



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 22, 2024



IN THANKS-GIVING!!

"Operation Christmas Child" with Samaritan's Purse

If you would like to fill a shoebox with gifts for a child, there are lists of suggested items for several ages located in the work room at the church; please add \$10 for shipping, if possible. If you would like to give a monetary donation, there is a box located in the auditorium. Boxes and donations will be collected until November 10.

Sunday, October 27: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The VG United Methodist Church will be having an **INDOOR TRUNK OR TREAT** at their church. The community is invited and it will take place, rain or shine! You are invited to bring treats to pass out, and you can decorate your table, or even come dressed up yourself! If you would like to take part in this, contact the Methodist church office (217)832-3971- leave a voice mail if no one is there. Please RSVP so they know how many tables to set up.



OCTOBER 20, 2024

Worship 91
Sunday School 62

Nursery
Preschool Class 3
Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 5
High School/College Class 7
Blessed Believers 7
The Fellowship Class 29
Chosen Ones 7

OFFERING: \$4,530.00
Spendable 4,490.00
Benevolence 40.00



Sunday, November 10-- 12:00 p.m.

Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner!

Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Invite your friends and neighbors!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Debbie Crabill (friend of Paula Webber)- cancer; in nursing home, not well

Brian Frick (Mary Gen Frick's son)- home

Jacob Hatfill- home

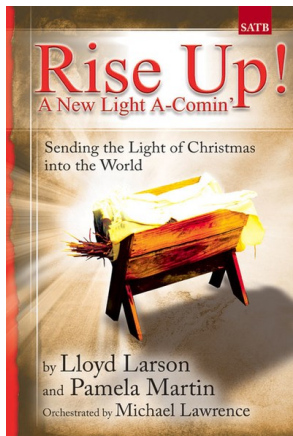
Marilyn Kellems- Lloyd's memorial service was Saturday

Becky Russell- health concerns

Holly Wiggam- fell, hurt her knee

Sara Williamson- "Thank you so much for all your support and prayers
for the Togo mission trip."

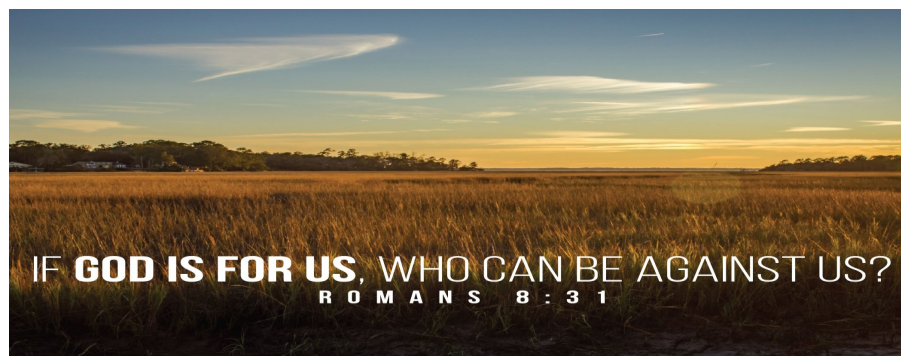
Bernie Zylstra (Mike's dad)- cancer has spread; had radiation treatment on Friday



We are planning to have a Christmas Choir again this season! We will be preparing "Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin'" by Lloyd Larson and Pamela Martin. The Christmas service is scheduled for Dec. 15. Due to some scheduling conflicts, the first rehearsal will be in the evening on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 5:00pm. The other rehearsals will be on Sunday morning, following services from 11:45-12:30pm, on Nov. 3, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8.

We'd love to have you join in the fun of preparing and privilege of presenting this message to the congregation. Please let JUDY ZYLSTRA or MATT BOYER know if you are will be part of this year's Christmas choir! Questions? Contact Judy at (320)224-7665.

Because we have new babies (yay!), we are going to offer a nursery during the worship and Sunday School service! If you would be willing to stay in the nursery during church or Sunday School, please let Brenda know. She'll make up a schedule, and we'll start having this helpful ministry on NOVEMBER 1. Thank you for your willingness to serve!!



Parent/Teacher Conference **10/22/2024**

This week is the end of the first quarter of the school year. Grades have been recorded and parents or guardians are urged to come to a parent/teacher conference. The purpose of these conferences is to open a channel of dialogue where factors that can affect the student's learning are discussed. It is also an opportunity to talk about the child's behavioral and social development, standardized test results, peer relationships, work habits, as well as help the teacher learn more about the student's home-life, strengths and challenges.

I remember going to these events when my children were in public school. Their academic achievement was never an issue. Often the conference was short, as our kids liked school, had friends, enjoyed extra-curricular activities and basically did well. We accepted our responsibility of being intentionally involved in our children's education, and communicated with the teachers, to encourage them, as well as voice concerns.

Not all parents are involved in their child's education, and not all children love school. Not every teacher is the best fit for a child's learning skills. And not all students get along well with others. Thus communication is vital.

I wonder what a Sunday school version of a parent/teacher conference would look like? Would the teacher be concerned when talking about the student's progress in Bible education? Would the parents be engaged and intentional about helping their child learn the ways of the Lord? Would the parents be concerned because their child had missed too many Sunday school classes? Would the teacher feel free to challenge the parents to be actively involved in learning the Bible with their children? Will both parents and teachers feel confident that we are doing all we can to urge our children to be a disciple of Jesus in obedience to the Great Commission? I wonder?

Mike



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John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

OCTOBER 27 IS BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY.

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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

Greeters: (Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop (South) Glenda Case

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Hughes/Sue Taylor

Serving: C. Cannon, R. Duzan, D. Shunk, R. Graham

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

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

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

DORIS BLACK

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