



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**United Church Directories is the company that will be publishing our
2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

Jerry Hughes has been setting up times for families' photos, which will take place August 19 and 20. If you have not yet signed up to get your family photo taken, please contact Jerry Hughes (217-369-5495) or email at lighthousefarms66@gmail.com. We want EVERYONE to be a part of this project! Get signed up today!

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

It's time to collect donations for the Back to School Project! You may place your donation in the cans by the collection baskets, or in your Sunday School class, or donations may be deposited directly to the Back to School account at the Villa Grove State Bank. Please make checks payable to the "Back to School Project." Above all, please pray for our students and school staff. Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

With thanksgiving,
SARAH CANNON



BACK-TO-SCHOOL
Project

JULY 21, 2024

Worship 90
Sunday School 37

Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	0
High School/College	5
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	16
Chosen Ones Class	6

OFFERING (7/21/2024):	\$2,580.00
Spendable	2,560.00
Benevolence	20.00



I want to thank those who came out on July 13 to install east hallway hand rails. Those who helped are: Ray Weaver (who also helped sand the rails), Joe Rothermel, Stephen Sinkes, Bill & Chester Akers, Richard Graham, Pastor Mike Zylstra and Rex Duzan. We started with prayer and everything else fell into place.

Great job!
BOB DOWLER

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Raeanna Boyer- recovering from wisdom teeth surgery

Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- working on cleaning up the farm, will take many more weeks

Joyce Ritter- surgery postponed for possibly two months

Becky Russell- health concerns

Bill Schweighart- Comfort Care starts this week

Several VBS workers- recovering from COVID

Barb Watson- several health issues

Ray Weaver- in Carle Hospital, has some fractures in his legs and back, causing pain; he also has a bad case of COVID



*This Sunday, July 28, is
BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY...
Offering will be collected following the
communion service.*



Let it Go?

7/23/2024

On November 27, 2013 a Disney movie was released entitled **Frozen**. One of the shows iconic musical selections is titled, "Let it Go." The piece was written by Idina Menzel, who was the voice of Elsa in the film. The lyrics speak of Elsa's freedom to finally be the ice queen she believes she was always meant to be. Of course, in her ice palace, she is alone and has isolated herself from everyone else. At least she can do what she wants. All she had to do was let go of her entire past and justify it as a good thing. At this point in the movie, Elsa is very self-centered, prideful and egotistical. The song's lyrics demonstrate that fully. Thankfully, by the movie's end, Elsa realizes that she needs her sister, Anna. She sees value in holding on to some of the good things in her past.



We all have things in our past we should let go of. When we have been hurt, betrayed, lied to, etc., we have a choice: relive it daily, rehash the wounds, repeat the pain and make our anger our identity. Or, we can learn to, "Let it go!" There is a great deal of psychological benefit in letting resentment go. Resentment is truly self-torture. Someone said, "Resentment is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die." We need only look to Jesus who, from the cross, asked God to forgive those causing him pain. He released his grip on anger and "Let it go."

The Bible teaches that we cannot receive what we are unwilling to give. Jesus taught (Matt 6:14-15) that we must be willing to forgive others, if we want God to forgive us. If we want God to let our sinful past go, we need to live out that same truth.

Let go of past hurts. Not for selfish reasons, but for the glory of God, so that you may experience blessed times of refreshment.

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John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JULY 21, 2024

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

**Greeters: (South) Neville Linton, Jr.
(Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: John & Linda Dilliner
Serving: C. Cannon, S. Sinkes, M. Hughes, S. Shunk**

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

**Mission of the Week: ONE MISSION SOCIETY
Greenwood, Indiana
Sara Williamson, Missionary**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**KEN HEYEN
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