

# The Heartbeat

March 2026

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Every Sunday :

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Worship - 10:15 a.m.

## A Minute with Mike

Another winter month is in the rearview mirror. Cathy and I spent a few days in Florida during February. It gave us a foretaste of what to look forward to as spring and summer come to Illinois. I am ready.

March, however, can be a cruel month, and not just because that was the month I got married. The weather can be cruel. It can tease with warm, sunny days, and then slap us in the face with some harsh, windy, and cold days. March is unpredictable. Life, also, can be unpredictable. We can have good days when everything seems to be going right. The next day may be something altogether different. The smile yesterday becomes a frown today. The furnace cools down. The refrigerator warms up. The washing machine dumps sudsy water on the floor. The dryer won't dry.

The ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, said, "The only constant in life is change." Machines stop working. The computer can't find its files. The TV goes dark. It can even be more personal. A longtime friend takes offense at something that was said. A neighbor puts up a fence. Spouses quarrel over something trivial. These little things can bring big changes.

There is one constant that does not change. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8 NLT) Despite the ups and downs of life, we can count on our Lord to always be there for us. "He will neither fail you nor abandon you." (Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT) God is the one constant in our lives and that will never change.

Blessings in Christ,  
Mike

God makes  
everything happen  
at the right time.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11a (CEV)



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Soup & Dessert Cook Off	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Youth Group	9	10	11	12 Midwest	13 Community Cupboard	14
15 Sunday Social Youth Group	16 Area Camp Browning	17	18	19	20	21
22 Board Meeting Youth Group	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Youth Group	30	31				

### Schedule of Events

1 Soup & Dessert Cook-off 6pm in the Family Life Center

8, 15, 22, & 29 Youth Group 4:30pm in the Family Life Center

12 Midwest Delivery 11am to help unload and put away

13 Community Cupboard day 4-6pm

15 Sunday Social Fellowship Potluck following worship in the Family Life Center.

16 Area Camp in Browning

22 Board Meeting - After Worship

Invite A Friend

### February Averages

Sunday School - 32  
Worship - 62  
General Funds - 1890.00  
Faith Promise - 210.00

**Building Fund**  
Monthly Total - 0.00

**Weekly Needs**  
General Funds - \$2,125.27

## Sunday Servants

### Greeters

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Donna S. & Nancy P.  
8<sup>th</sup>: Kathy C. & Carmen M.  
15<sup>th</sup>: Beverly R. & Connie M.  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Mark & Amanda Behymer  
29<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group

### Welcome/Meditation

- Shirley Roberts  
Randy Parks  
Donna Horwedel  
Marla Butcher  
Rick R./Rodney P.

### Nursery

- Sharon P. & Carmen M.  
Connie M. & Emery B.  
Charlene A. & Addie M.  
Casey S. & Avery H.  
Paula G. & Amanda B.

### Monthly Servants

**Elder**  
Luis Martinez

**Deacon**  
Rodney Parks

**Deaconess**  
Donna Horwedel

### Birthdays

- 4 Janet Parry  
10 Paula Greuel  
14 Alivia Bale  
24 Rendén Reimolds  
27 Alissa Fisk

### Anniversaries

17 Mike & Cathy Ulmer



### Junior Worship

- 1 – Christen Parks  
8 – Carmen Martinez  
15 – Rick Riggins  
22 – Allie Taylor  
30 – Youth Group

## Newsletters

We are trying to move our newsletter distribution to digital. We are offering to email it, or you can find the monthly Newsletter on our website [www.vccfaith.com](http://www.vccfaith.com). If we have your email you might not be seeing a paper newsletter in the mail.

If you do not have access to receiving our newsletter digitally let us know 309.784.5621 so we can continue to send you our newsletter via mail.

If you would like to switch to digital please call us or email us [vccfaith@frontier.com](mailto:vccfaith@frontier.com). And we will set you up!

Thank you to everyone for your help

## Sunday Social

Sunday, March 15

**Everyone** is invited to come enjoy a lunch and enjoy fellowship time. You Do not need to bring a dish to join us during fellowship time! Please Join us as we continue to unify our church family with fellowship and food!

## March Area Camp Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup>

Dinner Served 5:20-6:20

Fish and all the fixin'

Singer: Dave Overstreet

Speaker: Kevan Sager

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RR 1  
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## Memorial Spring Bulbs

Watch the table in the foyer for spring bulb orders for Easter.



**GOD HAS A PERFECT  
TIMING FOR EVERYTHING.  
LEARN TO WAIT ON HIM.  
THIS BRINGS HIM HONOR, AND  
IT BRINGS YOU PEACE.**

**- PSALM 27:14**

# Teacher Appreciation



## **Preschool & Kindergarten**

Diana Arnett & Amanda Behymer

## **Elementary**

Paula Greuel & Donna Horwedel

## **Middle/High School**

Casey Schoonover

## **Adult Classes**

Lyndall Snowden & Shirley Roberts

## **Youth Group**

Luis Martinez, Kathy Cox, & Diane Martinez

## **Junior Worship**

Christen Parks, Allie Taylor, Rick Riggins, Carmen Martinez

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