



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 20, 2023



LADIES... if you haven't talked to Judy Zylstra yet about going to the Sullivan Theater production of "Church Basement Ladies II," please do so by **SUNDAY, June 25**. Tickets for the Wednesday, August 23, 2:00 p.m. show are \$39.

Do you have an experience that demonstrates God providing for you or caring for you? You just knew He was there, taking care of you, comforting you or guiding you? Judy Zylstra would like to hear about that from you. Please talk with, email or text your story to her before July 1. Thanks!



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

- Doris Black- health issues
- Margaret Black- recuperating
- Sue Cox (Fran Waldrop's sister, Petersburg, IL)- in Comfort Care, not doing well
- Della Mae Frahm - hospice
- Angela Graham- surgery went well, no cancer
- John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- in Carle Hospital with infection; doing better
- Maryanna Smith- not feeling well; having tests to figure out the problem
- Travel mercies for summer travelers and vacationers

JUNE 18, 2023

Worship 69

Sunday School 43

Sunday Morning Celebration 2

King's Kids 3

Jr. High & High School 3

Blessed Believers 14

The Fellowship Class 16

Chosen Ones 5

TOTAL OFFERING: \$2,009.00

Thank You!



*Dear Church Family,
Thanks to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and now at home.
Thanks to the WCF ladies for the flowers. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

MARGARET BLACK



Learning a Lesson from Admiral Byrd **6/20/2023**

In 1934, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, a decorated naval officer and explorer, participated in his second expedition to Antarctica. Byrd spent five winter months alone, monitoring a meteorological station, Advance Base. Byrd even wrote an autobiography about his experience entitled, *Alone*. Some of his radio transmissions began to concern men at the base camp, and they sent a rescue team to Advance Base. They found Byrd in very poor health because of carbon monoxide poisoning. It seems the stove pipes were not ventilating properly, due to the volume of snow.

Byrd retells that, because of the daily snow, he had to shovel to the surface just to get some exercise and clear the snow from the stove pipe. One venture found Byrd a bit too far from his hut and, because of snow and wind, unable to locate the stove pipe. Instead of panicking, Byrd drove a spike in the ice and, using a rope as a guide, walked a circle around it keeping his focus on the spike. Not finding the hut, he lengthened the distance and tried again. Finally, after the fourth attempt he found the tunnel to his hut and was safe. Rather than wandering aimlessly Byrd relied on something sure and unchanging to find his way home.

It is the same in our spiritual life. We can wander aimlessly through Bible reading, church attendance, leaning into the latest Christian trend, worship movement or exciting inspiration, trying to find something solid on which to base our faith. Or, we can focus on Jesus, and believe that our way to our eternal home is only found in Him.

Hebrews 12:2 – *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Mike

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John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21:

Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

Greeters: Glenda Case (Front) Sara Williamson (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Rex & Jan Duzan

Serving: R. Duzan, R. Weaver, B. Smith, M. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: ONE MISSION SOCIETY

Greenwood, Indiana

Sara Williamson, missionary

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

DELLA MAE FRAHM (Hospice)

Eberhardt Village, Room 44

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