



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 2, 2020



THIS SUNDAY!!

Also this Sunday, Mike will be starting a new sermon series! He will be preaching from the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalm 120-134). You might want to take a few minutes and read these Psalms, to be ready for Mike's sermons.

June 7 is PROMOTION SUNDAY! When we have Sunday School again, some of the youth will be "moving up" to the next class. Next fall, if your young person will be in Grade 2, 6 or 9, he/she will be moving up to the next class. Sarah Cannon teaches Grades 2-6, Tom & Tracy Lillard teach Grades 6-8 and Seth & Kate Shunk teach the High School class.

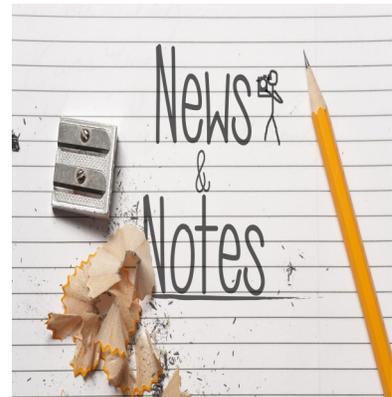
PRAYER NEEDS...

Family of Novella Claiborn- 24-year old granddaughter of Glenda Case; please keep Novella's parents, Tracy and Theresa (Glenda's daughter) in your prayers
Beth El Xanders (friend of Kent & Brenda Elam) - Stage 4 metastatic melanoma; lives in Florida

****The Elders met on May 21 and have decided that we will not open the church building for worship services and not do "drive-in" services in June. We will be delivering pre-packaged communion sets to everyone who wants it on June 6, for the entire month. The Elders will meet June 10 to reassess.**

****Our men's restroom will hopefully be done soon. Following this, we will do a thorough cleaning of the building (carpets, dusting, mopping, sanitizing, etc.). Then we should be ready to open things back up. Thanks for your patience.**

****We will communicate with you our re-opening plan, and things will look quite different in the short term. Please continue to bear with us. Look out for one another. Pray over the phone with one another. Text prayers to each other. Stay connected. We've gone this far-- we can go a few weeks more.**



Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls and cards for Aaron. He was pretty special to me. He spent a lot of summers with Harlan and me. We lived on the river! Please continue to keep my sister, Lisa, and her family in your prayers. Thank you again.

Love & Miss You! JUDI LOCK

May 31, 2020

OFFERING TOTAL:	\$4060.00
Spendable	\$3955.00
Benevolence	5.00
Building & Grounds	100.00

Faith is the Answer to Division
6/2/2020

It was a time that could have easily led to protests and picket signs. People could have degraded into name-calling and in-your-face cries for justice. It occurred in the earliest days of the church of Jesus Christ. You can find it in Acts 6. The Hellenistic (Greek heritage) Jews, who had become Christ followers, were outraged that their widows were being left out of the daily distribution of food. They weren't getting their fair share. When the church leaders heard about it, they appointed 6 men to handle the issue with faith. The result: **Acts 6:7 – So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.**

In this world, we will always deal with differences and divisions. Some differences we have no control over. Others are completely under our control. Some differences are God-ordained, like the different languages He created at the Tower of Babel. Or, the fact that He chose Israel to be His chosen nation. Or, that He sent Jesus and salvation is only found in Him and none other. Sadly, some differences occur when we make choices outside of God's laws, precepts and commands, thus putting a rift between the disciple of Jesus and those whose father is the devil.

What can we do to deal with both the differences we can control and those we can't? We must put every difference before God in faith. **Galatians 3:26-28 – So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Faith in Jesus Christ has always been the answer to the world's issues. If we handle them correctly, it should point people to Christ and not to self.

Mike



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Elders:

Elmer Decker	Steve Lacine
John Dilliner	Chad Reno
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

No services at the church building on June 7.

No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed.)

Elder-On-Call for June: STEVE LACINE (841-1155)

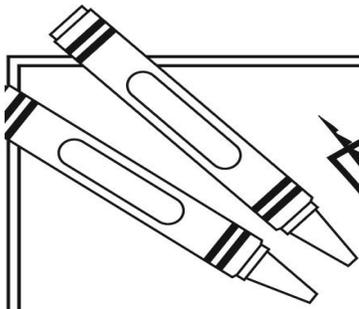
Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVANGELISM

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Matt Schantz, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Della Mae Frahm
811 Timmons Drive
Tuscola, IL 61953
(217)208-8402 (call first)

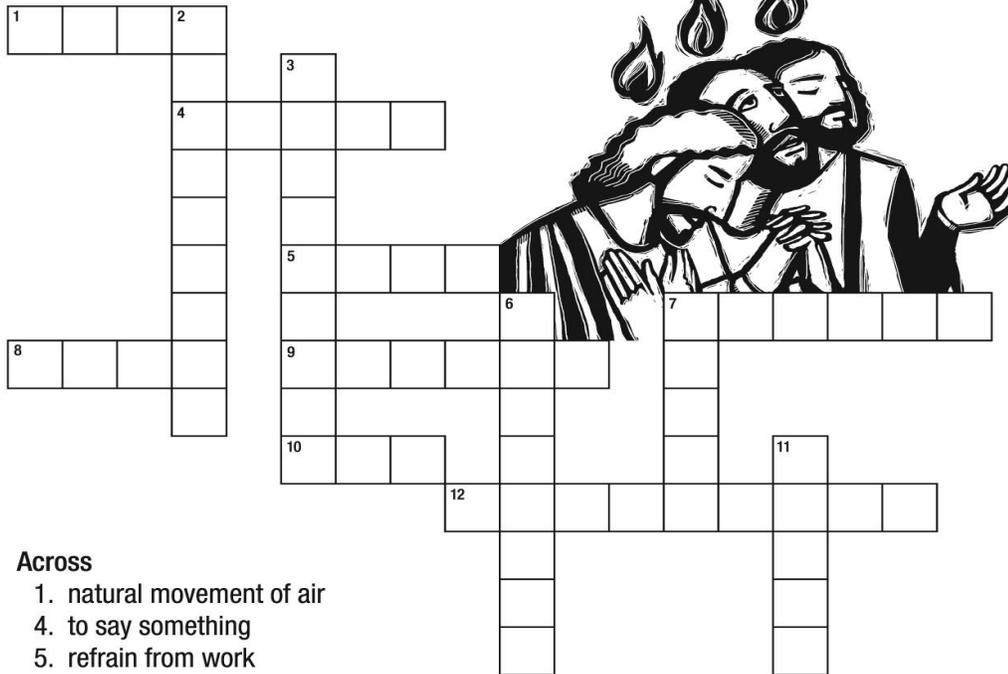


PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S SON TIMES