



## THE FIRST EDITION – BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – ANNUAL TURKEY TROT** at the Good Hope Fire Department – 8:00 a.m. start – Preregistration -- \$30 – Registration one hour before start -- \$35.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – An Old-Fashioned Christmas – Downtown Blandinsville – Christian Church** will participate in Festival of Trees

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – Pool Tournament at Twin Oaks – 1:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 – LAHARPE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS – 5:00-7:00 P.M. – Parade, Festival of Trees, Sweet Shoppe, Vendor Blender, 4-H Soup Supper**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 – HANGING OF THE GREENS AT THE CHURCH – 6:00 P.M. – Bring snack to share.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 – After-School Programs Thanksgiving/Christmas Meal – 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.** The meal will consist of ham, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, and beverages. This event is open to kids, their parents and siblings, grandparents, and friends of the after-school programs.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6—Music Trivia – Twin Oaks – 7:00 p.m.--\$100 per table of 8 or \$15 per person.**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 (5:30-8:00 p.m.) & 7 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – CHRISTMAS AT THE BARN – McDonough 4-H Center – Handcrafted Merchandise**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) & 7 (All Day) – Dickens on the Square -- Macomb**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY – DECEMBER 6-9 – Festival of Trees – Macomb Arts Center**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Legacy Theater, Carthage – Winnie the Pooh – 2:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 – GoodHope Christmas in the Park – 4-7:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Legacy Theater, Carthage – The Gambler – 7:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY AT CHURCH – Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. See sign-up sheet for food.**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 – CAROLING – 6:00 P.M. – Soup/Sandwiches/Desserts after caroling – See sign-up sheet for food.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 – Nathan Gosnell (Music) – 7:00-10:00 p.m. – Twin Oaks**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 5:30 P.M. –** Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. This is a short service with scripture, special music, and communion.

**COME JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT CHURCH.**

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS – DATES NOT MEETING**

**Wednesday Youth Group – November 27, December 25, January 1, March 12**

**Thursday After-School -- November 28, December 5, December 26, January 2, March 13**

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS – Laura Wilhite, Youth Pastor –** During the month of November, I have been focused on giving the Youth Group and After-School Program kids an idea of what a church service would be like. We have been having worship and the lessons in the sanctuary. Also, the Youth Group learned about creation, Jesus' birth and His resurrection. The After-School Program group learned about how Jesus and Veterans are both very important in our lives. They have also learned about how much God loves them. Life Skills are now being taught to the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday nights. During the first week they learned about conflict resolution. On November 21 they made butter. It has been a wonderful month. If you would ever like to volunteer or even just stop by, we would love to have you!



**AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS – Saturday, November 30 – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Readers at Library. Festival of Trees and Sweet Shop at Methodist Church 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Christmas drawing – Main Street at 4:00 p.m. Soup Supper at Methodist Church 5:00-7:00 p.m. Vendor Fair and Carry Out Lunch at Firehouse – 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. Other events include carriage rides, reindeer games, hot cocoa and goodies, letters to Santa at Country Companies – Main Street – 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.**

**BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY –** Visit the library and READ!! I would suggest BECOMING MADAM SECRETARY by Stephanie Dray. This novel is historical fiction based on the life of Frances Perkins who was the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet. She was appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and served as U.S. Secretary of Labor from March 1933 to June 1945. Recommended by Mary Killip.

**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!!

**Early Blandinsville Physicians** – This was taken from the 1957 Farmers' Picnic Souvenir Book. "Blandinsville, from its early days, had physicians to tend to the ills of its residents. Among the early ones was Dr. John Hardesty who was born in Virginia in 1793. He served in the War of 1812 and came here in 1830. He died in 1875. Others who served the folks here in early days included Dr. J. H. Emery who was born in Ohio in 1834 and came to Blandinsville in 1863; Dr. Wm. H. Huston who was born near Jacksonville in 1829 and came here in 1870, and Dr. J. M. Duncan who was born in McDonough County in 1839 and returned here in 1879 to practice medicine. It is interesting to know that he received his first ambition to be a doctor while serving as a hospital steward with the Union Army during the Rebellion."

**PRAISES FROM LAURIE SMITH** – Gary and Laurie's grandson Kolby earned his varsity letter in golf as a freshman. Their daughter Ashley received the Trail Blazer Award from the company she works for. This award goes to someone who "has established themselves as a key player, bringing fresh ideas, determination, and a hunger for growth." Congratulations to Kolby and Ashley.

**NEW ROOF AND SHINGLES FOR CHURCH** – The job is complete. It was interesting to watch the men working on the roof as they climbed at different angles making it look easy!



### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzell, Emily Blout, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Jeramiah Byers, Ashley Buchen, 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, Donnie Little, Ed and Millie Hunt, Brad Hunt, Kara Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Fred Kitch, Linda Metcalf, Kathy, Alan, and Michelle Driskell, Mike Rawleigh, Hudson Thrapp. 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**

**LINDA L. METCALF**, 74 of Blandinsville, passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at her home. She was born October 2, 1950, in Decatur, IL, the daughter of Everett and Reatha (Johnston) Jackson. She married David Metcalf in Burlington, Iowa, on August 4, 1989; he survives. She worked for 20 years with her husband at Metcalf Cabinetry and Construction. She later worked as a cook at both Memorial Hospital in Carthage and Western Illinois University in Macomb. Linda enjoyed being outdoors, sewing, gambling, and all animals. She attend the Blandinsville Christian Church. Besides her husband, Linda is survived by one son Travis (Kassie) Metcalf of Colchester; two grandchildren Reed (Victoria) Sprinkle and Dylan (Jennifer) Streveler; three great-grandchildren Jace, Wilder and Sarah; two sibilings Roger (Sue) Jackson of Blandinsville and Connie (Delbert) Lankford of Vermont, IL, and her beloved cat Oscar. She was preceded in death by her parents.

**CHURCH SHEDULE – DECEMBER 2024**

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
December 1	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Glade Mason
December 8	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Taylor Thompson
December 15	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Gary Smith
December 22	Gary Smith	Jim Richardson	Anna James	Dave Hunt
December 29	Dave Hunt	Aaron Baker		Monte Mason
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
December 1	Mary Killip	Ron T. & Donna P.	Paula Snowden	
December 8	Monte Mason	Kris & Jerry	Roxanne Mason	
December 15	Anna James	Amy & Steve	Jan Thompson	
December 22	Gary Smith	Dave & Tresa	Laurie Smith	
December 29	Dave Hunt	Randy & Mary	Tresa Hunt	

**ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 9** – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Board – 7:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, December 2**, 7:00 p.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.

