



THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER-BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2024



CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 2 – Sodbuster Days, Good Hope

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 – GRADUATION SUNDAY – Graduates of Family and Friends Honored at Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – Macomb Park and Cruise

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 – Tink's Café Block Party – Food trucks opening at 4:30 p.m. Rock Steady (band) playing at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 12-15 – Carnival and Entertainment on the Burlington, IA, Waterfront

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 – Flag Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 – Church Clean Up Day – 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 --Father's Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 -- Snake Alley Art Fair – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Burlington, IA

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 – Twitty & Lynn (Grandchildren of Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn – Country Music) The Legacy Theater in Carthage – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – Donut Sunday – 9:00 a.m. –Carol Kempher, Hostess

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 27-30 – Macomb Heritage Days

FRIDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 28-JULY 4 -- Schuyler County Fair – Rushville, Illinois

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 – 175th Anniversary of Blandinsville First Christian Church Celebration – Services at 9:30 a.m. – Join us for service and a meal that is open to all. Bring friends and family.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL – Sundays at 6:00 p.m. – Doran DeBold's house (400 W. Jefferson) – Must be 18 or older (18 to 118!) to play – no spiking – underhand serves only. Social time after play.

TWIN OAKS GOLF COURSE (BLANDINSVILLE) SCHEDULE: For additional information, contact the golf course at 309-652-9519. **June 1** – 34th AJK Golf Tournament; **June 7** – Aaron Jones and Authorized Personnel; **June 15** – Raritan Fire Dept. (Wounded Warriors) Tournament; **June 22** – Glow Ball Night; **June 23** – Parent (Adult) Kid Outing; **Women's League Mondays** 6:00 p.m.; **Men's League Thursdays** 6:00 p.m.

2024 GRADUATES OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS – So proud of these young people. We wish them well as they continue to pursue their goals in life.

KENDRICK WELSH – Graduated from 8th grade at West Prairie Junior High School. His parents are Steve and Tiffani Welsh, and his grandparents are Mitch and Brenda Melvin and Mitchell and Sandy Welsh. Kendrick is involved in FFA, 4H and spends all his free time farming.

KENLEE WELSH – Graduated from West Prairie High School. Her parents are Steve and Tiffani Welsh, and his grandparents are Mitch and Brenda Melvin and Mitchell and Sandy Welsh. Kenlee will be attending Illinois College

in Jacksonville. She will be playing volleyball and going to nursing school. Kenlee played high school volleyball for eight years and was on a national volleyball team. She was involved in FFA, 4H, and Student Council. She coached a 5th/6th grade volleyball team.

KOLBY ANDERSON – Graduated from 8th grade at United Junior High School (Little York/Kirkwood area). He is a straight A student and baseball team player and captain. He also plays basketball, is on the FCA Leadership Team, and Student Council. His parents are Jessica and Bryan Boock and Devin and Justine Anderson. His grandparents are Gary and Laurie Smith and Dannie and Teresa Boock and Chad Anderson. His great grandmothers are Carol Kempfer and Lila Wilkes.

XANDER ALLEN – Graduated from Rushville/Industry High School on May 9. He is the son of Nora Allen and Shannon Allen. During his high school years, he played football, ran track, and played in the school band. Xander plans to attend schooling for heavy equipment operators and welding. He is the grandson of Pat Hainline.

BROOKLYN LYLES was promoted from Macomb Middle School, 8th grade, on May 22. She is the daughter of Nicole and Brian Lyles. She has played basketball, volleyball, and participated in track. She is a great-granddaughter of Pat Hainline.

CULLEN DALY – Graduated from Rockridge High School in Edington, IL. He is the son of Kassandra Daly of Andalusia, IL, and Scott Daly of Rock Island, IL. His grandparents are Randy and Mary Killip of Blandinsville and Judi and the late Frank Daly of Naples, Florida. Cullen has participated in baseball for four years and is captain of the team, a member of student council for four years, National Honor Society (treasurer) for two years, and a member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). He graduated with high honors. He works at Hy-Vee and Hitman Ball Park in Milan. Cullen will be attending Xavier College in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the fall majoring in Sports Management.

RYLAN DALY – Graduated from Rockridge Junior High School, 8th grade, in Edington, IL. He played football (quarterback), basketball, and traveling baseball. He also enjoys skiing at Snowstar in the winter. He will miss his big brother Cullen, especially when it comes to mowing the lawn! Of course, his parents and grandparents are the same as his brother Cullen.

CLAYTON HUNT – Graduated from West Prairie High School. His parents are Jake and Kara Hunt. His grandparents are Dave and Tresa Hunt and Dee and Tom Vogel. His great grandparents are Ed and Minnie Hunt, Neal and Marilyn Moore, and Charlene Downey. He participated in FFA, football, track, and the Scholastic Team. He will attend Western Illinois University in the fall studying Ag Business.

LEO MAHONEY – Graduated from Monmouth/Roseville High School. His parents are Matt and Breanne Mahoney. His grandparents are Ben and Pat Powell and Steve and Judy Mahoney. He will attend the University of Illinois in the fall majoring in Agronomy.

JOSIE CALVERT – Graduated from Macomb High School where she was the president of the Ecology Club, vice president of the Interact Club, and where she earned her state degree in FFA. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the National Thespian Society performing in eight plays. She currently works at the Full Scoop and Genesis Garden. She will attend the University of Illinois and major in social work. She is the daughter of *Drue and Lora Calvert*, and Jenny Calvert and John Meixner. Her grandparents are Wayne and Peggy Calvert and Kurt and Paula Rhodes. Her great grandmother is Carolyn Kempfer.

TAYLER RICHARDSON – Graduated from West Prairie High School where she played volleyball, basketball and participated in FFA. She is the daughter of Jim and Angela Richardson. Her grandparents are Hank and Nancy Richardson and Jerry Shepler. She will attend Spoon River College receiving a scholarship to play volleyball. Her plans are to get her associate degree from Spoon and complete her Vet Tech degree at Blackhawk College.

ALAYNA MCCABE – Graduated from Bushnell-Prairie City Junior High School, 8th grade. She is the daughter of Tom and Alicia McCabe of Blandinsville. She has one brother (Tristian) and a dog (Trixie). Alayna enjoys spending time with her numerous cousins. She attends the Blandinsville Christian Church's After School Programs.

SAMUEL DAY – Graduated from 8th grade from West Prairie/Chaddock. He is the son of Roy and Carla Day of Blandinsville. He enjoys fishing, collecting old coins, 4-H and going on mission trips. He has participated in builds for One Family/One Purpose and attends the Blandinsville Christian Church's Youth Group Program. He attends LaHarpe Christian Church.

BEN STEWARD – Graduated from 8th grade from Steward Academy Homeschool. Ben is the son of Matt and Lindsay Steward of Macomb. He enjoys fishing and being outdoors. Ben is the 4-H Helping Hands' Club President. He attends LaHarpe Christian Church and the Blandinsville Christian Church Youth Group Program.

A special note: Kassie, Kara (Jake), and Breanne were Northwestern High School (now West Prairie) graduates and good friends and remain so today. Their three sons will graduate this year from different schools, but it is great to see this connection as their sons move forward in their lives. Drue Calvert is also a friend and graduated with Kassie, Kara, Breanne, and Jake. His daughter Josie graduated this year also.

ED HUNT 90TH BIRTHDAY – Ed Hunt reached his 90th birthday on Monday, May 6. Happy Birthday to a wonderful man and a true Christian.

TINK'S CAFÉ BLOCK PARTY – CELEBRATING TINK'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY – Saturday, June 8, 2024 – There will be food trucks opening at 4:30 p.m. There will be live music at 7:00 p.m. by Rock Steady. Make sure you sign up for the drawings for gift certificates. There will be a prize for the most attendants from a graduating class of Northwestern High School or West Prairie High School and the individuals who have traveled the farthest. Come join the fun!

SOME HISTORY ON TINK'S – The Main Café was originally owned by Bob Cox who sold it to Bob Selfrage who sold it to Ward Brill. Morris (Tink) Kempfer (Carolyn) and Wendell Renshaw bought the Main Café from Ward Brill in 1945. Tink sold out to Wendell who then ran the business until 1950. In 1950 Tink and his brother Donald bought the business back. Then Tink bought out his brother and ran it himself until 1989 when he sold the café to Jim Carnes. Jim sold it to Phil Wood; Phil sold it to Randy Keithley; Randy sold it to Kalyn Hainline; Kalyn sold it to Steve and Angie Smith. Steve and Angie sold it to Diana Mealey in June 2004

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, church memories, etc. Send items to Mary Killip at P.O. Box 235, Blandinsville, IL 61420. Let's have fun with this!!

Farm Implement Dealers in Blandinsville at one time– Clarence and Marvin Hornbaker (Massey Ferguson), Robert Syfert (Allis Chalmers), Leo McKeown (Ford), Brooks Soland (Minneapolis Moline), and Paul Hunt (International Harvester behind Tink's) – Information submitted by Roger Thompson.

175TH BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY (1849-2024) – Submitted by Jean Dougherty, church historian – The following is an excerpt from the July 1, 1929, board meeting and a special meeting September 1, 1929. "The fourth quarterly meeting of the Christian Church was held Sunday afternoon at the church, July 1, 1929, with the following officers present: Brothers Syphert, Leonard, Spainhower, Herzog, Green, Moss, White, Burr, Lady and Marion Herzog; Sisters Farris and Moss. Reports as follows were given: M. & M. Class by Sister Spainhower and from this good report we learned they have a checking balance of \$56.11. The men's class was given by Brother Spainhower, showing a balance of \$1.97 in the treasury. The Sunday School report was given by Brother George Maharry showing attendance for the quarter 1,725. Smallest attendance 76. Largest 163. The Secondary School Treasurer's report was given by Sister Thompson, which showed a cash balance of \$37.26. Our financial secretary, Sister Farris reported \$52.16 cash on hand. Brother Leonard's report showed one addition to the church, fifteen funerals preached, only three of them being members of this church. The treasurer's report was given by Bro. White. \$196.67 was paid out for the quarter. A motion was made by Bro. Herzog and seconded by Bro. Spainhower that we give one Sunday evening to the Anti-saloon League representative. Motion carried. Signed Bro. Syphert, Chairman and J. A. Beeley, Clerk.

A special meeting of the church board was called after services, Sept. 1, 1929, to discuss the grading and graveling of the street between the slab and church property. Bros. Cutler, Lady, and Cox were appointed to attend to the matter and have the work done. Signed Bro. Syphert, Chairman and J. A. Beeley, Clerk."

FUN FACT: What is a 175-year anniversary called? Believe it or not there are a number of answers: quartoseptcentennial, dodransbicentennial (which is a quarter of a century less than a bicentennial, and demisemiseptcentennial. Remember: We will celebrate our 175th on Sunday, August 4, 2024. All are welcome – please invite family and friends.

BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

LaMoine Christian Service Camp – On May 9 a group of volunteers went to the LaMoine Camp to clean the *light fixtures* and walk-in coolers in the retreat center. Volunteers Pat Hainline, Dave and Tresa Hunt, Mary and Randy Killip, Tammy Martin, Gina Morton, Brad Purcell, Jackie Terrell, and Jerry and Kris Thrapp did a terrific job and finished in just two hours. Thanks to the generous donations of the church's congregation, they also delivered 18 large containers of coffee for the camp barrel. As of now, the church is sponsoring 18 youth for camp this summer. Interested individuals who need help registering for camp should contact Kris Thrapp at 309-331-4541. The LaMoine Camp will be having an open house on June 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A free lunch will be provided. The church collected donations of gardening items and put together a gardening basket for the silent auction. There will be fun activities for the whole family, including bouncy houses, swimming, a silent auction, and much more.

Church Youth and After-School Programs – These programs wrapped up this year with an end of year celebration on May 23 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The 27 kids who were able to attend were served BBQ meatballs, cocktail wieners, pizza, and a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. The church gave the 49 students who were registered for the program books. Kindergarten through fourth grade students were given **A Kid's Guide to the Armor of God** by Tony Evans and the fifth grade through high school students were given **One God, One Plan, One Life: A 365 Day Student Devotional** by Max Lacado. Attendance varied each week due to students' family and school commitments. The After-School program met on Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Each session contained some play time, a snack, crafts, and a Biblical lesson. The kids were divided into two groups. One group was involved in a Bible lesson about God's Amazing Animals while the other group was involved in a craft or activity related to the Bible lesson. The Youth Group program met on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Each session began with a snack and a short devotional. The remainder of the time was devoted to the study of varying life skills. Topics covered this year were car care and detailing, electrical wiring, banking accounts and household finances, welding, cooking (holiday pies and candies), first responders and EMTs, fire emergencies, weather awareness and emergencies, drywalling and painting, knitting, vision boards and goal setting, weightlifting, telecommunications, woodworking (birdhouses), and a fishing trip to the reservoir. A big "thank You" goes out to the following presenters: Randy Killip, Jerry Thrapp, Brad Purcell, Paula Snowden, Jackie Terrell, Havell Welding (Creighton Havel), Sherry Meriwether, Kris Thrapp, Blandinsville-Hire Fire and Rescue (Taylor Thompson and Jacob Kreps), WGEM (Jesse Risley), Jody Little, FitnessRox (Roxanne Mason), and McDonough Telephone Cooperative (Rachel Kerns). The programs were staffed by tireless volunteers including Pat Hainline, Tresa Hunt, Mary Killip, Gina Morton, Jackie Terrell, and Jerry and Kris Thrapp. A big "Thank You" goes out to Carol Kempfer and Perry Hamm for their numerous donations of snacks over the year. We look forward to seeing the kids back in the fall!

IN MEMORY

DAVIE LEE MCCOY, 82, of Macomb passed away on Thursday May 2, 2024, at his residence. He was born on October 31, 1941, in Macomb to David and Beatrice (Owens) McCoy. He is survived by his daughters Rosemarie (Larry Dunn) McCoy of Blandinsville, Margaret (Todd) Knox of Colchester; a brother Jerry McCoy of Lewistown; a sister Rose Geer of Gillette, Wyoming; several grand and great grandchildren; and his sweetheart Diana Ward. He was preceded in death by his son David Dean McCoy; brothers Bud McCoy, Bert and John Whalon and Bud Steele; a sister Beverly Kreps. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1959-1963. He worked on the ground crew at Western Illinois

University for 30 years. He loved to paint and sculpt, winning several awards and ribbons. He also enjoyed gardening.

WAYNE HARMON CALVERT, 78, of Blandinsville, IL, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL. Wayne was born on April 6, 1946, in Macomb to L. Martin and Pauline (Ogren) Calvert. He married Peggy Pool in Hamilton, IL, on April 25, 1968; she survives. Wayne grew up on the family farm near Blandinsville and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Vietnam in 1967. He farmed with his father and brothers and later in life he farmed with his son Drue. He assisted Hire Township driving a snowplow and truck. Wayne was a member of the Blandinsville Christian Church and the Henderson County Olde Tymers Association. He had a love for Oliver antique tractors and was well known for his antique tractor collection and knowledge. He enjoyed going to tractor shows and plowing competitions. He was a past Illinois State Plowing Champion and competed at the national level. Besides his wife, he is survived by five children: Darbin (Amber) Calvert of Williamsville, Illinois; Deik (Angie) Calvert of Chicago; Deilee Calvert of Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin; Drue (Lora) Calvert of Macomb; and DeNeisha (Sajeevan) Calvert of Long Beach, California; ten grandchildren Caileen, Coldin, Megan, Joshua, Caleb and Josilyn Calvert; Maxin and Cooper Calvert-Minor; ; Lillian Gabriel; and Lyla Vyravipillai; one brother Lee (Marilyn) Calvert of Sciota; two sisters Nancy (Gary) Sherer of Macomb and Rev. Beth Nelson of Macomb; and one sister-in-law Nancy Calvert of Blandinsville. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Teddy Eugene and Karl.

CHURCH SHEDULE – JUNE 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
June 2	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Gary Smith
June 9	Dave Hunt	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Glade Mason
June 16	Alan Driskell	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Monte Mason
June 23	Gary Smith	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Taylor Thompson
June 30	Greg James	Aaron Baker	TBA	Dave Hunt
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
June 2	Mary Killip	Kris & Jerry Thrapp	Roxanne Mason	
June 9	Dave Hunt	Bud & Patsy	Laurie Smith	
June 16	Pat Hainline	Dave & Tresa Hunt	Jan Thompson	
June 23	Gary Smith	Russell Oliver	Laurie Smith	
June 30	Anna James	Randy & Mary	Paula Snowden	

ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING: Monday, June 10 – Elders—6:30p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, June 6 – 10:00 a.m. Come join the group and help plan church events. **CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY** – Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

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.

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.

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