



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 11, 2023

Soup
Supper



SOUP SUPPER!
*Hosted by the ladies of
Women's Christian Fellowship
This Thursday, October 12-- 6:00 p.m.*

This year's In Thanks-Giving project is LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP. We will be collecting up to \$3000 for updating the dean's quarters for the main camp. They hope to add new flooring and bedding before next summer. "Our deans are in charge of our weeks of camp and are invaluable. We want them to feel valued and special by the accommodations we give them." Mike can attest that updating is needed. We will be collecting donations from now until November 26. Thank you! There is a container for donations located in the auditorium.



COMING EVENTS

*Sunday, October 14, 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Committee meeting,
in the fellowship hall*

*Wednesday, October 18 or 25, 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting*

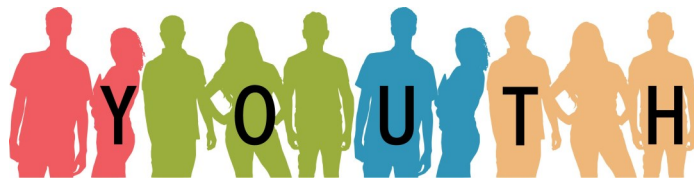
*Board members- watch the newsletter or your email for the date
of the next board meeting.*

OCTOBER 8, 2023

Worship 83
Sunday School 50

Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 4
High School 3
Blessed Believers 13
The Fellowship Class 22
Chosen Ones 4

TOTAL OFFERING \$2,158.72
Spendable 2,052.00
In-Thanksgiving 106.72



YOUTH GROUP MEETING!!

**Sunday, October 15
6:00 p.m.**

**Church fellowship hall
For youth in grades 6-12**

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Dan Crawford- has Wilson's disease; is very serious

Roy Dable (friend of Mabry's)- MRI showed no brain injury, but had a light stroke and small area of inflammation from seizures; is on a ventilator, but starting to react and is moving his legs

Joe Dalton (Smith's son-in-law, wife is Kelli)- will be meeting with cardiologist and neurologist because of a blockage that needs to be bypassed

Mary Gen Frick- surgery on October 16 at Sarah Bush

Bob Kelly- in a car accident on Monday on Route 36; checked out ok at Carle, is dealing with soreness

Missy Smith (Smith's daughter-in-law)- in car accident on Monday on Route 36; recovering from surgeries on many broken bones

John Weaver (Ray's brother)- kidney stone issues

Sara Williamson- in Benin on mission trip; will be home this weekend

Jean Zylstra (Mike's mom)- recovering from cold symptoms

Judy Zylstra- travel mercies; is in Minnesota with her parents



The family of Jim (Chops) Waldrop wishes to thank all for the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during the last four years. All was greatly appreciated!

THE WALDROP & RITTER FAMILIES

October 29 is a Fifth Sunday, and we will be welcoming students from Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)! Leader, Elise and some students from the Campus House will share their testimony, and what CCH means to them. They will be bringing brochures that explain the ministry of Christian Campus House.



VILLA GROVE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 3, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment:

**Scan the QR code on the insert in Sunday's bulletin*

**Call ImpactLife @ (800)747-5401*

**Go to www.blodcenter.org/group (group #70301)*

Masks are optional; appointments are required.

Ode to Spell-Check!

10/10/2023

Do you rely on spell-check when you are texting or typing an e-mail? Here's a poem, by an unknown author, that may remind you that a computer spell-check program will never replace the human brain God designed.

*Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea see
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.*

*Ewe strike a kea and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather it is wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.*

*As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And aye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.*

*Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased too no
Its ladder perfect awl the weigh
Mai chequer tolled me sew.*

Yes, every word is spelled correctly. However, the poem is nonsensical, based on the meaning of the words used. I can't imagine how long it took the author to come up with the homophones. Why not save energy and just use the proper words and clearly communicate a simple message?

Some people have the same problem with their spiritual life. They try to make the simple message of Jesus complicated. John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* We can make it more difficult and harder to understand... but, why? It is so much easier to take the words God has given us and use them, rather than struggle to find similar sounding words that make no sense. When it comes to the Bible... God said it. I believe it. And that settles it for me.

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

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

Greeters: Rex & Jan Duzan (South) Glenda Case (Front)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Dowler & Weaver/Sue Taylor

Serving: R. Duzan, S. Sinkes, M. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF

MISSIONS (ICOM)

Clayton, Indiana

David Empson, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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