



## THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER—BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### SEPTEMBER 2024



#### CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** – LABOR DAY

**WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-7** – Ft. Madison, Iowa, Rodeo

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**– Youth Group Starts – Blandinsville Christian Church – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** – After-School Program Starts – Blandinsville Christian Church – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** – Macomb Balloon Rally Flight – 6:00 p.m. – WIU Vance Grady Field

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** – Macomb Balloon Rally Flight – 6:45 & 6:00 p.m. – Balloon Glow – 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** – Gazebo Art Festival – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Chandler Park -- Macomb

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** – Ipava Camp Ellis Days – 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 12-22** – Greater Burlington Restaurant Week

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** – Art on the Avenue – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Ft. Madison, Iowa

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** – Cornhole Tournament – Slup's in Blandinsville – Proceeds to Linda's Fund (breast cancer) – Registration 12:30 p.m. – Play 2:00 p.m. -- \$20 per team. Free Will Donation Meal – Live Music – Bucket Fish – 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** – Legacy Theater, Carthage – 2:00 p.m. – A Tribute to Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** – Donut Sunday – Steve & Amy Ruebush

**175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH CELEBRATION** – Sunday, August 4, 2024 – There was a great turnout for this celebratory service. We had an attendance of 218 individuals. The United Methodist Church of Blandinsville closed their church that Sunday and joined us. Gordan Blankenship (a former pastor) and his wife Jamie came plus individuals from near and far. We enjoyed special music, special presentations, and served a meal of pulled pork, green beans, cheesy potatoes, cold slaw, and applesauce. There was a decorated cake with half of the cake with a picture of the old church and the other half with a picture of the present church. We are so thankful for such a blessed occasion and for the individuals who attended.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Katie Huston's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Saturday, October 12, 2024, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the Good Hope Odd Fellows Lodge.

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS** --- The Blandinsville Christian Church's After-School Programs will start on Wednesday, September 7, and Thursday, September 8. The Wednesday group is for individuals fifth grade through high school and will be from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The Wednesday focuses on teaching life skills such as cooking, home repair, car maintenance, etc. The Thursday group is for kids kindergarten through high school and runs from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The Thursday program includes playtime, a snack, a Biblical lesson, and a craft. The after-school groups are led by the recently hired youth pastor Laura Wilhite. Laura is also in charge of the youth church services on Sundays.

**BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE PARK DISTRICT** – The blue and yellow slide has been removed. We tried to repair it as we were told that it was obsolete, and parts were not available. We have replaced the swing support that was damaged in the storm last June and will be adding new swings. The Board is in the process of applying for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD grant. This is a sizeable grant. If we receive it, we will be adding ADA required improvements such as walking paths, handicapped parking, and exercise/playground equipment. We will also be installing electrical wiring underground.

**BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY** – Story hour continues on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. with stories and crafts. The library has a large selection of books, DVDs, magazines, and newspapers that one can check out at no cost. Take time to enjoy what the library has to offer.

**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!!

**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. *The following is an excerpt from the October 6, 1930, board meeting.* "The first quarterly meeting of the church board was held Sunday, October 6, 1930, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the chairman Bro. Syphert and opened with prayer by Bro. Leonard. The officers present were Bros. Leonard, Syphert, White, Moss, Herzog, Knapp, Burr, Cox, Spainhower, Marion Herzog, Vernon Argenbright, Kreps, and Toland; sisters Cox, Farris, Moss and Knos. The following officers were elected and installed Sunday morning: (a) Elder for three years Bro. Herzog; (b) Elder for one year Bro. Cox; (c) Deacon for two years Bro. George Maharry; (e) Deaconesses for three years Sisters Erma Farris, Alice Knox. Bro. Marion Herzog was elected president of the church board for one year. Sister Erma Farris was elected financial secretary for three years and J.S. Beeley as clerk for a term of three years."

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Parker Bolten, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzal, Emily Blout, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Jeramiah Byers, Ashley Buchen, Sarah Traser, Parker Bolton, Otto Pinto, Kelvey Hamm, 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, 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.



## IN MEMORY

**STEVE BRITTON**, 66, of Rushville passed away on Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Rushville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born September 21, 1957, at St. Francis Hospital in Macomb to Wendell Lowell and Naomi Kathleen Oliver Britton. He grew up in Blandinsville and attended Blandinsville Grade School. After attending Northwestern High School in Sciota for his freshman year, he moved to Spokane, WA, where he attended Central Valley High School before graduating from Boise High School in Boise, ID, in 1975. He acquired his Dietetic Assistant license from Spokane Community College and worked in food and dietary management at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane for many years before moving back to Illinois. He worked for Rogers Bakery in Rushville before becoming a food service director at Snyder-Vaughn-Haven Nursing Home in Rushville. In 2002 he joined the Rushville-Industry School District as an assistant food service director. In 2021 he worked for Country Gardens in Rushville as a head cook. Cooking was his main passion. He joined Pandora's Playhouse in Rushville as an actor, director, and later as a board member. He was a Cubs and Bears fan. He also enjoyed gardening, working with flowers, and loved spending time with his family and friends. Steven is survived by his mother Kathleen Barry of Macomb; one brother Arlen Lee (Cynthia) Britton of Colchester; one step-brother Mike Barry of Macomb; one step-sister Jan (Rick) Stoneking of Colchester; one nephew MacCartney Wendell (Johanna) Britton of Colchester; and one great-nephew Lennon MacCartney Britton of Colchester. He is also survived by several aunts and one uncle (Russell Oliver) along with numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Wendell Britton; paternal grandparents John Thomas and Mary Jane Britton; maternal grandparents William Clarence and Nettie Marie Oliver; step-father Rollie "Tom" Barry; and one step-sister Lisa Malinak.

**BARBARA J. CORZATT**, 94, of rural Dallas City passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Elms in Macomb. Barb was born on May 10, 1930, at home in Durham Township, the daughter of Leslie and Vera (Hubbard) Blythe. She married Paul M. Corzatt on August 1, 1948, at the Durham United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death. Barb attended Vistory Grade School and was a 1948 graduate of LaHarpe High School. She worked for the Lomax Canning Factory and Sheaffer Pen in Fort Madison. She spent most of her life being a farm wife. She also helped in the office at the Carthage Sale Barn. She was a member of the LaHarpe Christian Church where she was a youth leader. She served as a Durham Election Judge and served as a Director of the Raritan Bank. She is survived by four children: Kathy Butler of Blandinsville, Gary (Teresa) Corzatt of LaHarpe, Carol (Todd) Stevens of LaHarpe, and Wayne (Debbie) Corzatt of Dallas City; eleven grandchildren: Julie (Jeremy) Smith, Matthew (Valerie) Butler, Jeffrey (Melissa) Butler, Robyn (Matt) Nichols, Laura (David) Panto, Kevin (Kimberly) Corzatt, Lesley (Bruce) McCain, Kristin (Chad) Lolling, Chris (Deanne) Corzatt, Craig (Kristina) Corzatt, and Jensen (Mackenzie) Corzatt, and 29 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

**PSALM 95: 1-7** – Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”





### CHURCH SHEDULE –SEPTEMBER 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
September 1	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Dave Hunt
September 8	Monte Mason	Jim Richardson	Anna James	Gary Smith
September 15	Alan Driskell	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Glade Mason
September 22	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Monte Mason
September 29	Gary Smith	Aaron Baker		Taylor Thompson
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
September 1	Mary Killip	Marilyn & Neal	Tresa Hunt	
September 8	Monte Mason	Randy & Mary	Jan Thompson	
September 15	Pat Hainline	Ron & Donna	Roxanne Mason	
September 22	Anna James	Perry Hamm	Paula Snowden	
September 29	Gary Smith	Kris & Jerry	Tresa Hunt	

**ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING:** Monday, September 9 – Elders—6:30p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m.  
**WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Thursday, September 5 – 10:00 a.m. 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.

