



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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November 4, 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 auditorium 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 this Sunday.

**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!



We are now collecting for Operation G.I.F.T. During the month of November, there will be envelopes in the Sunday School classes to collect money to purchase gifts for children in need in our community. Please be sure to make any checks out to Operation G.I.F.T. If you would like to donate on your own, you can go to the Villa Grove State Bank and tell them you want to donate to Operation G.I.F.T.



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Worship	109
Sunday School	58
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	0
High School/College Class	7
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	29
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING:	\$5,207.00
Spendable	5,207.00

Choices Pregnancy & Health is in need of BABY WIPES.

If you can help out, there is a tub set up in the cloak room for donations. Any brand and any amount will be appreciated.



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Terri Albin- cancer, prognosis not good; is in assisted living facility in Joliet
Heath Bigelow (Sheryl Mulvaney's nephew, lives in Tennessee)- not doing well
Jack (Mary Gen Frick's nephew)- broken growth plate in left arm; had surgery last Friday
Jacob Hatfill- back in Chicago hospital with pneumonia
Becky Russell- health concerns
Justin & Jacqueline Sanchez- Justin has been deployed to the border, as an MP; has 3 small children; prayers for he and his wife and children
Family of Larry Schweighart- Shirley Waldrop's son



We are preparing "Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin'" by Lloyd Larson and Pamela Martin. The Christmas service is scheduled for Dec. 15. Christmas Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, following Sunday School, from 11:45-12:30pm, on Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8- no rehearsal on November 10.

November



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER...

Wednesday, November 13- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

(Note: Brenda will be out of the office Nov. 11-14, so please have your board reports in by November 8. Thank you!)

Thursday, November 14- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church

Hostess: PATTI GROVES
Missions: FRANCES DOWLER
Devotions: JANET CASSIDA

Sunday, November 17- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Ministry meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Deciding to End the Feud

11/5/2024

Have you ever fought like the *Hatfields and the McCoys*? That phrase has come to represent any two factions that just cannot seem to come to a place of understanding, peace and reconciliation.

The online encyclopedia, *Wikipedia*, offers a detailed description of the feud that began during the Civil War (1863). The McCoy family lived primarily on the Kentucky side of the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River; the Hatfields lived mostly on the West Virginia side. Some were Union sympathizers, and others sided with the Confederacy. The war fueled hatred between neighbors, which led the families to distrust and kill. The anger didn't subside with the end of the war. There were more killings, a pig snatching, kidnappings, bootlegging arrests, a Hatfield/McCoy romance that ended in bloodshed and a New Year's Night Massacre in 1888. It took 140 years before the families decided to end the feud.

Wikipedia -- *On June 14, 2003, in Pikeville, Kentucky, the McCoy cousins partnered with Reo Hatfield of Waynesboro, Virginia, to declare an official truce between the families. Reo Hatfield said that he wanted to show that if the two families could reach an accord, others could also. He had said that he wanted to send a broader message to the world that when national security is at risk, Americans put their differences aside and stand united: "We're not saying you don't have to fight, because sometimes you do have to fight," he said. "But you don't have to fight forever." Signed by more than sixty descendants during the fourth Hatfield–McCoy Festival, the truce was touted as a proclamation of peace, saying "We ask by God's grace and love that we be forever remembered as those that bound together the hearts of two families to form a family of freedom in America."*

You may not think peace or reconciliation can happen in your circumstance. Don't wait 140 years. It takes a humble spirit and a willingness to listen to God speak into your hate-filled soul. Are you listening?

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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

Greeters: (Front) John & Linda Dilliner (South) David Shunk

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Sarah Hughes

Nursery: Worship: Brenda Elam SS: Kate Shunk

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Rich Graham

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

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MISSIONS (ICOM)
Clayton, Indiana
David Empson, Executive Director**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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