <https://band.us/n/a3aa6bb1J3462>. BAND will allow us to keep everyone informed without using messy group texts or emails, and it is a better place for us to share detailed information about our gatherings than posting all of the specifics on Facebook.

3:16 LENTEN BURN

Feb 27th

4:30-6

@Trinity Lutheran

**turn your junk
into ashes**



WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10am

Now what?

A worship series for people in seasons of transition

Last Sunday Feb 6th!

FEB

5

1-3

PM

COVID Vaccine Clinic

at FCC



Ages 5 and up, 1st dose, 2nd dose or booster

In conjunction with the Illinois Department of Human Services, we're offering COVID vaccinations to anyone 5 and over on Feb 5th. Whether or not you want to receive a vaccine at the clinic, you can help in one of these ways:

- we need a volunteer to be on site to unlock and close (11:30-3)

- **most importantly, INVITE PEOPLE!**
The state doesn't help promote this, so it's up to us to share and tell folks.

New from Outreach

We worked the concession stand at the Boy/Girls Basketball game on January 7. Thanks to all who helped. We will be doing a Girls Basketball Game on Tuesday, February 1. There are 2 shifts 5-7 and 7-8:30. Let the office know if you would like to help with this Joyful Service.



We will be cooking a community Valentines Day meal on Sunday, February 13. If you would like to help with the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board or sign up on line. Also reserve your free meal by calling Jan Dearing at 309-226-3296. Tell your friends about it... It is an authentic spaghetti dinner. Lee Puleo has volunteered to do the spaghetti and sauce. Kevin, myself and helpers will do the rest (including making homemade meatballs).

We thank all of you for helping with this Joyful Service.

We gave \$700 scholarships to Addison Allard and John Osborne, University of Illinois, Jake Smith, Illinois State University, and Luke Miller, Southern Illinois University. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they pursue their dreams and aspirations.

We are planning a Blood Donation Day at the church in conjunction with the Red Cross. There is always a need for blood. For us... its Inspired Generosity with a gift that truly selfless. If you are able to donate please consider signing up. More information to follow.

We are looking forward to the Lenten Season and discussing ways we can continue Joyful Service and Inspired Generosity.

Remember our members who are in Care Facilities, home bound or have health issues. A valentine Card provides a moment of Joy and a reminder that we care.

If you would like to help on the Outreach Committee.. an open invitation to join us. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23 at 4pm at the church.

Submitted by Judy Kemper, Chairman



Monday mornings, start your week off right with your weekly **Minute at First.**

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

First Christian Church
215 West Elm Street – Canton IL
Is Hosting a **FREE**
Valentine's Day Community Meal

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday, February 13, 2022
FREE Spaghetti Dinner including dessert!!



Carry Out and Delivery Only

To make reservations or request delivery, please call Jan at 309-226-3296 by Wednesday, February 9th between Noon-6pm

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the awesome care package during Finals week. The snacks were great for late night studying and the socks are super comfy. Thanks for All your prayers and support
—Luke Miller



First Christian Church Family,

Thank You all so much for the prayers, the donations & all the people checking in on us. This has been a overwhelming experience, but it has been easier with help from all of you. We have a long road ahead of us. But we are grateful for our church family! -The Allard Family

Dear FCC Canton,

Thank You so much for your continued generous support of Camp Walter Scott!

Gifts like yours allow us to maintain our facilities, pay staff, and dream big for the future. We are so excited for the new things God is doing at Camp Walter Scott and for you to be journeying with us!

Peace of the Journey,
Clayton Summers
CWS Host



Church services during inclement weather.

During severe weather conditions, the Board Chair, Pastor, Greg (as worship AV person), Director of music, and Custodian will decide whether to cancel worship service on Sunday. If a majority of these people agree to cancel (or have the pastor lead a Facebook online worship from their home--which), we will make the announcement on local radio, TV and through a Facebook message all NO LATER than 7am the morning of worship. This only applies to inclement weather and not to any potential COVID changes.





PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer List: February 2022

New Prayer Requests:

Please keep Jim and Judy Wickert in your prayers, both with heart health concerns

Please Continue to Pray For:

Eric Dilts (Lyn Snowman's brother); Mervielle Mason Vigan; Allard Family; Family of Craig Zilly (friend of Eugenia Warden); Gary Brown (great nephew of Bill & Judy Kemper); For the people and communities affected by recent storms and tornadoes across the Midwest; Linda Reneau (sister in-law of Mark & Marla Reneau); Sarah Eskridge (friend of Alan Coleman); Melody with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Bruce Edwards & His Family; Brenda Lybarger (Melissa Dean's mom); Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Doug Falk (friend of Daryle Coleman); Bill Rozier (son of Evelyn Lowe); 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); Karen Howell (cousin of Judy Wickert); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore) and Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler).

Those not named who are carrying great burdens. Our world, that where there is strife & brokenness, God's light will bring healing & wholeness.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley I (Oaks) Taylor	2/1
Neville Crossland	2/1
Daryle D Coleman	2/2
Lexie Nicole Shaw	2/4
Chris Walters	2/10
Addison Hale	2/11
Isaac Mason	2/12
Marsha D. Moore	2/19
Jaiden Walters	2/22
Jo (Rasmussen) Potter Keen	2/25
Tate Jameson Bryant	2/26
Bruce Eugene Edwards	2/27
Franky Smith Kemper	2/27

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Marla Reneau	2/12
Larry & Eugenia Warden	2/23
Tyson & Amy Smith	2/26

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates

Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright

At Graham Hospital Extended Care

Leta Krock

At Red Oak Estates

Betty Kost; Tom Neill

At Renaissance Care Center

Curtis Krock; Angie Slater

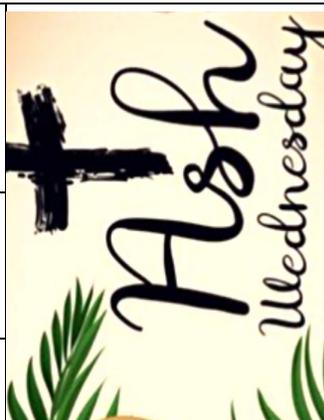
At Sunset

Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Raymond Lindsey; Shawn Nikula

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

February 6, 2022		February 13, 2022	
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 16-21	Scripture	Psalms 98:1-3
Sermon	We Do Not Go Alone	Sermon	The Song of our Ancestors
Greeters	Don & Connie Heller	Greeters	Bea & David Meeker
Ushers	Chuck & Jan Taylor	Ushers	Mark & Laura Taylor
CtW Video	Video - Movement	CtW Reader	Tammy Weaver
Scripture Reader	Tammy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Kate Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Jean Edwards	Children's Moment	Jen Miller
Children's Church	Jen & Corey Miller	Children's Church	Janet Krulac & Jan Taylor
Invitation	Mike Krulac	Invitation	Trygve Meade
Prayer	Kevin Dearing	Prayer	Daryle Coleman
Counters	Chuck Taylor & Trygve Meade	Counters	Bruce Edwards & Connie Reed
February 20, 2022		February 27, 2022	
Scripture	Psalms 98:4-6	Scripture	Psalms 98:7-9
Sermon	A Song for You	Sermon	The Whole Earth Sings
Greeters	Vinnie Cufaude	Greeters	Spiva Family
Ushers	Corey & Jennifer Miller	Ushers	Mike & Susan Walters
CtW Reader	Vinnie Cufaude	CtW Reader	Lori Coleman
Scripture Reader	Randy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Jan Dearing
Children's Moment	Caitlin Mason	Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman
Children's Church	Alan & Daryle Coleman	Children's Church	Rhonda Morgan & Trygve/Mike Meade
Invitation	Jen Miller	Invitation	Alan Coleman
Prayer	Jan Dearing	Prayer	Bill Leitze
Counters	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver	Counters	Kevin Coleman & Don Heller

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Chancel Choir - TBD	3 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	4	5 Covid Vaccine Clinic at FCC 1-3 P.M.
6 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	7 Elders Meeting 7:00 P.M.	8	9 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir - TBD	10 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M. Minutes Packet Deadline 10:00 A.M.	11	12
13 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom Valentine's Dinner 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	14 Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	15	16 Chancel Choir - TBD	17 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M. Newsletter Deadline 11:00 A.M.	18	19
20 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	21 CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Cabinet Meeting 7:00 P.M.	22 Card Club 2:00 P.M.	23 Outreach Meeting 4:00 P.M. Chancel Choir - TBD	24 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	25	26
27 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Family Ministry Night Game Night in FH-6pm 3:16 Lenten Burn at Trinity Lutheran 4:30- 6PM	28 Property Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.	 TOGETHER FOR JOY	Together for Joy! Feb. 13-27 Hear it, remem- ber it, and believe that we were made by God, together for joy!	 SAVE THE DATE: March 2 @ 7pm	 Fish Wednesday	