

April 2025

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



First Christian Church

www.cantonfcc.org

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Canton, IL 61520

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It's Official

On March 9th, we got to officially welcome 3 familiar faces as the newest members of FCC: Dave and Janet White and Marla Hedden. All three of these folks have already been a helpful presence, volunteering for various ministries; but what a joy it is to officially count them as a part of the FCC family!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FREE

*Palm Sunday
Dinner*

**April 13th 2025
Canton First Christian Church
215 W Elm St**

**10:30AM Carry out and Delivery begins
Dine in with us from 11-12 PM**

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
309-647-1363 TO RESERVE YOUR MEALS BY
THURSDAY APRIL 10TH**

Bible Basics

Wed. March 12th from 5:30-7:00pm

(6 Week Series)

Soup Supper Provided



Palm Sunday

April 13th @ 9am

Maundy Thursday

April 17th @ 7pm

Good Friday

April 18th @ 7pm

Easter Sunday

April 20th @ 9am

**Pick up your Daily Devotional & Wandering
Hearts Faith Map at the church!**

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



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

Welcome to April, a season of transition. As we enter this month, for many of us, it still feels like winter: kids have yet to embark on Spring Break, winter clothes are still at the front of the closet and we're still in the reflective season of Lent.



But by the time this month ends, we will be celebrating Resurrection in the Easter season, kids will be counting down the days of the semester and summer travel plans will be more solidified.

So I want to make sure in this in-between month to help us attend to both of these seasons that we gratefully hold in tension. As we honor the gifts of the final days of Lent, make sure you journey with us through Holy Week and all the worship opportunities listed on page 1. As much as our society places weight on the big holidays, I find Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to be some of the most meaningful and true days of worship.

And, as we turn our gaze to summer, make sure you've read through and considered how you'll make the ministries of FCC be a part of your plans. Maybe you have kids and are making childcare plans—check out information on Camp Walter Scott and our partnership with Camp Emmanuel for a free day camp the week of July 14-18. If you have a middle schooler (or older) in your life, I'd invite you to make the mission trip Aug 3-9 a priority, as this can be an eye-opening experience. Or maybe you want to experience a broader sense of church by participating in the regional Women's Retreat or at the General Assembly in Memphis.



But whatever you do, however you decide to life into April with all of it's "already and not yet" feelings (which is really the life experience of all Christians, celebrating the "already" of knowing Jesus, but the "not yet" of still long-

ing for the fullness of the kingdom of God on earth) know that FCC has you covered to flourish in your faith, wherever you find yourself.

Pastor Steve



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

Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

Watch, like and share!



Building Growth

The Property Committee has been very busy this last month. Recently, our solar power has gone online and should reduce our electric bills by almost half! That has been a labor of love and persistence by a large group of people over almost 2 years, so thanks to everyone, especially, Bruce Edwards and Greg Pollitt, who have been invaluable in this process.

Also, thanks to the Building Trades at CHS and their teacher, Josh Kemper, there is a new roof on the garage and it looks great!

Hopefully, you also noticed on our southeast-facing sign that we actually have information about our services and how to learn more about FCC. And finally, because your Property Committee wants to not only beautify our space, but to keep us all safe, you'll notice the newly installed AED, which was granted to us by Graham Medical.

Thanks to our chair, Kara Fitzjarrald and our whole committee! And here's sneak peak of updates you might hear about next month: new fire extinguishers, bold signage on the north side of the building, a quieter projector and new video cameras in the sanctuary!



COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Saturday April 26, 2025

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Arrive at Jones Park

**Join together with our community to
assist in beautifying the Canton YMCA!!**

**Please, RSVP to the church office if you
are available to help!!**

(309) 647-1363

KIDS DAY Camp



14-18 JULY

A FREE WEEK OF CAMP FOR KIDS FROM CANTON WITH TRANSPORTATION AND LEADERSHIP FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CRAFTS

For more info: www.campem.com
14999 Reservoir Road Browning, IL

DISCIPLES WOMEN



MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN
SPRING GATHERING

Tending Our Inner Gardens:
Sowing Seeds for Spiritual Growth

- Connect with recent and long-time friends.
- Explore various spiritual disciplines during this experiential retreat.
- Share Communion and dedicate your Blessing Box offerings.

APRIL 26, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Mosaic Christian Church
2507 West Newman Parkway
Peoria, Illinois 61604

Find more info and register
ccwdisciples.org/events



AMY SUE JOHNSON
Keynote Speaker



2025 YOUTH & FAMILY CAMPS

AT WALTER SCOTT CAMP & LEARNING CENTER

Get ready for summer by registering for youth camps at Walter Scott today!

YOUTH CAMPS

- ✓ CYF | Jun 8-14
Grades 9-12
- ✓ You & Me | Jun 15-18
Grades K-5 + Adult(s)
- ✓ Beginners | Jun 19-21
Grades K-3*

- ✓ JYF | Jun 22-28
Grades 3*-5
- ✓ Chi-Rho | Jun 29-Jul 5
Grades 6-8

*3rd graders may attend either Beginners or JYF Camp.

FAMILY CAMPS

- ✓ Memorial Day Weekend
May 22-26
- ✓ Labor Day Weekend
Aug 28-Sep 1

Visit us online for full details, registration, and information on service opportunities, additional youth events, and more!



REGISTER NOW!



www.CampWalterScott.org



Who's Ready to Help?



Who: 15 people, middle schoolers and older

What: a mission trip through "Be the Neighbor" ministry. We will take the church bus and stay at Christmount Camp cabins.

Where: Black Mountain, North Carolina

When: August 3-9

Why: to help our neighbors clean up after Hurricane Helene, to help care for the environment and do disaster recovery at home

How Much: approx. \$500 per person...financial help available. \$100 deposit is needed ASAP to secure your spot.

Questions: contact Pastor Steve

full info at: betheneighbor.org/black-mountain-nc

COMING SOON
APRIL 27TH

Outreach will be hosting a Family Ministry Night: Earth Day Plant Party from 5:30-6:30pm

Middle School Youth Group will meet before the FMN @ 5pm

BEYOND
2025 MEMPHIS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Memphis, Tennessee
July 12 - 15, 2025

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Lunch & Learn
Getting Smart, Getting Connected

Date: Thursday, April 10th
Time: 12:00pm -1:00pm
Location: Baker Rec. Center
940 N. Main St.
Free with lunch provided!
call 309-647-7665 to RSVP

Topic - Gardening
101
Learn from the U of I
Ext. Master Gardener

HOSTED BY:
CANTON PARK DISTRICT
&
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FARM BUREAU

April Birthdays

Harriett Schleich	April 1
Bruce Fisher	April 5
Joe Stone	April 5
Lori Coleman	April 6
Kate Fitzjarrald	April 7
Lyn Snowman	April 14
Trevon Jackson	April 18
Larry Lefferts	April 19
Nathan Taylor	April 23
Stephen Snowman	April 26
Jake Miller	April 27
Carl Fisher	April 30

April Anniversaries

Amanda & Bret Sipe	April 4

Please Pray For:

Brice Heller (cornea transplant); Pheobe Raker (recovering from eye surgery); Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Mandy Sipe; Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); David Lueck (Janet White's nephew); Brad O'Brien (Sherry Hardy's friend); Tayvin Henderson (Friend of Jack Fitzjarrald); Carol Harmon; Jan Dearing; Kevin Allard (Tad Allard's brother); Blaine Hardy (deployed overseas); Joyce & Zack Norris; Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Pam Beadles, John Brown, Mark Stoneking, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne, Diana Black Williamson; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey

BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates: David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset: Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center: Angie, Bill & Sue

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

April 6-Teach Me		Palm Sunday-April 13-Songs Of Loudest Praise	
Scripture	Matt. 18:15-22	Scripture	John 12: 12-16
Greeters	Don & Connie Heller	Greeters	Marilee Casper
Ushers	Kim & Darryl Schrodt	Ushers	Susan Perez
CtW	TBD	CtW	Lyn Snowman
Scripture Reader	TBD	Scripture Reader	Susan Walters
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva	Children's Moment	Caitlin Mason
Invitation	Chuck Taylor	Invitation	Brian Spiva
Prayer	Maida Williams	Prayer	Kevin Coleman
Children's Church	Eugenia Warden & Connie Heller	Children's Church	TBD
Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carisa /TBD	Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan /Corey & Mark T
Counters	Chuck Taylor/Don Heller	Counters	Brian Spiva/Kevin Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Kevin Dearing	Coffee Fellowship	Palm Sunday Meal
Easter-April 20-And I Hope		April 27-Here's My Heart	
Scripture	Luke 24: 1-12	Scripture	John 21: 1-19
Greeters	Bruce & Jean Edwards	Greeters	Bonnie Harn
Ushers	Sheila Dye	Ushers	Alan & Daryle Coleman
CtW	TBD	CtW	Randy Weaver
Scripture Reader	Eugenia Warden	Scripture Reader	Hailey Bryant
Children's Moment	Jen Miller	Children's Moment	Jean Edwards
Invitation	Shawna Axline	Invitation	Grant Stephenson
Prayer	Steve Mason	Prayer	Caitlin Mason
Children's Church	Grant & Amanda Stephenson	Children's Church	Janet Krulac & Carissa Moser
Deacons (prepare)	Tom & Don P /Jean & Michelle	Deacons (prepare)	Corey & Mark T /Judy & Susan
Counters	Shawna Axline/Vinnie Cufau	Counters	Grant Stephenson/Daryle Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Don & Maida	Coffee Fellowship	Paula Grigsby

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bible Basics 5:30-7PM Choir Practice 7PM			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	Finance Meeting 5:30PM	Bible Basics 5:30-7PM Choir Practice 7PM			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Worship Meeting 11:00AM	Outreach Meeting 5:00PM	Choir Practice 7PM	Bible Basics 5:30-7PM Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm	Good Friday Service @ 7pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Christian Ed 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7PM					
27	28	29	30			
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM MS Youth Group 5pm FMN:Plant Party 5:30pm	Property Meeting 4:00PM					