

January 2026

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



**First
Christian
Church**

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Rejoicing Together

Advent was a season full of joy and togetherness at our church! From the festive Advent Festival filled with laughter and celebration, to Christmas caroling that spread cheer and good news throughout our community, the season was truly alive with hope! Our Christmas services brought it all together with heartfelt worship, celebrating the birth of Jesus and the light He brings to the world. Thank you, FCC, for another wonderful advent season!



**JOIN US SUNDAY,
JANUARY 4TH, TO
RECEIVE A NEW
STAR WORD
DURING WORSHIP**

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



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

Something about New Year's invites us to some self reflection and, for many, a bit of change. Even if you are not into resolutions or intentions, it is human nature as we change out calendars or struggle to finish writing 2026 instead of 2025 on checks, to pause and ask, "am I living into my values the best that I can, or does something need to change?"

It's also human nature that give it a few days or weeks and then go back to whatever our previous normal was. We lose those proactive habits. We do what some of our brothers and sisters in the faith might call "backsliding". We stop trying for a new way and go back to the comfort of old ways.

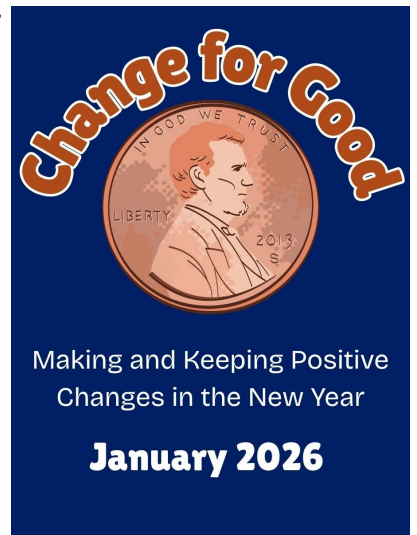
That's why, this month in worship, we are going to be exploring a worship series called Change for Good: Making and Keeping Positive Growth in the New Year. Over the next six weeks, will be learning about what helps change "stick", share insight from authors and scientists about what helps your brain and body transition, and of course, to root this all in the Love of Christ, in the whom we are to be growing into.

You'll be invited on your own journey of growth and change; and we have some special ways to support your good and lasting changes.

To help us see what a change for good looks like in scripture, will be hearing a lot about the apostle Paul and some big changes in his life.

So as we transition into 2026, I hope that our time of worship will inspire you for some positive process and that you can make a change for good!

Pastor Steve



Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.
Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.
Watch, like and share!



Sharing the Spirit of Christmas

During the Christmas season, members of the First Christian Church have embraced the spirit of generosity by partnering with the Salvation Army in several meaningful ways. Through participation in the Mitten Tree and Angel Tree programs, church members are helping bring warmth, hope, and joy to the community. Members also

volunteered their time by ringing bells at the Salvation Army Red Kettles, greeting shoppers with smiles and spreading holiday cheer while raising funds to support local outreach efforts. Together, these acts of service highlight the First Christian Church's dedication to service, generosity, and sharing Christ's love throughout the Christmas season.



2025 Annual Congregational Meeting Results

Proposed Budget

<u>Proposed 2026</u>	
Regular Giving	257,000
Ingersoll Trust	94,500
Outside Capital Funds	
Scholarship Funds	
Foundation Funds	23,392
Other Regular Income	9,500
Total Income	384,392
Personnel	217,097
Administrative	10,650
Christian Education	3,700
Discipleship	3,500
Inspiring Generosity Grant	9,500
Property	78,270
Stewardship	4,100
Worship	7,175
Budgeted Missions	50,400
Total Expense	384,392
Difference	0

Deacons

2024 thru 2026	2025 thru 2027	2026 thru 2028
Shane Dixon	Eugenia Warden	Dee Doubet
Chris Jump	Janet Krulac	Denny Doubet
Dave Bell	Zack Krulac	Lyn Snowman
Sheila Bell	Allen Smith	Shawn Snowman
Jean Edwards	Carissa Moser	Mark Taylor
Judy Leitze	Amanda Stephenson	Sue Walters
Carisa Bryant	Tom Axline	Aja Lawson
Jake Bryant	Don Powell	Emily McLean

Elders

2024 thru 2026	2025 thru 2027	2026 thru 2028
Mike Krulac	Kevin Dearing	Tammy Weaver
Chuck Taylor	Maida Williams	Kevin Coleman
Brian Spiva	Shawna Axline	Michelle Spiva
Sherry Coffey	Grant Stephenson	Rhonda Morgan

Church Board

Pastor	Steve Mason
Board Chair	Michelle Spiva
Board Vice Chair	Rhonda Morgan
Board Secretary	Shawna Axline
Board Treasurer	Janet Krulac
At Large Representatives	Ashley Jump Greg Pollitt

BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

WHO KNEW DOING GOOD
COULD BE THIS MUCH FUN?



*Trivia for
Good*



TUE JAN 20 @OLD DOG

DOORS & FOOD @ 5:30 TRIVIA @ 6
\$5 PER PERSON RAISING FUNDS
FOR SALVATION ARMY

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIVIA AND PRIZES
SPONSORED BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



RSVP PLEASE
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FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHT

GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY, JAN 18TH 5-6PM

CHURCH SERVICES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER



During severe weather conditions, the Board Chair, Pastor, Greg Pollitt (as worship AV person), Director of music, Bill Leitze (as bus driver) 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 NO LATER than 7am the morning of worship.



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LIFE SKILLS ACADEMY

Prepare for the next steps of life with experts and one-on-one support in a welcoming space. This is the THIRD session, focused on interview skills. From how to prep, what to wear and tips to help you get the job you want, we will be learning and practicing interview skills. Bring your resumes and come dressed for success.

\$500
scholarships
for 5 who
complete all
sessions

Who: Juniors, Seniors and 2025 Grads

When: Wednesday Jan. 21, 7-9pm

Where: First Christian Church

Cost: FREE! And snacks provided!



Interview Skills

309.647.1363

215 W. Elm St, Canton, IL



Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts given to the church staff. Your kindness and care truly touched our hearts and made this Christmas season even more meaningful.

We are deeply grateful not only for the gifts, but for the love, encouragement, and support you show us throughout the year. It is a joy and a blessing to serve alongside such a caring and generous church family.

May God bless you abundantly this year ahead. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for being such a wonderful encouragement to each of us.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Church Staff

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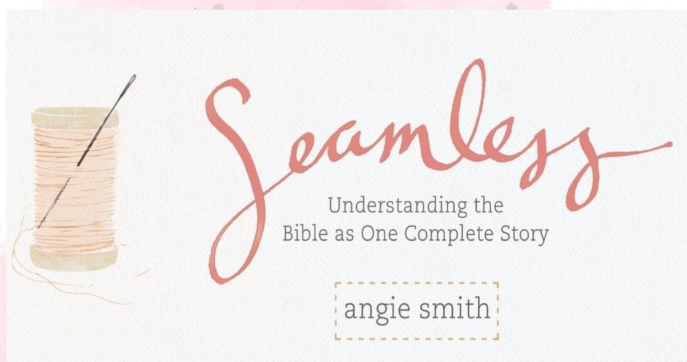
Women's Bible Study

New Meeting Time

Tuesdays @ 10am

Room 104

Come & check it out!



SAVE THE DATE

2026 LUNCH & LEARN

- 2026 LUNCH & LEARNS @ THE BAKER REC CENTER
- STARTING FEBRUARY 12
- EACH MONTH WILL HAVE A FREE LUNCH & AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR SENIORS
- COME FOR ONE MONTH, OR ALL MONTHS (BUT YOU DO HAVE TO RESERVE A SPACE)
- MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

January Birthdays

Chuck Jarvis	1/1
Amanda Stephenson	1/5
Brody Webb	1/5
Sherry Fisher	1/10
Jan Taylor	1/16
Bea Meeker	1/18
Timothy Scott	1/18
Peg Hays	1/19
Kevin Dearing	1/25
Jennifer Miller	1/26
Vinnie S Cufau	1/31
Michael W Walters	1/31

January Anniversaries

Don & Connie Heller	1/1
Bill & Doris Svob	1/16

Last Months Giving & Ministry Needs

Ind. Giving: 17,549	YTD: 204,619
Other Income: 495	YTD: 103,020
Total: 18,044	YTD: 307,639
Needs: 36,365	YTD: 325,899
Difference: -17,321	YTD: -18,260

YTD

Please Pray For:

Family & friends of Randy Weaver during his passing; Family & friends of Joann Waughtel during her passing (Paula Grigsby's mom); Diana Black Williamson; Donna Phillips; Christine Malott; Lori Coleman; Wendy Mayall; Blaine Hardy; Beverly McComb; Sharon Hall; Kelly (Laurie's husband); Don & Shirley Edwards (Bruce's parents); Cindy Schoenheider; Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); David Lueck (Janet White's nephew); Brad O'Brien; Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Mary Beth Powell, Beverly, Stephanie Parson, Tim Roberts (Diana Drinkwater's brother), Katie Hill, Steve Lefferts, Barb Bishop, Gary (& Susan) Barnhart, Kim Schrodt, Lana Formal, Jodi Smith, Haleigh Schoop, Crystal Graybel, Pam Beadles, John Brown, Mark Stoneking, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne; Tracy Snowman

Care Facilities:

Holly Brook Pekin - David & Bea Meeker
Heritage Woods— Bruce Christy, Barb Uno
Renaissance C.C.- Angie Slater, Bill Brockett & Sue Weaver
Sunset - Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

January 4		January 11	
Scripture	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Scripture	Romans 12: 1-8
Greeters	Bruce & Sherry Fisher	Greeters	Alan & Daryle Coleman
Ushers	Sheila Dye	Ushers	Alan & Daryle Coleman
Call to Worship	Diane Schrodt	Call to Worship	Video
Scripture Reader	Tammy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Amanda Stephenson
Children's Moment	Jean Edwards	Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Invitation	Grant Stephenson	Invitation	Chuck Taylor
Prayer	Maida Williams	Prayer	Sherry Coffey
Children's Church	Jean & Bruce Edwards	Children's Church	Amanda & Grant Stephenson
Deacons (prepare)	Shane & Chris /Shawn & Lyn	Deacons (prepare)	TBD /Allen & Eugenia
Counters	Grant & Maida	Counters	Chuck & Sherry
Coffee Fellowship	Judy Leitze	Coffee Fellowship	Jan & Chuck Taylor
January 18		January 25	
Scripture	2 Cor. 5: 17 & 6: 2	Scripture	Romans 5: 1-5
Greeters	Marilee Casper	Greeters	Axline Family
Ushers	Mike & Sue Walters	Ushers	Axline Family
Call to Worship	Tammy Weaver	Call to Worship	Video
Scripture Reader	Lori Coleman	Scripture Reader	Trygve Meade
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva	Children's Moment	Steve Mason
Invitation	Mike Krulac	Invitation	Kevin Dearing
Prayer	Tammy Weaver	Prayer	Rhonda Morgan
Children's Church	TBD	Children's Church	Janet K & TBD
Deacons (prepare)	Zack & Janet /Jake & Carisa	Deacons (prepare)	Emily & Mark T /Judy & Susan
Counters	Tammy & Alan Coleman	Counters	Daryle Coleman & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Bruce & Jean Edwards	Coffee Fellowship	Daryle Coleman

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
				1	2	3
4 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	5 Elder's Meeting 6:30 PM	6 GEMS 10:00AM	7 Choir Practice 7PM	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	12	13 GEMS 10:00AM Finance Meeting 5:30PM	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM FMN: Game Night	19 Worship Meeting 11:00AM	20 GEMS 10:00AM	21 Choir Practice 7PM	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	26 Christian Ed 6PM Board Meeting 7PM	27 GEMS 10:00AM Trivia for Good @Old Dog 5:30PM	28 Choir Practice 7PM	29	30	31
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Property Meeting 4:00PM	GEMS 10:00AM	Choir Practice 7PM			