



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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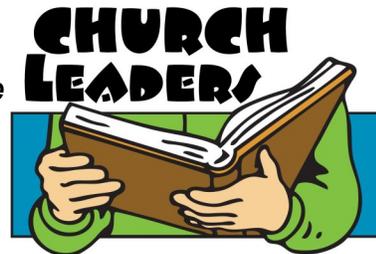
November 16, 2021

Thanksgiving Worship Service

The 2021 Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove, on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, at 7:00pm. Speaker for the evening is John Brashear, minister at VG Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to come!

If there is anyone you believe would be a good addition to our leadership team of elders, deacons and trustees, please submit their name for consideration to a member of the nominating committee (Mike Zylstra, John Dilliner, Joe Rothermel, Curt Cannon). Thank you!

JOHN DILLINER



COMING EVENTS

**There are a few more BABY BOTTLES on the table at the south door for donations to Choices Pregnancy & Health, a mission we support. Be sure to write your name on the list, and the number of bottles you have taken. Check your name off the list when you return the bottles. THANK YOU!!

**Collections have begun for Operation G.I.F.T.! We will be collecting money during the month of November. Monetary gifts are being collected in the adult Sunday School classes. You can also donate directly to Operation G.I.F.T. at the Villa Grove State Bank. Questions? Contact Kate Shunk.

**The 2021 Christmas Choir had their first rehearsal last Sunday. The group is preparing for the Christmas worship service on December 19. Rehearsals are held right after Sunday School, from 11:40am-12:30pm, in the auditorium, led by Judy Zylstra. The Sundays when rehearsals will be held are: Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and 12. There's still time to join the group!!

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Worship Service 81

Offering \$1,239.00

Spendable 1,234.00

Benevolence 5.00

Sunday School 55

Sunday Morning Celebration 5

King's Kids 3

Grades 6-8 2

High School 7

Blessed Believers 16

The Fellowship Class 16

Chosen Ones 6

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV

Nancy Burkeen- facing more surgery
Jerry Hughes- recovering from migraine
Nancy Jackson- tests in preparation for surgery on Nov. 26
Steve Lacine- dealing with torn retina and eye issues
Leanne (Vicki Gentry's niece)- diagnosed with several inoperable brain tumors
Maria (Toni Cassano's granddaughter)- COVID-19; also recovering from a small stroke
Ruth Ann Myers (Glenda Case's sister)- rash on her neck; is cancer
Connie Prosser- stage 4 pancreatic and liver cancer
Curt Updigraf (Glenda Case's nephew)- COVID-19
John Waldrop- Tuscola Health Care Center
John Wax- in Pleasant Meadows Senior Living, Chrisman
Ray Weaver and family- on the death of his sister, Debbie
Randy Walters (minister at Living Hope Fellowship)- COVID-19



Dear Church Family, the Cannons thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and condolences after Pat's passing. She is whole and at peace. We love you all!

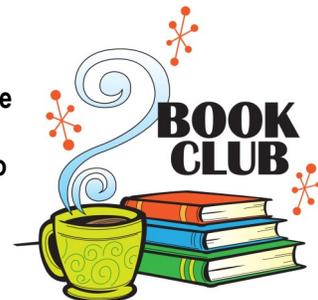
CURT & SARAH CANNON

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and cards for my dad, John Wax. They mean a lot to us, and he really appreciates it, as he has a long road ahead of him.

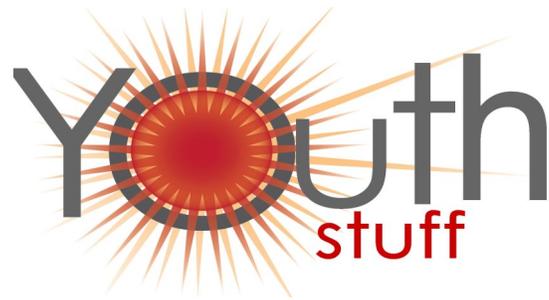
KURT & BRENDA LOGAN AND FAMILY

Sara Williamson will be leading a book club using the book, "The Bait of Satan." This club will meet once a week for approximately 6 weeks to read and discuss this book and its key points. Sara will provide snacks during the discussions.

"The Bait of Satan" exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God-- offense. This trap restrains many Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulfs between us. Although you will encounter offense, you can choose how you will react. Times & dates of the book club are to be determined. If you have any questions or would like further details on the book, please contact Sara at (217) 621-3037 (please leave a message) or email at williamsonsara21@gmail.com



All ladies of the church are invited to attend a baby shower for Christine Herschberger. The shower will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Herschberger's are expecting a boy and could use lots of diapers (both cloth and disposable), including overnight diapers. Questions? See Sarah Cannon or Judy Zylstra



The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

VG Jr. High and High School Honor Roll:

Junior High: Allison Eisenmenger, Ryan Lillard, Cole Cardiff, Oliver Oberg

High School: Kenzie Cardiff, Brandon Kelly, Logan Lillard, Dalton Logan, Madison Logan, Noah Kelly

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!!



Are you dreading the winter blahs? WCF would like to invite you to become a Secret Sister to another church lady from January 1 to February 28. Secret Sisters would give cards, small gifts, or kind deeds during January and February. Secret Sisters can reveal their identity with their last treat in late February.

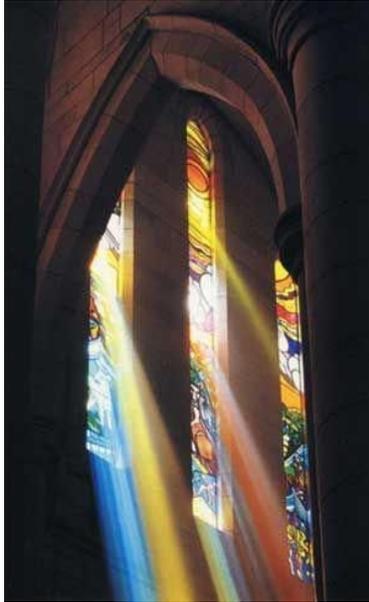
If you would like to participate, there will be a survey to be filled out and returned to the folder near a collection tray at either door by December 12. We will randomly choose a Secret Sister for you to spoil, and distribute your sister's information in a sealed envelope by January 2, 2022. We'd like to suggest you do one special thing for your Secret Sister each week. The emphasis is not on how much we spend, but the creative ways we can encourage each other. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact a WCF officer: Judi Lock, Karen Williamson, Sarah Cannon and Janice Thode.

Mary Ellis will be celebrating her birthday on November 27. We'd like to "shower" her with birthday wishes on her special day! If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

*206 N. Walnut St.
Villa Grove, IL 61956
(She's coming home this week!!)*

To surprise her, this announcement will not be in her version of the Son Times.





Does the Light Shine Through You? **11/16/2021**

A young boy was mesmerized by the stained-glass windows that surrounded the sanctuary of the old church. He loved the way the light changed colors as it passed through the tinted glass. He easily recognized the window featuring the nativity, the one depicting the crucifixion and the one announcing Jesus' resurrection. However, many of the windows featured people he didn't know. One day he approached the pastor and asked, "Who are those people painted on the windows?" The pastor gave the boy his undivided attention. "Why, my boy, those people are the saints." The answer satisfied the child, and he went home. When his father asked him who he saw at church the boy said, "I saw all of the saints." The puzzled father said, "And who exactly are the saints." The boy proudly announced, "The saints are the people that the light shines through."

Out of the mouth of babes comes God's truth. Jesus called His disciples to be the light of the world. We are a city on a hill, a beacon cutting through the fog of confusion, a light on a lampstand so all may see the narrow path of righteousness. We are not to be hidden under a bushel, covered by a shade, or snuffed out. As reflections of the supreme light, we have one purpose. SHINE! How will those living in darkness come to Christ unless someone helps to light their way.

Another word for believers in scripture is saints. As such, we are all called to BE THE LIGHT. When people see us, they should not see our politics, our preferences, our opinions, or even our doubt. They should see Jesus shining through us. Matthew 5:16 - ***In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.***

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Elders:

Elmer Decker	Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner	Steve Lacine
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on November 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Greeters: John & Linda Dilliner (West); Brenda Elam (South)
Serving: B. Akers, D. Shunk, S. Shunk, K. Elam
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Margaret Black

Elder-On-Call for November: BOB DOWLER (217-549-9791)

Mission of the Week: ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Florissant, Missouri
Terry E. Stine, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Beverly Heflin
Tuscola Health Care Center
1203 Egyptian Trail
Tuscola, IL 61953



Youth Sunday Special Offering for Villa Grove Schools Snack Pack program Collection Nov. 28 - Dec. 12



This year for youth Sunday on Dec. 19, the youth group will again be asking for a special offering. The offering will go to the Villa Grove School Snack Pack program. With the holidays, it is the perfect time to help those in need. We will be collecting non-perishable items (preferably individually packaged) from Dec. 1 to the 12th. If you would like to do a monetary donations by writing checks to "Villa Grove School" NOT to the church. We will make sure they get the check or you may send it directly to the school. Thank you for helping us give to our youth. The list of non-perishable items are listed below.

Please no peanut butter or nut products.

Mac-n-cheese cups	Fruit cups	Granola bars	Chip bags
Packets of tuna and/or chicken	Fruit snacks	Oatmeal packets	Snack crackers
Soup with meat and/or vegetables	Fruit bars	Breakfast bars	Oatmeal Cream Pies
Cups of noodles/ Ramen noodles/ rice/mashed potatoes	Dried fruits/raisins	Jello cups/Pudding cups	Bags of pretzels and/or goldfish
Beef jerky/Slim Jims/Pepperoni/Dinty Moore meals	Applesauce	Individual boxes of cereal	Cheese & cracker packs
Canned vegetables	Canned fruit	Pop-tarts	Juice boxes

