



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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December 1, 2020



**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR VILLA GROVE SCHOOL'S
SNACK PACK PROGRAM
SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP**

This year, it looks like we will not have our traditional Youth Sunday Service, because of COVID. The youth would still like to ask for a special offering.



Last year, we collected for the Villa Grove School Snack Pack program, and it was greatly appreciated. We have decided to collect again this year. It has been a rough year, and this is one way that we can give to our youth in town. We will be collecting from Nov. 22-Dec. 13. We will have boxes set up in the cloak room. Thank you for helping the youth in our community for the holidays. If you would prefer to support with a monetary donation, please send it to VG School, 400 N. Sycamore, Villa Grove. ATTN: Snack Pack Program (please send any monetary donation directly to the school and not to the church.



Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- incurable cancer
Dustin Watson- tested positive for COVID-19; been feeling bad for several days
Barb Watson- tested negative for COVID-19, but will need to test again
Greg Watson- will be testing for COVID-19 this week

Jerry & Sarah Hughes would like to announce the birth of their grandson, Khaleel! He was born on November 6, 2020 to their son, Mike, and Jayme. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 3 oz. and is doing fine.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS FAMILY ON THEIR
NEW ADDITION!!**



ATTENDANCE
11-29-2020

Morning Worship: 59

OFFERING
11-29-2020

Spendable: \$3,115.00
In Thanks-giving: 278.00
Benevolence: 100.00
TOTAL \$3,493.00



What is Advent Season Anyway? 12/1/2020

Because FCC is a non-denominational congregation, we have traditionally refrained from participating in liturgical worship opportunities that are common in the main-line denominations. One of those traditions is called Advent. We don't light advent candles or participate in advent worship services. Some don't even know what Advent is.

Advent occurs the four Sundays before December 25th. It means arrival or appearance. During Advent, worshippers are urged to anticipate the birth of Jesus. Some families participate in Advent calendars and open a secret compartment every day in December to reveal a scripture verse or tiny gift. Some attend special services that feature Bible readings, prayers, meditations, and the lighting of colored candles in an Advent wreath. Each candle is a different color. Purple signifies repentance, fasting and the royal, Kingly character of Jesus. Blue represents the hope we have because of Jesus. Pink represents the rejoicing that occurred at the birth of Jesus. The white candle is called the Christ Candle. It is lit on the fourth Sunday, on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, to represent the perfection and purity of Jesus, God incarnate.

Advent services are designed to remind believers of the good news. God sent His Son that we might be saved. Whether you participate in church traditions or not, the point is, are you preparing for Christmas OR are you preparing for Christ? Are you anticipating Jesus or just the celebration surrounding His birth?

Scripture says that Jesus is standing at the door of your heart and is knocking. Let Him in. You have wanted a transformed life and He has come to grant that desire. Let Him in and He will conform you to His image. You have anticipated His coming and He is here. That is the good news of Christmas.

Mike

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Chad Reno

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on December 6, 9:30 a.m.

Greeter: CURT CANNON

Bible Study: No Study until January.

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

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE ORIENT

Chang Mai, Thailand

Abel & Ruth Sairantanyu, Missionaries

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen

The Villas of Holly Brook

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