



## **THE FIRST EDITION – BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2025**



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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – LaMoine Christian Camp 2025 Registration on Website Open**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 – “How Sweet It Is” – James Taylor – Legacy Theater, Carthage – 7:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 – Mardi Gras**

**WEDSDAY, MARCH 5 – Ash Wednesday**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6 – LaMoine Camp Kick-Off Meeting with soup supper – 6:00 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6 – SATURDAY, MARCH 8 – 7:00-10:00 P.M. – Snow Bull – Burlington – Memorial Auditorium**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – SPRING FORWARD!!**

**MONDAY, MARCH 17 – St. Patrick’s Day**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY, MARCH 21-22 – Preteen Retreat – 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday – LaMoine Camp**

**MONDAY, MARCH 24 – Area Fellowship at Roseville Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25 – JOB FAIR (JOBAPOLOOZA) – Spoon River College, Outreach Center, Macomb —1:00-4:00 – Ages 16+ -- full- and part-time work**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29– Carl Sandburg’s Abraham Lincoln – Play – Legacy Theater, Carthage – 7:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30 – Alice in Wonderland performed by Lexington Children’s Theater – Legacy Theater, Carthage – 2:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 31 – Alice in Wonderland – Legacy Theater, Carthage – 1:00 p.m.**

**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!!

**Mom’s Gift of Music by Jean Dougherty, Church Historian & Musician:** I’ve been thinking about my mother as the 60th anniversary of her death is approaching. I wrote the following:

Western Illinois University’s state-of-the-art Goldfarb Center for Performing Arts is scheduled for completion at the end of 2025. They are conducting a Theater Seat Campaign "Take Your Seat". For \$250 there is an opportunity to name a seat with a custom plaque. Naming plaques are affixed to the back of the named seat with a maximum of two lines.

When I learned about this program, I immediately thought of my late mother, Irene Painter. She was college-educated (at my grandmother’s insistence) at Western Illinois State Teachers College during the Great Depression, along with her five sisters and brother. She had a degree in math and physics, but wanted to go to beauty school, which she did after graduation.

Mom could play the piano and had a wonderful singing voice. She could harmonize beautifully, and her voice could be heard above our Methodist congregation in Terre Haute on Sundays. She instilled the love of music and the arts into my four siblings and me at an early age.

Diana played flute and took dance lessons - tap, ballet & acrobatics. I played piano, organ and trumpet, Betty played clarinet, Joe played drums, and Jim - the youngest - took piano lessons in my slot after I graduated from high school. Jim could play by ear.

Mom drove Diana and me to Burlington every Saturday for years for dance and piano lessons. She used her "hair money" to pay for our lessons. We sang in the church choir and choral groups at school. I played the Hammond organ for church and accompanied Diana's dance solos and siblings' instrumental and vocal solos. Mom introduced us to Burlington Civic Music Association performances. She had a collection of sheet music from the 1920's, '30s and '40s. In the summertime when I was bored, I would play her music, and she would sing in the kitchen while she worked.

Mom died when we were young. Diana was 21, Betty, Joe and I were in our teens, and my late brother, Jim, was 10. After reading about the Theater Seat Campaign, I contacted my siblings to see if they would be interested in going in together to name a seat for Mom. I received an enthusiastic Yes! from each of them.

We chose a seat on the main floor. We were given seat C304 (seats are assigned randomly). The inscription will be:  
In Memory of Irene Elder Painter -- Mom Gave Us the Gift of Music.

From my brother, Joe: "I was thinking about it after reading your email. Her love of music and sharing it with all of us was a huge gift. I remember getting up early on Sunday mornings with her and watching a black church gospel choir sing. It was just mom and me. She had Georgeanna Fowler (a singer/music teacher in LaHarpe) tutor me on singing (before my voice changed, ha ha). And taking you to Ms. Baumle on Saturdays for piano lessons. Diana on flute. You on trumpet. Betts on clarinet. Me on trumpet (mistake, ha ha) then drums. And Jim taking piano lessons from Ms. Baumle later. I've ALWAYS loved music, and I'm sure that was because of mom's early influence and genes. And we've passed it on to JJ and Brian. A great legacy!"

Mom lost her battle with cancer 60 years ago on March 7, 1965. I still have "nerves" when I play for church services, but I continue to play as a tribute to my mother for the sacrifices she made for us. She lives on through our music.

Link to WIU Goldfarb Center for Performing Arts: <https://www.wiu.edu/cofac/gcpa/>

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUTH PASTOR LAURA WILHITE:** The Youth Group started off the month of February learning about spiritual gifts. They took a test and determined what their three spiritual gifts are. We are going to talk about those gifts more in depth this spring. We had a Super Bowl party before the big game which consisted of an obstacle course, a football themed craft and a lesson over what it looks like to be a Christ follower. The kids love competitions so this past week I had winter themed minute-to-win-it games, and we talked about the song *Confidence* by Sanctus Reel. In the upcoming weeks we are going to learn about Bible stories in the Old Testament and how we can see Jesus in those stories. We have only had the After-School Program a couple of times this month due to a snow day. Last week they had Valentine's Day themed snacks and made adorable elephants. They learned about how God's love is immeasurable. This week Laurie Myers brought her three therapy dogs and gave a presentation. Then she let the kids pet the dogs and even gave the kids stickers that had the dogs' faces on them. Most of the lessons since August have been about animals so it was great learning even more about how complex God's creation is.



**BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY** – Are you bored sitting at home with nothing on TV. Try going to the library where you can check out a magazine, a video, a newspaper, or a good book to read. Terry the Librarian can assist you with your reading needs and interests. Go in and enjoy the art projects posted by area youth. Visit with library staff. Take your kids in to enjoy the children’s section in the library.

**WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE EVENTS:** Current plans are underway for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. The hunt will start at 12:00 noon. There will be treat bags, pinatas, an Easter bunny, hot dogs and beverages, bouncy houses, face painting, popcorn, a coffee wagon, and lots of fun. Help is needed for this event -- help stuffing eggs, help with donations, help on the day of the event. Please let Mary know if you are willing to help in any way. Plans are under way for Easter services on Sunday, April 20. There will be sunrise services, breakfast, and regular services.

### **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, 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 Hunt, Brad Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Kathy, Alan, and Michelle Driskell, Mike Rawleigh, Hudson Thrapp, Jason Siegworth, Michelle Bixler, Jerri Stevens, Tim Hamm, Mike Baker. 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 the individuals who have lost their homes, family, and friends in the California fires and other disasters. Pray for our community, state, country, and the world. Pray for peace, acceptance of all, and love for one another.

### **IN MEMORY**

**MILDRED ANN “MILLIE” HUNT**, 89, of Blandinsville passed away in her home on February 12, 2025. She was born on September 7, 1935, in Augusta, IL, to Roe and Virginia (Byrnes) Wooldridge. Millie married the love of her life, Edward Hunt, on June 1, 1953, in Colchester, IL. He survives, along with their three children: Bradley (Debbie) Hunt of Macomb, David (Tresa) Hunt, and Anna (Greg) James of Blandinsville, and sister-in-law Martha (Don) Wooldridge. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Colby (Shey) Hunt of Blandinsville, Colleen (Joey) Woodruff of Noblesville, Indiana, Jacob (Kara) Hunt of Blandinsville, Kevin Hunt of Blandinsville, Lucas (Jena) James of St. Augustine, Florida, and Brice (Andrew) James/McClure of Newhall, California. She was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren: Charlotte, Lucy, and Annie Hunt; Charley Jo and River Woodruff; Clayton and Skylar Hunt; and Sawyer, Presley, and Austen James. She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather Gail Underwood; two brothers Raymond (Nelrose) and Donald Wooldridge; a step-brother Dick (Ann) Underwood; and step-sister Marilyn (Bud) James. Millie spent her entire adult life in Blandinsville working hand-in-hand with Ed on their farm. Together, they built a life rooted in family and farming. She cherished her family and loved gathering them around her table for countless holiday celebrations. Millie was a member of the First Christian Church in Blandinsville for over 60 years. She taught Sunday School and participated in various church functions. Millie enjoyed off-road trips to Colorado and Moab, Utah. Services to celebrate her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Blandinsville Christian Church. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the church. Private family burial of cremains will take place at Glade City Cemetery in Blandinsville at a later time.

## CHURCH SHEDULE – MARCH 2025

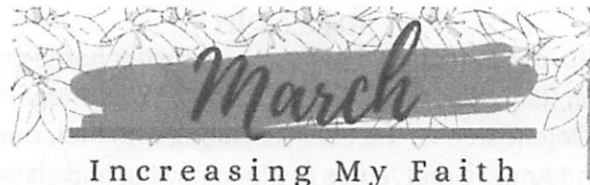
DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
March 2	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Monte Mason
March 9	Taylor Thompson	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Gary Smith
March 16	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Glade Mason
March 23	Dave Hunt	Jim Richardson	Jody Little	Taylor Thompson
March 30	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker		
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
March 2	Mary Killip	Bud and Patsy	Roxanne Mason	
March 9	Taylor Thompson	Jerry and Kris	Laurie Smith	
March 16	Anna James	Amy and Steve	Paula Snowden	
March 23	Dave Hunt	Pat Hainline	Tresa Hunt	
March 30	Monte Mason	Perry Hamm	Jan Thompson	

**ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING:** Monday, March 10 – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Board – 7:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, March 3, 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.



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| <p><b>Day 1:</b> Luke 17:5<br/> <b>Day 2:</b> Romans 10:17<br/> <b>Day 3:</b> Galatians 5:6<br/> <b>Day 4:</b> Hebrews 11:1<br/> <b>Day 5:</b> James 2:17<br/> <b>Day 6:</b> 1 John 5:4-5<br/> <b>Day 7:</b> John 6:29<br/> <b>Day 8:</b> Hebrews 11:6<br/> <b>Day 9:</b> James 1:6<br/> <b>Day 10:</b> Psalm 37:5<br/> <b>Day 11:</b> Proverbs 3:5<br/> <b>Day 12:</b> Matthew 6:30<br/> <b>Day 13:</b> Matthew 17:20<br/> <b>Day 14:</b> 2 Corinthians 5:7<br/> <b>Day 15:</b> Acts 26:18<br/> <b>Day 16:</b> Ephesians 6:16<br/> <b>Day 17:</b> 2 Timothy 4:7<br/> <b>Day 18:</b> Matthew 14:29-31<br/> <b>Day 19:</b> John 20:29<br/> <b>Day 20:</b> 1 John 5:13<br/> <b>Day 21:</b> Galatians 3:22</p> | <p><b>Day 22:</b> John 1:12<br/> <b>Day 23:</b> Mark 10:52<br/> <b>Day 24:</b> Romans 1:17<br/> <b>Day 25:</b> 1 Peter 1:21<br/> <b>Day 26:</b> Titus 1:2<br/> <b>Day 27:</b> 1 Corinthians 16:13<br/> <b>Day 28:</b> Mark 11:24<br/> <b>Day 29:</b> 1 Timothy 6:11<br/> <b>Day 30:</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:3<br/> <b>Day 31:</b> 1 Peter 1:7</p> |
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