



THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER–BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2024



CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1-FRIDAY, MARCH 1** -- Tim Schroll Solo Art Exhibit – Ft. Madison, Iowa
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2** – Groundhog Day
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9** – Just Us (Music) – 7:00-10:00 P.M. – Blandinsville Country Club (Twin Oaks)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10** – STEMFest – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Southeast Community College Campus – Burlington, IA – Free – Educational event focusing on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for elementary and middle school students – kids can engage in hands-on activities.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10** – Good Hope – Methodist Church Soup Supper – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Oyster, vegetable and Zuppa Toscana soups, dessert, and drink – good will donations
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12** – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14** – Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17** – Liverpool Legends – Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL – 7:00-9:00 p.m. -- \$50
- FEBRUARY 17 & 18** – WIU Ag Mech Farm Expo – Western Hall – Feb. 17 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Feb. 18 – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Farm displays and free children’s activities.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19** – Presidents’ Day
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26** – Area Fellowship – Blandinsville Christian Church – 6:30 p.m. -- Meal of Chili, potato and vegetable soups, lettuce salad, relishes, and cobblers/crisps. 7:30 p.m. -- Praise and worship with message by Jim Richardson, music by Jean Dougherty. Area fellowships are major fundraisers for the LaMoine Christian Service Camp. Sign-up sheet for cobblers on church bulletin board.

Mark your calendars – Lamoine Christian Service Camp Leadership Conference – March 9 at 9:00 a.m. – “Soul Care Essentials.” To register: www.lamoinecamp.org There is a Camp Kick-Off meal and meeting on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. See flyer on church bulletin board if interested.

TIM SCHROLL LIGHT AND FILM SOLO ART EXHIBIT – Thursday, February 1 – Opening Reception – Thursday, February 1– 5:00-7:00 P.M. – Exhibit Viewing: February 1-March 1 – Tuesday-Saturday – 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. – Fort Madison Area Arts Association, 825 Avenue G, Fort Madison, Iowa.

YOUTH GROUP/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS – Blandinsville Christian Church -- Youth group meets from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and after-school group meets from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. All kids are invited to attend and participate in activities, have a snack, and learn what it means to be a Christian.

BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION TO YOUTH GROUP – On Wednesday, January 24, Jake Kreps, Fire Chief, and Taylor Thompson, volunteer fireman, gave information on the Blandinsville-Hire Fire Department and presented a demonstration on protective equipment that firefighters wear when fighting fires. The cost for this equipment runs in the \$3,500-\$4,500 range. Questions were asked and answered. Individuals who are interested in being a volunteer for the Blandinsville-Hire Department must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate. They must also submit an application requesting to serve. The city of Blandinsville is privileged to have such a wonderful group of men and women who devote their time and lives to serve on the fire department. Besides fighting fires, some members are EMT's. These individuals also help in many ways from assisting an elderly person who has fallen, to responding to automobile accidents, and responding to emergencies such as the major storm in June of 2023. Thank you for serving.

REMEMBER WHEN – Do you have a past memory you would like to share regarding a blast from the past, such as family traditions/happenings, historical events, etc. Send items to Mary Killip at P.O. Box 235, Blandinsville, IL 61420. Let's have fun with this!!

HISTORY OF BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH submitted by Jean Dougherty, Church Historian – The year 2024 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Blandinsville First Christian Church in 1849. I'll be submitting brief articles each month during the year with interesting tidbits from old news articles, board meeting minutes and budget meetings. The following is an excerpt from a board meeting in 1899.

“Official Meeting, October 29. Meeting was called to order by Bro. Pres. Huston. The treasurer read report of present indebtedness and what would be required to finish year free from debt. The financial question was discussed also the advisability of retaining Bro. Clements (Pastor) for another year. The majority being in favor of his staying. Bros. Willam and Hensley tendered their resignation as deacons. No further business, meeting closed. Pres. Huston, Jessie Holliday, Cleark.

Financial Report, First Quarter 1899: Received: \$197.08; Paid: Janitor \$10; Coal \$.90; Brooms \$.54; Hinges \$.20; Lights \$10.90; Preaching \$161.70; J.E. Grigsby \$5.88, Total Paid \$196.12 (\$196 is worth \$7,205 in 2024). Second Quarter: Received \$211.52; Paid Bro. Clements (Pastor) \$189.05; Janitor \$7.15; Coal \$3.95; Postage \$1.02; Lights \$10.15, Total Paid \$211.32 (\$211 is worth \$7,756 in 2024)”.

IN MEMORY

PAUL EDWARD VANCIL, 71, of Prairie City passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born July 1, 1952, in Rushville to Ivan and Vera (Diseron) Vancil. He married Jennifer (Jenny) Elaine Kerska on December 12, 1971, in Bushnell at the United Methodist Church. She survives. He is also survived by his daughter Molly (Matt) Foster of Sheridan, IL, and three grandchildren Kade, Eli and Gretchyn Foster. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Cecil Vancil and Cecil's wife Doris. Paul and his family moved from Rushville to Bushnell where he graduated from Bushnell-Prairie City High School. He raised Angus cattle (and pigs for a short time). The cattle business led him all over the country as a sought-out cattle fitter. This profession brought him to some of the most well-known cattle outfits in the country. Alongside Jenny, they were able to meet lifelong friends that became family. He loved to tell stories that came with working shows and sales. Once that lifestyle slowed down, you could find him farming, tending to cows or at any sporting event. Cattle shows were a part of his life spent with family and close friends traveling the summer circuits. His grandkids became involved in rodeos, and he enjoyed watching them participate. Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Jenny is Mary Killip's sister.

GALEN OLSON, 95, of Macomb passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Lamoine in Macomb. Galen was born August 1, 1923, in Sciota to Oscar and Clarice (Hainline) Olson. He married Barbara (Rutledge) Olson on July 30, 1949. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary before Barbara passed away in September of 2019. Galen was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers Leon, Harold, and Bill and their wives. He is survived by his daughter Vicki Duba of Bushnell; granddaughters Galena (Jim) Duba-Weaver of Jamestown, New York, and Niki Conley of Charleston, South Carolina; a grandson Uriah Duba of Jamestown, New York; two nephews Jack (Darla) Olson and Alan (Sharon) Olson; great nieces and a great great-nephew Declan who was born on Galen's birthday. Galen was a life-long resident of McDonough County, primarily Good Hope. He first owned straight trucks and hauled livestock to Chicago, owned Olson Corn Shelling, and started Good Hope Fertilizer and finally farmed.

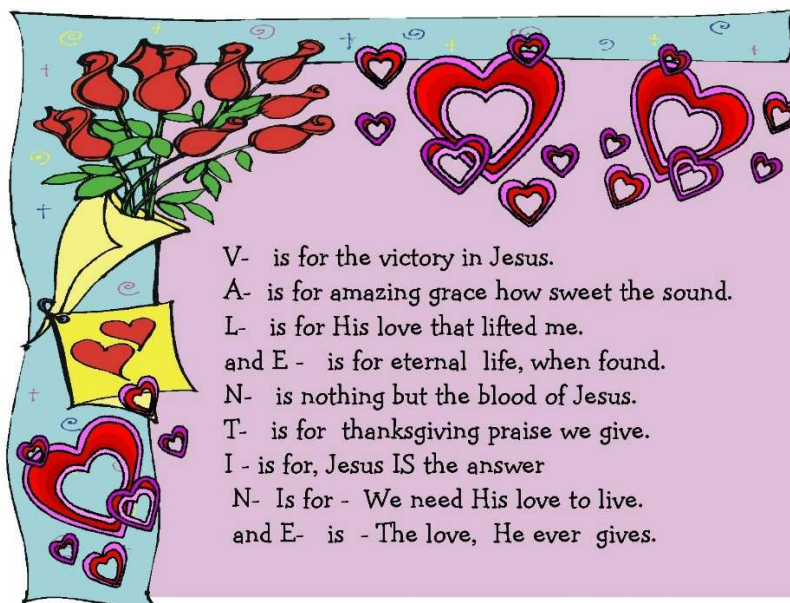
ALAN S. MCADAMS, 57, of Macomb passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at McDonough District Hospital. He was born on April 26, 1966, in Macomb to Sam and Dorothy Myers McAdams. He is survived by one sister Luan (Dennis) Flowers of West Burlington, IA; one brother Merle McAdams of Bushnell; and two nieces Melissa and Morgan. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Suzie McAdams. Alan lived in Macomb and moved into Mosaic in 1986. He was cremated and buried in the Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville.

CAROL ANN ROBERTS, 82, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, formerly of Blandinsville passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023. She was born in Burlington, Iowa, on October 13, 1941, to Earl R. Walker and Evelyn Thompson Walker. She married Robert "Whitey" Roberts on July 30, 1960, in Blandinsville. She is survived by two sons Jim (Debbie) Roberts of Plymouth and Jason (Amber) Roberts of Lee's Summit and one daughter Jackie (Scott) Murphy of Lee's Summit. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one son Jeff Roberts of Colchester. She lived her early life in Burlington and moved to Blandinsville after marriage from 1960-1997. She lived in Macomb from 1997-2018 then moved to Lee's Summit. Carol loved her Shih Tzu dogs Moppy and Muffin. She helped her husband run Whitey's Used Cars in Blandinsville for 35 years. She spent time volunteering at McDonough District Hospital.

ALBERT C. (BUD) LUCAS, 92, of Osage Beach, MO, and Macomb, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023, at his home in Osage Beach. He was born October 4, 1931, in New Jersey. He was raised in Blandinsville by his parents Orville and Nina Daugherty. Bud married Shirley L. (Pittenger) Lucas on June 6, 1954. Shirley passed away on February 4, 2016. They had been married for over 61 years. Bud is survived by his three sons Mike (Dana) Lucas of Lake St. Louis, MO; Curt (Laura) Lucas of Naperville; Marty Lucas of Orland Park; four grandchildren Bradley (Brianna), Christopher (Cassie), Benjamin (Emily), Jeffrey Lucas; two great grandchildren Dominic and Viviana. He was preceded in death by his wife, a grandson (Jason Lucas), his brother Lowell (Lois) Daugherty, and his parents. Bud graduated from Blandinsville High School in 1949 where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy and fought in the Korean War on a Naval Destroyer as a Petty Officer. He attended Western Illinois University and studied business. Bud began his career with Citizens National Bank in Macomb and then joined Macomb Savings and Loan (Midwestern Savings Association) where he spent 31 years (the last eleven years as President and Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors). Bud was a lifetime member of the Macomb Elks Club and the Macomb American Legion. He served as Alderman for the Macomb City Council and was past President of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the McDonough County Board. He loved the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, University of Illinois Fighting Illini, Western Illinois University Leathernecks, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Parker Bolten, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Alan Moore, Jim Wetzel, Emily Blout, Tom Ralston, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Lindsey Bryant, Jeramiah Byers, Ashley Buchen, Sarah Traser, Parker Bolton, Otto Pinto, Kelvey Hamm, Steve Britton, Rob Myers, Lisa and Stephen Molzhon, Kim Walters, Gisele Hamm, Caylea Shinall (granddaughter of Dennis & Katie Icenogle), Makenzie Hawkins, Jennie Terrell Brush and family, Cindy Soule, Ed and Millie Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Wayne Luton, Marilyn Moore, Fred Kitch, Kelly Martin, Brayden McGinity (831th Engineer Unit) and others who may be deployed in the future. Be in prayer for our nursing home residents and the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Remember the health care workers, caretakers, fire fighters, police officers, and our armed forces members and their families. Pray for our community, state, country, and the world. Pray for peace, acceptance of all, and love for one another.



CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
February 4	Gary Smith	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Glade Mason
February 11	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Taylor Thompson
February 18	Alan Driskell	Russell Glaue	Anna James	Gary Smith
February 25	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Monte Mason

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
February 4	Gary Smith	Steve & Amy Ruebush	Laurie Smith	
February 11	Mary Killip	Jerry & Kris Thrapp	Jan Thompson	
February 18	Pat Hainline	Bud & Patsy Butterfield	Paula Snowden	
February 25	Anna James	Randy & Mary Killip	Roxanne Mason	

PLEASE HELP: Let Mary know when you are not available to serve in one of the above areas so she will not schedule you for that date. If you cannot serve, please find a substitute. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES - Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school follows services.

ELDERS & BOARD MEETING: Monday, February 19 – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, February 1 – 10:00 a.m. – Come join the group and help plan church events.

Please contact Mary Killip at 309-337-8032 or by mail at P.O. Box 235, Blandinsville, IL 61420, if you have newsletter items or know of someone who would like to receive a newsletter.

Taken from A BARREL OF FUN by J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books. “One beautiful Sunday morning, a minister announced to his congregation: ‘My friends, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we’ll take the collection and see which one I’ll deliver.’”

“Blessed are those who are generous.” Proverbs 22:9



Love never gives up,
never loses faith,
is always hopeful,
and endures through
every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13:7