

The Heartbeat

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I feel absolutely compelled to begin this note with an incredibly huge THANK YOU from Cindy and me (Stacy) to all the VCC folks who came out to help us unload the truck on our move-in day. Many hands make light work (except everything we own is very heavy!) and there were many hands. Then I want to thank especially Luis and Diane Martinez for returning two days later to unload truck number 2! Fun (?), food, and fellowship; are all very much appreciated. When people have asked us to which church we are moving and I say Vermont Christian Church, the usual response has been, "Oh, I hear it's so beautiful up there." Well, Vermont Illinois may not be able to boast the beauty that the state can, but I can guarantee that the people are no where near as friendly and lovely. You can't make a family out of fir trees!

It seems as if it has been months since we were here for our meet and greets and the formal call to ministry at VCC. Though it has only been one month and a week, our desire to get here and begin worship and service with our new family has grown exponentially during that time. By the way, if you were not the day of the vote, you missed your chance to put a stop to this madness. 😊 But you do still get one more week of a reprieve, as I will not actually begin in the pulpit until May 5th! Seriously, we are very excited to be here and to serve with you all.

Due to the fact that there are only two of us, Stacy and Cindy, whose names you need to remember, there are lots of you whose names we need to learn. Please bear with us as we strive to learn each of your names. However, after 45 years of ministry, my mind is not as quick and sharp as it use to be. I can easily get forgetful. You may wish to even periodically ask me if I remember my own name! And if I begin to regale you with a story about my life, and you have already heard it, please be so kind to listen as it is the first time you heard it, at least until we know each other a bit better. After that feel free to just say, "yeah, yeah, we know!"

As I close this out, I will offer some basic but necessary info for you all.

Phone numbers: Stacy's number is (317) 604 9002 and Cindy's is (317) 604 9001. Please feel free to use this anytime.

Emails: popejoyous@gmail.com (Stacy) and capopejoy@gmail.com (Cindy).

Well, it's finally happening. Please know my prayers will be covering you all everyday.

Blessings,
Stacy



May 2024

Schedule of Events

- 16 Midwest - 11am
 - 17 Community Cupboard 4-6pm
 - 19 Sunday Social
 - 20 Camp Fellowship Astoria Christian Church
 - 22 Board Meeting 7:30 pm FLC
- ***Every Week Invite A Friend to watch our service online!*

April Averages

Sunday School - 25
 Worship - 58
 General Funds- \$1924.00
 Faith Promise- \$170.00

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27
 Faith Promise - \$180.00

Building Fund – \$50.00
 Monthly Needs - \$750.00

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Camp Work Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 VIT Graduation
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Midwest	17 Pantry	18
19 Sunday Social	20 Camp Fellowship	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	31	

Sunday Servants

Greeters

- 05: Mark & Amanda Behymer
- 12: Connie M. & Adrianna M.
- 19: Randy & Sharon Parks
- 26: Kathy C. & Beverly R.

Communion Meditation

- Rodney Parks
- Shirley Roberts
- Donna Horwedel
- Marla Butcher

Nursery

- Paula G. & Amanda B.
- Brian & Christen Parks
- Sharon P. & Carmen M.
- Connie M. & Emery B.

Monthly Servants

Elder
Mike Ulmer

Deacon
Tony Roberts

Deaconess
Cathy Ulmer



Birthdays



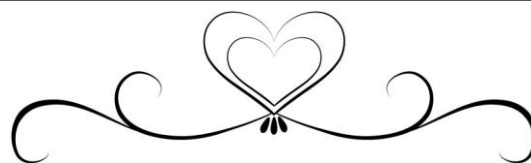
- 11 Kathy Cox
- 12 Susie Smith
- 12 Jimmy Riggins
- 13 Kristie Oblak
- 14 Brenda Parks
- 15 Cassandra Schoonover
- 17 Shelley Abernathy
- 18 John Rotizza
- 22 Shirley Roberts
- 23 Scott Jones
- 30 Jere Greuel



Anniversaries



- 22 Gary & Cheryl Matteson
- 31 Terry & Diana Arnett





Sunday Social – May 21th

***This will be our last fellowship potluck until the fall.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a potluck lunch and enjoy fellowship time. You do not need to bring a dish to join us!

LaMoine Camp News

VCC needs to collect 45 large boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch. We will start collecting these, throw one or two in the cart on your next grocery trip, we will be collecting these until May 14th! Thank you.



.Camp sign up has begun! Information can be found on the table in the foyer or LaMoine Camp's website! If you need help or have any questions call the office!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

We are looking for anyone who has a heart to serve!

Positions in need of your help...

- Greeters
- Communion Meditation
- Nursery
- Junior Worship*

Sign up for our rotation are in the foyer on the table! Any questions call the office M-F 8-12
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Mark your calendars for 2024 VBS



July 28 – August 2
Details TBA

If you are available and willing to help please call Diane in the office to get involved!

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Congratulations !

Addy Behymer 8th
Sophia McGinnis 8th



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