



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 21, 2023



RESURRECTION CELEBRATION EVENTS!

Sunday, April 2-- 4:00 p.m. COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA (see back page of SON TIMES)

Thursday, April 6-- 7:00 p.m. HOLY WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE, at the church

Sunday, April 9-- 7:30 a.m. SUNRISE SERVICE, at the church; BREAKFAST will follow the service at 8:15 a.m.**

Sunday, April 9-- 9:30 a.m. RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE; Sunday School will not meet on this day

**Items needed for breakfast are: breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, mixed fruit, and orange juice- sign-up on the bulletin board, south hallway.



If you were unaware, the church has a GREAT library, with many books and videos that can be checked out! We have recently updated our video collection, and have added a number of Christian fiction books, especially for our ladies. Check out the library, and check out a book or video!!

MARCH 19, 2023

Worship 83

Sunday School 62

Sunday Morning Celebration 2

King's Kids 3

Jr. High & High School 8

Blessed Believers 15

The Fellowship Class 28

Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$4,965.00

Spendable 4,949.00

Benevolence 20.00



The first VBS 2023 MEETING will be on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at FCC. If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please come! If you can't attend, please email Sarah Hughes at sarah.hughes527@gmail.com and let her know what you would like to do for VBS. Jeretta Mabry & Sarah Hughes, VBS leaders for 2023, are excited to get everything started and have everyone join in READY, SET, MOVE!



Bill Akers- home

Tom Black- Transitions Care; not doing well

Abigail Cheng (15 yr. old niece of Sarah Johnson, Brenda Elam's friend)- had a seizure while on vacation in Tennessee, went home to Detroit, MI for tests and surgery in April; doing well on anti-seizure medication

Chris Clark- good results from CT scan

Della Mae Frahm- tested positive for COVID-19

Steve & Lora Gordon- relationship struggles

Kurt Logan- fell at home and hurt his knee and ankle

Madeline Shunk- travel mercies; on work trip to Texas

Joe Waldrop-fell, hurt his shoulder; nothing broken, but very painful

Sara Williamson- in Togo, Africa on mission trip

Women's Christian Fellowship is asking the congregation to help Matthew 25 with some of their everyday needs-- their "wish list." If you can help out, there are tubs in the cloak room and at the front door to bring the smaller needed items, listed below. If you would like to help out financially, please make checks out to "MATTHEW 25," and give them to one of the WCF officers, or bring to the church office. Thank you for your help!! Judi Lock, Karen Williamson, Sarah Cannon and Janice Thode



4 adult bicycles

Shaving cream

13-gal. trash bags

Pots & pans

Hot pads

Small dressers

2 bike locks

Razors

Toilet paper

Kitchen towels

Kleenex

4 kitchen size trash cans



To my WONDERFUL church family, Thank you for making this birthday special. Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, gifts and also, the small get-together. They really meant a lot to me!

**Thank you,
JUDI LOCK**

***It's that time again- time to get registered for camp!
To register, go online to www.littlegalilee.org, and click on "Registration." The website has information on all the available camps, dates and fees.
If you are in need of financial help, call the church. There are also scholarships (through LGCC) for first-time campers at LGCC.
Questions? Contact the church. There are also brochures at the church to hand out to your friends.***





We are Better When We Pull Together

3/21/2023

An old story is told of a man who was driving too fast for conditions. He lost control of his vehicle and plunged nose first into the ditch. He walked a mile back to a farmhouse and asked the farmer if he had a tractor and could help him get his car back on the road. "Tractor's broke," the farmer replied. "Do you have a horse that could pull my car free?" The farmer shook his head in the affirmative. He was a bit leery and made no promises. If the car was too big or too stuck, he didn't want his horse hurt. Upon arriving at the car, the farmer saw that his horse could definitely pull it free and began to hitch a rope to his horse, Buddy, with the other end attached to the car. The farmer suddenly yelled, "Pull, Casey." but the horse didn't move. He then said, "Pull, Jack." again the horse didn't budge. Then the farmer said, "Pull, Buck." the horse stood still. Finally, he yelled out, "Pull, Buddy, Pull," and the horse leaned into his harness and pulled until the vehicle was out of the ditch.

The stranger was puzzled by the bizarre behavior and asked why the farmer had called the horse by different names? The farmer said, "Buddy is blind, and I had to make him think he had help pulling the car out of the ditch or he would not have pulled at all."

Hopefully we aren't like that horse who, because of our blindness, need to be fooled into thinking others are helping before we do anything. The need in our communities is great. Many are stuck in sin. They need help getting free. Praise God, He has provided us with fellow believers who are willing to pull with us, utilizing the power of God's Holy Spirit so that people can find freedom in Christ. We truly are better when we pull together.

Mike

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

Elders:

John Dilliner
Bob Dowler

Jerry Hughes
Joe Rothermel

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

Greeters: Glenda Case (West) Jeretta Mabry (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Seth & Kate Shunk

Serving: S. Shunk, M. Hughes, N. Kelly, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285

Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL
Indianapolis, Indiana
Tony Twist, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Shirley Waldrop
Brookstone Estates, Apt. 39
1106 E. Northline Road
Tuscola, IL 61953



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Community Palm
Sunday Easter Cantata

Sunday, April 2, 2023, 4 pm
First Christian Church, Villa Grove

Directed by Dr. Janet McCumber
Accompanied by live orchestra

Featuring *The Living Last Supper*
by Ruth Elaine Schram

And a brief tribute to former
VGHS Band Director Ken Krejci

Free Admission

A freewill donation will be accepted at the door to
help defray expenses.

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