

Arthur Through My Eyes

Going to share some personal tidbits from my summer that I hope will bless your heart as I reflect upon the BLESSING OF FRIENDSHIP - new and old. My summer vacation was to visit churches in the area to get a sense of both how and where people worship, as well as to pray about where He might have me attend. It has been a fascinating

experience and one that I wouldn't trade for the world. I thank many of you who welcomed me into your fellowship as I entered your doors. Each Sunday, it was so evident that I was being lead to that particular church on that particular week. A verse in the Bible that has greatly comforted me and been a compass for my new life as a

widow has been Psalm 37:23 "The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in EVERY detail of their lives." He has shown me that time and time again this summer. It was like He and I were on an adventure. Some of the sweet experiences I had were... engaging in a meaningful conversation during a sermon discussion time

where similar sorrows and trials were shared, meeting a new friend (a recent widow) who had read my column about my husband John's second anniversary in heaven and wanted to meet me because she shared that my words "expressed her heart" (which has lead to the 2 of us planning to attend "Grief Share" together), making connections with people from my childhood I hadn't seen in years, being graciously invited to a generous meal at a host family and sharing deep fellowship from the heart, being blessed by the worship music or sermons preached, being tearfully touched by sitting in on a Sunday School class after many years of not being able to be a part of something like that and overjoyed to see others sharing fellowship around the Word...the list is endless! It was truly a special summer!

We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful church options available in which to belong and serve. I cannot thank the "Cowboy Church" at Penn Station enough this past year for their loving embrace of both myself and my voice ... allowing me to sing with them and experience healing as a result. I love and appreciate them all very much!

I also was blessed this summer with very dear friends traveling from Lena, Illinois (where I used to be the K-5th grade music teacher years ago) spending the weekend with me after not being in each other's physical presence for years. It was such a JOY to my heart!

A shout out to Andy and Lynn Marner's "Hideaway" where they stayed, as it was such a perfect and delightful space! I have other friends from Holland, MI planning to come mid September to visit and stay there as well!

It's also been so wonderful how the LORD has reconnected me with my high school classmates since my move back to Illinois.

Weekly I get to be with Doug Davis and his wife Leslie in their home for Bible study and have also been blessed to share a meal with Rhonda Rhodes and her husband Glen, and Rhonda and I were able to share a few walks with meaningful conversation and prayer at Eberhardt this summer.

Another classmate invited me to hang out one afternoon when she was in the area, and yet another, when he was in the area, brought his youngest son to meet me. It was so sweet to see the two of them together!

I was also absolutely stunned with unexpected blessing when I was invited to spend the weekend with a classmate down in southern Illinois and get to meet her fabulous husband for the first time. It's amazing how much being with someone whom you've known since you were a child can bring comfort and healing. We both felt that's what took place as we spent that time together.

And most recently, I was also blessed to host a classmate and his wife for lunch and continue to be in text contact with many.

As I've written about before, these connections bring deep meaning to life and are well worth the effort to maintain. It takes intentionality to do so.

The grief counselor I had through hospice for 10 months told me that she thought that "intentionality" is part of what helped me through the grieving...being willing to reach out even as I was hurting. I think she's right. I couldn't and wouldn't have made it this far without many others coming alongside me.

I'm grateful for the way friends, new and old, have also reached out to me.

One of my new friends, Nadine Miller, actually bought me a set of wind chimes in remembrance of my Johnnie, when she heard about how I ring the ones outside of "Amish Heirlooms" store. That was PRECIOUS! She is an example of reaching out and being intentional amidst her own grief and loss. WE NEED EACH OTHER in this difficult earthly life!

That is just the bottom line! Let's keep striving to connect with one another and make our lives here in Arthur together truly something special!

With My Whole Heart,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

The Little Things

Some years ago, when the space shuttle Discovery was getting ready to head into space the mission had to be aborted and grounded. It wasn't technical difficulties or lack of government funding, but woodpeckers that caused the delay. Yellow-shafted flicker woodpeckers found the insulating foam on the shuttle's external fuel tank irresistible material for pecking. The foam was critical to the shuttle's performance. Without it, ice would form on the tank when it was filled with super cold fuel, ice that could then break free during liftoff and damage the giant spacecraft. The shuttle was grounded until the damage was repaired.

Marriages and other relationships are frequently damaged not only by big things like infidelity, abuse, or abandonment; but by little things as well like criticism, lack of respect, and

taking each other for granted. Those things can peck away at the relationship and keep us from loving, supporting, and caring for each other in a way that is healthy and encouraged in the Bible. In Colossians 3:12-14 it says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

In the Bible, husbands, wives, and children are all encouraged to love, submit, obey, and serve each other in ways that are not domineering or self-serving. Looking out for the best of the other person is always a way to foster the love of Jesus in our families instead of picking and

pecking away at all of the little things that really don't matter in the big picture. To produce a healthy Christ-like environment in our families, marriages, and other relationships we would do well to stop and think about how we are relating to each other. Is it uplifting and encouraging or is it always deflating and discouraging? Our words and our attitudes can be very huge things sometimes even though we treat them as the little things.

Think about ways that you have been affecting your family or marriage with words and attitudes that are not helpful. Try to catch yourself in the midst of those and change them for the better. In the end you will be amazed at how it changes the atmosphere of your home and your relationships.

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration
Arthur Mennonite Church

Town Talk

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"O.K." Over time, the word became a big hit. Today, it still is. It is the most used word in the world. It is used in one hundred and ninety-five countries,

and almost six thousand languages." Is this story true? Who knows but it makes for a good tale for sure.

And that's -30-
for the happiest of birthdays
for granddaughters
Addie and Izzy!



Church Directory

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration; Jeff Marner, Minister of Worship and Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis, Worship 10:00am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshipanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABCUSA) - 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 6:00pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-273-4202. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Darrell Helmuth, Minister. Everyone welcome.

JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369. Website: jcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. Sunday Worship: 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Con-

temporary Service; 10:00am FROG (Fully Rely on God) Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Believers Meeting (Contemporary Service.) Corporate Prayer: Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Family Night: Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30-8 pm Summer Schedule: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7. Will start back weekly in September. Lite meal at 6:30-7pm then break up into classes til 8pm. Bus Service Available Call 521-9576 for bus info. Jonathan Creek Christian Church a Regional Life Transformation Center; LovingPeople to Life; Everyone Welcome.

NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmuth, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday 6:15 p.m. or by appointment. Affirmations Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church. Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Pastor Jill Bunker. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON) - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fblovington.org

NEWLIFE CHURCH - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP -212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD -210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. Non-Denominational Christian Church. Service: 10:00am. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

Traffic Citations

Matthew J Sexton, 50, Bement, driving under influence of alcohol, leaving the scene, fail to notify damage/unattended vehicle, fail to reduce speed, registration expiration/1ST & 2ND.

Christopher L Mitchell, 36, Girard, speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Charles Edwards Medious III, 19, Homer Glen, driving on suspended license.

Barbara J Davidson, 50, Tolono, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Deonte J McPherson, 24, Champaign, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Ethan J Wallace, 20, Monticello, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Matthew W Bushell, 35, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Charles D Seaman, 39, Clinton, driving 11-14 mph above limit.

Gregg Ross, 21, Mansfield, disregard stop sign.

Karlee J Sommer, 24, Foolsland, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Danielle L Routh, 53, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Amanda D Conner, 39, Bloomington, driving 11-14 mph above limit.

Stefan Bartels, 53, Monticello, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Lawrence Roger Williams, 41, White Heath, electronic communication device.

Civil Cases

Residential: Housing Authority of Piatt County vs Dan-

ielle Pierce Et Al, Unknown Occupants, filed 8/29/2023.

Residential: Housing Authority of Piatt County vs Danielle Pierce Et Al, Danielle Pierce, filed 8/29/2023.

Contract \$2,500.01-\$10,000.00: Tim S Sanders vs Christopher Todd Comp, Mattoon, filed 8/30/2023.

Contract \$2,500.01-\$10,000.00: LVNV Funding LLC vs Holly M Vires, Bement, filed 8/21/2023.

Contract (less than/equal to \$2500): H & R Accounts, Inc vs Jason Pokorny, Monticello, filed 8/21/2023.

Contract (less than/equal to \$2500): H & R Accounts, Inc vs Alena Prater, Monticello, filed 8/21/2023.

Contract- Damage more than \$10000 less than \$15000: Discover Bak vs Erica L Drago, Mansfield, filed 8/22/2023.

Criminal Cases

Felony: Amanda M Coffman, 29, Decatur, aggravated DUI/ no valid driver's license.

Felony: Matthew J Sexton, 50, Bement, aggravated DUI/3, leaving the scene.

Restraining Order: Mark Kaufman vs Village of Hammond, filed 8/22/2023.

Dissolution of Marriage

Dissolution (w/o Child): Holly M Vires vs Douglas D Vires, Bartonville, IL, filed 8/18/2023.

Real Estate

Quit Claim Deed: TMK Builders LLC granted a quit claim deed to IUOCO Construction LLC for Subdiv: SAGE MEADOWS L: 49 B: P: OL.

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