



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

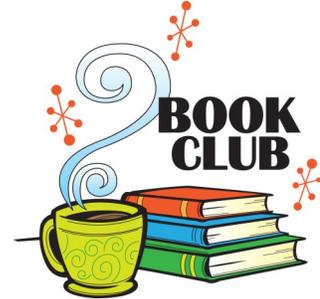
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November 30, 2021

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:00 P.M.

Studying the book, "The Bait of Satan"

If you have questions or would like further details on the book, please contact Sara Williamson at (217) 621-3037 (please leave a message) or email at williamsonsara21@gmail.com



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 is 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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Worship Service 86
Offering: 11/21/2021 \$5,573.00
 Spendable: 5489.00
 Stew. & Finance: 64.00
 Benevolence: 20.00
11/28/2021 \$4,205.00
 Spendable: 3733.00
 Benevolence: 219.00
 Memorial: 250.00
 Worship: 3.00

Sunday School 52
 Sunday Morning Celebration 4
 King's Kids 5
 Grades 6-8 2
 High School 7
 Blessed Believers 11
 The Fellowship Class 17
 Chosen Ones 6

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Doris Black- infection in lungs
Nancy Burkeen- has full-body scan on Wednesday
Christine Clark- having a hysterectomy on Dec. 13
Mary Ellis- is now at home
Darrell Hinkle- toe infection
Nancy Jackson- successful surgery; hopes to come home this week
Suzie Mason (Phyllis Henderson's sister)- in hospital with undetermined infection
Family of Connie Prosser
Jett Sinkes- exposed to COVID-19 and is quarantined
John Waldrop- Tuscola Health Care Center for rehab
John Wax- Carle Hospital

Women's Christian Fellowship will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. on December 9 to have lunch at Yoder's in Arthur. Mike will be driving the van for us. This will be in place of our December Meeting.

JUDI LOCK, PRESIDENT OF WCF



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

During the holiday season, everyone is urged to mail or bring in a Christmas card to be posted on the bulletin board. This will be a card to the whole congregation. Not only is this a blessing to us all, but it can save a little stamp money, as your card is for everyone! If you bring in a card on any Sunday, just leave it on the counter in the copy room.

Each week, the names of the card-senders will be listed in the SON TIMES.



Thank You!



*First Christian Church,
Thank you for your generous donation in memory of Ruby Smith. Thank you for your continuing support to the Oakland Community Memorial Library.*

DIANA L. ZIMMERMAN
Treasurer

*Dear Congregation of First Christian Church of Villa Grove,
Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry. Millions of people will read about the wonderful Savior because of you. This year it was our goal to ship 2,021 tons of Christian literature, and I am excited to tell you that with your help, we have reached our GOAL! Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done for this ministry. I remain*

*Yours for souls,
STEVEN J. SCHMIDT
Love Packages*

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem, or experiencing a crisis. As a participant, you will learn an action plan to use during your interaction with others.

There are courses focusing on adults working with youth and also adults working with other adults. You can choose to participate in one or the other, or decide to take both. Each course has a separate manual that you will also get to keep, which has many resources and more information related to mental health and options for engaging with those who may be struggling.

We are looking to begin offering these courses starting in January, 2022. The course will be taught on a Saturday (date to be determined later), and will be an 8-hour course with lunch provided. At the end of completing the course, you will be entered into the Mental Health First Aid database, and will receive a certificate of completion. The cost of attending each course is \$5.

Sara Williamson will be instructing these courses. If you are interested, please complete the sign-up sheet at church, which will be located on the south hallway bulletin board (we will let you know when the sheet has been posted). If you have any further questions, please contact Sara at williamson-sara21@gmail.com or (217)621-3037 (please leave a message).

Will You Take the Son? **11/30/2021**

A story is told of a wealthy man who shared a passion for art collecting with his devoted son. Together they travelled the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. One summer, war engulfed the nation. The father urged his son to serve his country. On Christmas Eve, the father received word that his son had died rushing to the aid of fallen comrades. The father was distraught. On Christmas day, the grief-stricken father could hardly walk the treasure-laden halls that had brought them both so much joy.

The day after Christmas, there was a knock at the man's door. A soldier stood holding a large, thin package. The man invited him in and heard an amazing story. The soldier and his son were buddies. The soldier was also an artist and had painted a portrait of the man's son. He wanted the father to have that painting. The father accepted the gift and loved it immediately. It was not a work of genius, but the father hung the painting in the most prominent place he could find.

Time passed and the old man passed away. The art world was abuzz, wondering what would become of the priceless collection. An auction of the entire collection was announced for Christmas Eve at the old man's estate.

Art collectors from around the world crowded the great hall. The auction began with a painting not on the list. It was the portrait of the man's son. The auctioneer called for bids. None came. Finally, a friend of the family spoke up. "I'll bid ten dollars. I have no more." The auctioneer tried to get other bids. No one said anything. Finally, one patron yelled, "Sell it already, and let's get to the good stuff." The auctioneer's gavel fell, "SOLD" was proclaimed, the crowd cheered.

The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced that the auction was over. The crowd became anxious. The auctioneer explained, "The old man's will clearly states, "Whoever takes the son...gets it all."

That message is still true today. The love of our heavenly father was so great he sent his son into our war-filled world. God's son sacrificed his life rescuing others. And, because of that father's love; *Whoever takes the son...gets it all!*

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Elders:

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

Service at the church building on December 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Greeters: Janice Thode (West); J. & L. Dilliner (South)
Serving: C. Cannon, S. Sinkes, D. Hughes, B. Akers
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Janet Cassida/Bill Akers
Elder-On-Call for December: JOHN DILLINER (621-9807)

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

Clayton, Indiana
David Empson, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen
The Villas of Holly Brook
68 E. Airport Rd., Apt. #9
Savoy, IL 61874



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

