

Foresight

Looking to the Future

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

July 16 will mark the one-year anniversary of my coming to serve as your pastor. I have been blessed and humbled by the love and support you have shown me over the last twelve months!

There are so many positive things going on at the Christian Church of Villa Park. The mission work we do every week with the food pantry, our annual LYND (Love Your Neighbor Day), and so many other community projects are a testimony to the love we have for our Lord and I am inspired daily by the dedication and hard work that are offered so freely.

It is a joy to serve each Sunday morning and I find inspiration from each of you as I prepare the weekly Bible lesson and worship service. I am honored that you have invited me into your homes, and hospital rooms when you needed a helping hand. It was renewing to walk in the 5K CROP Walk with some of you, and to participate in a weekend retreat with our lay leaders. I am in awe at the selfless way I have watched you reach out to those in need in our community.

I was blessed to be a part of Elder training last month with our brothers and sisters from Downers Grove, along with Betty Prorak, Raja Philip, and John Martin. And in late July, Christi and I, along with the Carters and others will be going to Costa Rica on a mission trip to build two homes. I know that this will be a humbling, unforgettable experience.

As I reflect back on my first year as your pastor, I am filled with such gratitude that I was chosen to dwell among you and help move our congregation forward in our faith journey.

I know that the coming year will bring new challenges and new opportunities. I know also that with the help of God and each other, we will be ready to face whatever comes our way and be a force for good in our neighborhood, our community and the wider world.

Together, and with God, all things are possible.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

Come to the Porch!

Christi and I want to invite all of you to come to visit us on our backyard porch on August 24 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, with food around 3:00 PM. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and other picnic stuff! All you need to bring is yourself. We invite you into our home at 5326 West Main St., Monee, IL. See you then!

Pastor Dave

Sunday Morning Schedule

Bible study meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, September through May.
All ages are invited to gather together for an opening activity and to hear the Bible story before we break into groups for conversation, crafts, and games.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook Live

Love Your Neighbor Day 2024, September 21, 2024 – Volunteers Are Needed!



The Christian Church of Villa Park and other area churches will be working together again this year to hold the 10th annual Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, September 21, 2024 (rain date September 28, 2024). This is an important ministry of CCVP which only continues with the support from our members, family and friends through volunteering. On Love Your Neighbor Day 2023 over 120 volunteers from several different churches in Lombard and Villa Park and the community at large came together to help a total of 24 homeowners in need of assistance in Lombard and Villa Park in doing yard work and repairs to the exterior of their homes.

We know that God calls us to love our neighbors. LYND is an opportunity to put our love into action and show God's love by showing up at a neighbor's home and providing much needed assistance. Most of our applicants have been unable to keep up with projects around their home due to physical limitations (age or health problems) or financial limitations.

You can help these neighbors in need by filling out a volunteer sign-up sheet and agreeing to volunteer on September 21, 2024 (rain date September 28, 2024). You can return the sign-up sheet to Doris Carter or leave it in the church office. While some of the work done includes repairs to the exterior of the homes, most of the work done is yard work which doesn't require any construction skills.

If you don't feel like you have the ability to do the physical work at a neighbor's home, Ruth Martin is in need of volunteers who will help with the food – setting up coffee and breakfast treats at the morning gathering and/or delivering lunches to the teams on the job site.

It would be very helpful to the LYND Planning Team to receive your volunteer commitments as soon as possible so that they can let some of our applicants know that there will be enough volunteers that their applications can be accepted. You can obtain volunteer sign-up sheets on the church website, or by e-mailing loveyourneighbor15@yahoo.com. Contact Doris Carter if you have any questions. We hope you can volunteer and encourage family and friends to join you.

Looking Ahead....

- July 28-August 4: Mission Team in Costa Rica to build 2 homes
- Sunday, July 28: Guest preacher Rev. Rick Hamilton from the CCIW Regional staff
- Sunday, August 4: Guest preacher Daphne Hayes from the First Christian Church of Downers Grove
- Monday, August 19, 7:00pm: Stewardship Council meeting
- Saturday, August 24, 1-5pm: Gathering at the Holstons' back porch
- Saturday, September 21: Love Your Neighbor Day. Volunteer applications available at church and on the Home Page of our website ccvponline.net
- Sunday, October 6: CROP Hunger Walk

Foresight News Deadline

The next quarterly issue of this newsletter will come out on October 8, 2024 with a news deadline of 11am on October 7. Send anything you would like included to Betty Prorak at BLProrak@yahoo.com or mail it to the church.

Disciples Food Pantry

April Stats:
261 Households served
954 People served

May Stats:
240 Households served
890 People served

June Stats:
313 Households served
1,141 People served

The Pantry is open every Wednesday 9:30-11:30am.
Clients enter from Villa Avenue and receive food by the parking lot door.

We Find Joy and Give Thanks...



- Dave Holston, Doris and Dan Carter, Ruth and John Martin, Minni and Raja Philip and Betty Prorak enjoyed the 24 Hours in the Wilderness retreat in April and give thanks for the leadership of Alex Ruth from the regional office.
- We rejoice with Michele Grayson that she has found a friend to foster her 4-year old grandson who suddenly came into her care in April. (Michele works 12-hour days five days a week.)
- Becky (Martin) Ziegler, baby Brendan, dad Dustin, and big brother Julian are all doing well after Brendan's birth on May 6.
- Christi Holston celebrated her 70th birthday in May. Dave hosted a big party in her honor in May and then took her to France late in June.
- Tina Amodeo and one of her cousins arranged a 50th anniversary celebration for Tina's parents in May. Tina presided over a renewal of her parents' wedding vows.
- Pastor Dave received negative results (a very good thing!) after some biopsy tests in late May.
- The Proraks enjoyed time in Yellowstone National Park in May. The Carters and Versons did the same in June, after enjoying a trip to Panama earlier in the month.
- Members and friends of CCVP contributed \$1,420 towards the cost of materials for the homes that the Carters and Holstons will help build in Costa Rica.
- Near the end of a recent visit from Betty Prorak, Ken Newton said he is doing well, especially since, "I'm supposed to be dead!"
- Chuck Pucci's back is doing better. He hurt it helping at the Pantry late May/early June.
- Randy and Doug Reid accompanied their mother Jane to worship on June 2. It was her birthday weekend, so of course, she was treated to a rousing chorus of the "Happy Birthday" song by the congregation.
- The doctors are continuing to make progress in getting John Martin's brain fluid back to a normal level.
- Generous members and friends recently contributed to help a Pantry client with utility bills.
- Chuck Bohl's cataract surgery went well on June 26. One eye down. One eye to go.
- Daniela Felix and family recently celebrated her graduation from 8th grade.
- We give thanks for Dave being our pastor!

Please Pray for...



- Dave as our Pastor (It takes a lot of work!)
- Doris Carter's life-long friend Kim is mourning the sudden death of her son Arzie.
- Doctors have finally determined the cause of digestive problems that Melanchthon Philip has had for decades. Pray for Melanchthon as he becomes accustomed to a new diet.
- Dan and Doris Carter ask for prayers for their sister-in-law Lucy Carter. Lucy is having serious health issues and, thus far, no helpful answers from her doctors.
- Pantry volunteer Belynda had knee replacement surgery yesterday (July 8).
- Betty and Steve Prorak ask for prayers for their brother-in-law John who is struggling with adjusting to medications needed for his mental and emotional well-being. Pray for his wife Sue, too.
- The healing/well-being of:
 - John Martin
 - Jerry Robbins
 - Ruth Martin
 - Carol Robbins
 - Michele Grayson
 - Diana Robbins (off and on vertigo)
 - Jayne Hochstetler
 - Heidi Gomez
 - Tina Amodeo
 - Pantry clients Kathryn, Joe, William, & Ken
 - Tina's mother (also named Tina)
 - Joan Fuller's sister Gloria
 - Tina's father Sam
 - David's friend Larry
 - John Martin's sister Teresa Shoff
 - Kathy Quint and her daughter Diane (friends of Joan Fuller)
 - Ken Newton (current address: Vines Senior Homes, 971 Bode Road, Elgin, IL 60120)

June 30, 2024 Financial Summary

	April	May	June	Year-to-date
Income for budget items:	\$6,287.51	\$5,777.93	\$6,694.36	\$41,187.07
Budgeted expenses:	\$7,566.85	\$7,606.67	\$7,951.09	\$45,534.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Fund-raising with Gift Cards



The next order for Jewel gift cards will be placed on July 28 to be delivered on August 4. Please let Betty Prorak know what card(s) you would like. The church receives 5% of the cost of any cards we order as a group. Another order will be placed in late September.

The RaiseRight (formerly ShopWithScrip) gift card order will be due on August 25. There are many different gift cards available, each giving the church a portion of your purchase price. If this will be your first order from <https://www.raiseright.com/>, contact Betty Prorak (BLProrak@yahoo.com) for the church's enrollment code.

September and October Celebrations (none in August, that we know of)

September 3 Doris Carter
 13 Raja Philip
 18 James Schultz
 October 8 Jerry Robbins



October 11 Haley Felix
 21 Ed Slinkman
 28 Sofia Felix
 29 Melina Felix



October 17 Susan & Ray Severino

You can support the October 6 CROP Hunger Walk Starting on July 17:



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July 17, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT
751 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL

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