

2 Peter 1, Faith is precious

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirming One's Calling and Election

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters,[a] make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Prophecy of Scripture

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always



be able to remember these things.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." [b] 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Hello, Everyone!
We have been having fun at Countryside with Vacation Bible School! The theme is “PAN-DA MANIA!” All three churches in town are participating, and we have been Blessed! The kids have had fun and the adults are tired! But that’s the way it is every year.

It is a Blessing when we can come together as different communities of faith and minister to the kids in town. We pray that they have a safe and fun Summer!

I want to comment on the horrible storms and tornadoes that came through our area last Wednesday night. Charleston and the Effingham area were hardest hit. We pray for the all the people that came to their aid, that didn't hesitate in the slightest to help out their neighbor, whether they knew them or not. We pray for all the people affected by the storm. May we always lean on the Lord in good times and bad. He Is an Everpresent Help in time of trouble.

Last week, our denomination, The United Methodist Church held their annual conference in Peoria. We pray for

all the churches that will be receiving new pastors in a few weeks. I have been reappointed to serve at Countryside and Ogden for the new appointment year, which runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

A few years ago at conference, Bishop Frank Beard preached the sermon before ordination. He said that two of the most important words in the Christian faith are “Come” and “Go”. To the world, God Says, “Come”. “Come to Me, all that labor and are heavy laden, and I Will Give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) God Calls out to the world to come to Him for Salvation and the Peace that passes all understanding. Jesus Calls to us in Revelation, “Here I Stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My Voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Revelation 3:20) He Invites all of us to come to Him for peace and salvation.

And to the Church, God Says, “Go”. Remember what Jesus Told the disciples after His Resurrection: “Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit, and Teaching them to obey all things I have Commanded you. And I Am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19, 20) Come to the Master, then go into all the world and tell them about Jesus. We are all called to be followers of Jesus. Remember what the women were told at the empty tomb of Jesus on Easter morning: “Come and see where they laid Jesus, then go and tell His disciples.” (Mark 16:6,7) Come and See, Go and Tell!

That is our mission!
God Bless all of you!
Pastor Jeff Stahl
Countryside and Ogden
United Methodist Churches

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 6-26-2

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX BY AND FOR THE PHILO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SITES AND BUILDINGS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF BUILDINGS, FOR THE RENTAL OF BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS OF LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Philo Public Library District, in Champaign County, Illinois (the “District”) has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the District, in order to render the use of the District’s library facilities to the greatest benefit to the greatest number of such residents and taxpayers, to provide for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes and the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the District has insufficient funds for such purposes from the levy of the annual public library tax for the establishment, maintenance and support of a public library within the District, and, therefore, the Board of the District proposes to levy an additional tax of 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, under and pursuant to Section 35-5(b) of the Public Library District Act of 1991 (75 ILCS 16/35-5(b)), as supplemented and amended (the “Act”) for the 2026 tax levy year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PHILO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles and Determination to Levy an Additional Tax. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this ordinance are true, complete and correct and hereby incorporate them into this Section 1 of this ordinance by this reference thereto. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District to provide for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment, as described in this ordinance above, and that for such purposes there is hereby authorized to be levied, under and pursuant to Section 35-5(b) of the Act, an additional tax of 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Section 2. Publication and Notice. Within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of this ordinance by the Board, this ordinance, preceded by the notice hereinafter described, shall be published in *The Southern Champaign County Today*, the same being a newspaper published or circulated in the District, and, if no petition signed by not less than the number of electors equal to 10% of the number of registered voters in the District is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of such publication of this ordinance, asking that the question of the levy of the additional 0.02% tax be submitted to the electors of the District, then this ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and the levy of the additional 0.02% tax shall be authorized to be levied by this ordinance and related proceedings supplemental to this ordinance, including the annual tax levy ordinance. If an applicable petition is filed, an election on the question shall be held as set forth in the form of the question required by Section 35-5(b) of the Act, and this ordinance shall not become effective as to the levy of the additional 0.02% tax until such question shall have been duly approved by a majority of the votes cast on such question at the election to be held as set forth in the applicable notice. The Secretary of the Board shall have available and provide an applicable form of petition to any person requesting such form. The Secretary of the Board shall give notice of the foregoing provisions as set forth in substantially the form of such notice as is presented at the meeting of the Board at which this ordinance is adopted, modified as may be necessary for completeness and to comply with the Act.

Section 3. Additional Ordinances. If no petition meeting the requirements of Section 35-5(b) of the Act is filed as provided above in Section 2, then the Board in accordance with and pursuant to Section 35-5(b) of the Act may, if required, adopt additional ordinances or other proceedings supplemental to this ordinance, including the annual tax levy ordinance, to provide for the levy of an additional tax of 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Such additional or supplemental ordinances or other proceedings, including the annual tax levy ordinance, shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law; and this ordinance, together with such supplemental and additional ordinances or other proceedings, if required, shall constitute complete authority for the levy of an additional tax of 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, under Section 35-5(b) of the Act.

Section 4. Severability and Conflicts. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its enactment and shall be posted in a public area of the library facilities of the District within three (3) days of its enactment and shall remain posted for at least fourteen (14) days.

Enacted this 16th day of June, 2026.

John C. Meyer
President, Philo Public Library District,
in Champaign County, Illinois

Christina Payne
Secretary, Philo Public Library District,
in Champaign County, Illinois

NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL
TAX OF 0.02% FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS,
PROVISION OF SITES, ETC. AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 6-26-2, enacted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2026, the Philo Public Library District, in Champaign County, Illinois (the “District”), intends to levy an additional tax of 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, for the purpose of providing for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes and the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment.

In addition, notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by not less than 182 electors of the District (numbering 10% of the registered voters in the District) is submitted to the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice and of the above described ordinance, the question of the levy of the additional 0.02% tax shall be submitted to the electors of the District at the general primary election to be held on such date established under the general election law for such general primary election, if such question can be and is presented at such election, and otherwise at the next election at which such question could be presented under the general election laws. A form of petition is available to any person requesting one in the District’s library facilities at 115 E. Washington Street, Philo, Illinois.

Christina Payne
Secretary, Philo Public Library District,
in Champaign County, Illinois

Reading is Revolutionary!

Reading is Revolutionary! You'll see this theme on our float during the FunDay Parade this Saturday, June 27. Be sure to wave as Benjamin Franklin, the founder of public libraries as we know them today, and Thomas Jefferson, who believed books were “vital” to his “education and well-being” drive by. After the parade, be sure to find our table at West Side Park for a treat and a prize. The Friends of the Tolono Library will be with us as well!

Songs can also be Revolutionary. On Tuesday, June 30 from 4:30-5:30 join us at the library as Rhodes Scholar Speaker, Chris Vallillo performs his program “The Power of Song in Democracy.” This program “is a celebration of our country’s 250th anniversary. It explores how music was used as a political and social tool throughout the history of our nation... In this program, Chris Vallillo performs a wide range of material, from the Revolutionary War, through the

political songs of the 19th century, the Dust Bowl ballads of Woody Guthrie, right on up to the protest songs of the 50s and 60s. Combining well-known and obscure pieces, Vallillo shares the music, history, and the back stories of the music that shaped the course of our nation over the past 250 years on a variety of historic instruments, including guitar, skinhead banjo, Dobro, and others,” (ilhumanities.org). Registration for this program is appreciated, so please call the library or visit our website to let us know you're coming!

As we lead up to our nation's 250th birthday, we also have a special presentation during this week's Senior Coffee Talk on Wednesday, July 1 from 9:00-10:00. During this time, we will be joined by the Champaign Genealogical Society who will present on getting started researching your family tree. After coffee talk, stick around with the Tolono Historical

Society and view some of the completed family trees they have collected from local residents who have traced their lineage back to the Revolutionary War.

Don't forget to keep logging your minutes for the Summer Reading Challenge! For more information on upcoming program and to see all of the programs happening this week, please visit our website at tolonolibrary.org/ events.

Notice is hereby given that Heritage CUSD #8 is seeking bids for food service supplies for the 2026-2027 school year for the following items:

Food
Milk

Bids must be received at The Office of the Superintendent, Heritage CUSD #8, 512 W. First St., Homer, IL 61849 by Monday, July 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened and reviewed by the Superintendent and presented to the Board of Education at their regular July 20, 2026 meeting. Heritage CUSD #8 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Inquiries concerning this bid request should be directed to
Dr. Kimberly Norton, Superintendent,
at norton.kimberly@heritage8.org
or 217-896-2041 x1305
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OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, June 25 through Wednesday, July 1.

Thursday, 6/25/26 – Cranberry chicken salad, carrots, pears, Hawaiian roll served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 6/26/26 – BBQ sandwich, baked beans, brussels sprouts, fruit cup, hamburger bun, and a half pint of milk.

Saturday, 6/27/26 – Jimmy Buffet pasta with hamburger, cottage cheese, celery sticks, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

Sunday, 6/28/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

Monday, 6/29/26 – Swedish meatballs, asparagus, cherry crumble, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 6/30/26 – Shepherd's pie, green beans, succotash, fruit cup, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 7/1/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.



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