

March 2024

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



First
Christian
Church

www.cantonfcc.org

215 West Elm Street
Canton, IL 61520

office (309) 647-1363

Holy Week at FCC



Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
March 24	March 28	March 29	March 31
9am	5:30-study 7pm-worship	7pm	9am

Safe Kids Training

Do you want to volunteer in any children's or youth ministries? If you'd like to help with things like children's church, VBS, nursery or youth group, you must go through training every 3 years.

We have scheduled a Safe Kids Training to take place on **Sunday March 3rd** immediately after worship in room 205 (directly beside the upstairs elevator). If you'd prefer to attend online, we will also have it on Facebook Live. You will need to comment at the

start of the video & complete the paperwork separately.

We have not offered training in over 3 years, therefore everyone needs to go through training again. Please try to attend this meeting either in person or virtually!

If you have not gone through FCC's Safe Kids before, you also need to complete the free, one-hour online Mandated Reporter Training (<https://mr.dcfstraining.org>) before our in-person session and send the certificate to Jessa in the church office.

Thanks for your dedication to helping us be a safe and welcoming church for our kids to grow in their faith journey!



Want to be baptized?

Or even just want to discuss the foundations of our faith?

Talk with Pastor Steve about joining our
discipleship class

6-week class, starting April 7, from 10:15-11

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE

Palm Sunday Dinner

March 24, 2024

Canton First Christian Church
215 W Elm St

10:30AM carry out & delivery begins
dine in with us from 11:00-12:30PM

PLEASE CALL DENISE

AT 309-338-2869

TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL

Everyone Invited!

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



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

A few weeks ago, we did something that hadn't been done recently at FCC: we got our board, cabinet and elders together, as the focal leaders of our church for a leadership retreat. It was an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, to talk about how each of these groups compliments one another, to take a look at the landscape around us and to discern where God might be leading us in the future.

We began by sharing and praying with one another. Then we looked at how the elders, board and cabinet work together. In the afternoon, we focused in on our mission and vision. There's different definitions of vision and mission, but how I've always heard it and understood it is, your vision is your long-range, far-off goal, as an organization. So that once you achieve that vision, it's time to pack it up, you did what you came to do. That's why we re-affirmed our "Growing in the Holy Spirit, we are Becoming Dedicated Disciples thru Passionate Spirituality, Joyful Service and Inspiring Generosity" as our vision statement. It's big enough and broad enough, we'll always be doing these things as church. But mission is more short range. It needs to fit within the larger vision of a church's work, but is something more achievable, more tangible. Often, churches will adopt missions that are in the 3-7 year, range. So, as we considered possible areas to clarify our mission, we considered focusing in on a variety of areas, but there was one clear idea that had the most interest and passion; children and youth.

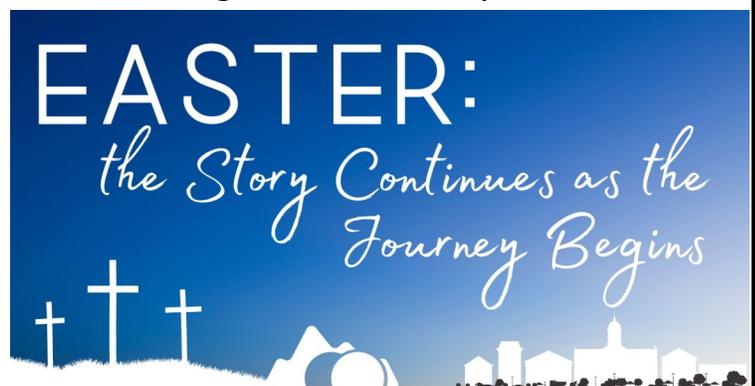
We're just beginning to process this leadership retreat and its implications, how you can help us best live into this mission at this stage is just to dream with us. How might our church make disciples of children and youth, how can we help equip them with spirituality, a desire to serve their neighbors and a spirit of generosity? What would be your dreams for the kids in our community and how can this church be a part of fulfilling them?

We ended the retreat with Ezekiel 47.1-12, where, as the people are looking to rebuild the Temple after it's destruction and their exile, Ezekiel is called, in a vision, to look out water that is trickling out from under the Temple. It doesn't look like much. But Ezekiel is told to go farther—the water becomes ankle deep, waist deep, soon it's over his head and the voice says (so to speak), these are healing waters. It may not look like much at first but when you get downstream, it brings new life and energy for the whole valley.

Maybe we're in Ezekiel's shoes and just called to trust that whatever little impact we might see, can have a much greater impact than we can know. After all, isn't that the whole Easter story? That the little acts of love and kindness, listening and vulnerability can lead to

turn-the-world-upside-down resurrection? I hope as we continue this Lenten season we'll not only be listening for what Jesus' calling is for our lives, but that we may have the courage to begin a new journey as a church that prioritizes our community's children and youth.

Pastor Steve



WHITE ELEPHANT

BINGO!

30

44

B12

Thank you to all who joined us on Feb 18th for White Elephant Bingo! We even brought our "famous" Bingo caller, Kevin Dearing, out of retirement to help out! We had lots of snacks, fun prize donations and tons of winners!



LECTIO LENTEN SUPPER

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7PM DURING LENT

yummy dinner.
 prayerful Bible exploration.
 satisfying discussion.

BECOMING
 DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**



Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.

Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

Watch, like and share!

IN MARCH JOIN THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IN COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE FULTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



items needed include:

- Clumping Cat Litter,
 - Bleach
 - Pine Sol
 - Kitty Formula
 - Nylabones
 - Fancy Feast Wet Kitten food
 - Friskies Pate
 - Fleece Throws
 - Bath Towels
 - Sponges
- Please drop off items by Mar 31

Other ways to help:



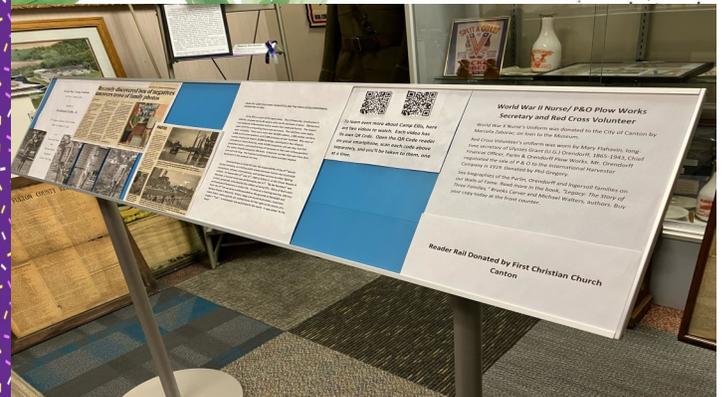
thank you

Thank you all who donated to the **Love Inc.** organization this past February! Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!



The Canton Area Heritage Center wishes to thank you for your extra care and support this past year with the awarding of a Connecting Grant. As a result, we welcomed six of your members to the Museum Clean-up Day last April, 2023. We also purchased an Information Stand which helps tell our story more effectively (pictured below). We invite you to visit the museum during our weekend hours or groups may reserve a special tour. Our hours are Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 noon; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. We are located at 111 South Main Street in Canton. Follow us on Facebook or check out our webpage, www.cantonillinois.org/heritage-center.

Thank you, again, for your generosity!
Cheryl Bielema, Programs Committee Chair
On behalf of the CAHC Executive Board
Phone: (309) 647-2242



GET YOUR SKATES READY! FCC FAMILY MINISTRY AT SKATELAND

ALL AGES WELCOME- BRING A FRIEND!
JOIN US FOR SKATING, GAMES,
CONCESSION OR JUST COME TO SOCIALIZE
AND RELIVE THOSE GLORY DAYS!

Sunday March 3rd 2024
2-4PM

SKATE RENTAL AND ADMISSION
IS COVERED BY FCC





2024 SUMMER CAMP

Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center



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June

09 10 11 12 13 14 15
CYF Completed grades 9-12

16 17 18 19 20 21 22
You & Me Completed grades K-5 + adult(s) | **Beginners** Completed grades K-3*

23 24 25 26 27 28 29
JYF Completed grades 3*-5

June July

30 01 02 03 04 05 06
Chi-Rho Completed grades 6-8

*3rd graders may attend either Beginners or JYF Camp

www.CampWalterScott.org

SAVE THE DATE CORE YOUTH CAMPS



Connect with us to learn about these and additional opportunities

- Family Camps
- Work Days
- Young Adult Camp
- Themed Weekend Camps
- More!



Hey kiddos!

Join the cool kids at Children's Church



Whirl

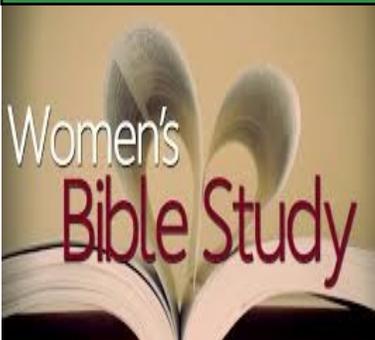
using the new Whirl curriculum
 ages 4-5th grade
 right after the children's message



Alzheimer's Support Group

Where:	When:	What:	Presented By:
Wesley United Methodist Church 120 N Ave. A Canton, IL 61520 (309) 647-1015	The fourth Tuesday of the month 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Build a support system with people who understand. Meetings are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care givers.	Alzheimer's Association Illinois www.alz.org/illinois

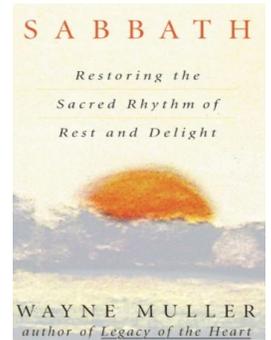
Women's Bible Study



Come join the women of G.E.M.S. **Thursdays at 10am** as they study Wayne Muller's book "Sabbath" about restoring the sacred rhythm of rest

SABBATH

Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest and Delight



WAYNE MULLER
 author of *Legacy of the Heart*

Prayer Request

Please Pray For:

Doris Taylor (back surgery @ OSF); The passing of Eli McLaren (Josh Kemper's friend); 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); Margaret Wright; Liz Pollitt; Blaine Hardy (deployed overseas); Evelyn Hicks; 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), Tony Long, Ava Leitze; The Stephenson family on SueEllen's transplant recuperation; Steve Moore; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates: Margaret Wright; David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset: Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center: Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

March Birthdays

Jan Dearing	March 1
John Osborne	March 1
Dennis Doubet	March 11
Eric Jarvis	March 12
Mark Reneau	March 12
Mark Taylor	March 12
Elizabeth Clark	March 13
Ron Rupe	March 14
Maralee Wright	March 14
Derek Spiva	March 15
Cydni Bell	March 19
Bonnie Harn	March 21
Don Heller	March 24
Jake Smith	March 24
John Davis	March 26
Scott Snowman	March 26
Wanda Carmack	March 27
Amanda Schrodt	March 28
Michelle Spiva	March 29

March Anniversaries

Stephen & Mareigh Snowman	March 3

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

3/3/2024: A Lavish Act of Vulnerability		3/10/2024: Jesus Embraces a Man with Leprosy	
Scripture	Mark 14: 3-9	Scripture	Mark 1: 35-45
Greeters	Doris Taylor	Greeters	Don & Connie Heller
Ushers	Nancy Cluts	Ushers	Bill & Judy Kemper
CtW Reader	None	CtW Reader	None
Scripture Reader	Don Heller	Scripture Reader	Jack Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Brian Spiva	Children's Moment	Jen Miller
Children's Church	Michelle Spiva & Kathy Langlais	Children's Church	Rhonda Morgan & Addy Dominski
Invitation/Prayer	Chuck Taylor/Mike Krulac	Invitation/Prayer	Jen Miller/Doreen Shaw
Deacons (prepare)	Tad & Amy /Mark R & Michelle	Deacons (prepare)	Dave & Sheila / Grant & Amanda
Counters	Tammy Weaver/Don Heller	Counters	Jen Miller/Doreen Shaw
Coffee Fellowship	Jean & Bruce Edwards	Coffee Fellowship	Daryle Coleman
3/17/2024: A Woman Finds Connection		Palm Sunday 3/24/2024: Awakened with the Crowd	
Scripture	Mark 5: 24b-34	Scripture	Mark 11: 1-11
Greeters	Wanda Carmack	Greeters	Judy Leitze
Ushers	Paula Grigsby	Ushers	Alan & Daryle Coleman
CtW Reader	None	CtW Reader	None
Scripture Reader	Caitlin Mason	Scripture Reader	Kate Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Janet Krulac	Children's Moment	Jean Edwards
Children's Church	Lyn Snowman & Connie Heller	Children's Church	Jean & Bruce Edwards
Invitation/Prayer	Mike Krulac/Steve Mason	Invitation/Prayer	Brian Spiva/Bruce Edwards
Deacons (prepare)	Shane & Chris /Shawn & Lyn	Deacons (prepare)	Denny & Dee /Allen & Eugenia
Counters	Don Heller/Vinnie Cufaude	Counters	Bruce Edwards/Kevin Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Judy Leitze	Coffee Fellowship	Jan & Chuck Taylor
Easter Sunday 3/31/2024: Assured by the Living Christ			
Scripture	John 20: 1, 11-18	Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson
Greeters	Jan & Chuck Taylor	Children's Church	No Children's Church
Ushers	Mark & Laura Taylor	Invitation/Prayer	Daryle Coleman/Caitlin Mason
CTW Reader	None	Deacons (prepare)	Zack & Janet /Jake & Carisa
Scripture Reader	Jean Edwards	Counters	Daryle Coleman/Tammy Weaver
Coffee Fellowship	Don Powell & Maida Williams		

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM FMN: 2-4PM Skateland	4 Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	5	6 Choir Practice 7pm	7 G.E.M.S. 10AM	8	9
10 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:30AM	11 Worship Meeting 6:00PM	12	13 Finance Meeting 6:00PM Choir Practice 7pm	14 G.E.M.S. 10AM	15	16
17 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	18 Christian Ed. Meeting 6:00PM Board Meeting 7:00PM	19	20 Newsletter Deadline Choir Practice 7pm	21 G.E.M.S. 10AM	22	23
24 Worship 9:00AM: Bible Study 10:30AM Palm Sunday Meal	25	26	27 Choir Practice 7pm	28 Maundy Thursday G.E.M.S. 10AM	29 Good Friday	30 Sun. 31 Easter Sunday