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T O W E R N O T E S

Receive 16 weeks' worth of organic, locally grown produce!

Jubilee Farms is happy to announce Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares for the 2019 season are now on sale. The season will run 16 weeks, June through September. The plan is to have three drop off locations, Decatur, Bloomington, and Champaign (minimums must be sold in each city). When you purchase a share for yourself or for donation you support our mission: "To provide the community, both those with financial means and those without, with locally grown produce, farmed sustainably without pesticides or synthetic fertilizers; to serve as a gathering place for the wider church community for worship, mission, education, and community building."

CSA's are a win/win for both the farm and the consumer. The farm receives much needed funds pre-season to make necessary purchases, as well as allowing the farm to create a plan and budget. The consumer receives extremely fresh produce, knows exactly where their food is grown and is exposed to different types of produce in harmony with the local season.

The typical weekly share consists of 6 to 8 different offerings of vegetables, fruit, and eggs. This will be our third year selling CSA shares and we've made a lot of changes to the farm to make this our best season yet. This is our only source of income from produce, we have chosen not to sell at farmer's markets or wholesale. Our focus is Community Supported Agriculture, which is not possible without you the community. In fact, members of the community will be doing the drop off/pick-ups this year. My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting us!



FULL Share (3-4 people) = \$400

HALF Share (1-2 people) = \$200

Returning members get a 10% discount by typing the code COMINGBACK on the website.

You may also purchase shares to be donated, which will be given to families in need and local non-profits.

Payment is due by April 1.

CSA shares can be ordered through

<http://jubileefarmsclinton.com/community-supported-agriculture-csa-shares/> or mail a check to Jubilee Farms, 9116 Texas Church Road, Clinton, IL 61727.

More information is available at the website above or on Facebook under "Jubilee Farms United Church of Christ".

NEW Tower Notes article due dates: Tower Notes are mailed on the 4th Wednesday of the month and are compiled on the previous Monday. Please submit any articles by noon on Friday prior to the mailing date. Articles for the February 27th issue are due by Noon on February 22^h.

Calendar

Wednesday, January 30

8:30 Tower Notes Folders
10:30 Backpack Assembly
1:00 Year thru the Bible Class
5:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, January 31

Office Closed

Sunday, February 3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Sunday

9:45 Christian Education
11:00 One Table Worship Service
12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting

12:15 Deacons' Meeting

Monday, February 4

6:00 Peacemaking Meeting
6:30 Mission Meeting
7:00 Worship & Music Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

5:00 Tower Ringers Practice

Wednesday, February 6

10:30 Backpack Assembly
1:00 Year thru the Bible Class
5:15 Choir Practice
6:45 Taizé Worship Service

Thursday, February 7

Office Closed

9:00 Volunteers at Good Sam
5:00 Soul Friendship Group

Sunday, February 10

8:45 NewSong Worship Service

9:00 Good Sam Sunday
9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service

6:00 Just Flicks *Won't You Be My Neighbor*

Monday, February 11

10:00 Prayer Shawl Group
3:30 Administration Meeting
5:00 Adult Ministry Meeting
5:00 Finance Meeting
6:30 Facilities Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

5:00 Tower Ringers

Wednesday, February 13

10:30 Backpack Assembly
1:00 Year thru the Bible Class

5:00 Evangelism & Membership

5:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, February 14

Office Closed

9:30 Parish Visitors

Saturday, February 16

TBD Deacon's Cleaning Day

Sunday, February 17

8:45 NewSong Worship Service

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service

Monday, February 18

6:00 Officer's Retreat

7:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 19

3:30 Health Ministry Meeting

5:00 Tower Ringers Practice

Wednesday, February 20

10:30 Backpack Assembly

1:00 Year Through the Bible Class

5:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, February 21

Office Closed

Sunday, February 24

8:45 NewSong Worship Service

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service

Monday, February 25

10:00 Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday, February 26

5:00 Tower Ringers Practice

Wednesday, February 27

10:30 Backpack Assembly

1:00 Year Through the Bible Class

5:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, February 28

Office Closed

10:30 First Friends

5:30 Women's Night Out

6:30 Elmwood I Inc. Meeting

Sunday, March 3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Sunday

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 One Table Worship Service

12:15 Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 4

6:00 Peacemaking Meeting

6:30 Mission Meeting

7:00 Worship & Music Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

5:00 Tower Ringers Practice

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

10:30 Backpack Assembly

1:00 Year thru the Bible Class

4:00 String Band Practice

5:15 Choir Practice

6:45 Taizé Worship Service

Thursday, March 7

Office Closed

9:00 Volunteers at Good Sam

5:00 Soul Friendship Group



In Memoriam

Marty S. Grohne

December 17, 1932

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January 18, 2019

*Uphold us now, O Lord,
as we entrust her to your
boundless love and eternal care.*

Upcoming Blood Drives

Decatur Red Cross Blood Donation Center, 2674 N Main St.
1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

or sign up online for any of the following dates and times:

- Friday, February 1, 12-5pm
- Tuesday, February 5, 12-6pm
- Tuesday, February 12, 12-6pm
- Tuesday, February 19, 12-6pm
- Saturday, February 23, 12-6pm
- Tuesday, March 5, 12-6pm
- Tuesday, March 12, 12-6pm

First United Methodist Church is also hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 2, 7-11am.



Helping the Environment

We need your mugs! The Peacemaking Committee made a proposal that has been endorsed by the Session to transition from using paper and Styrofoam cups to ceramic mugs during the Sunday coffee hour. This change is responding to the growing need for all of us to be more conscious in our use of disposable materials. But we need your help. If you have extra coffee mugs that you would like to donate to the church for our use, please bring them to the kitchen off the Gathering Room. The mugs will be located on a cart next to the coffee machine and washed each week for our use. Thank you for helping us be better stewards of God's precious creation!



Just Flicks



"Won't You Be My Neighbor" might be the best documentary never nominated for an Oscar, though it's doubtful that Fred Rogers would fret all that much about the Academy Awards. He cared about his life, his ministry. Here's one way he described his calling, while sitting at his piano one day:

"Come on over a minute. I just had some ideas that I've been thinking about for quite while about modulation. It seems to me that there are different themes in life, and one of my main jobs, it seems to me, is to help, through the mass media for children, to help children through some of the difficult modulations of life."

Just Flicks is proud to bring this wonderful depiction of the magical life of Fred Rogers back to town for one evening. It happens on Sunday, February 10.

A user review from "mcoffman" on IMDb.com says it well: "Best superhero movie of 2018. His superpower? Compassion. I hadn't realized how much I missed him... How the world has changed without his influence... Amazing movie."

Bob Wollenberg, a fervent admirer of Mr. Rogers and co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will moderate a lively discussion. The show is at Central Christian Church, with refreshments served at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Time Reading –check out the Church library!

Looking for something to read during these chilly winter evenings? There are a few additional books added to our church library that you may want to check out. The *Sunflower- On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*;



Autumn Gospel- Women in the Second Half of Life; Sexuality, the Bible, & the Church; and Called Out With-- Stories of Solidarity are just a few to choose from on the main floor library shelves.

Lenten Soup Supper and Class

Wednesday March 13- April 10, 2019

This year's Lenten season will offer something for everyone--food, fellowship, and learning! There will be Taizé Ash Wednesday Service on March 6th at 6:45 PM.



The following five weeks, Wednesday, March 13- Wednesday, April 10, there will be weekly soup suppers from 6:15 -7 PM followed by a class from 7-8 PM. This will allow choir members to participate in everything after choir practice.

With everyone's help, there will be a simple meal of donated soups to go with bread, veggie tray, fruit and drinks. A free will donation will be taken at the meal. Volunteers are needed to provide soups, set up, clean up, or help with the dishwasher. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Room. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this Lenten group which combines Christian Education with thoughtful discussions, delicious food and great fellowship.

Are you a family caregiver?

Starting Point at the Macon County Health Department has a Caregiver Brunch Bunch that meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10-11 AM. Contact Sally or Carol at 423-6550. Get new ideas for dealing with the stress of caregiving. We also have handouts at the Nurse's desk in the Gathering Room on this program.



Health Ministry

February Birthdays

Jill Williams – 1
Debbie Patterson – 4
Barbara Hostetler – 7
Holly Oaster – 8
Ryan Holler – 9
Ray Landon – 9
Norm Jensen – 11
Chung-Ha Kim – 11
Jon Locke – 11
Connie Requarth – 12
Craig Mandernach – 14
Donald Wachter – 16
Rob Eytchison – 17
Eric Mason – 18
Kyle Mason – 18
Brenda Delaney – 22
Susan Grieve – 22
Judy Blankenship – 24
Joe Houston – 25
Mary Ann Grohne – 26
Earline Wisher – 28

Need more pecans?

There are still several bags of regular pecans available for purchase at \$12 each. (Chocolate covered are sold out.) All proceeds benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. See Jim Rauff or Cindy Wene on Sunday mornings, or contact them to place your order. Cindy: 855-1588 (call or text) cleenee3@aol.com; Jim: islebrazil@gmail.com



Take Note

Taizé Worship Service: Wednesday, February 6 at 6:45 p.m.

First Friends: Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Night Out: Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Guadalajara, 351 1st Drive W.

Helping Others

First Sunday: February 3. Bring non-perishable food donations for the Northeast Community Fund food pantry.

First Thursday at Good Sam: February 7. Help Prepare (9-10:30 a.m.) or Serve (11-1 p.m.)

Oasis Day Center Needs: Men's & women's deodorant and disposable razors, blankets.

First Pres Good Neighbor Box: Donate books, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, bottled water, food items, hand warmers, etc. to the green Good Neighbor box located on the Prairie St. side of the church

Volunteers Needed

Clothing Room Volunteers Needed:

The Dove, Inc. Children's Clothing Room, located at Prairie Avenue Christian Church, is looking for volunteers to assist customers, gather and sort donations, and update inventory. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The position will require periods of standing at the counter, moving bags and boxes of donations, hanging inventory on clothes hangers, etc. Senior citizens, retirees, and young adults are welcome to work once or several times a month, with considerable flexibility available.

To find out more, or to schedule your volunteer time, please call Dove, Inc. at 428-6616 and ask for Charlie Gillespie or Sandy Harminson at the Dove, Inc RSVP program.

Prayer Concerns

Health Issues:

- Susan Hayes
- Lori Shimizu's cousin Brian MacKay
- Naomi Davis
- Christl's friends Debbie and Brenda
- Walt Lohmann's brother Larry
- Alice Nicholson's sister Esther
- Earl Carpunky
- Pixie Fennessey
- Ruth Warfield's grandson Alex Voerman

Care Facilities:

- Louise Bear
- Brenda Aymer's father Larry Boyer
- Julia Bright
- Linda May's mother Nellie Brookhouzen
- Pauline Carter
- Doris Fiala
- Verlyn Rosenberger's brother Elvon Fulton
- Bill Grieve
- Gib & Gini Maines
- Judy Steele's mother Jean Peak
- Peggy Madden's husband Richard Phillips
- Betty Zeaman

**Pray for these members
of our church family
and all our loved ones.**