



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 20, 2020

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

- Khristi, Raeanna & Marissa Boyer- tested positive for COVID-19**
- Jan Bunky (mother-in-law of Paul Smith's son)- cancer, not a good prognosis**
- Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- incurable cancer, will be on chemo for the rest of her life; she is 50 years old and has a 21-year old daughter**
- John Cobb (Paul Smith's friend)- had surgery last week, doing well**
- Mark Hefner (Barb Watson's brother-in-law)- chemo for stage 3 lymphoma**
- Ernie Henshaw (husband of Margaret Black's niece, Tricia)- has COVID-19**
- Garland Hubert- tested positive for COVID-19**
- Nils Oberg & family- possible COVID-19**
- Becky Olson (Jr. High teacher at Villa Grove)- colon cancer surgery on October 26**
- Barb Watson- in Paris Hospital with pancreatitis**
- Greg Watson- stage 4 kidney disease is worse; heart problems may be worse, also**

To our Church family,  
Thanks to all for your prayers, thoughts, cards, calls and concerns. Also, thank you for the beautiful mums.

STEVE & JULIE LACINE AND FAMILY



*From last week's newspaper...*

**Logan Lillard- shot a 127 at the Charleston golf regional- all the golfers are to be commended for their improvements for the year, which for most was their first year of competition.**

**Madison Logan- ran for 22nd in 25:48 at a cross country meet last week (not sure of the date/place)**

ATTENDANCE  
10-18-2020

Morning Worship: 66

OFFERING  
10-11-2020

Spendable: \$5849.00  
 Benevolence: 2000.00  
 Memorials 125.00  
**TOTAL \$7974.00**

## ***True Test of the Heart*** **October 20, 2020**

This story is a condensed version of S.I. Kishor's original article published in a 1943 issue of *Collier's* magazine under the title "Appointment with Love."

Lt. John Blanchard stood up from the bench at Grand Central Station, straightened his uniform and scanned the crowd for a girl whose heart he knew, but whose face he had never seen. His interest in her began the day he took a book off the shelf and found insightful notes penciled in the margin. He discovered the previous owner was Miss Hollis Maynell. With effort he located her in New York City and wrote a letter introducing himself and inviting her to correspond. The next day he was shipped overseas for service in World War II. During his tour of duty, the couple corresponded regularly. A romance began. Blanchard requested a photograph, but she refused. Finally, the day came for him to return from Europe, and they scheduled their first meeting.

"You'll recognize me," she wrote, "by the red rose I'll be wearing on my lapel." And so, at 7:00 pm, John intensely looked at every girl, searching for a red rose.

A young woman approached, her figure was long and slim. Her blonde hair lay back in curls from her delicate ears; her eyes were blue as flowers. Her lips and chin had a gentle firmness, and in her pale green suit she was like springtime come alive. Alas, she wore no red rose.

"Going my way, sailor?" she murmured. John made a step toward her and then saw Hollis Maynell. She was standing almost directly behind the girl. A woman well past 40, she had graying hair tucked under a worn hat. She was plump, with thick feet thrust into low-heeled shoes. The girl in the green suit walked away. Though torn by a moment of desire, John's fingers gripped the worn copy of the book that was to identify himself to Miss Maynell. This would not be love, but it would be something precious, a friendship deeper than physical attraction. John saluted, smiled and held out the book, "I'm Lt. John Blanchard, and you must be Miss Maynell. I am so glad to meet you; may I take you to dinner?"

The woman's face broadened into a tolerant grin. "I don't know what this is about, son. But the young lady in the green suit who just went by, she begged me to wear this rose on my coat. She said if you were to ask me to dinner, I should tell you that she is waiting for you in the big restaurant across the street. She said it was some kind of test!"

The true nature of a heart is seen in its response to the unattractive. That is why Jesus touched the lepers, related to the outcasts, loved his enemies and calls us to do likewise.

*Mike*



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#### **Elders:**

Elmer Decker            Steve Lacine

John Dilliner            Chad Reno

Bob Dowler             Joe Rothermel

**Service at the church building on October 25- 9:30 a.m.**

**Bible Study- Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Elder-On-Call for October: ELMER DECKER (832-8589)**

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM)**

**Clayton, Indiana**

**David Empson, Executive Director**

#### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Ken & Awanda Heyen  
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