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First Christian Church

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Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 a.m.-11a.m. & 11:30a.m.-4p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m.-11a.m. & 11:30a.m.-3p.m.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
9:00 Worship & Children's Church
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

SPRING 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications for FCC College Students for the Spring 2021 semester will be accepted in the office or emailed to Judy Kemper, jkkrn1@gmail.com, until **January 11th**.

Scholarships will be mailed this year. Please provide a mailing address for yourself at your school if you do not want the scholarship check mailed to your home address.

Scholarships are offered for church members each semester and are available to students enrolled in accredited trade schools, undergraduate, graduate, or seminary programs.

To apply for the scholarship there is a form that must be completed and the student needs to submit their most recent transcript. If you are interested email contact@cantonfcc.org and the form will be sent to you.

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



Thank You
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

I want to thank everyone so much for supporting me through this whole process! I have been very blessed to be surrounded by such a wonderful community! I'm very excited to finish my last semester of my Bachelors degree!! There's been so many opportunities at Black Hawk College and University of Illinois! I can't wait to be able to work full time as a zookeeper! Again thank you so much for your love and support!
God bless, Mikayla Osborne

Useful Websites:

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

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

YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChlr0uGWtYHF7SUNXg27F5Q>

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

Hank Anderson: 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

From Hank

The year 2020 has certainly been unusual. Over 12 months, we have dealt with a pandemic, a racial reckoning, and a divisive election. Any of those would have created a year to remember. To deal with all three has been almost overwhelming. Things haven't gone exactly the way we expected at Canton FCC either. The implementation of our ministry plan was delayed, the search for a new pastor was put on hold for several months and, of course, we have not been able to worship in person for much of the year.

While 2020 has been challenging for our church, there have been positives. We have learned new ways to do ministry, especially the use of Facebook, Zoom and the web to extend the reach of our church. People have stepped up in a variety of ways to help us through this time. And our congregation has continued to be generous in its financial support. All of these are significant and have brought about results for which we can be thankful.

What will 2021 hold? None of us, of course, knows. We all hope and pray that it will be better. We do know that the new year will bring new lay leadership to the congregation. We know that it will likely bring new pastoral leadership to the congregation. And that we will continue to explore new ways to do ministry. We hope that we will be able to return to some form of normalcy and especially that we will be able to begin gathering in person once again. But it is most likely that the new normal will be entirely like the pre-pandemic normal.

So, what can you do as Canton FCC moves into a new year? Several things.

First, pray. You can pray for the church in general. You can pray for the lay leadership. You can pray for the search committee. You can pray for guidance, wisdom, and courage as we move forward. And, of course, I would welcome your prayers as will the new pastor whenever she or he arrives.

Second, participate. You can participate in whatever way is available. For the first part of the year at least, that will largely happen remotely. But you can join our online worship services. You can join our Bible study groups. You can participate in any committees or groups that you are part of. And, of course, whenever we begin gathering in-person again, you can participate then as well.

Third, support. As I mentioned earlier, the congregation has been very generous. But things did tighten up towards the end of the year. It is, of course, important that the church remain strong financially as the new year begins and to prepare the way for a strong start for a new pastoral ministry. I realize that this is a difficult time financially for many but encourage all to reflect on their financial support of the church and its ministry.

Finally, trust. Continue to trust that God is working in this time. The road ahead will bring its challenges, but we can know that God is present throughout, that this is God's church and he desires it to be strong, that we are God's people and that God will continue to work through us.

An email this morning reminded me of one of my favorite passages of scripture: "*Behold, I am making all things new*" (Revelation 21:5). May your new year and our new year together be filled with God's blessings!

Grace and peace, Hank



As we look forward to the start of a new year and the end of 2020, I will be turning over my duties as Church Board Chair to Kara Fitzjarrald.

I am especially grateful to Hank for his leadership during the past 2 ½ years and for the diligence of the Church Board and our committees for taking on many projects.

We have accomplished a lot during this interim time, including policy and constitution updates, a visioning plan, and a revision of the board membership, to name some major ones. I am also thankful for the steps we have taken during this very difficult pandemic to provide in-person worship when possible, and then extending worship to virtual services. We owe our gratitude to Greg for his technical abilities, John and Gretchen for their musical inspiration, Don and the finance committee for keeping us financially stable, and of course Misti who sees a job and does it! I am grateful to be a part of this fellowship of believers and know that we have great days ahead to look forward to. Blessings to this special church family! Daryle Coleman

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you healthy and warm. The new year always brings new beginnings and our church is no exception. Our church elected a new slate of officers to start in the new year, including myself as board chair. With this, I would like to reflect on where we have been. Daryle Coleman has been our fearless leader and Board Chair for the past three and a half years. During this time, we transitioned from our previous pastors to our interim pastor, we revised the constitution, by-laws, and church policies, we completed a visioning journey, and now we are in a search process for a new permanent minister. I know that this list is not exhaustive, but I am hoping it highlights just how much work has been done under Daryle's leadership. So, what is next? As board chair, I am hoping to continue work that has been started on our vision, and, hopefully, welcome a new minister. To continue working through our vision of becoming dedicated disciples, we will all need to see ourselves as part of this vision. Please prayerfully consider where your gifts might fit into this vision. Our vision will not be successful if only a few people get involved. It will take gifts of all kinds to become the church we see ourselves being in this world. I know we will rise to the challenge as we have so many times before. Next, I am asking you to continue to pray for the search committee as they continue to search for our next minister. 2021 will be an exciting year in the life of this church and I look forward to the exciting future we will build together!

Kara Fitzjarrald, Board Chair

kara.fitzjarrald@gmail.com

2021 Offering Envelopes—They are on a table by the stairs, under the bulletin board. If you cannot come during office hours, please contact the office to arrange pickup.





Thanks to all who returned your mail-in ballots for leadership selection. This unusual year continued with not being able to conduct an in-person congregational meeting, but ninety-two ballots came in and the recommendations passed overwhelmingly. Thanks also to the selection team for their work in completing this task.

First Christian Church of Canton, Illinois: Leadership Term 2021

Board Chairman

Kara Fitzjarrald

Board Vice-Chairman

Grant Stephenson

Board Secretary

Laura Taylor

Treasurer

Janet Krulac

Board At Large Representatives

Marsha Moore

Greg Pollitt

Elders

Alan Coleman

Daryle Coleman

Jan Dearing

Kevin Dearing

Bruce Edwards

Mike Krulac

Bill Leitze

Trygve Meade

Jennifer Miller

Chuck Taylor

Mike Walters

Tammy Weaver

Committee Chairs

Christian Education

Misti Crossland

Christian Outreach

Judy Kemper

Personnel

Paula Grigsby

Property

Greg Pollitt

Stewardship & Finance

Don Heller

Harriett Schleich

Worship

Tammy Weaver

Diaconate

Amy Allard

Tad Allard

Brandi DeRenzy

Dee Doubet

Denny Doubet

Paula Grigsby

Sherry Hardy

Chuck Jarvis

Denise Jarvis

Janet Krulac

Zack Krulac

Judy Leitze

Emily McLean

Corey Miller

Lyn Snowman

Shawn Snowman

Brian Spiva

Michelle Spiva

Amanda

Stephenson

Grant Stephenson

Greg Stephenson

Mark Taylor

Sue Walters

Eugenia Warden

Gretchen, Hank, John, Misti, and Rick would like to thank the many church members who gave them cards, gifts, and tasty treats for Christmas. It is wonderful to know that we are all in so many of your thoughts. We greatly appreciate being included in the list of those who you reach out to during the holidays.



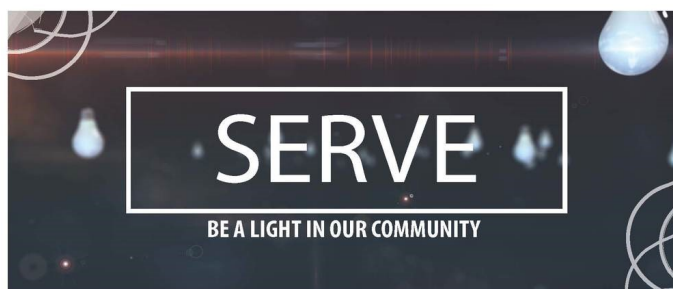
News from Outreach

Welcome 2021! We are hopeful that we can get back to "normal" in the new year. We would like to do some community dinners and some outreach programs. A big Thank You to the congregation for supporting the Fulton Mason Crisis Mitten program and the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Some of you gave money for the "personal shoppers" to buy gifts or others bought the gifts. Kara, Kate, Jack and I volunteered at Salvation Army bagging gifts. It seemed overwhelming to see over 300 children tags. Most of the children wanted boots, coats, pajamas, shoes and other necessities. The Salvation Army uses monetary donations to help fulfill the wishes of children since not all tags are "adopted". It all came together and I know there were some very happy children on Christmas. First Christian Church is a very giving and supportive church.

We would like to invite anyone who would like to be on the Outreach Committee to let Judy Kemper know. We meet quarterly and decide on programs we as a church choose to support through monetary donations and time/talent. Bring your ideas.

There will be no meetings in the near future due to Covid restrictions. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the committee. I thank the present committee members: Doreen Shaw, Kevin Dearing, Jo Keen, Ron Rupe and Pastor Hank.

-Judy Kemper, Outreach Chairperson



PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE

From the Pastoral Search Committee-

Dear Church Members:
The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet (Zoom) with candidates to fill our senior pastor position. We continue to be prayerful and hopeful that the next person is right around the corner and is who God is calling to lead us. Thank you for your patience and prayers. We continue to be persistent.

Chuck Taylor-Chair, Kara Fitzjarrald, Amy Allard, Mark Reneau, and Grant Stephenson

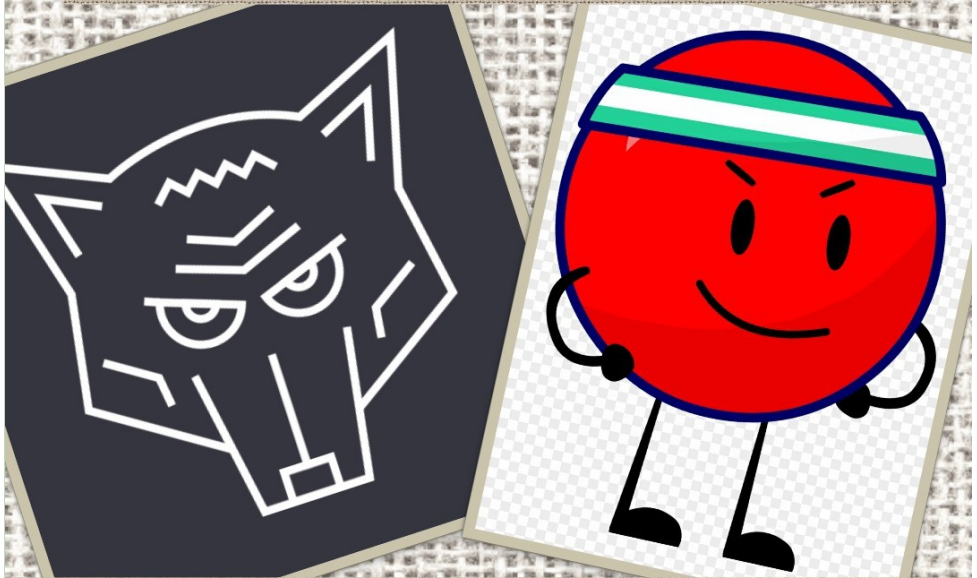
CHI RHO

We were so excited to hear that all of our Chi Rho friends will be allowed to return to in person learning this month! To celebrate, we will host a "Back to School Bash" for our middle school friends as soon as the IDPH guidelines allow for small gatherings. I will post the date on our FCC Facebook page and send out private messages once a date has been set. I will keep my fingers crossed in hoping that the Covid numbers continue to improve so we can safely meet in January.

I also think it would be fun to meet at Big Creek park for some sledding and hot chocolate on a Sunday afternoon. Hopefully we will get some snow in February so we can enjoy some fresh air and an afternoon with friends.

Thanks, Michelle

FCC Youth Group
Back to School Bash
Date : To Be Announced
6pm -7pm



**We will be meeting in the church
 in the large fellowship hall.**
Please bring a mask and invite a friend!
**By request, we will have a rematch of Werewolf
 and a friendly game of dodgeball
 with foam balls.**
As always, we will have yummy snacks too!

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A word of thanks

Many, many people have stepped forward this year to provide leadership through challenging situations. Some of those folks were in elected positions that had continued from previous years. In fact, due to changes in the church's constitution adopted at the end of 2019, all who served in elected positions had their term extended by six months. Other folks stepped forward to help us deal with specific needs. Everyone has been more than willing to help in any way they could. Thanks to everyone who has served the congregation in whatever form for whatever period of time. You have made a difference and your efforts are appreciated. -Hank



Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

1/3/2021		1/10/2021-Deann Anderson	
Scripture	Ephesians 1:3-14	Scripture	Mark 1:4-13
Sermon	The Plan	Sermon	A Way in the Wilderness
Invitation	Alan Coleman	Invitation	Daryle Coleman
Elder	Bill Leitze	Elder	Trygve Meade
1/17/2021		1/24/2021	
Scripture	John 1:43-51	Scripture	Mark 1:14-20
Sermon	The Disciples: Philip and Nathanael	Sermon	The Disciples: Simon, Andrew, James and John
Invitation	Jan Dearing	Invitation	Kevin Dearing
Elder	Jen Miller	Elder	Chuck Taylor
1/31/2021			
Scripture	TBD	Sermon	TBD
Invitation	Bruce Edwards	Elder	Mike Walters

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APPROVED 2021 Budget

<u>Income</u>	
Regular Giving	\$250,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
Ingersoll Trust Income	\$94,239.18
Interest Income - Checking	\$2,370.00
Living Legacy	\$10,000.00
Designated Income	\$0.00
Total Income	\$356,609.18
<u>Expenses</u>	
Total - Personnel	\$172,839.21
Total - Administrative	\$15,250.00
Total - Christian Education	\$4,700.00
Total - Discipleship	\$4,600.00
Total- Inspiring Generosity Grants	\$9,500.00
Total - Property	\$64,400.00
Total - Stewardship-Finance	\$3,575.00
Total - Worship	\$6,800.00
Total - Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total - Budgeted Missions	\$45,813.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$327,477.21

Prayer List – January 2021

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Bruce Fisher and the family and friends of **Frances Fisher**. Frances passed away on 12/29/20.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to John Stanko and the family and friends of **Joyce Stanko**. Joyce passed away on 12/15/20.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Linda Ward**. Linda passed away on 12/8/20.

Caroll Dearing, father of Kevin Dearing, is recovering from a fall & hip surgery.

Margaret Jackson, sister-in-law of Lorraine Neill, is recovering from COVID.

Jordan, great-great nephew of Doris Taylor, is recovering from an unsuccessful heart surgery.

Ava Leitze, granddaughter of Bill & Judy Leitze, is undergoing leukemia treatment.

Tom Neill is recovering from COVID.

Pheobe Raker is home recovering from a heart procedure.

Please Continue to Pray For:

Kevin Allard (brother of Tad Allard); Walker Beal (friend of Daryle Coleman); Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Cara Casper (daughter of Marilee Casper); Kent Canevit (friend of Eugenia Warden); Robert Coyle (father of Connie Heller); Cindy Dodd (sister of Dee Doubet); Rachel Erskin (great niece of Doris Taylor); Rev. Arlene Franks (friend of Bea Meeker); Crystal Grabel (niece of Denny Doubet); Blaine Hardy; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim & Judy Wickert); Dan Heffern (cousin of Janet Stone); Pam Hutton (friend of Paula Grigsby); LuAnn Kimbrell (daughter of Bonnie Harn); Karen Latimer (niece of Karen Walker); Larry Latimer (nephew of Karen Walker); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); Nancy Moody (friend of Sheila Dye); Cora Rabe (great granddaughter of Ron Bankes); Pam Rabe (daughter of Ron Bankes); Steve Roberson (husband of Heather Roberson); Crystal Robinson; Tom Sandman (friend of Jo Potter keen); Jean Vandergrift (sister of Deann Anderson); Randy Weaver; Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler); Cain Wilson (grandson of Martha Harr); Jamie Young (friend of Eugenia Warden); 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 Jarvis	1-Jan
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Jan Taylor	16-Jan
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Bea Meeker	18-Jan
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Timothy Scott	18-Jan
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Peg Hays	19-Jan
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Kevin Dearing	25-Jan
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Jennifer Miller	26-Jan
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John Stanko	27-Jan
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Michael Walters	31-Jan
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Vinnie Cufaude	31-Jan
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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Connie Heller	1-Jan
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Curt & Leta Krock	16-Jan
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Bill & Doris Svob	16-Jan
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Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates-**Shirley Harris;**
Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright

At Red Oak Estates-**Ron Bankes; Betty**
Kost; Tom Neill

At Renaissance Care Center-**Curtis**
Krock; Angie Slater

At Sunset-**Lori Bieber; Sadie Clanin; Edd**
Ford; Raymond Lindsey; Shawn Nikula