



“THE STARTER”

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Tiffany Lamps

Do you know about the history of the famous Tiffany lamp shades? Apparently, Tiffany’s real business was stained glass windows. The lamp business started as only a sideline to make use of the left over and broken pieces from his windows. That his name is more associated with the lamps than the windows is one of life’s ironies.

Tiffany’s story illustrates a Gospel truth. Most of us set out to create great windows in our lives. We follow some great vision of what we want to accomplish. In reality though, what we set out to do or what we set to be never comes to pass as we had planned. Dreams get shattered, plans change, relationships come and go, we change. It seems that in our lifetime, despite our best efforts, we accumulate a mass of broken glass.

The good news of the Gospel is that our God is a God who works with broken, discarded pieces. If given a chance, the God of Jesus Christ will take the rough, jagged edges of our lives and form them into something new, a new creation. In the final analysis, maybe it’s not our grand vision that will matter so much to the world and be remembered. Maybe what matters is what we allow the Artist to make from all the broken pieces.



Pastor Gone

Pastor Brian Beck and Barbara Beck will be gone after worship service on June 5th through June 12th. Dean Tieman will be available for any needs during this time.



Food Pantry/Pads

We are making it easier to support PADS and both area food pantries. They have more buying power with dollars than actual donated items. So we will be removing the collection baskets in the narthex and you can donate using the two boxes on the table. Any dollars put in the Food Pantry box will be evenly divided between Illinois Valley Food Pantry and Hall Township Food Pantry.



Flute Camp

Our church will be bustling with music the week of June 19th – 25th. Flute students and guest faculty will meet every day with a final concert.

Watch for bulletin for more details.



Congratulations to our Graduate

Cody Crouch will be graduating June 3, 2022 from School of Expressive Arts and Learning in Yorkville.



Kan-Do Club

Many years ago, a group of ladies began a club that would have soup lunches, bake sales, many types of fundraisers and events. Well, we are re-activating the club again and planning to do some very fun things. Currently there are 4 members of the main committee and we welcome more to join us. We don’t hold many meetings unless there is an event or special need. Please talk to Diana Dornbusch, Vicki Hall, Michelle Brady-Ebener or Nancy Erlenborn if you have any questions. We would love to have more join us!

Flag Day

In the United States, FLAG DAY is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The flag resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in blue field, representing a new constellation.

The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "The American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, subtitle 1, Part A, Chapter 1,110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance



Chancel Choir

A huge THANK YOU!! Chancel Choir for another season of beautiful music sung for the Lord. Even though the choir does not sing during the summer, we love to have music during the worship service.

Should you wish to share your talents, singing or instrumental, please sign up on the Welcome table.



Sunday Sundaes

Christian Ed. will be sponsoring a "Sunday Sundaes" on June 12th after worship service. EVERYONE IS INVITED!!! Not only the kids.. We will begin with a cookout at the firepit, activities, and of course ICE CREAM!!



Summer Sunday School

Children's church will be taking a break for the month of June, resuming July 12th. The adult class will continue to meet.

The June Solstice

The June solstice occurs on Tuesday, June 21, marking the start of summer in the northern hemisphere. In the northern hemisphere, the June solstice (aka summer solstice) occurs when the sun travels along its northernmost path in the sky. This marks the astronomical start of summer in the northern half of the globe. (In the southern hemisphere, it's the opposite: the June solstice marks the astronomical start of winter, when the sun is at its lowest point in the sky.)

The June solstice occurs on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 5:14 A.M. EDT.

The solstice marks the official beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the north pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the sun, resulting in the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. (By longest "day," we mean the longest period of sunlight hours.) On the day of the June solstice, the northern hemisphere receives sunlight at the most direct angle of the year.



Father's Day

The June observance of Father's Day marks the birth month of the founder of the holiday. The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910. The holiday was later moved to the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is a holiday of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it hasw been celebrated on March 19 as St. Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June since 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.

The holiday complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, and Grandparents' Day.



Vendor-Fair Report

Thank you to all of the volunteers this year. I want to give a HUGE shout out and thank you to the Cub Scouts Pack 3709, for helping set up and tear down the hall. They dug in and got it done in record time! We had a very successful vendor fair. We are planning our fall one for November 5. We had a couple tables full of delicious baked goods and 22 vendors. The traffic was a steady flow. Everyone said they had a successful day of sales. We are excited for fall.



Adopt Our Landscape 2022

It's that time to start our landscape adoption for 2022. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex with the display of pictures of the locations needing attention. Please let God lead you to an area that you can take care of. Primary responsibility is to keep the areas free of weeds and grass that don't belong. Any bushes that you find dead or in need of trimming, please let Vicki know or a Trustee. Thank you for helping take care of God's beautiful landscape.



Missions

**As part of our support for Abigail Women's Clinic, we participate in their baby bottle campaign. There are empty baby bottles on the Welcome Table in the narthex. Please take one home and between Mother's Day and Father's Day, put all of your heavy pocket change in the bottle. Those coins add up quicker than you might think and help provide needed baby items for mothers of new babies.

**Your generous donations during April for Pastor Roy and Peace Mission in India totaled \$707.00! That, along with the Mission Board support of \$1000.00, was wired to Pastor Roy. He was so very thankful. They are planning for the new school year and these funds will help greatly. Thank you FCC!

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**To God be the Glory in all we do!



Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Marilyn Cobb, Rita Tieman, Dawn's parents & Dawn Tieman, Hannah Marincic, Rick and Deb Taylor, Rob and Cyndee Dickson, Hannah Marincic.

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:

- Myrle Sapienza Carol Edgcomb
- Don Walker Jane McClintock
- Lillian Mini Daryl & Lin Stuhr

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

** Pray for Jews for Jesus

** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

** Pray for Cup of Cold Water Ministries

** Pray for Transport for Christ

** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless



*Don't get stuck on where you were.
Don't waste your time focusing on
what you used to be.*

Remember,

*The hope we have in Christ means
there's a brighter tomorrow.*

The sins are forgiven.

The shame is canceled out.

*We are no longer chained to a deep,
dark pit of the past.*

Grace gives us wings to soar beyond it.

Charles R. Swindoll





