

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 N. Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863



SUNDAY SERVICE

October 11, 2026

Sermon:

“You’ve Been Invited to Christ’s Party”

Scripture: Luke 14:15-23

Worship: 9:30 AM

Watching Our Figures
9/27 - 39; 10/4 - 45

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“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
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This Sunday, October 11th, is **Pastor Appreciation Day**, and we plan to honor Pastor Jim with a reception in the Fellowship alcove after the morning worship service. Please stay for a piece of cake and help us show our love and appreciation for our pastor. If you would like to send a card to Pastor Jim, you may send it to the church or drop it by the office, and we will make certain he gets them. **Let’s overwhelm our pastor with encouragement this year!!**

SERVING IN OCTOBER 2026

Custodial Deacon: Kim More

Elder on Call: Stacey Swift

Communion Preparers: Barry & Janis Roberts

Sanctuary Straightener: Gayle Conrady

Acolytes: Nicole & Madison Escobedo

Counters: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles



UPCOMING EVENTS

MCHS Football Aces Breakfast (7:15 AM)	Oct. 9
Pastor Appreciation Day/Reception	Oct. 11
Holly Brook Service (3:00 M)	Oct. 11
Columbus Day	Oct. 12
Cookie Day (10:00 AM)	Oct. 15
Stewardship Sunday	Oct. 18

September 20, 2026

General Offering	\$889.00
Fellowship Time	16.00
Brown Bag Buddies	100.00
Capital Improvement	300.00
Membership Care	100.00
Visitor Postage	100.00
Website	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,605.00

September 27, 2026

General Offering	\$506.00
FCC Wk. od Comp.	825.00
Reconciliation	16.00
Donation for gas	<u>34.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,347.00

October 4, 2026

General Offering	\$629.00
Reconciliation Off.	170.00
Brown Bag Buddies	100.00
Memorial Fund	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$919.00



Emily Ewald, Kyler West, Levi West, Bev Coker, Betty Foshee, Don Marx, Esther Calverley, Ben & Shari Ross, Georgia Dalrymple, Don Swift, Valerie Murbarger, **Gordy Limp**, Cathy Wietfeldt, Mike Brown, Melody Ramsey, Tony LaRue, Callie Mitchell, Linda Kimble, Tim Woodsmall, Laura Bisch, Nancy Wright, A. J. Stambaugh, Marcia Poland, Kelly McCarty, Brandy Rains, Peyton McDougal, Gary Bellessa, Tom Ostanik, Alan Kidd, Sabrina McEntire Williams, Clint Anderson, **Jill Gerwin**, J.P. Ewald, Sarah West, Paula Street, Mary & Ken Burkitt, Nile Gay, Pamela Case, Jim Edgington, Myriam Posso, Craig Leeper, Dawn Riley, Mark Tennes, Roger Jackman, Talon Rafferty, Howard Hoke, George Beckerman, Georgia Dalrymple, Brylin Yarbor, Rev. Todd Frenier, Melissa Felling, Rev. Dr. Fred White, and our country, leaders, service members, disaster victims, service workers, medical personnel, and Israel.

The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.

Stewardship Sunday is coming up soon. This year it is Sunday, October 18th.

Have you invited anyone to church lately? This would be the perfect time to do so. Why not invite a friend? People need the Lord!

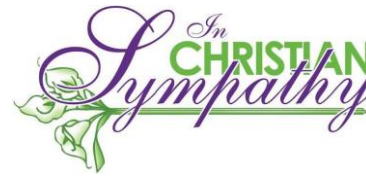


“Why do people need the Lord? Because all people have a huge problem and that problem is sin. Sin has separated us from God, and this condition will be fatal, eternally fatal if the cure is not applied. This is the worst effect of sin there could be, separation from God who created us. So sin has left mankind wandering, lost, spiritually dead, and without understanding about what to do about it. That’s a sad condition in which people find themselves.”

The cure for the sin problem is Jesus! He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

No one comes to the Father, but by Him. Jesus is the door to eternity in Heaven. He welcomes everyone to come to Him.

It’s as simple as A,B,C. Ask Him for forgiveness, believe Jesus forgave you, confess Him before others! Your name will be written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Heaven will be your eternal Home.



First Christian Church extends its deepest sympathies to the Duane Lewis Family in the passing of his wife, **Debbie Henry Lewis**, on September 30th . Duane and Debbie have been long time members of our church so we ask you to please keep Duane and his children, Tristen and Kaycee, in your prayers for comfort at this time of great loss.

FCC will be feeding about 75 hungry football players, cheer leaders, and coaches this Friday morning at 7:15 AM in the Fellowship



Hall. We want to bless the team with a hearty breakfast to start their day. We will need help feeding that crew so if you can donate some of your time to help out, we would deeply appreciate it. Serving starts at 7:15 so if you could come earlier to help set up, you will be the blessing that we know you to be. Thank you so much, FCC Church Family.



Sp^LINT^ERS from the BOARD

September 2026

Property: Barry Roberts/Devan Swift

- Special thanks to Tony Bowles for repair work and painting in the 8th Street lobby ceiling and the display areas on 8th Street going up to the sanctuary.
- The new A/C was installed by Sharp and Williams. It replaced a 37-year-old unit and was paid for from the memorial funds of the church.
- The parking lot has been restriped. Weed killer has been sprayed around the yard and sidewalks. Leaves were removed from the lower ledge along the Education Building. Thank you, Barry Roberts, for doing all of this.
- We are looking at possibly changing our telephone provider to save the church some money.
- The bus and van passed safety inspection. Thanks go to Melvin Hocking and Devan Swift for taking care of this.
- Clint Seybold would like to use our bus to do city tours Homecoming weekend. Insurance will cover it. Tony Bowles made a motion to allow Clint to use the bus. Nile Gay seconded it. Motion carried.

Stewardship: Devan Swift

- Lynette Wiles went over the Treasurer's Report. She then passed out the proposed 2027 budget.
- Things that increased the 2027 proposed budget:
 - 1) Proposed salary increases for Choir Director and Secretary (3%)
 - 2) 9% increase in the costs of utilities and insurance

Membership: Barry Roberts

- Judy Sigler and Sara Storckman have agreed to be Membership co-chairs in 2027-2029 and have already started.
- Dinner was taken to Betty Foshee's after Sandy Walker's Celebration of Life.
- October 11-Pastor Appreciation Day: We will have a card party (can bring to church office) and reception following church.
- Please sign up for Fellowship Time. Sign-up sheet on office window.

Worship: Gayle Conrady

- Thanks go to Tony and Ruthie Bowles for taking care of the sanctuary flowers.
- No parament changes at this time.

Education: Stacey Swift for Lizzie Irelan

- Older youth will be using a video curriculum and helping with the younger kids during CCF. They will have their lesson and fellowship after the CCF dinner. They have painted rocks with Christian sayings and will be distributing them around town.
- The older youth participated in reading to kids and doing a craft with them at WVC in July.
- CCF will be starting on Sept. 30th. Thanks to all who volunteer to help.

Evangelism: Barry Roberts

- 8/11-WVC Volleyball and girls soccer team dinner. We served dinner to 37 students. Thanks to all who helped with this event.
- 8/17-WVC Orientation. Shari and Rev. Ben Ross and Barry and Janis Roberts had a table with school supplies and information about FCC. We also had a drawing for a Beats wireless headphone set which was won by Mya Cobb. About 100 people dropped by their table.
- 10/9-Aces Football Breakfast. If anyone would like to help with this, it would be greatly appreciated.

World Outreach: Gary Hargett

- We voted to donate the following:

Budget	Regular
Week of Compassion	\$ 555.33
St. Jude's Hospital	\$ 555.33
Special Olympics	<u>\$ 555.33</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,665.99

- Gary Hargett made a motion to accept the above Bequest Requests as submitted by the World Outreach Committee and Tony Bowles seconded it. Motion carried.

Christian Action: Barry Roberts

- We voted to donate the following:

	Regular Budget
WADI Food Pantry	\$233.33
WVC Fresh Program	<u>\$233.34</u>
TOTAL:	\$466.67

- Barry Roberts moved to approve the above Bequest Requests as submitted by the Christian Action Committee. Shari Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative: Janis Roberts

- We discussed our budget, personnel salaries and the November ballot.
- We will meet again on October 13th to finalize them.

Elders: Janis Roberts for Karissa Anderson

- Elders continue to provide services at Hollybrook, serve at the Communion Table and participate in our Elder Prayer Chain.
- There were 20 attending the Hollybrook service in September.
- Thank you, Shari and Rev. Ben Ross, for putting together goody bags-they loved them!

Minister's Report: Rev. Jim Bisch

- Regional Assembly is October 2-3. Amos Chenoweth and Doris Beckerman have volunteered to be representatives of our church. Shari Ross made a motion to have Amos and Doris be our representatives. Nile Gay seconded it. Motion carried.
- David Foshee and family did a wonderful job at Sandy Walker's Celebration of Life. Sandy collected seashells and gave them to relatives and friends to show her love for them. Rev. Bisch hopes to get David to give a sermon on Sharing God's Love on All Saints Day.
- Rev. Jim's mom fell 3 times, requiring 60 stitches the last fall. She will be moving in with Jim's brother. Rev. Bisch will need to take off some time to help his brother with this move.
- Rev. Jim and Melinda will be getting a new border collie puppy to replace Wiggles soon.

Gary Hargett made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Janis Roberts for Penny Tennes

PEOPLE NEED THE LORD!

Every day they pass me by
I can see it in their eyes
Empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where
On they go through private pain
Living fear to fear
Laughter hides their silent cries
Only Jesus hears

People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize people need the Lord?

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost?
Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear
They must hear the words of life
Only we can share

People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize that we must give our lives?
For people need the Lord, people need the Lord

Source: [LyricFind](#) / Singer: **Steve Green**

Songwriters: Greg Nelson / Phill Mchugh

People Need the Lord lyrics © Capitol CMG Publishing



HALLOWEEN	CANDY CORN DAY	TEACHERS DAY
BLACK CAT DAY	TACO DAY	SAMHAIN
MAGIC DAY	DIVERSITY DAY	CAT DAY
VODKA DAY	PASTA DAY	MENTAL HEALTH DAY
BLACK POETRY DAY	MENOPAUSE DAY	NUT DAY
PUMPKIN DAY	COMING OUT DAY	CURVES DAY
VEGETARIAN DAY	HAIR DAY	PUG DAY

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