

First Christian Church of Effingham **December 20 2022** Issue 280

In God's hands

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<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>

Tuesday, December 27th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. the church for snack, prayer & fellowship

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts (a) noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham and You Tube First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube

Wednesday, December 21st W.O.W. will not meet until January, 2023

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service starts @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th Church begins @ 10:00 a.m. Sunday School is dismissed for this week

Saturday, December 31st New Year's Eve Service starts @ 6:00 p.m.



Serving & Giving

Serving In December/January *Communion Table : December 25th-John Donathan; January 1st – Don Millman*

| 12/11/2022 Attendance & Giving | 12/18/2022 Attendance & Giving |
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| Total: \$2,534.00 | Total: \$2,119.00 |
| includes Faith Promise & Online Giving | includes Faith Promise & Online Giving |
| Attendance: Sunday–82 | Attendance:57 |
| Sunday School:8 | Sunday School:9 |
| Property Ministries:\$40.00 | Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 |
| Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$467.00 | <i>Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$302.00</i> |
| Bob Gregory Memorial:\$200.00 | <i>Bob Gregory Memorial:</i> \$135.00 |

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Prayer List

Special Needs: Hurricane Ian (Florida & East Coast), Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Pastor Martin, Gary & Darlene Elliott (health issues), Benson Siemer (juvenile arthritis treatment). Elaine Hartman (Oral Cancer Surgery), John Donathan (surgery postponed), Paula Nettles (double mastectomy), Barlow Pervenecki (Sinus Surgery), John Weiffenbach (Sinus Surgery), Sharon Dearth (needs



kidney), Michelle Stoneburner & preemie baby, John Serpone (in hospital since Sept.), Emily's mom (heart attack)

Missions: Faith Promise 2022/2023, Salvation Army Bellringers, Operation Christmas Child

Pray For These Families: Marlene Schierschwitz Family, Bob Gregory Family, Makenna Bowen Family, Larry Lenz Family, Marla Chapman Family



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Merry Christmas! It's been a great year and I would like to take the time to thank some of you for the way God is using you to bless our congregation.

I want to thank April Moeller, Bonnie Vonderheide, Cleone Bloemker, and Joni Millman for serving the children of our church in many ways.

I want to thank Jon Zerkel, Aaron Vonderheide, Joshua Reyes, Gabriel Reyes, and Kiel Moeller for the ways they support our worship services every Sunday, live and online.

Many thanks to Jane Ann Zerkel, Marsha Bloemker, and Sharon Knaus for leading us in worship.

Thanks to the many of you who greet and serve our church members and visitors every Sunday.

Thanks to all of you who decorate the church every month. Thanks to Sheila Hutcheson for sharing her crafting gifts with our church.

Special thanks for Chris Hutcheson for all the work he does in keeping our property up to date, and also, thanks to those who serve with him in the property ministry.

Another special thanks for Velda Cunningham for giving me encouraging words after every sermon this year. I really appreciate how God has used her to build me up and to trust God when I step in front of you to deliver His message.

Huge thanks to an amazing group of people that do so many things for our church that is hard to list them in here. I'm thinking of Dennis and Mimi Bushue, Cheryl Bloemker, John and Cathy Weiffenbach, Don and Joni Millman, and Cecil and Charlotte Wright.

I feel blessed and I thank God for the great group of elders that God has called to serve with me. They are amazing men seeking to do God's will and to use the Bible to lead our decisions.

Thanks to all of you who have read and lead us in prayer on Sundays, and thanks to all that helped with VBS, Soccer Camp, and Treat-town.

I would also like to personally thank John Donathan for helping me organize the whole church and clean up my new office; Don Millman for ordering and putting together my new desk; and Joni Millman for painting my new office.

Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Cleone for her faithfulness and hard work as our church secretary. She has saved me many times of forgetting important things to do and help me transition into my new role. I couldn't have done it as smooth as it has been without her.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Martin Reyes

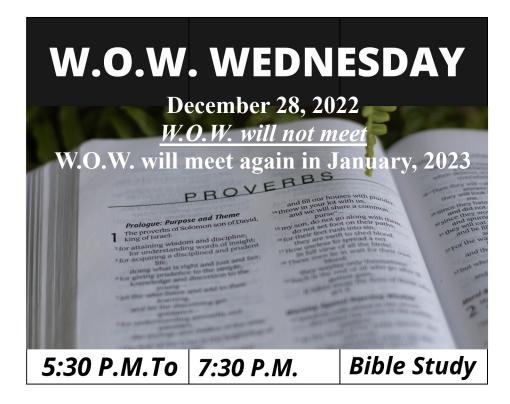




| FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR 2023 | | |
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| Bring t | to the Fellowship Hall on the First Sunday of Each Month | |
| 1/1/2023 | Soup, Crackers, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| 2/5/2023 | Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding Or Your Choice | |
| 3/5/2023 | Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| 4/2/2023 | Tuna, Tuna Helper, Or Your Choice | |
| 5/7/2023 | Rice, Mac & Cheese, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| 6/4/2023 | Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes Or Your Choice | |
| 7/2/2023 | Pancake Mix, Cereal, Oatmeal Or Your Choice | |
| 8/6/2023 | Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce Or Your Choice | |
| 9/3/2023 | Canned Vegetables, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| 10/1/2023 | Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce Or Your Choice | |
| 11/5/2023 | Canned Pumpkin, Pie Fillings, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| 12/3/2023 | Flour, Sugar, Cereal Or Your Choice | |
| Do Not Bring Panca | ke Syrup: They have a company that donates the syrup | |









December 31st New Year's Eve Worship Service & Party

A worship Service will begin @ 6:00 p.m. A party will follow Bring your favorite snack to share

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

| BD |
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| WA |
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| 12-Linda Packer | BD | |
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| 16-Larry & Sue Thomaso | n WA | |
| 16-Laurie Akeman | BD | |
| 17-Cecil & Charlotte Wright WA | | |
| 22-Sharon Knaus | BD | |
| 27-Jon Zerkel | BD | |
| 31-Aaron Vonderheide | BD | |

Faith Promise 2022/2023



Received: \$7,008.00

Project Bible Runners delivering English Bibles in Kenya two weeks ago!





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