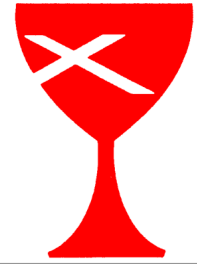


**January 2022****First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)Office Hours  
**Monday — Thursday**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.215 West Elm Street  
Canton, IL 61520**www.cantonfcc.org****Church office (309) 647-1363**

## Inspiring Generosity Grants Awarded

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we awarded the first round of our Inspiring Generosity Grants as an outgrowth of our vision to Becoming Dedicated Disciples through "Passionate Spirituality, Joyful Service and Inspiring Generosity." We received 11 grant proposals from individuals and non-profits in the Canton area and decided to award this first round of grants for a total of \$9,500 for the following 7 projects:

- \* \$1530 for Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank to be able to expand its services of diapers to 15 more infants
- \* \$2000 for Lincoln Elementary School for a project that will engage students in helping make blankets for families served by the Fulton Mason Crisis Services
- \* \$1000 for Fulton Mason Crisis Services to provide emergency essentials gift cards to clients who had have to flee domestic violence and need basic necessities
- \* \$1400 for Dr. Jason Douglas to work on eradicating bed bugs from homes in the Canton area
- \* \$700 for the YMCA to provide a new School Age Center program that includes both physical activities and a focus on emotional health and well-being
- \* \$1870 for St. Mary's Food Pantry to start a "Dairy Friday" program that will make sure its clients receive dairy projects on a regular basis
- \* \$1000 for Lincoln Elementary School for their snack and hygiene pantry, noting the high need for lice kits, which can be otherwise cost-prohibitive for families.



While the wintry weather kept many grant recipients from participating in person, KiLee Lidwell McFerren and Paula Grigsby, representing Lincoln Elementary School and the YMCA, respectively, were at the awarding ceremony, which IGG team leader, Don Heller, facilitated.

We are excited to grant these wonderful projects that will make life better for many Cantonites. We are grateful to the Ingersoll Trust Fund, which allows us to be able to inspire the generosity of our neighbors. Special thanks to all the IGG team, which includes Don, Daryle and Alan Coleman, Laura Taylor, Doreen Shaw and Steve Mason.

And just a reminder, the goal of the grants is for individuals and organizations in the Canton area to pursue a creative project to serve people in need or to better the community—especially in the areas of education, poverty, personal care supplies or human services. If you have an idea that you would propose for the next round of grants in 2022, look for updates at [cantonfcc.org/grants](http://cantonfcc.org/grants).



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**John Davis:** Director of Music  
**Gretchen Fuller:** Organist

Welcome to 2022,

I feel like at this point we should all get trophies for making it through each year...or day. But I guess that's what life is, right? Every day is a gift from God, a new chance at receiving and sharing God's love with the world; to add more kindness, forgiveness and joy into this world. I'm excited at the simple thought of how each of you might do that and how we, as church, might do that together. Think about the changes we have been through over the last year—on global, national and regional levels, not to say anything of the changes this congregation has made. I know 2021 was a big update for our family—a good one, at that.

With all this talk of change (and I don't know if this is because of COVID or politics or winter weather affecting my thoughts), but things still seem to be murky. We have a vaccine (which, if you haven't gotten yours or your booster, come to our clinic on the 15<sup>th</sup>!) but we aren't out of the COVID-woods just yet. We're going on 9 months together as pastor and congregation and yet some days our ministry still feels brand new. I'm sure you have changes and updates in your lives too—new jobs, aging parents, kids in different sports or health transitions, you know that change doesn't happen overnight.

In fact, what we call change could probably be best understood as a process or change and transition. I've understood it best through the work of William Bridges, but he helps articulate that change is the action that happens: the divorce, the new car, the move to a new town, etc.; and transition is everything surrounding to your adjustment and adaptation to that change: living with joint custody, figuring out how to turn on the wiper blades, making new friends (in all those changes listed above).

When most of us talk about struggling with change, it may not be so much the change itself, but our transition and adaptation to the change. I've heard folks talk about this as the "groan zone" the liminal space that is neither how it was before the change, but we aren't yet fully embracing and living fully into the "new normal" post-change. Liminal space is difficult and requires special attention and coping skills; but liminal space can be a revealing and fruitful time.

That's why our worship committee has gifted us with our upcoming worship series *NOW WHAT?* This series that starts January 16<sup>th</sup> will talk about those transition times in our lives and where God is, and how we can be faithful and fruitful in those transition times and beyond. Maybe it's finding joy and celebration in the post-Christmas letdown, maybe it's one of those interpersonal transitions, maybe it's almost beginning our third year of COVID liminal space, but I think we are all in season of transition and I hope that *NOW WHAT?* will help you not only survive these in-between seasons, but re-discover the mercy, grace, joy and love of God in the midst of them.

I look forward to journeying with you!

—Peace, Pastor Steve



**2022 First Christian Church Leadership Board**

**Chair** - Kara Fitzjarrald  
**Vice Chair** - Grant Stephenson  
**Secretary** - Rhonda Morgan  
**Treasurer** - Janet Krulac  
**Minister** - Steve Mason

**At-Large Members**—Marsha Moore, Greg Pollitt  
**Four Elders & Two Deacons will be decided by our current Elders & Deacons**

**Elders**

Daryle Coleman, Jan Dearing, Kevin Dearing, Bruce Edwards, Bill Leitze, Trygve Meade, Jen Miller, Chuck Taylor, Mike Walters, Tammy Weaver, Mike Krulac (Chair), & Alan Coleman

**Ministry Committees**

**Worship** – Tammy Weaver, Chair  
**Christian Education** – Jean Edwards, Chair  
**Outreach** – Judy Kemper, Chair  
**Stewardship and Finance** – Don Heller & Harriett Schleich, Co-Chairs  
**Property** – Greg Pollitt, Chair  
**Discipleship** – Elders  
**Personnel Chair** – Paula Grigsby, Chair

**If you would like to serve on one of these Ministry Committees, please contact the Chair**



**We would like to sincerely thank you for your inspiring generosity.**

Through your donations, we received \$525 for our Week of Compassion offering for tornado relief and we will add to that \$2552.66 from the outreach budget, for *a total of \$3077.66 from FCC going to those communities affected by the storms* on Dec. 10th. We also raised at our *Christmas Eve offering \$1798 for our Fulton County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity*. Great job

**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.



FAMILY MINISTRY

# Snow Day!

Jan 23rd from 5-7pm at FCC

Snow games, floor hockey,  
hot cocoa bar for everyone!



**RSVP on Facebook**

Family Ministry "Snow Day"  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 5PM-7PM  
Canton First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall


Join us for indoor "snow" activities including a snow ball fight, a snow shoveling game, indoor ice hockey and more!

We will also have a "hot chocolate" bar, so you can get some cocoa to go afterwards!

*Please RSVP via the Facebook Event or by calling the church office at 309-647-1363*

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## 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 Jan. 15th and 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 present on site to, among other things, open up and close each day (11:30-3)
- we need someone to provide some light snacks
- **most importantly, INVITE PEOPLE who need to be vaccinated or boosted! The state doesn't help promote this, so it's up to us to show up and tell folks.**

Anyone can show up at the event, but if you want to RSVP for a time, please call the church office

## New from Outreach

### *2021 in Review of Joyful Service and Spiritual Generosity*

During Lenten Season we distributed 195 pairs of socks to Westview, Lincoln, Eastview, Ingersoll, YMCA and YWCA. We donated personal care items in the Fulton Mason Crisis Center.

Participated in the Chamber of Commerce Workday by doing outside work at YMCA. Helped at the workday at the YWCA by painting. In April and May we did a Spring project to help people by, Donated 2500 diapers to Diaper Donation to Loving Bottoms in conjunction with the Salvation Army. We had the Ministry Fair to showcase the many opportunities to serve at FCC. We served 3 Community Meals. In June we served 140 people a ham dinner. In September we served 150 people a pork barbeque meal, and in November we served 250 people a Thankful meal of turkey and all the trimmings.

We enjoyed two Family Nights. The first of the year was in October with an outdoor hotdog/brat fun night. In December we enjoyed building gingerbread houses. We financially support 13 local organizations and 5 regional Disciples of Christ organizations.

We gave \$700 spring scholarships to Gillian Spiva, Makena Osborne, John Osborne, Jake Smith and Luke Miller. We gave \$700 Fall 2021 scholarships to Luke Miller, Jake Smith and Addison Allard. We sent Christmas Goodie boxes to the students to Luke, Jake, Addy, John and Lucas Goforth.

The Card Ministry brings joy to many. A group meets once a month to send birthday and anniversary cards monthly. Many individuals send holiday cards to our members in care facilities. In December our members generously gave to 15 Angel Tree Children (through Salvation Army) and 17 Mitten children (through the Fulton Mason Crisis Center).

In keeping with our Christmas theme, Close to Home, Our Christmas Offering will go to support the Habitat for Humanity building homes in our Canton community.

Plans for 2022 are underway. On January 7 and February 1 (girls game) we are helping at the Canton High School Basketball Concession Stand. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

On February 13 we will be doing a Community Spaghetti Dinner, April 10 a Palm Sunday Meal. We will continue to offer community meals in June, September and November. We will be planning a Lenten Season donation this year to begin on Ash Wednesday (March 2) The next Family Night is Sunday, January 23 from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Outreach Committee would like to Thank each and every one of our congregation for their support of our projects.

*Blessings,*

The Outreach Committee: Amy S, Amy A, Rhonda, Kevin, Jan, Paula, Pastor Steve and Judy



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!



## Prayer List: January 2022

### Please Continue to Pray For:

For the family of Craig Zilly (friend of Eugenia Warden) who died Jan 1; 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); Leta Krock; Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Mark Bitner (friend of Rickey Noe); Emma Coody; 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.*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Lee Jarvis	1/1
Amanda Stephenson	1/5
Brody Webb	1/5
Sherry Rene Fisher	1/10
Jan Ruth (Saville) Taylor	1/16
Beatrice Meeker	1/18
Timothy Scott	1/18
Peg Lou (Tuckey) Hays	1/19
Kevin Eugene Dearing	1/25
Jennifer S (Reed) Miller	1/26
John Leslie Stanko	1/27
Vivian W. Lefferts	1/29
Vinnie S Cufaude	1/31
Michael W Walters	1/31

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Connie Heller	1/1
Curt & Leta Krock	1/16
Bill & Doris Svob	1/16

## 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

### January 2, 2022

<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 2:41-52
<b>Sermon</b>	Close To Home: Chosen Home
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonnie Harn
<b>Ushers</b>	Pheobe Raker
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Jean Edwards
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Don Heller
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jean Edwards
<b>Children's Church</b>	Bruce & Jean Edwards
<b>Invitation</b>	Daryle Coleman
<b>Prayer</b>	Trygve Meade
<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Edwards & Connie Reed

### January 9, 2022

<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Sermon</b>	Close To Home: Home By Another Way
<b>Greeters</b>	Susan Perez
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Van Rossem
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Michelle Spiva
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Bill Leitze
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Michelle Spiva
<b>Children's Church</b>	Janet Krulac & Lyn Snowman
<b>Invitation</b>	Jan Dearing
<b>Prayer</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Counters</b>	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver

### January 16, 2022

<b>Scripture</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 - CEB version
<b>Sermon</b>	Turn and Face the Strange
<b>Greeters</b>	Sheila Dye
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Karen Meade
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Video -
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Trygve Meade
<b>Children's Church</b>	Daryl & Kim Schrodtt
<b>Invitation</b>	Kevin Dearing
<b>Prayer</b>	Chuck Taylor
<b>Counters</b>	Kevin Coleman & Doreen Shaw

### January 23, 2022

<b>Scripture</b>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
<b>Sermon</b>	Leaving the Past Behind
<b>Greeters</b>	Lyn Snowman & Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & SueEllen Stephenson
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Grant Stephenson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Trygve Meade
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Steve Mason
<b>Children's Church</b>	Michelle Spiva & Kathy Langlais
<b>Invitation</b>	Bruce Edwards
<b>Prayer</b>	Mike Walters
<b>Counters</b>	Daryle Coleman & Vinnie Cufaude

### January 30, 2022

<b>Scripture</b>	Philippians 4:4-13	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Judy Kemper
<b>Sermon</b>	Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose	<b>Children's Church</b>	Becky Wilcoxon & Marsha Moore
<b>Greeters</b>	Bea & David Meeker	<b>Invitation</b>	Bill Leitze
<b>Ushers</b>	Shawn & Lyn Snowman	<b>Prayer</b>	Tammy Weaver
<b>CTW Reader</b>	Video -	<b>Counters</b>	Don Heller & Jen Miller
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Janet Krulac		

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>3</b> Elders Meeting 7:00 P.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. No Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M. Minutes Packet Deadline 10:00 A.M.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Covid Vaccine Clinic at FCC 1-3 PM
<b>16</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>17</b> CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>20</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M. Newsletter Deadline 11:00 A.M.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom Family Ministry Snow Day 5pm-7pm	<b>24</b> Property Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.	<b>25</b> Card Club 2:00 P.M. Outreach Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	<b>26</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>31</b>					