

May 2022

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



# First Christian Church

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## Joyful Service with Community Work Day

Over a dozen volunteers from FCC joined together in the Community Work Day sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Together, we helped clean up the exterior and put up a fresh coat of paint in the YMCA gym. We had volunteers from ages 5-75! Great job loving and serving your neighbors, FCC!



**FCC Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Brunch**

May 22nd  
after worship

Check out page 2 for more information on the brunch!

# FCC Sale for Ukraine

## June 2 - 4

Raising funds for "Razom" a Ukrainian non-profit providing emergency medical supplies and helping children

Bring quality rummage and crafting donations, help sort, shop and spread the word!



**Steve Mason:** Pastor  
**Emily Douglas:** Office Coordinator  
**Email:** [contact@cantonfcc.org](mailto:contact@cantonfcc.org)



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

Thank you. These are two, simple, yet powerful words. Words I teach my kids to say and mean. Words that are essential to our faith. That's why we'll be saying "thank you" a lot to one another this next month! That's why our theme for May's worship will be "Give to Love, Love to Give: A Celebration of Service."

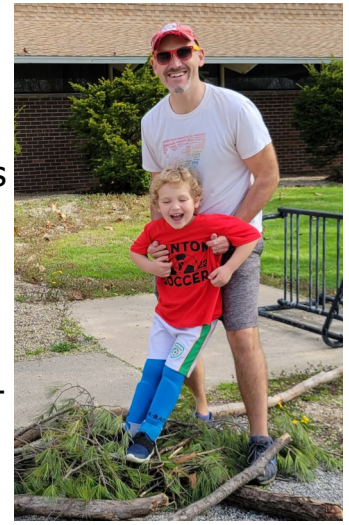
Words of thanks and gratitude are needed because if everything and everyone is a gift from God then there is much to be thankful for! This church has been welcoming people with joy and hospitality; we've been helping all ages connect the stories of their lives with God's story of love; and we have been serving our neighbor in so many ways. We are living into our mission of Becoming Dedicated Disciples and we can see God moving in so many ways. And if you need reminders of that goodness, I hope you will join us each Sunday as we find a new way of remembering that we are only able to serve and be a blessing because has first blessed us.

May 1 we will "de-commission" our Re-entry Team who have guided us safely through the COVID pandemic. We will bless them and release them from this holy work! The next week we'll celebrate a vocation of service: motherhood! The 15<sup>th</sup> is graduation weekend so we can bless some graduates, thank our teachers and also celebrate our very first Inspiring Generosity Grant success story! And with Memorial Day being May 29<sup>th</sup>, we're sure to say thank you to those that service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

You won't want to miss May 22<sup>nd</sup>, a celebration of all our volunteers—which, if you think about it, really is most everyone. After all, haven't each of us sang in the choir or led worship or set up a meal or helped with Christina Ed or volunteered with one of our ministry partners about any other opportunity to joyfully serve? We'll not only have a special blessing and recognition in worship, but we'll have a VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH following worship—so bring your appetite! (Rumor has it, be prepared for eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy—and apparently a nap afterwards!) Don't miss out!

Finally, May 1<sup>st</sup> will mark a full year that I have been serving as your pastor and I KNOW we would not be in nearly the healthy and vital shape that we are now if we did not have an incredible and diverse group of volunteers that love Jesus, their church and their neighbors! On behalf of my family; on behalf of the health of this church's ministry, I just want to say directly to you, First Christian Church, "Thank you!" Thank you for being our partners in prayer and for giving us so many reasons to be thankful. I can't wait to celebrate with y'all!

—Peace, Pastor Steve



### From the Re-Entry Committee:

The re-entry committee met on April 6 to evaluate where we are with Covid restrictions within First Christian Church. This is what the committee recommends:

With the increase of members attending in-person services, extra seating will be added to the Sanctuary continuing to allow space for our wheelchair participants.

The "Masks required" signs will be removed and replaced with "All are Welcome" signs.

Masks for the choir will go through the end of May and after that, John may decide what to require. Masks are still preferred during singing because that is one of the most significant ways droplets are spread.

The committee decided communion and offering could be done safely but is leaving the decision up to the Worship Committee for if and how they wish to change it.

Funeral dinners and family events may now start up, providing serving and sanitation precautions are taken. Coffee Fellowship may start again in the fall.

The Re-Entry Committee began meeting in the summer of 2020 and has been diligent following local, state and federal guidelines throughout this pandemic in order to keep our congregation safe for everyone. We are very grateful for the leadership of Hank in the beginning and Steve for the past year, as well as the cooperation of the members of First Christian in following the guidelines we have put forth. Some form of Covid will most likely be with us for a long time, but we have all learned a lot about how to stay safe under pandemic circumstances. As we ease up on restrictions, please remember that being cautious isn't just for your safety, but also for those around you, including babies & small children who have not yet been vaccinated. Thank you all for your support for the past two years!

Committee members: Daryle Coleman Kevin Dearing, Janet Krulac, Bill Leitze, Steve Mason, Greg Pollitt, Brian Spiva, Laura & Mark Taylor, Tammy Weaver.

**Pavilion Coming Together!** The FCC yard is being transformed (image below) as a Pavilion in honor of Orville Clark is taking shape (as rendered, below, right). Funds are coming together from Clark memorial funds and donations from the Kemper family. When construction is complete (expected in two weeks) there will not only be a structure for church and community use, but a new paved driveway for the FCC bus and four picnic tables (purchased with other memorial and Disciple's Women funds).

We're tentatively planning on hosting a block party July 10 to celebrate and dedicate this wonderful addition to FCC!

**A gathering spot for fellowship, friendship, and community.**



Fulton County Health Department  
is proud to sponsor a

## Fulton County Breast Cancer Support Group Walk

Where: Wallace Park, 250 South Ave. D, Canton, IL 61520

When: Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 9am

Who: Survivors, caregivers, & in memory of loved ones

Thank you to Kevin and Judy who led our community dinner! A Big Thank You to everyone at FCC who helped in preparing, serving, delivering, and clean up! Together, we shared many meals with our Community on Palm Sunday!



**SAVE THE DATE  
SO YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20TH  
NOON-5PM @ FCC**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**



**One unit of blood can benefit  
four people!**

The Red Cross Blood Donation Mobile will be at FCC on **Friday, May 20 from noon-5pm.** Registration is required for each individual. You can register online or call the office. Please let others in the community know about this upcoming chance to give the Gift of Life.

**GO TO FCC WEBSITE NOW TO  
REGISTER & SCHEDULE  
A TIME TO DONATE BLOOD**  
<https://cantonfcc.org/blood-drive>

Another big **Thank You** for the items donated for the Humane Society. Joyous Giving & Inspired Generosity to help a volunteer organization caring for our furry friends.

Thank you so much for your generous gifts supporting our Lenten season donation project.



**BINGO!** Thanks to everyone who came out to our Family Ministry Night April 24th! We had some "berry" delicious snacks and lots of fun. Thanks to Kevin for calling it and to Amy for organizing another great evening!



3:16 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP...

# LET'S BOWL

May 21 at 4:30PM  
Linn Lanes

# CAMP WALTER SCOTT

Save the date for our 2022 Summer Program!

- MAY 27-30** Memorial Day Family Camp
- JUN 5-11** Camp Acts (Service Week Camp)
- JUN 12-18** CYF (9th to 12th Grade)
- JUN 24-26** Beginners (K to 3rd Grade\*)
- JUN 26-29** Grandparents & Me (K to 5th Grade)
- JUL 10-16** Chi Rho (6th to 8th Grade)
- JUL 17-23** JYF (3rd to 5th Grade\*)
- SEP 2-5** Labor Day Family Camp

\*3rd graders can register to attend either Beginners or JYF Camp

Sign up to volunteer with VBS on the black board outside the sanctuary—all kinds of gifts and abilities are needed!

Find out more info, share with friends and register online at:  
[cantonfcc.org/vbs](http://cantonfcc.org/vbs)

**JULY 24-28**  
VBS IS GOING TO THE WILD WEST.  
SAVE THE DATE, IT'S GOING TO BE...

# MONUMENTAL

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS



## Please Continue To Pray For:

Jeff Zehring (Lorraine Neill's son); Mike Hasty's family and loved ones; Jim Wickert's family and loved ones; Kay Bricker; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson & Family; Corey Reneau (nephew of Mark & Marla Reneau); Michael Brenton (Dee D's nephew); Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Journee Vineyard (Doreen Shaw's friend); Suzanne Freeman (Diane Freeman's mom); Eric Dilts (Lyn Snowman's brother); Allard Family; Gary Brown (great nephew of Bill & Judy Kemper); Sarah Eskridge (friend of Alan Coleman); Melody with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Brenda Lybarger (Melissa Dean's mom); Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Blaine Hardy; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim Wickert); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore) and Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler).

BECOMING  
DEDICATED

*Disciples*

*Passionate* **SPIRITUALITY**

*Joyful* **SERVICE**

*Inspiring* **GENEROSITY**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mikayla Osborne	5/5
Larry Warden	5/8
Leta Krock	5/11
Doris Svob	5/12
Cayden Thomas King	5/12
Margaret Elizabeth Wright	5/13
Kim Marie Schrodt	5/13
Gavin Elliott Stephenson	5/17
Nancy Sue Cluts	5/18
Gillian Spiva	5/21
Juliana Marie Jump	5/29
Amy Smith	5/29

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Barb Pollitt	May 2
Bill & Judy Kemper	May 8
Dee & Dennis Doubet	May 10
Marty & Judy White	May 25
Kevin & Lori Coleman	May 26
Frank & Melinda Jones	May 28

## 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

**May 1, 2022**

<b>Scripture</b>	2 Thess. 1:1-4 and 11-12
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike & Janet Krulac
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill & Judy Kemper
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Amy Allard
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denny Doubet
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Steve Mason
<b>Children's Church</b>	Amy & Tad Allard
<b>Invitation</b>	Mike Krulac
<b>Prayer</b>	Tammy Weaver
<b>Counters</b>	Chuck Taylor & Trygve Meade

**May 8, 2022**

<b>Scripture</b>	2 Timothy 1:3-10, 14
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce & Jean Edwards
<b>Ushers</b>	Paula Grigsby
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Amy Allard
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jean & Bruce Edwards
<b>Invitation</b>	Bill Leitze
<b>Prayer</b>	Alan Coleman
<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Edwards & Jen Miller

**May 15, 2022**

<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 5:13-16
<b>Greeters</b>	Chuck & Denise Jarvis
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry & Eugenia Warden
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Lori Coleman
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lori Coleman
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jean Edwards
<b>Children's Church</b>	Michelle Spiva & Kathy Langlais
<b>Invitation</b>	Chuck Taylor
<b>Prayer</b>	Kevin Dearing
<b>Counters</b>	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver

**May 22, 2022**

<b>Scripture</b>	Romans 10:9-14
<b>Greeters</b>	Darryl & Kim Schrodt
<b>Ushers</b>	Connie Brady & Betty Tracey
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Janet Krulac
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Daryle Coleman
<b>Children's Church</b>	Eugenia Warden & Marsha Moore
<b>Invitation</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Prayer</b>	Jan Dearing
<b>Counters</b>	Kevin Coleman & Doreen Shaw

**May 29, 2022**

<b>Scripture</b>	John 17:20-26	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Michelle Spiva
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce & Sherry Fisher	<b>Children's Church</b>	Kara Fitzjarrald & Judy Kemper
<b>Ushers</b>	Barb Pollitt	<b>Invitation</b>	Bruce Edwards
<b>CTW Reader</b>	Michelle Spiva	<b>Prayer</b>	Mike Walters
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Don Heller	<b>Counters</b>	Daryle Coleman & Vinnie Cufaude

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>2</b> Elders Meeting 6:30 P.M.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>5</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Fulton Breast Cancer Walk 9:00 A.M.
<b>8</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>9</b> Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Minutes Packet Deadline 10:00 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>12</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>16</b> CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Newsletter Deadline 11:00 A.M. Outreach Meeting 4:00 P.M.	<b>19</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>20</b> Red Cross Blood Donation Noon - 5PM	<b>21</b> 3:16 Youth Fellowship Bowling Linn Lanes 4:30 P.M.
<b>22</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. FCC Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>23</b> Property Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Card Club 2:00 P.M.				