

Christian Messenger



Good news from the First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) Gurnee, IL
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Dear David,

Yesterday at our congregational meeting we overwhelmingly passed the 2010 budget for ministry at First Christian Church. While this is very good news it is also just the beginning of ministry in 2010 and now there is much to do.

We are beginning this week to bring the 2009 Stewardship Drive to you. You will get a letter this week from Steve Novak and Merry Quinn-Krajniak explaining the goals, the process and the time line. The theme for our Stewardship Drive is **"Giving From the Heart."**

This theme focuses on how our relationship with Jesus impacts every aspect of our discipleship, including our giving.

WEEKLY PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

We are going to list families from FCC each week for you to pray for! We are asking you to pray for them each day of the week, asking God to Bless them, Protect Them and use them in Great and Wonderful ways!

**Julie & Charlie Herbst Linda Novales
Rochelle & Dave Tisinai Wilhelmina Cater**

WEEKLY CHURCH FOCUS

Our prayer focus this week is the **Shiloh Baptist Church and their Pastor Walstone Francis**. Pray for this Church and their Pastor's leadership and vision for God to truly bless them as they grow in relationship to God. Pray for them to grow in Spirit, in number and in strength.

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New Joys

- ☞ Caitlen Totsch's HighSchool ZionBenton won their first Homecoming football game in 6 years!
- ☞ Caitlen Totsch's Homecoming Dance went well!
- ☞ Jennifer Meness is home safely!

What we know is that people give where their heart is. If your heart is in the church, you will give graciously and generously to the church. If your heart isn't in the church - we know that you will give lightly or not at all. It is our prayer that your heart will stand with your church.

This week I have been blessed with a birthday gift - a trip to see JaiLeigh. I will get to see her play volleyball two times, sing in a concert and get ready for homecoming! I will give her your love and ask for your prayers for traveling mercies!

See you Sunday!

Pastor David

CWF

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Rachel Circle is meeting
On November 3 at 1:00pm!
At the home of Shirley Sefanic!

☞ The Day at Allendale went well!

New Concerns

☞ The Draegert's and Paul's recent surgery.

Continuing Concerns

- ☞ John Carroll and his ongoing battle with Cancer.
- ☞ People in Financial Stress.
- ☞ Robyn's Aunt Judy recovering from surgery.
- ☞ Paul Draegert and recovering from kidney Stones

Continued prayers for our shut-ins:

Bernice Esser, Bonnie Holler, Nell Van
 Doris Isabell, Margaret McLellan,
 Beverly Peterson, Wilma Swanson,
 Lorene Sabonjian

Remember to bring non perishables!

Worship Guests from October 18

First Time Visitors

Dan, Anne & CaraLondziela

Returning Visitors

Be sure to greet our worship guests
 and make them feel at home in the
 family of God!

Sunday Servants

October 25, 2009

Elders:	Offering:	Sue Evenson
	Communion:	Barb Draegert
Deacons:	Dave Fisel, Scott Peterson	
	Rochelle Tisinai, Robyn Totsch	
Fill/Cleanup:	Robyn Totsch	
Lay Reader:	Carol Closson	
Tabulators:	Shirley Stefanic & Char Vojtko	
Greeters:	Norma Kendrick, Donna Henriksen	
	Char Vojtko	

BOARD MEETING!!

Tuesday October 20 at 7:00pm!

In the Annex, anyone from the congregation is welcome to come and bring any questions, concerns or ideas you may have

to help the Church!

FCC BOOK CLUB:

We are reading the book "Crank" By Ellen Hopkins this month and will be having our discussion on November 1 at 6:00pm!

At Sheila Bondurant's home
491 Attenborough Way
Grayslake, IL 60030

You can pick up this book at your

Attendance Information

Sunday School: 25 Worship: 48

Finance

and Stewardship Financial Report September 2009

	Actual
General Fund:	
Total Donations Received:	\$9,699.98
Total Expenses Paid:	-\$10,920.60
Total Unpaid Past Due Bills:	-\$6,452.52
Checking Account Balance	\$380.18
Month-end Shortfall	-\$6,072.34
Unpaid Past Due Bills:	
Jeffrey Elevator Due 8/1/09	-\$130.00
ATT 8478166303 Due 8/10/09	-\$60.85
Quarterly Taxes Due 8/31/09	-\$1,188.00
Memorial Fund Due Immediately	-\$2800.00
Spoerls Snowplow Due Immediately	-\$2,273.67
Total	-\$6,452.52
Building Fund:	
Total Donations Received:	\$845.00
Total Stock Redeemed	\$10,649.96
Total Expenses Paid:	\$11,313.83

local library or your local bookstore.

Total Unpaid Past Due Balance:	\$0
Checking Account Balance	\$3,540.33
Month-end Surplus	\$3,540.33

Coming Up From the Pulpit!

October 25

**Building Block # 6: Evangelism
Developing Relationships With
Unbelievers
John 4, Acts 1:8-10**

November 1

**Giving From the Heart -
As Easy as A,B,C.
Luke 10:25-37**

**Spend time reading the scriptures of the
week!**

2010 Budget

Please click the above link to
view the 2010 Budget the
Congregation passed on Sunday.

Donations continue to run behind expenses. Our General Fund Shortfall increased nearly \$1200 this month to \$6,072.34. Building fund donations were nearly \$1,100.00 short of our monthly interest payment, however, during the month we sold \$10,649.96 of our stock reserve in order to get current on the mortgages interest owed. Now that we are current we are eligible for a lower interest rate when our mortgage comes up for review later this fall. Please pray that God continues to bless our church and enables us to do his work.

Thank you!

CHILI COOK OFF!!!

November 1, 2009 after worship!
Sign up sheets for the types of chili

We will soon be beginning our Stewardship Campaign! Keep an eye out in the mail for information!

CLC CHORAL CONCERT!

Come hear awesome music from the CLC Choirs including

the CLC Gospel Choir

WHERE? WHEN?

At the College of Lake County
Sunday October 25 at 4:00pm tickets
will be available at the box office for
\$4.00!

that are going to be brought and what extras we will need!!

CROP WALK

What a beautiful day to walk for the hungry people of Northern Lake County! For those of us who walked congratulations and thank you: Merry Quinn, Dick Kendrick, Rosalind Davis, Brenda Medeiros! And a thank you for those who weren't able to walk but raised money Anthony Huntoon and Robyn Totsch! The CROP walk had a total of 460 walkers this year and so far has raised \$52,000! Remember that any money you have raised for the CROP walk is due Sunday November 8! And if I have forgotten anyone please let me know!

Sundays @ FCC

9:00am Sunday School for Every Age

10:30am

Worship Celebration!

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