



THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER-BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JULY 2024



CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 – 8:00-11:00 P.M. – Slup's – Macomb Class of 1984 Reunion – Band – David Graham & The Eskimo Brothers – Everyone welcome!

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 3, 10, 17 – Macomb Summer Concert Series at Noon in Chandler Park

THURSDAY, JULY 4 – FOURTH OF JULY

Firework and Activities

Bushnell – July 3 – Fireworks at Dusk

Rariton – July 3 – Fireworks at Dusk at Moore Brothers Farm

Blandinsville – Twin Oaks Golf Course – Red, White, & Blue Tournament – Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. – Tee time 8:00 a.m. -- \$10 Members/\$20 Non-Members – 4-Man Best Ball

Carthage – July 4 – 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Food, entertainment, parade – Fireworks at dusk.

LaHarpe – July 4 – 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Entire day of events with largest fireworks in the area.

Macomb – July 4 – Fireworks & Festivities -- Fireworks—Watch from Q-Lot at WIU.

Rushville – July 4 – Fireworks at Schuyler County Fairgrounds

West Burlington, Iowa – July 4 – Full day – Food, entertainment, games, fireworks

SATURDAY, JULY 13 – Legacy Theater, Carthage – Chenille, Then & Now – Homecoming Concert – 7:00 p.m. -- \$50

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 17-21 – Hancock Country Fair

MONDAY, JULY 22 – Area Fellowship – 6:00 p.m. – LaHarpe Christian Church, LaHarpe

MONDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 22-27 – Fulton County Fair

SUNDAY, JULY 28 – DONUT SUNDAY – 9:00 A.M. AT CHURCH – Kris and Jerry Thrapp – Hostess and Host

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – SERVICES START AT 9:30 A.M. – Services include a choir, special music by "Just Us" and Kevin Hunt, memorabilia (scrap books, souvenirs, history), communion, and a spiritual message. A catered meal after services at the church of pulled pork, potato salad, cold slaw, baked beans, beverages and dessert of cake and cookies will be served. Come and help us celebrate our anniversary and join us for a meal – all are invited.

Bring your family and friends. Our goal is to have at least 175 in attendance on that day. The Blandinsville Mausoleum will be open that day for visitors.

BLANDINSVILLE MAUSOLEUM – Several donations have been made to help with repairs needed for the mausoleum. The building has been power washed, windows repaired, bushes removed, rock placed around the building, and the inside cleaned. The Board is receiving bids for repair of the roof. Board members are Randy and Mary Killip, Jerry Thrapp, Dick Smith, and Otto Graham. Dorothy Lober was a member, but she has, unfortunately, passed away. She left a memorial for the mausoleum. Plans are for the mausoleum to be open during the 175th celebration of the Blandinsville Christian Church.

BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY – Summer Reading Program – “Read, Renew, Repeat” – Concentrating on conservation and the environment. The program dates are June 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 10 and 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. On June 12 there were 40+ kids who participated in the program. A large planter (4’x16’) that belonged to the late Georgian Deems Watson was donated to the library in her memory. The kids who attended on June 12 were able to select a plant (annual or perennial) to put in the planter. Each participant’s name was placed by their selection. The kids also enjoyed a presentation by a guest speaker, books read about bees and pollination, drinks and a “bumble bee” cookie.

THE WOMEN by Kristin Hannah tells of Frances McGrath who as a young, naive nurse joins the Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War. It is a graphic novel that tells the tale of those who fought in the war – those who came home and those who didn’t. It describes the trauma that is experienced when the wounded are brought into makeshift hospitals where life and death decisions are made. It also tells of the protestors to an unwanted war, and the disdain that soldiers and nurses experienced when they returned. This novel is available at the Blandinsville-Hire Library. I highly recommend this book. Reviewed by Mary Killip.

GREAT GRANDPARENTS – Jackie and Don Terrell are proud great grandparents to Beau Allen McGinity who weighed eight pounds and was 19 ¾ inches long. He was born at 12:30 a.m. on May 31, 2024, at Macomb District Hospital to Braden McGinity and Schelby Annegars. Congratulations.

GREG WELSH, the son of Meg and the late Neil Welsh graduated with a master’s in theology from Liberty College. Congratulations.

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!!

Some More Memories Submitted by Roger Thompson – *On Main Street – Don Petticrew and Oz VanFleet Barber Shop – and Petticrew Furniture. *A movie theater where Slups is now. *Bud Wright Variety (where Brett Powell’s Office is). *Buster Blackledge (appliances, etc.), south of library. *Gene and Bev Ross Grocery -- later owned by Delbert Kreps. *Gaylord Ferris Meal Locker – then owned by Bud Henry – then Gary Smith – under different ownership now.

HISTORY OF BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (1849-2024) 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 the January 12, 1930, board meeting. “The second quarterly meeting of the church board was held on Sunday afternoon Jan. 12 with the following officers present: Brothers Marion Herzog, Syphert, Cutler, Moss, Leonard, White, Burr Herzog, Green, Cox, Argenbright. Sisters Cox, Farris, Knox and Moss. The meeting was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Bro. Leonard, after which the reports were given. Treasurer’s report by Bro. White showed \$41.63 (worth \$749 today) in the treasury with \$306.00 (worth

\$5,457 today) indebtedness. Owing Bro. Leonard \$200.00 (worth \$3,566 today), Farmer's elevator coal \$24.99 (worth \$45) today) and cobs \$3.00 (worth \$54 today)."

IN MEMORY

JUDITH ANN "JUDY" OLIVER, 82, of LaHarpe passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2024, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. Judy was born on March 10, 1942, in LaHarpe to Charles and Maxine (Bice) Ferguson. She married Richard Oliver in 1959. They later divorced. Judy attended LaHarpe High School. She began working at Gene and Bev's Grocery Store in Blandinsville and relocated to their La Harpe store. The store changed hands and became R&D Grocery Store and later R&M Grocery. She was a loyal employee for 55 years, retiring in 2020. Judy enjoyed visiting with everyone who came into the store, never met a stranger, and was known for her infectious laugh. She enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles and playing cards, especially pitch. She was a member of the LaHarpe Christian Church. She is survived by one daughter Barbara Oliver of LaHarpe; one grandson Kevin Oliver of LaHarpe; two sisters Janet (Larry) Johnson of LaHarpe and Jean Mershon of LaHarpe; one brother Larry (Lisa) Long of Blandinsville; one sister-in-law Karen Ferguson of Roseville; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four children in infancy: Terry, Sherry, Lisa and Brenda Oliver; one brother James Ferguson; one sister Jerilyn Long; brother-in-law Terry Mershon; one nephew Bill Johnson.

DONALD ROGER "RED" DRISKELL, 86, of Blandinsville passed away on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the LaMoine Assisted Living in Macomb. Red was born November 12, 1937, in Macomb to Wendell and Helen (Brown) Driskell. He married Wanda Lee Woodside on April 15, 1960, in Blandinsville. She preceded him in death July 19, 2012. Red was a 1955 graduate of Northwestern High School. After high school he worked for a short time in maintenance for the State of Illinois. He spent most of his life working for Hofmeister Construction in Blandinsville. He enjoyed carpentry work, playing cards, golfing, attending his grandchildren's sporting events, and traveling with his wife during their retirement. He was a member of the Blandinsville-Hire Fire Department, Blandinsville Christian Church, and Twin Oaks Golf and Country Club in Blandinsville. He is survived by two sons Roger (Lynn) Driskell of Springfield, IL, and Ray (Ann) Driskell of Carthage; six grandchildren Rachel Sorenson, Tara Burke, Erin True, Nick Driskell, Hayley Driskell, and Brooke Driskell; six great-grandchildren Garen, Anna, Emery, Alex, Lucy and Ben; two brothers Alan "Fuss" (Kathy) Driskell of LaHarpe and Joe Driskell of Blandinsville; one sister Janice Ritenour of Dubuque, IA; and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Wendell "Whimp" Driskell, Jr.; one sister Carolyn Moore; and two brothers-in-law Kenneth Ritenour and Dean Moore.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Parker Bolten, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzel, Emily Blout, Tom Ralston, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, 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, Brad Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Fred Kitch, Linda Metcalf, Kathy and Alan Driskell, Kathleen Barry, 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.

Devotion – Taken from Grace for Today by compiled by Solly Ozroveh, Christian Art Publishers.

Psalm 23:2 – "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters."

"It is a blessed assurance to know that an omnipotent and loving God guides you from day to day. The Lord does not promise that all the pastures will always be green –sometimes they will be barren and desolate. He has also not

promised that the waters will always be tranquil – sometimes the waves will break turbulently over us and the sky will be covered with ominous storm clouds. But the promise is that God, in His time, will bring us to green pastures and quiet waters. If we put our childlike and unconditional trust in Him, we may rest assured in the knowledge that God will guide us in our everyday lives.”

CHURCH SHEDULE – JULY 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
July 7	Randy Killip	Jim Richardson	Jody Little	Dave Hunt
July 14	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Taylor Thompson
July 21	Alan Driskell	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Glade Mason
July 28	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Taylor Thompson
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
July 7	Mary Killip	Sherry M. & Beth G.	Tresa Hunt	
July 14	Monte Mason	Ron T. & Donna P.	Jan Thompson	
July 21	Pat Hainline	Amy & Steve	Roxanne Mason	
July 28	Anna James	Perry Hamm	Paula Snowden	

ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING: Monday, July 8 – Elders—6:30p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – To be announced. Come join the group and help plan church events.

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.

