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Baptism Alec Ihlenfeldt gave his testimony and was baptized by his Father, Dave Ihlenfeldt on February 19th.



One Another Meals were held on February 19th. This is one way the local body of Christ can encourage, edify and break bread together. If you would like to sign up for One Another Meals see Denise Benedict.



Our Moms' Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30am. If you're a young mom looking to get plugged in, come hang out and dive into God's Word. Childcare is provided. If you would like to help with the kids please see Susan Johnson. Thank you to all the childcare volunteers.



February Book Groups We had four groups meet during the Sunday School hour throughout the month of February. Pastors Kyle Romine & Andy Huette and elders John Krone and Tim Johnson each led a small group discussion covering these four books: *Saturate*, *Rescuing the Gospel*, *You Can Change* and *Onward*.

Looking for a place to *Serve?*
Talk to these folks:
Nursery Kelly Mool
Coffee Fellowship Ron & Marcia Mool
Communion Service Kanda Steffen
Ushers John McKey

Sunday Worship Services
Morning Worship 9 am-10 am
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday
K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays
Communion served 4th Sunday
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

Youth Groups
Wednesdays
Jr. High 6:00pm Jordan McKinsey
Sr. High 7:30pm Danny Kaupp

Pastoral Staff
Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor
Kyle Romine, Associate Pastor

Men's Ministry
1st & 3rd Saturday of month
Fellowship Hall
7am - Breakfast and Bible Study

Moms' Group
1st & 3rd Wednesday of month
Fellowship Hall
9-10:30am Bible Study & Hang out

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Dear Church Family,

Today is an exciting day for us: We have our first date! In mid-February, I received a call inviting Kyle and me to meet with the leadership of First Presbyterian Church in Chenoa. The chairman of the church board in Chenoa had heard from a friend that our church had been planning to plant a church in Chenoa, and he wanted to talk with us about working together. When Kyle and I met with the church leaders, we learned that the church has about 30 members with an average Sunday attendance of under 20, and they were taking an honest look at what could be done to sustain the ministry. Their part-time pastor who served for the past 11 years has recently retired, and they are currently finding preachers on a week-by-week basis. They inquired about our church planting plans, asked about the church here in Gridley, and before long we were talking about what it would look like for the two churches to "date" one another in order to discern if working together in the future would be beneficial. The group kindly offered to let us lead the worship services for the month of March with the intent to continue the conversation about our relationship at the end of the month.

Kyle and I left the meeting very encouraged and thankful as we sensed the Lord's answer to many prayers offered on behalf of the church planting effort. Regardless of where this dating phase takes us in the future, we sense the Lord's answer to prayers in the present. We had been running out of options for meeting space in Chenoa, and a church freely offered meeting space apart from our initiative. We have prayed for unity with other believers in Chenoa and the Presbyterian church has been very kind and gracious. We have even prayed that the Lord would allow the church plant to be a revitalization of an existing church rather than to be viewed as a competitor to other options in Chenoa. Further, in December we were talking about launching the church plant in April, which was an aggressive start date that we eventually abandoned in favor of a September start date. Little did we know that we'd be leading worship in Chenoa in March! It seems as though the Lord has wanted to remind us along the way that this is *His* work, not ours, and that we need to make our plans in pencil.

The purpose of this month of dating is for each church to get to know the other better so we can accurately evaluate a

future relationship. At some point, couples who date reach a place where the relationship needs clarity (The "DTR," or "Define-the-Relationship" talk). In the same way, there are many questions that we will need to address with the Presbyterian church in the days ahead, some of which may be deal-breakers for either us or them. But for now, the potential risk of a future break-up is well worth the possible outcome of uniting with other believers in Chenoa for the mission of the Christ's Church. As we go on our first date, we are mindful that "marriage" is a future possibility, but we don't want to be preoccupied with marriage on the first date. For now, we simply need to spend time together, worship together, and get to know one another.

The worship service in Chenoa will begin at 10:30am, with children's church and nursery during the service, and coffee fellowship afterward. Kyle has assembled a musical worship team to lead during March and the preaching will be shared, as it will be for the foreseeable future of the church plant (Kyle will preach twice a month in Chenoa, and Grant and I will each preach once a month in Chenoa following the worship service here in Gridley). At this time, we have only committed to leading the worship service through the month of March, and as we get closer to April and continue discussion with the Presbyterian Church, further updates will be given to the church body.

Please pray specifically for:

- discernment and clarity about the future relationship of the two churches
- the gospel to go out in a greater way in Chenoa
- gracious interactions between members of two churches
- Kyle's strength, wisdom, and love as he leads this work

*Grace and Peace,
Andy*

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~ Youth Group Volunteers ~

● Sr High

The Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups are led by Jordan McKinsey and Danny Kaupp but they have many hands helping every Wednesday night. Here are some of those wonderful helpers who sometimes go unnoticed. Thank you for all your time and energy!



Courtney Kaupp is a part-time working mom and volunteer. She has been absolutely outstanding with the kids who all cherish her with a deep love and respect.



Caleb Zehr is a Senior at ISU as well who has been an awesome volunteer for two years. His faithfulness in teaching the Gospel has been a great encouragement to the Senior High Students.



Dylan Steffen is a Senior at ISU who has graciously volunteered as a Senior High Youth Group leader. He has been a great addition this year and a great role model for the kids!



Jake Foor is working part time at State Farm, part time with Delta Air Lines and yet finds time to help with Senior High Youth Group. We are greatly encouraged by his teaching as he is filled with Godly wisdom.



Chris Zeller has been serving the Senior High for several years and never ceases to amaze students with her great sense of humor and helpful wisdom. We are so thankful for her faithful service in working with the youth!

● Jr High



Alissa McKinsey puts all her energy into these kids. She is a proud parent of 65 Jr High students! She loves getting to know the kids and wishes they all belonged to her.



Seth Foor has been co-running JHYG since 2013. He preaches every other Wednesday night and his personality provides an amazing platform to deliver the Gospel to these kids.



Tiffney Palmer does a little bit of everything at the church. We are thankful to have her on the JHYG leadership team.



Brianne Sanders has served with the JHYG for 3 years now. She has been willing and able to do anything the leaders ask of her. And she does it with a smile.



Dave Ihlenfeldt has been such a huge help with the Jr High Youth Group. He helps with games, Sunday School and even helps out with preaching.



Collin Buchanan is a great help at YG! He is focused on the mission of making disciples and he is always willing to share the Gospel with the kids.



Zack Puck is a senior in the High School YG and serves as a volunteer for JHYG. The kids love having someone as goofy as Zack to hang out with. Zack will be attending Minnesota State University in the fall.

rightnow MEDIA

What is it?

RightNow Media is like the “Christian Netflix.” It is an online video database with thousands of sermons, topical studies, cartoons for kids, devotionals, small group material and more. It is an easy way for us to grow closer together as we grow closer to the Lord.

How do I sign up?

If you’ve received an email invitation from Christ Community Church, simply click on the link in the email. This will take you to the RNM homepage. Once your there, it’s times to create your own personal username and password.

How do I get an invite?

If you have not received an invite from the church simply email the words “RightNow Media” to Jordan McKinsey at office@christ-cc.org. You will receive an invitation to begin studying.

Do I need to be a member of Christ CC?

Nope, just someone who would call Christ CC their home.

How much does it cost?

Nothing, it’s free to you! The church pays for access to the material, you simply enjoy the resource!

Can I share material with someone?

Send them invite to RightNow Media (if they don’t already have an account) by clicking the “Invite” button at the top of the website. Once they’ve joined Christ CC’s account, copy the web browser’s URL of the material you want them to see and paste it into an email sent to their email address.

Does Christ CC have their own page?

Yes! We have posted the videos that we have seen and affirm as good, biblical teaching on certain topics. To access this page click on “Libraries” at the top left of the page and scroll down to “Christ Community Church of Gridley”

Additional Help

If you are still not finding everything you need, simply click the “My profile” tab at the top right of the screen and click on “Support.” From here you can troubleshoot any problems you might have.

March Birthdays

- 1 Lori Hardman
- 4 Lukas Krug
- 7 Anna Albritton
- 8 Lexie Kiefer
- 8 Tammy Sanders
- 9 Derek Meiss
- 11 Molly Erwin
- 13 Aiden Palmer
- 13 Jonna Strauch
- 16 Tim Fairchild
- 17 Sam Poppen
- 17 Jeff Stoller
- 19 Phil Hartzler
- 22 Greg Allen
- 23 Reece Deckard
- 24 Maelee Palmer
- 25 Kain Gentes
- 26 Dee Foor
- 27 Paul Laiming
- 27 Carol Neuhalfen
- 27 Brianne Sanders
- 27 Brady Veselack
- 28 Connor Betts
- 29 Blake Buchanan
- 29 Margie Stauter

Anniversaries

- 11 Al & Keri Hany
- 16 Tim & Tammy Sanders
- 23 Bob & Shirley Carr

February Births

- 2 Anniya Jo (A.J.) Krone
Parents:
Joshua & Kansas

61st Annual Pancake Day: April 8



Pancake Day is a longstanding tradition for our church. Back in 1955, the Gridley Methodist Church started serving pancakes and sausage to the Gridley community as a fundraiser. When the two churches joined together, the tradition continued and is still an annual activity for our church family.

Join us on Saturday, April 8. We’ll serve from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door but you can buy tickets earlier at Flanagan State Bank, Suzie’s Cut & Curl, Grand Central Salon and First Financial Bank. Ticket costs are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children; and FREE for ages 4 and under.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer that day and have some fun meeting and working with others in our church fam-

ily. If you can help that day by serving one of the meal shifts, please see our coordinators, Denny Foor and Todd Morrison.



Denny Foor and Todd Morrison: our Pancake Day coordinators for 13 years.

All proceeds from the 2017 Pancake Day will go to The Forgotten Initiative.

Attendance & Offering

2/5	312	\$ 9,197
2/12	275	\$ 13,998
2/19	391	\$ 10,459
2/26	361	\$ 8,804

The Forgotten Initiative (TFI)

is a Lifesong for Orphans ministry. It resources, supports and networks Advocates and Churches across the nation, helping them grow sustainable foster care ministries in their communities. TFI Advocates and Churches mobilize the Body of Christ through service projects, mentoring and family support initiatives.

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