



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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February 15, 2023

February Fellowship & Fun
Sunday, February 26-- Noon
(Please note the change of date!!)

FCC Fellowship Hall

Please bring an ethnic food such as German potato salad, tacos, Dutch chocolate... if you don't have an ethnic dish to bring, bring your favorite dish!!

Table service & drinks are provided.



Singers needed for Community Easter Cantata!

Directed by Janet McCumber

Rehearsals on Sundays- Feb. 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Performance Palm Sunday- April 2, 2023

All held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove

ALL VOICES WELCOME, Jr. High-Adult

Performance will be accompanied by area instrumentalists. For more information:

Janet McCumber (217)493-2425

Judy Zylstra (320)224-7665

Or FCC (217)832-5231



FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Worship 84

Sunday School 54

Sunday Morning Celebration 2

King's Kids 3

Jr. High & High School 10

Blessed Believers 12

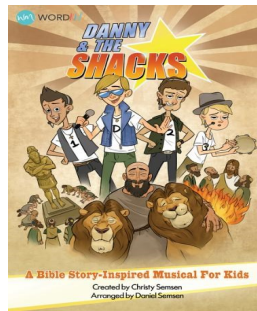
The Fellowship Class 21

Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$2,363.00

Spendable \$2,123.00

Memorial 240.00



For those who were unable to see the youth musical, "Danny & the Shacks" last Sunday, here is a recording of the event. Thanks to Kate Shunk for uploading it to YouTube. Here is the link:

<https://.youth.be.w0A-DwhDfqY>

Enjoy!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Bill Akers- Arcola Health Care Center; 2-3 weeks for therapy

Dr. Christopher Brandenburg (Glenda Case's relative)- in Turkey, working with earthquake victims

Tom Black- Transitions Care

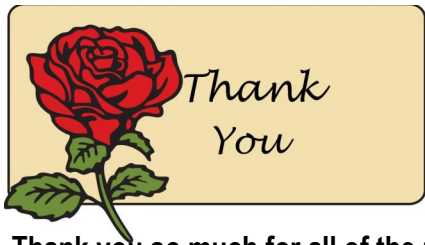
Della Mae Frahm- successful dental surgery; back at Eberhardt Village, Arthur

Family of Beverly Heflin- funeral will be at the church on February 18; Visitation 1:00-3:00pm,
Funeral 3:00pm

George Moran (Tony & Creighton Jackson's grandfather)- shoulder surgery on March 8

Erin Shunk, along with members of the EIU Campus House, are heading to Missouri on Thursday for a mission trip to Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch. Prayers for travel mercies and a successful trip

Sara Williamson- in Panama City, Panama, on a mission trip



Thank you (the congregation) for the lovely flowers. Thank you for a lovely service. Mom would have been so pleased, as we were.

JAN WEVER & TIM CHAMBERS
Children of Bernice Chambers

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards, calls and beautiful plant, and the support you gave us during the long illness of my Aunt Nancy and after her passing. We appreciate our church family!

KATE SHUNK & FAMILY



**Villa Grove High School Honor Roll-
First Semester:**

**Brandon Kelly, Madison Logan, Kenzie Cardiff,
Logan Lillard, Ryan Lillard, Chloe Reardon, Noah
Kelly**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR YOUTH!!

DON'T FORGET...

Youth Group meets this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. at the church!



You Just Can't Hide True Love
2/14/2023

Happy Valentine's Day. A day when expressions of love are flying off the store shelves and making their way into the hands of people who are in love and want the significant people in their lives to know it. It is a day when people are urged to look into the face of love and rediscover if the words on the card truly reflect their feelings and the ways they are showing love to those special people the other 364 days of the year. Is their love obvious?

I recently read a story about people who live in western Oklahoma. You know those from that area because their shoes will bear a telltale sign. They will have red stains on them. The dirt of that region is red because of the high iron content in the soil. The rusty soil often stains people's shoes and clothing. It is very difficult to clean. People who live there think nothing of it. But someone not from the area will be noticed because their shoes are not stained.

Godly love is sort of like that. It is easily recognizable to others. And those who continually live in God's love don't mind seeing it in other's lives, because it is very natural. However, someone unfamiliar with God's love, or someone embarrassed by God's love will do their best not to show it. God's love is sacrificial, serving, humble and grace-filled. It does not keep a record of wrongs. It forgives easily. It endures. It hopes. It clarifies. It offers another chance. It looks out for other's well-being. The world's love is selfish, self-seeking and looks out for selfish interests.

Those displaying God's love are obvious to the world. God's love bears the red stain of Jesus' blood, the greatest expression of love ever shown. Christian... wear the red stain proudly.

Mike

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Office Hours: 10:00-12:00/12:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Judy Zylstra (West) Judi Lock (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Sarah Hughes

Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, M. Hughes, C. Cannon

Elder-On-Call for February: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES CHRIST EVANGELISM

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Matt Schantz, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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