

June 2026

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



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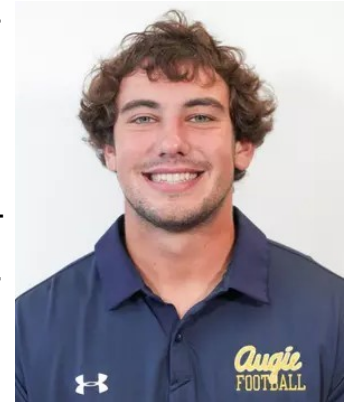
Congrats, FCC Graduates



Katie Smith

This past May, we came together as a church family to celebrate and honor a significant milestone in the lives of our graduates! With grateful hearts, we recognize the hard work, perseverance, and dedication that has brought them to this point. Whether completing high school, college, or a specialized program, each graduate stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and their own commitment to growth. **To our graduates: We are proud of your achievements and excited for your journey ahead!**

Katie Smith is graduating senior at Coe College. She completed her degree in business administration and public relations, with a minor in art. During her time at Coe, she has stayed active as a member of the women's basketball team and the Student Athlete Activities Committee, while also serving as the treasurer for Mortar Board. Following graduation, Katie is excited to share that she will be attending Iowa State University this fall to pursue graduate studies in architecture.



Jake Miller

Jake Miller will be graduating from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. He will be receiving his Bachelors Degree in Business, Communications and Marketing. He plans to pursue a job opportunity in East Peoria with a locally owned manufacturing company using his communication and marketing skills.



Noah Stevens

Noah Stevens is graduating from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Broadcasting and Journalism. After graduation, Noah plans to explore his opportunities in radio/TV production.

Kiera Raker is graduating from Spoon River College with an associates degree in arts. She plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville this fall to major in psychology.



Kiera Raker



Max Raker

Max Raker graduated from Canton High School this spring. He plans on attending Spoon River College this fall to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
Kevin Dearing: Care Coordinator



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

Pastor Hank Anderson's Report

My friends,

As some of you know, Deann and I live in a duplex. It is a very nice place that we enjoy and that serves us well. But there has always been one thing that was missing. When the people developed this complex of duplexes, they took a very minimalist approach to landscaping. Basically, they planted grass but nothing else. Back during the winter, the man who lives in the other half of the duplex approached us about doing some landscaping on our own. We readily agreed with the idea. He even volunteered to do all of the work, and we said we would help pay for the plants and other things that would need to be purchased. He has done a great job and now we have nice area of flowers and shrubs in front of the duplex. While my back issues prevented me from doing much in the way of labor, I have taken on responsibility for watering the plants. So, each night I go out and give everything a nice dose of water which is obviously needed for everything to survive and thrive.

While plants need water in order to thrive, our spiritual lives need to be nurtured as well. One way that happens is through reading the Bible. It is important to read the Bible, even if we don't fully understand everything there. Whether you read the Bible on a regular basis, or have never read it, I invite you to join me in an effort to read through the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts over the next several weeks. These two books are credited to the same author (Luke), and are essentially two volumes of a connected story. Luke is one of the accounts of the life of Jesus. The Book of Acts tells the story of the first several years of the early church. We are calling this effort "Walking Through Luke and Acts."

What I am asking is pretty simple: begin with Luke reading one chapter per day, followed by Acts also reading one chapter per day. If you do that, you will be able to complete those two books in less than two months (52 days to be exact). That means that you can begin and finish while I am still here. We have put together a list of chapters that you can check off each day you finish one. In case you didn't pick one up in worship on Sunday, a copy is included with this newsletter.

I look forward to hearing about your journey through these two books.

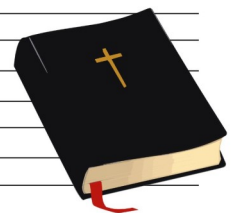
God bless, Hank

Walking Through *Luke + Acts*

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Walking Challenge Accepted

While Pastor Steve was away on sabbatical walking the famous Camino de Santiago in Spain, our congregation accepted a special challenge of our own: to walk together in spirit, health, and faith!

Over the weeks of Pastor's journey, members of all ages laced up their walking shoes and participated in the congregation's walking challenge. Some walked through neighborhoods, others on country roads, treadmills, parks, or school tracks. A few even turned everyday errands into opportunities to add steps and reflect on God's presence in daily life.

The challenge became about much more than counting miles. It encouraged fellowship, healthy habits, and moments of prayer and reflection. Families walked together after dinner, friends checked in with one another about progress, and many participants shared stories of how the experience helped them slow down and appreciate God's creation. Just as the Camino pilgrimage is known as a journey of renewal and discovery, our congregation's walking challenge reminded us that faith is also a journey—taken one step at a time. Though Pastor walked many miles across Spain (487.6 to be exact), we were connected through a shared commitment to intentional movement, reflection, and community. By the end of the challenge, the congregation collectively logged an impressive number of 1,038.47 miles total, demonstrating both dedication and enthusiasm! More importantly, we strengthened connections with one another and found meaningful ways to stay spiritually engaged during Pastor's sabbatical. We are grateful to everyone who participated, encouraged others, and helped make the walking challenge a success!

Walk the Camino with Pastor Steve and see who gets there first...Steve or FCC?



WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:30am
Room 104



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

Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

Watch, like and share!



Meet Sarabella the Brain

YourBrainWillThankYou.com

Your brain's health is in your hands

Regardless of your age, it's important to protect your brain's health and support your overall wellbeing. Luckily, there are actions you can take every day that have been found to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, and possibly even Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Find out what you can do today — your brain will thank you.



Start listening today at cantonfcc.org & [spotify.com](https://open.spotify.com)

The Weekly Word Podcast & Minute at First will be taking a break while Steve is on Sabbatical & will start back up when he returns in August.

Our 24/7 Helpline is available at 800.272.3900.

Call us for support, information on community resources and education.



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Disciples
Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**
Joyful **SERVICE**
Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

Scholarships for fall 2026

Applications due June 15th

(application forms available online at fcc.org)

Contact the office w/ any questions 309-647-1363



PEORIA
CHIEFS

Baseball Game
SATURDAY, JULY 24TH 2026 @ 7:05PM
\$13

Purchase tickets (with exact change, please) & sign up for rides in the office today.

If you sign up for a ride to the game, the bus will leave the church at 5:30pm. There are only 26 seats available on the bus.



May-August the nursery is not staffed

During this time, you are still welcome to use this space, but do not leave children unattended.

We apologize for any inconvenience and kids are welcome in worship and at the playground

If you have suggestions for qualified nursery attendants, please contact the office

FCC Swim Party

July 26th 6-7:30pm @ Big Creek Pool

We have the place to ourselves so all are welcome to join the fun!

2026 General Assembly

Registration is now open for 2026 General Assembly which will be held on July 10 & 11. This year for the first time, it will be possible to attend General Assembly online with no travel or hotel expenses required. The registration fee is only \$30. The assembly is open to everyone, but our church is also entitled to be represented by three voting delegates. If you would be interested in serving as a voting delegate, please contact Michelle Spiva, Hank, or the church office. To learn more about the General Assembly, please visit <https://disciples.org/2026-general-assembly-beyond-love-surpassing/> you will also be able to register to attend the assembly at that link. Contact Hank for more information.



17 YEARS @ FCC

RICK COULTER



BUILDING SUPERVISOR



THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, RICK!

Lunch & Learn

Getting Smart, Getting Connected

Date: Thursday, June 11th
 Time: 12:00pm -1:00pm
 Location: **Donaldson Center**
250 S Ave D

Free with lunch provided!
call 309-647-1345 to RSVP

Topic: Alzheimer's Awareness
 with Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

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Message from Property Committee

Sorry...
TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE

The elevator is temporarily out of order. Please, use the southside entrance to the sanctuary if you need ramp assistance. The bus will drop off & pickup there. Also, the far south side bathrooms (upstairs & downstairs) will be permanently closed and no longer in use.

Thank you!

<h1>June Birthdays</h1>		April 2026 Giving & Ministry Needs	YTD		
Colleen Riley	June 1	Ind. Giving: 21,534	75,684		
Cole Schrodt	June 4	Other Income: 29,018	54,090		
Amy Allard	June 5	Total: 50,552	129,774		
Anna Valentin	June 5	Needs: 31,213	118,022		
Kathy Burton	June 7	Difference: -19,339	-11,752		
Blake Stephenson	June 12	Please Pray For:			
Henry Dare	June 13	<p>Family & friends of Kevin Krock during his passing; Dave Lefferts; Kim Stoneking (Kevin's brother); Rhonda Myers (Connie Burgard's daughter); Family & friends of Marilee Casper upon her passing; Alma Lee Wertman; Tammy Weaver; Ava Leitze; Lela Marie & Lonnie; Jeff Shelby & family; Penny Winters; Carolyn Sue (Murphy) Tandy; Lorraine Neill; Diana Black Williamson; Christine Malott; Blaine Hardy; Sharon Hall; Don & Shirley Edwards (Bruce's parents); Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Carol Poindexter, Gary Reneau, Brad O'Brien, Beverly McComb, Stephanie Parson, Tim Roberts, Katie Hill, Steve Lefferts, Barb Bishop, Gary Barnhart, Kim Schrodt, Lana Formal, Jodi Smith, Crystal Graybel, Pam Beadles, John Brown, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne</p>			
Kadence Schoolcraft	June 15				
Evie Taylor	June 16				
Shelby Taylor	June 16				
Andrew Moser	June 17				
Terri Osborne	June 17				
Diane Bell	June 22				
Emmie Stephenson	June 22				
Lorraine Neill	June 25				
Alma Lee Wertman	June 26				
<h1>June Anniversaries</h1>				Care Facilities:	
Kara & Dan Fitzjarrald	June 2			The Carriages Bloomington- David Meeker	
Mindy & Greg Glomb	June 5			Holly Brook Peoria - Liz Clark	
Kevin & Rhonda Morgan	June 5			Heritage Woods — Bruce Christy, Barb Uno, Nancy Cluts	
Michael & Susan Walters	June 10	Renaissance C.C.- Angie Slater; Bill Brockett			
Amy & Tad Allard	June 12	Sunset - Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt			
Shawna & Tom Axline	June 13				
Corey & Jennifer Miller	June 14				
Alan & Daryle Coleman	June 15				
Mark & Emily Baldry	June 17				
Bruce & Sherry Fisher	June 26				

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

June 7: Staying at the Table		June 14: Changing the Narrative	
Scripture	Luke 22:14-20	Scripture	John 14:12-17
Greeters	Diane Schrodt	Greeters	Axline Family
Ushers	Bruce & Jean Edwards	Ushers	Bonnie Harn
CtW	Vinnie Cufaude	CtW	TBD
Scripture Reader	Mark Taylor	Scripture Reader	Kate Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan	Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman
Invitation	Michelle Spiva	Invitation	Hank Anderson
Prayer	Brian Spiva	Prayer	Kevin Coleman
Deacons (prepare)	Tom & Don /Jean & Aja	Deacons (prepare)	Dave & Sheila /Carissa M & Amanda
Counters	Brian Spiva/Bruce Edwards	Counters	Kevin Coleman/Don Heller
Coffee Fellowship	Michelle Spiva	Coffee Fellowship	Judy Leitze
June 21: I Want a Church		June 28	
Scripture	Micah 6:6-8	Scripture	TBD
Greeters	Moser Family	Greeters	Kevin & Jan Dearing
Ushers	Nancy Cluts	Ushers	Bill & Judy Kemper
CtW	Trygve Meade	CtW	TBD
Scripture Reader	Tammy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Diane Schrodt
Children's Moment	Jean Edwards	Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Invitation	Grant Stephenson	Invitation	Chuck Taylor
Prayer	Maida Williams	Prayer	Sherry Coffey
Deacons (prepare)	Shane & Chris /Shawn & Lyn	Deacons (prepare)	Denny & Dee /TBD & Eugenia
Counters	Grant Stephenson/Maida Williams	Counters	Chuck Taylor/Sherry Coffey
Coffee Fellowship	Jan & Chuck Taylor	Coffee Fellowship	Bruce & Jean Edwards

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Elder's Meeting 6:30 PM					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Worship Meeting 11:00AM			Lunch & Learn 12-1 PM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	*Scholarships Due* Christian Ed 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7PM	Finance Meeting 5:30PM				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Property Meeting 4PM					
28	29	30	31			
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM						