



THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER-BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024



CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 – BRENDAN TAPP (MUSIC) – 7:00-10:00 P.M. – TWIN OAKS – Blandinsville

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL – ARGYLE LAKE STATE PARK, Colchester

Features hay rack rides that take visitors to the park's "sugar grove" of maple trees.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – POOL TOURNAMENT – TWIN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB– Blandinsville – Sign

Up – 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Play at 1:00 p.m.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 7-9 – 7:00 P.M. EACH NIGHT – SNOW BULL – BULL RIDING –

North Front Street, Burlington, Iowa – See website for ticket information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – WINTER FARMERS MARKET –8:30-Noon – American Legion, Macomb

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 -- MINERAL, FOSSIL GEM & JEWELRY SHOW – Western Illinois

University, Macomb

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – BEE GEES GOLD TRIBUTE – THE LEGACY IN CARTHAGE, IL –

7:00-9:00 P.M. – Tickets \$55

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS – SPRING FORWARD!!

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – AARON JONES & THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL – 7:00-10:00 P.M. –

TWIN OAKS – Blandinsville

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – FILL EASTER EGGS FOR HUNT – CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 10:00 A.M.

Everyone is invited to join us to fill eggs – drinks and treats provided.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

MONDAY, MARCH 25 – AREA FELLOWSHIP – ROSEVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ROSEVILLE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – BLANDINSVILLE PARK – 12:30-2:00

P.M. – Hunt starts at 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY

BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES & BREAKFAST

Sunrise Services – 8:00 A.M.

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 A.M. – Breakfast casseroles, coffee cake, coffee, juice, etc. All are invited to join us.

Easter Sunday Regular Services – 9:30 A.M. – Aaron Baker giving the message. Come join us for the services – all are welcome.



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
with Communion
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Church Phone: 309-652-3253

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY, MARCH 30– 12:30-2:00 P.M. – HUNT STARTS AT 1:00 P.M. – The Easter Bunny will be there distributing special treats. Current plans are to have games, Tracey Debold with her coffee wagon, face painting, bouncy house, obstacle course, small animals to pet, free popcorn and water, treat bags, and the Easter Egg Hunt.



BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY – Book Review by Mary Killip –**THE TOBACCO WIVES** by Adele Myers – This was a fictional account of the lives of wealthy tobacco families and the tobacco industry in a factionalized city in North Carolina at the end of World War II. The circumstances of the story are based on true events and facts. It tells of the elaborate parties and balls hosted by the elite members of that society. The book outlines the dangers of tobacco – *harvesting, manufacturing, smoking, and the environment in general* – how the facts of the dangers associated with tobacco were hidden and glamorized. It is a story of how women worked in the tobacco factories in unsafe conditions with low pay and then expected to go back to being housewives when the men came home from the war. I highly recommend this book.

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 First 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. The following is an excerpt from a board meeting on May 12, 1924. "A called meeting of the church was held May 12, 1924, with the following members present: Bros. M. Herzog, A. G. Cox, M. White, N. Wilson, J. Mizner, J. Atwater, M. Burr, Geo. Daniels, F. Leonard, R. L. Cutter, Bruce Bailey, H. Curry, J. Whitaker, J. A. Beeley. Meeting called to order by the president of the board Bro. Herzog. Motion made by Bro. Atwater and seconded by Bro. Cutler that the \$50.00 bond held by the Sunday School and with consent of the Sunday School be sold and the proceeds be applied on the finance fund. Motion carried. There being no other business the meeting adjourned. Signed Marion Herzog, Chairman; J. A. Beeley, Clerk."

IN MEMORY

SUE ELLEN HODGES, 73, of Augusta, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024, at Bickford Cottage in Macomb. She was born on June 24, 1950, in Macomb to Edgar and Caroline (Jeffries) Markham. She married J. Rodney Hodges on February 1, 1969; he preceded her in death on April 29, 2019. She is survived by her children Caryn (Jamie) Kerker of Augusta, Terry (Trisha) Hodges of Kirkwood, Kelly (Preston) McPeak of Blandinsville; six grandchildren Amanda (Daniel) Corrigan, Alyssa Kerker (fiancé Grant McDonald), Nicholas Hodges, Natalie Hodges, Layton (Zoey) McPeak, Landon McPeak; great-grandchildren Wyatt Corrigan, Allison Corrigan, Brooklyn McPeak; a sister Ann Carlile of Macomb. She was an avid bowler, enjoyed baking, and watching hockey. She was a member of the Macomb Eastern Star.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Parker Bolten, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Alan Moore, Jim Wetzal, 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, Kathy and Alan Driskell, 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 MARCH 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
March 3	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Taylor Thompson
March 10	Monte Mason	Jim Richardson	Jody Little	Glade Mason
March 17	Alan Driskell	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Gary Smith
March 24	Gary Smith	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Monte Mason
March 31	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Glade Mason

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
March 3	Mary Killip	Sherry M. & Beth G.	Jan Thompson	
March 10	Monte Mason	Perry Hamm	Roxanne Mason	
March 17	Pat Hainline	Amy & Steve Ruebush	Paula Snowden	
March 24	Gary Smith	Ron T. & Donna P.	Jan Thompson	
March 31	Monte Mason	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.

PULPIT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, March 4 – 6: 30 p.m. **ELDERS & BOARD MEETING:** Monday, March 11 – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m. **WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING –** Thursday, March 7 – 10:00 a.m. – Come join the group and help plan church events. **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00 A.M. –** at Church -- Filling Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt – Join us for beverages and treats – bring a friend and join the fun.



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.