

November 2021

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



REMEMBER:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH,
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AND
GIVE YOURSELF ANOTHER
HOUR BEFORE CHURCH!



We had a fantastic turn out for our **Family Ministry Tailgate Party on Oct 10th!** We had Packers fans, Bears fans, Canton Little Giant fans and several fans of good food and fellowship! We had "grilled" hotdogs and lemonade, along with many desserts and sides brought by all the families and friends that joined us. There was chili cheese dip, cherry turnovers, chips, salads, and more. The kids (big and little) enjoyed playing bags, soccer and football.

Thank you to Judy Kemper and Kevin Dearing for getting all the food set up for us! Congrats to Kevin Dearing for winning the "best tailgate setup" and bragging rights until next year! We had beautiful weather for a fun night of friendship, food and fellowship!



The Worship Committee is pleased to announce that starting November 28th, we'll be celebrating Advent with this year's series ***Close to Home***, which celebrates that in Jesus, God is with us, making a home on earth and that we get to prepare our hearts, our houses and our world for such a home!

We will have devotionals, Advent calendars, artistic reflections and online videos to enhance this series. We're also considering a "Longest Night" grief and longing worship for the community.

More details are coming, but we hope this will be a memorable and joy-filled Christmas season!

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



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

All this month you're going to be hearing a lot about gratitude and giving thanks. That's great, but at FCC, we believe this spirit should guide us all year long; that's why inspiring generosity is a core part of our vision. That's why I'm so excited to share with you that your congregation is taking a major leap in putting our gratitude and spirit of generosity into action: we are creating the **Inspiring Generosity Grants** (or IGG)!

What is the IGG? It's our ministry to help support individuals or organizations in the Canton area to serve people with needs. Grants will be awarded to proposals that address a community need or support a new community service project in the Canton area

We're funding this ministry by taking a tithe of our Ingersoll Trust Fund (about \$9,500, annually) and sharing the blessing with our neighbors. Not only will our church be blessed by knowing that the IGG will help create more wholeness and goodness in Canton, but, as a church, we'll also be blessed by getting to hear back from the recipients since a part of the recipient's responsibility is to share their stories with the church. Ideally, there might even be some grants that FCC folk want to support through their volunteer efforts or even connect the granted program into a ministry of FCC.

In coming weeks you'll be hearing more in the larger community about the IGG, but we wanted to share the good news with you first! Currently the team working on IGG is composed of Don Heller, Laura Taylor, Daryle and Alan Coleman, Doreen Shaw and myself. The team has prayed, studied similar grants from around the country and we are working to finalize the application process. Once we've got our ducks in a row, we will make the grants and the application process public, later this month. We're planning on awarding our first grants this year!

So, let's see and pray how God will multiply the generosity of our hearts in this community through our Inspiring Generosity Grants! Talk about a reason to be thankful!

—**Peace, Pastor Steve**

Thank you to everyone who gave a gift, offered a word of gratitude, shared a story, said a prayer or otherwise made me feel like the luckiest and proudest pastor in the world! **Y'all are the best.** And from popcorn to beeswax food wrappers and snacks to gift cards, your generosity has been inspiring and definitely helped me and my family feel the love during Clergy Appreciation Month! I just hope we share as much enthusiasm and creativity when it comes time to say thank you to all our volunteers.—Steve

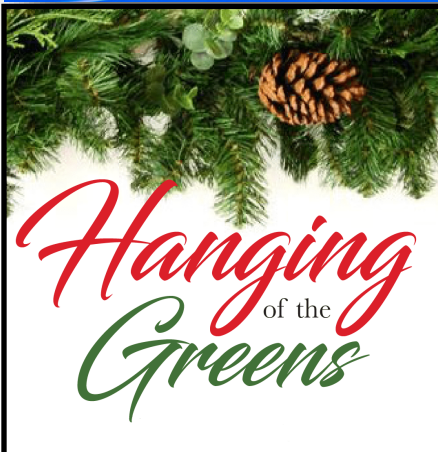




Monday mornings, start your week off right with your weekly **Minute at First**.

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

Sunday, November 21st after 9am worship, choose your own adventure...



Help make our space at church merry and bright for our Advent and Christmas Season by decorating.

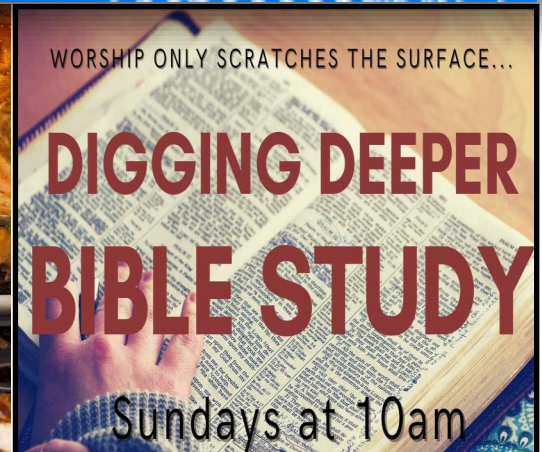
Susan Walters will direct this fun and festive opportunity for all ages!



Volunteer with the Thankful Meal

Help the Outreach Committee serve our neighbors and bring some homecooked meals and love to any and all.

Read the article on page 4 for more information.



Join us in our weekly drop-in Bible study after worship, where we discuss where the gospel story connects with our lives. No homework, no wrong answers, just open ears, hearts and minds!

Nov. 21st, we'll be reading Rev. 1. Room 104 or request a Zoom link

MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

a global event celebrating local theatre

All Together Now!

Celebrate the gift of music and theater at this Broadway review hosted at FCC, directed by our own Tammy Weaver and with some FCC folks in the cast!

Performances are at FCC:
November 12 and 13 at 7 pm
and November 14 at 3 pm

Tickets are \$10.
Call the Playhouse at 338-7889 or contact cast members (Tammy W, Randy W, Steve M or Trygve M) to reserve your ticket

Thank you for your support for our diaper drive for Loving Bottoms in September and October. Together, we have collected **over 2500 diapers** to help infants thru elders in our area!

LOVING 
BOTTOMS
DIAPER BANK



Our annual **Thankful Meal will be on Sunday, November 21st**. We will be serving turkey, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce and a pumpkin dessert as either carry -out or delivery. Please sign up with Jan Dearing for meals. We will be posting opportunities to help volunteer. And a big thanks to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry for their food donations. All food is homemade and free!

We will again have a Mitten Tree—a tree with ornaments representing different children from the Fulton Mason Crisis Center—and an Angel Tree—representing children served by the Salvation Army—for you to help make the Christmas season a loving time for at-risk kids in our community. You will be able to pick up Mittens or Angels from the trees, which will be placed on trees in the Narthex starting in late November. You can do these as individuals, groups or families. If you would like a “personal shopper” for your gifts, get in touch with Judy and she will help accommodate.



The Outreach Committee helps us serve joyfully in various different ways: through volunteer opportunities, by helping educate the church on needs in our community and world, as well as distributing monetary donations to our partnering organizations who have knowledge of those in need. We often try and make volunteer opportunities “kid friendly”. For example, our children and youth have helped rake leaves for Youth Acres, wash windows and walls at the YMCA, and play Bingo at Renaissance. With Covid restrictions we have cut back on our volunteering—especially for our vulnerable kids who cannot yet be vaccinated—but we are hopeful that in 2022 we can again put your gifts to work to joyfully serve your neighbor and inspire generosity in all ages! **Thank you, church!**—Judy Kemper, Outreach Committee Chair



As always, keep watch on the wall outside the church office to see the many words of thanksgiving and gratitude by non-profits and ministry partners who have been blessed by your gifts through FCC’s outreach budget!

Options for Children during Worship:

Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary during worship services. We do offer alternative options as well.

- ◆ Nursery– Infant-3 years old
- ◆ Children's Church– Children 1st-4th grade

Each room will have 2 people with the children who have gone through our Safe Kid's Training. Children are welcome to go into the Nursery at any time during worship & invited to Children's Church following Children's Moment.



Family Ministry Night: Gratitude Jars

Sunday, Nov 14th at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

We will be creating our own gratitude jars,

and of course, there will be snacks

Everyone Welcome! All Ages!

Please wear a mask as we will be indoors.



G.E.M.S. is meeting weekly
in room 104
10 am Thursdays.

We are currently discussing Women from the
"Bible People" study series.
This group is open to all.

**RSVP to the church office
or on our Facebook event!
By Nov. 11th**

From the Re-Entry Committee:



The Re-Entry Committee will be continuing the practices in place currently for worship and church services. There are several musical events on the calendar. John Davis and Tammy Weaver have assured us that their groups will be taking the necessary precautions to keep safe. Any ministry that wishes to involve the serving or consuming of food can happen as long as it happens outdoors. Whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, please continue to be cautious around others - masking & distancing. We are a covenant community and want to set the most mentally and physically healthy environment



Prayer List: November 2021

Bobbie B. (friend of Doris S); Bob Schade (son-in-law of Betty T); Gage Baldry (Son of Mark & Emily Baldry and Grandson of Chuck & Denise Jarvis)

Please Continue to Pray For:

Greg Bloyd (brother of Kathy Burton); Doug Falk (friend of Daryle Coleman); Pastor Steve Mason & His Family; Isaac Rubble (grandson of Daryle Coleman's friend); Bill Rozier (son of Evelyn Lowe); Melba Dearing (Mother of Kevin Dearing); Leta Krock; Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Mark Bitner (friend of Rickey Noe); Emma Coody; Terry Foland; Blaine Hardy; Carol Harmon; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim & Judy Wickert); Karen Howell (cousin of Judy Wickert); Karen Latimer (niece of Karen Wheeler); Larry Latimer (nephew of Karen Wheeler); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); (Linda Reneau (sister-in-law of Mark & Marla Reneau); 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nick Leitze	1-Nov
Scarlett McLean	5-Nov
Jim Wickert	6-Nov
Ashley Swanson	7-Nov
Cindy Zaborac	9-Nov
Dan Fitzjarrald	10-Nov
Judy Kemper	10-Nov
Lincoln Krulac	10-Nov
Melinda Jones	12-Nov
Ella Goforth	14-Nov
Jenna Goforth	14-Nov
Memphis Berry	16-Nov
Steven Taylor	16-Nov
David Meeker	19-Nov
Marilee Casper	20-Nov
Clela Taylor	20-Nov
Katie Smith	22-Nov
Mary Fidler	23-Nov
Belle Hardy	24-Nov
Shirley Harris	28-Nov
Richard Bernard	29-Nov
Blake Bloyd	30-Nov
Mia Hardy	30-Nov

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Misti Crossland	5-Nov
------------------------	-------

Care Facilities:

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

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

11/7/2021

Scripture	Mark 12:38-44
Sermon	Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart
Greeters	Jim & Judy Wickert
Ushers	Chuck & Denise Jarvis
CtW Reader	Trygve Meade
Scripture Reader	Bill Leitze
Children's Moment	Randy Weaver
Children's Church	Daryl & Kim Schrodt
Invitation	Bill Leitze
Prayer	Jan Dearing
Counters	Don Heller & Jen Miller

11/14/2021

Scripture	Mark 13:1-8
Sermon	Impressive Building
Greeters	McLean Family
Ushers	Nancy Cluts
CtW Reader	Diane Schrodt
Scripture Reader	Diane Schrodt
Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Children's Church	Michelle Spiva & Kathy Langlais
Invitation	Chuck Taylor
Prayer	Kevin Dearing
Counters	Chuck Taylor & Trygve Meade

11/21/2021

Scripture	Revelation 1:4b-8
Sermon	A Kingdom Without Borders
Greeters	Mike & Susan Walters
Ushers	Bill & Judy Kemper
CtW Reader	Video - Week Of Compassion More Than You Can Imagine
Scripture Reader	Liz Pollitt
Children's Moment	Amy Allard
Children's Church	Jen & Corey Miller
Invitation	Mike Walters
Prayer	Bruce Edwards
Counters	Bruce Edwards & Connie Reed

11/28/2021

Scripture	Luke 21:25-36
Sermon	Close to Home: Homesick
Greeters	Carolyn Woods
Ushers	Paula Grigsby
CtW Reader	Kate Fitzjarrald
Scripture Reader	Kara Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Steve Mason
Children's Church	Jean & Bruce Edwards
Invitation	Tammy Weaver
Prayer	Mike Krulac
Counters	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
	1 All Saints Day Elders Meeting 7:00 P.M.	2	3 Outreach Committee Meeting 4:15 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	4 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	5	6
7 Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	8 Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.	9	10 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	11 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	12	13
14 Thanksgiving Special Offering Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	15 CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	16	17 Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	18 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	19	20
21 Thanksgiving Special Offering Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	22 Property Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.	23	24 Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	25 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Room 104 & Zoom	29	30 Card Club 2:00 P.M.				