

Christian Messenger



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

"Giving From the Heart."

STOP!!! Don't quit reading yet. What word do you see first in the above sentence? Most of you probably saw the first word and were tempted to stop reading because you think I might be about to talk about your giving more to the church, and the word I want you to see more than anything is the word Heart.

One of my favorite authors, John Eldridge wrote in his book Waking the Dead the following about our hearts:

"Of course your heart would be the object of a great and fierce battle. It

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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!

Betty Chappel Donna & Rich Hodap
Mela Novales Keith & Carol Totsch

WEEKLY CHURCH FOCUS

Our prayer focus this week is the **Grace Fellowship Church and their Pastor Mike Goolsby**. 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

⌘ Screen door being put in at the Annex!

is your most precious possession. Without your heart you cannot have God. Without your heart you cannot have love. Without your heart you cannot have faith. Without your heart you cannot find the work that you were meant to do. In other words, without your heart you cannot have life."

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For the month of November we are going to look at this theme "Giving From the Heart" in worship and in Sunday School. This study and series in worship will inspire you every week in your walk with Jesus - building on the foundation we developed in September and October. Don't miss out on this opportunity to set your HEART free.

See you Sunday!

Pastor David

CWF NEWS

- ✧ The new Projector in the sanctuary!
- ✧ Pastor David's trip to see Jaileigh!
- ✧ Brie Lenz turns 1 on Wednesday!

New Concerns

- ✧ Brenda's Aunt Ruth still struggling with Cancer.
- ✧ Brenda's Husband just diagnosed with Diabetes.
- ✧ Patrick O'Dell and his 3rd Surgery this year for cancer.

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,

Rachel Circle

On November 3 at 1:00pm!
At the home of Shirley Sefanic!
Remember to bring non perishables!

Mary Circle

On November 10 at 7:30pm
we will meet at Carol Closson's home!

Worship Guests from October 25

First Time Visitors

Returning Visitors

Bob & Marilyn Prinzing

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

Sunday Servants

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Lorene Sabonjian

Elders: Offering: Gail Fisel
 Communion: Ros Davis
 Deacons: Frank Chodan, Bill Corwin
 Steve & Kathy Novak

Fill/Cleanup: Frank Chodan
 Lay Reader: Theresa Hahn
 Tabulators: Dave Fisel & George Houchin
 Greeters: Shirley Stefanic, Char Vojtko, Esther Homeck

Coming Up From the Pulpit!

November 1

**Giving From the Heart -
 As Easy as A,B,C.
 Luke 10:25-37, Deuteronomy 6:5,
 Matthew 13:10-16, Isaiah 611**

November 8

**Giving From the Heart -
 As Easy as A, B, C
 1 Chronicles 29:1-22, Jeremiah
 29:10-14, 31:31-33, Ezekiel 36:26-27,
 Hebrews 11:1-6**

Spend time reading the scriptures of the week!

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Attendance Information

Sunday School: 17 Worship: 45

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

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE!

NOV 1-29

You should have received your pledge cards by now! Remember to either mail them back to the church or put them in the offering plate on Sunday!

Thank you

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

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

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!

local library or your local bookstore.

TMC Holiday Tea & Boutique

November 14 10am-4pm!

Join us for the as we get ready for the Holidays and benefit Teen moms in Lake County on Saturday at the **Village Church of Gurnee**. Shop crafts and vendors, learn from tea and coffee brewing experts, win a gift in the raffle and stay for lunch

NOV 21 ALLENDALE ANGELS We will meet at Allendale at 12pm! This mission team exists solely to build real relationships with the young men at Shelter East. These young men are ages 12-18 and are at Allendale for a variety of reasons, none of them good. What we do with them varies month by month - we cook, teach, play - and most importantly show that we care. They are hungry for real relationships with adults who care. That's why we go and we would

CHILI COOK OFF

November 1 After Worship

We have 5 different kinds of Chili so far for everyone to taste! Stay after worship and enjoy the fellowship and the food! Drinks will be provided! So just bring your appetites and a smile!

See you there!

2009 CROP Walk!

Just a reminder that all pledges and monies collected from the Crop Walk are

invite you to come with us. For more information contact Kathy Novak @ 847-856-8045 or Ros Davis @ 847-946-4164 and come be an Allendale Angel with us!

Pastor David and North Star Praise Band also are involved in another ministry at Allendale that you can be a part of - the worship ministry there on Wednesday nights. We lead worship on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 6:00pm and if you are more able to help with this then please come! Contact Pastor David for more information!

DEAR PROPERTY COMMITTEE.....
Thank you for the glass in the door and the new screen door and all the hard work that was put into making that happen! Also, thank you for everything that you do on Tuesdays mowing, trimming, making sure there are lights, fixing the mowers, getting water for me! We appreciate everything that you do for the Church! Just wanted to say THANK YOU!!!!

due to Merry Quinn-Krajniak by November 8. Merry has to turn in the money November 9. Congratulations to the following walkers/participants from FCC! Theresa Hahn, Rosalind Davis, Robyn Totsch, Dick Kendrick, Brenda Medeiros, Kathy Novak, Anthony Huntoon, Merry Quinn-Krajniak

BOARD MEETING NOV.17
At 7:00pm in the Annex those who are to attend please mark it on your Calendar!
A reminder anyone from the congregation is welcome to come with any ideas to help the church grow or just to simply sit and listen to what's going on within the church! If you have any questions please call the church office at 847-247-8568.

ELDERS MEETING!!

Tuesday November 24



First Christian Church
We have Paper Recycling! Please No
Cardboard or Phonebooks! North
Corner of the Parking Lot! Please let
your friends, co-workers, neighbors
know! All proceeds go to
First Christian Church!



ECO PHONES

Cell Phone Recycling & Consumer
Electronics. Donate Your Used Cell
Phone, Ink Jet Cartridges, laptops,
iPods, digital cameras!
Recycle Bin located
in the Narthex!

at 7:00pm!

In the Annex, all ELDERS please
plan on being there. If you are
unable to make it please call the
office!to help the Church!

Hangin' of the Greens!

Come join us Saturday November 28 at
10am to decorate the church for
Christmas! For more information speak
to Barb Draeger!

Sundays @ FCC

9:00am Sunday School for Every Age
10:30am Worship Celebration!

Staff For You @ FCC

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