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Pastor: Improve life with Saturday evening worship service

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Statistics show us that people who attend church regularly are happier and more satisfied than those who don't. Another study reveals that regular churchgoers live longer. Think of that, going to church adds life to your years and years to your life.

Thomas Merton, American Catholic writer/mystic wrote, "The Christian is not merely 'alone with the Alone' ... but he is [glorified to the] One with all his 'brothers [and sisters] in Christ.' His inner self is, in fact, inseparable from Christ and hence it is in a mysterious and unique way inseparable from all the 'I's' who live in Christ, so that they all form one 'Mystical Person,' which is 'Christ'" (*The Inner Experience: Notes on Contemplation*: 2003, p.22).

The Christian church teaches everyone to be more loving, compassionate, and merciful to others. The church teaches us to see every person we meet as Christ Jesus in disguise. The church teaches us that we are not isolated Christians. We are family. We are all part of God's family. We are the body of Christ.

Let me boldly ask you this: Have you made that decision to follow the faith of Christ, which is, to trust God's way of loving everyone and everything? The contagious desire of all God's people is the Creator's love for every-

one and everything.

Regular church attendance helps improve the quality of life, but if you are having difficulty attending worship services on Sunday mornings, try attending Saturday evening worship services beginning September 22 at First Christian Church in Hoopeston.

The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last about 30-35 minutes, to accommodate busy Saturday schedules. Christians at these services can witness and celebrate God by singing songs, praying, listening to a short sermon and participating in Holy Communion. People usually do not come in their Sunday best, but come wearing whatever they have on - coming from work or play.

Please contact me if you would like to participate in a Saturday evening music ministry. If you know how to play the piano, a keyboard, the guitar or other musical instrument, please call/text me at 765-541-0611 or email marian64tom57@gmail.com.

Perhaps various musicians can take turns accompanying the congregation in song with piano, guitar or other musical instruments.

Everyone is welcome to attend these Saturday evening Worship services (5:30 - 6:00 p.m.) beginning on September 22nd at First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St, Hoopeston.

Let's spread some life-giving / life-changing love.

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Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers building momentum, excitement during Homecoming Week

If you visited a Hoopeston Area school Monday, you might have seen students looking as though they just rolled out of bed.

There's not a new dress code in the district, however. It's just the first day of Homecoming week activities.

Monday was "Come as You Are Day," which will be followed on Tuesday by "Favorite Costume Day," and Wednesday's "Class Color Day" with freshmen wearing green, sophomores gray, juniors white, and seniors black. Staff are encouraged to dress in orange for the day.

Thursday is "Decade Day" where students can dress from their favorite decade. On Friday, it's all about School Spirit Day as staff and students are encouraged to wear school colors and Cornjerker clothing.

Other homecoming activities will include the annual bonfire at 8 p.m. Tuesday and the parade will begin at 2

p.m. Friday.

The homecoming game will pit the Cornjerkers (1-2) will host the Oakwood Comets (0-3) at 7 p.m. Friday. Halftime will see the coronation of homecoming king and queen. This year's candidates are Kameron Cappellano,

Obituaries

MIKEL - Helen A. (Ridge) Mikel, 96, of Rossville, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 at Autumn Trace, Attica, Ind. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Antioch Church of Christ, 37604 North 1900 Rd., Rossville. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Autumn Trace, 1287 E. Main St., Attica IN. 47918.



Photo by James Eyrich

Not a pie guy

An upset Hunter Clingenpeel gets a little help from mom, Reice, during the kids' pie eating contest on Labor Day at the National Sweetcorn Festival. An unidentified child, nonplussed by the fuss, continues on with the contest.

Max Conn, Brady Moore and Corey Moore for king and queen candidates Gracie Eighner, Taylor Judy, Regan Shore and Katie Weston.

Court members are freshmen Wyatt Herman and Adasyn Jones; sophomores Wyatt Johnson and Ryleigh Wardall; and juniors Elijah Venecia and Jessica Rigsby.

Homecoming activities conclude Saturday with a 1950s-themed dance from 8-11 in the high school gym. Tickets are \$5 /person or \$8 /couple at the door.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 2:18 p.m. Sunday in the 70 block of North Market. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2004 Ford Focus owned by Hannah Shipman, of Hoopeston.

A **21-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 3:33 p.m. Sunday that someone damaged her home in the 600 block of South Sixth Ave.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 76. Tonight partly cloudy. Low 56. Tomorrow, sunny. High 78, low 58.

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