

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 28, 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 still needed for breakfast are: breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, and mixed fruit-- sign-up on the bulletin board, south hallway.

The church will not be purchasing lilies or flowers for the auditorium for Resurrection Sunday. If you would like to share your own flowers with the congregation on that day, you can bring them in that day, then take them home after the service.

<u>MARCH 26, 2023</u> Worship 67

Sunday School 52 Sunday Morning Celebration 2 King's Kids 4 Jr. High & High School 5 Blessed Believers 15 The Fellowship Class 19 Chosen Ones 8

TOTAL OFFERING: \$2,952.00Spendable2,342.00Benevolence594.00Worship16.00



Thanks to everyone for all the cards sent to me for my birthday! I loved them and appreciated them very much!

HOLLY WIGGAM

Thank you so much for your prayers and concern for me with my basal cell carcinoma surgery on my nose. Hard to keep that one a secret! Thanks for your cards, texts, calls, gifts and the "check-ins" for me. I appreciated <u>everything</u>. Thank you!

JUDY ZYLSTRA



Tom Black- Transitions Care; is bedridden Glenda Case's grandkids- travel mercies, as they are coming from Colorado this week

Bob Rothermel (Joe's dad)- dealing with cancer and failing health Tim Smith (Mary Gen Frick's cousin)- home, on anti-seizure meds and oxygen Joe Waldrop-fell, hurt his shoulder; is in Carle Hospital with a hematoma Sara Williamson- home

Judy Zylstra- thanks for prayers; all cancer is removed

If you would like to help out the Matthew 25 mission 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!!



<sup>.</sup> Judi Lock, Karen Williamson, Sarah Cannon and Janice Thode

Here's some of what has been donated already! Be sure to have your items to the church by April 1. The list of items is on the bulletin board, or in last week's SON TIMES.



\*\*BOARD MEETING- the next board meeting will be held on MONDAY, APRIL 1, at 7:00 p.m. Please note this change of date and time.

\*\*CLEANING SUPPLIES- there is a box of cleaning supplies that will not be used around the church, and are free for anyone to take. The items (dust spray, etc.) are located in the cloak room. Please take what you can use!

\*\*GRADUATION- Below is the list of graduates from FCC, that we know of. If there is someone we have missed, please call the church office. THANKS! Jr. High- Oliver Oberg, Cole Cardiff

High School- Dalton Logan, Madison Logan, Brandon Kelly, Macen Hughes College- Zach Thomas

## Lavish Love 3/28/2023

1 John 3:1 – How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

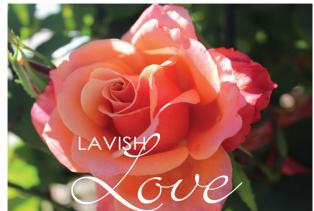
A sinful woman braved the crowds and their derision so that she could kneel before Jesus. She had heard Jesus was in town, eating at a banquet hosted by Simon the Pharisee. This might be her only chance. She gently picked up an alabaster jar of perfume. As she touched the translucent container, she was ashamed of the circumstances that surrounded how she came to own something so valuable. Maybe, just maybe, if she presented the jar to Jesus, she could barter with him and buy forgiveness of her sins. Would Jesus ridicule her? It was a chance she had to take. She assumed the others at the banquet would scoff and heap more shame upon her. Her sin would be the topic of conversation. She was so tired of living as a second-class citizen.

As she approached the house, it was obvious that she couldn't slink in and make a covert transaction in secret with Jesus. It would be public. She would be vulnerable. It would be all or nothing. She chose to go all in.

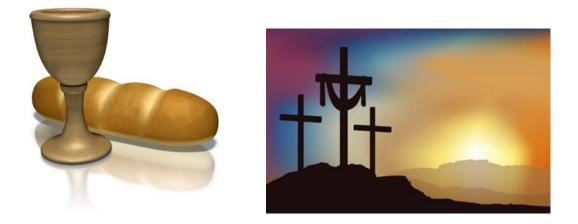
Her movements were a blur. She is at Jesus' feet. He didn't recoil from her. He looked so full of peace. Her planned speech faded into nothingness. Her shame-filled emotions exploded from her soul and were displayed with uncontrollable tears. Suddenly, the perfume was no longer a commodity but needed to be used as an act of worship. Even if she was never forgiven, she had to lavish love on Jesus.

How did Jesus respond? He loved her lavishly in return. He forgave her sins freely. He made her His child. No one had even shown her such grace. She now understood why others were calling him, "Savior."

Mike



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Greeters: Patti Groves (West) Janice Thode (South) Website: www.fccvg.com Church E-mail: fccvg@frontier.com Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Dilliner/Wiggam Minister: Mike Zylstra Serving: C. Cannon, R. Duzan, D. Hughes, S. Sinkes Home Phone: 681-1034 Mike's E-mail: fccvgmin@frontier.com Elder-On-Call for April: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791 Secretary: Brenda Elam Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONF. ON MISSIONS Office Hours: 10:00-12:00/12:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F) Clayton, Indiana (ICOM) David Empson, Executive Director Elders: John Dilliner Jerry Hughes Bob Dowler **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS** Joe Rothermel Della Mae Frahm Eberhardt Village, Room 44 431 W. Palmer Arthur, IL 61911



## **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. Sponsored by the Villa Grove Ministerial Alliance