



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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June 22, 2021



Everyone is invited to a Memorial Service for Sherrill Shunk on Saturday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Arthur Mennonite Church, 710 E. Park St., Arthur, Illinois. There will be a short greeting time following the service, and a lunch will be provided by the Mennonite Church. Please join us in this time to remember Sherrill.

THE SHUNK FAMILY



Hope Arbuckle (Mary Kellems' sister)- tumor on her lung, can't be removed because it is attached to the sac around her heart
Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- two new spots found on her left lung; back on oral chemo and monitoring the situation
Family of Juanita Dowler
Derek Duzan- spinal surgery on Wednesday at Carle Hospital
Family of Allen Scott (Arcola)- friend of Joyce Ritter
Gaynell Taylor (Kate Shunk's grandmother)- losing blood; is in the hospital, having two blood transfusions a day
Praise! Paul Thode (Janice's husband)- had heart cath last Tuesday; no blockages
Family of Larry Trudeau
Vacation Bible School- July 18-22

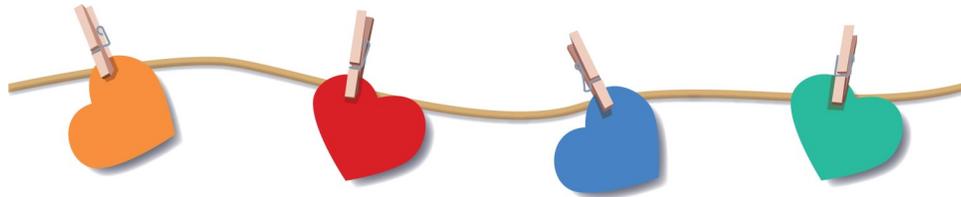


Thank you so much for believing in me as I start the next chapter of my life!

KATE EISENMENGER

JUNE 20, 2021

Worship Attendance:	78	Offering: Spendable	\$2,844.00
Sunday School:	50	Memorial (Dowler)	100.00
Sun. Morning Celebration	5	TOTAL	\$2,944.00
King's Kids	3		
Gr. 6-8	2		
High School	6		
Blessed Believers	14		
The Fellowship	13		
Chosen Ones	7		



Psalm 37:4

Receiving the Desires of Our Heart 6/22/2021

A popular televangelist once said, "According to Psalm 37:4 **God gives us the desires of our heart.** So, dream big and have big faith. The more faith you have, the more your dreams will come true." Does it sound too good to be true? Yet, he convinces many people that if we dream it, and have enough faith, God has to provide it.

What the evangelist forgot to say was that Psalm 37:4 begins with a caveat. It really says, **Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.** Did you catch that? The issue is not in the amount of faith I have, but the focus of my delight.

Let's be honest, delighting in the Lord is not how we usually operate. We tend to desire what pleases us and then hold those passions up to God for his approval. If our desires are contrary to God's word or His will, well, that's God's problem, not ours.

Delighting in the LORD is all about relationship. Knowing what makes God happy and doing *that!* Of course, intimate relationships demand deep communication and total commitment. If we really delight in the Lord, we will spend great energy learning what pleases God. After we have done that, *THEN*, God will give us the desires of our heart. And it makes sense. The desires of our heart will also be the desires of God's heart.

So, if you want your dreams to come true, then dream what God wants you to dream. Dream within His will and His word. Stay focused on the LORD as the love of your life, and acknowledge His sovereignty over your gifts and abilities. Within that intimate relationship, the LORD will fulfill our God-focused dreams. God doesn't go back on a promise. We will be satisfied, and God will be glorified. It works every time.

Mike

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Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on June 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Greeter: JUDY ZYLSTRA

Servers: SETH & DAVID SHUNK

Elder-On-Call for June: STEVE LACINE (217-841-1155)

Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FELLOWSHIP

Murdock, Illinois

Stevie Shearer, Contact Person

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen

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