



# THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter  
15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church

## *A Message from Pastor Mike—*

On Sunday, 10/6/24, a group from 15th Avenue Christian Church will join with many others from our larger community in the annual CROP Walk. In recent years, the walk organizers have Illinois volunteers meet in downtown Moline, with the walkers crossing over the I74 bridge and back. Iowa walkers can park on the west side of the river and cross back and forth in the opposite direction. It's fun to see all of the groups represented and to see such enthusiastic community support.

Here is the backstory on CROP Hunger Walks, from their website:

### *CWS and CROP Hunger Walks*

*CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Services, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.*

### *Background*

*The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.*

### *Get Involved*

*Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Register for your local CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all. Join the movement!*

If you would like to be involved this year, as a walker or in support of the program, please let Marty Larson know. Thank you for all you do at 15th Avenue and for the great support our church has given to Quad Cities outreach projects over the church's long history.

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." Matthew 25:40-45

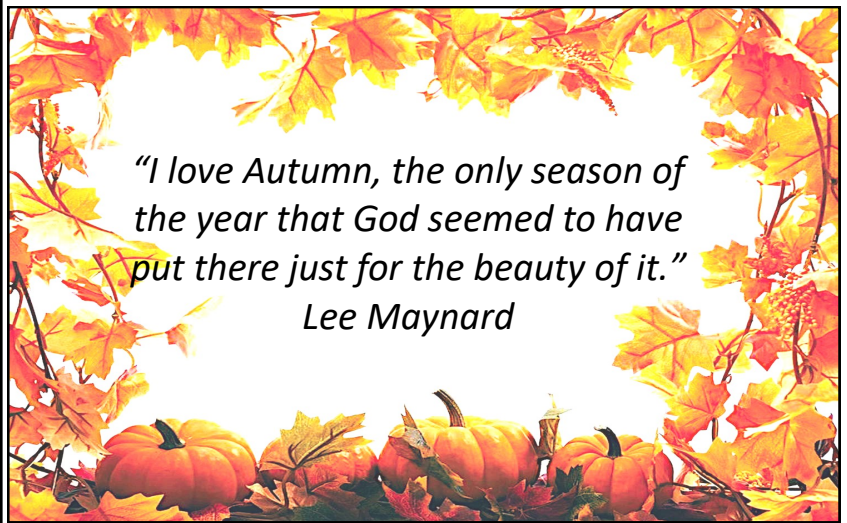
## 53rd ANNUAL CROP-WALK 2024!!!

Don't forget CROP-WALK is October 6th. 15th Avenue Christian Church has their own team this year. There are plenty of spots still open to walk on the team! Last year the CROP-WALK raised \$33,979.37 with just 24 teams! Donations will be accepted until October 6th. Your donations will help fight hunger here at home and across the globe. Please contact Marty Larson for more information.



## Coming Soon to Your Mailbox!

The 2025 Giving/Pledge letter will be sent out in October. Please start praying on ways, (monetary, time, actions, prayers) to support our church.



## BRUNCH-OUT!!

Last month on September 8, we had 9 people who came to La Rancherita in Rock Island. Our next event will be held Sunday, October 20th at Fresh Kitchen, 1190 Avenue of the Cities in East Moline (the former Windmill restaurant). Some of us will arrive at 11:00, others who attend Church Cabinet meeting will join us a little later. Both breakfast and lunch items are offered on the menu. We hope you will plan to join us for good food and a chance to visit with other Church members.

Looking Forward to Seeing YOU There,  
Sally Bartosh



I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our rummage sale a tremendous success. Thank you for the inventory—we had a good selection for our customers.

Second, I want to thank everyone who helped to set up tables, sort and mark the merchandise, test everything that need to be tested to make sure that it worked, setting out the signs, placing items on market place and eBay, packing up, and MOST important taking care of our customers on Friday and Saturday.

Gene and Sally Bartosh

Helen and Dave Popp

Marty Larson

Barb Hansen

Lynne Swanson

Jackie, Tim, Aaron and Tyler Flemming

Ron Standley

Judie and Bill Holmer

Steve Swanson

Pastor Mike

Steve Sheese

Mable Carlson

Mark Carlson

Nancy Mott

Donna Poston

Annie Bloomer

Zac Popp

Bill Head

Terri Meegan

With all of your help we made \$2008.25 this year and this couldn't have happened without you.

Thank you 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church Members. Bless you and love you all.

Marcia Swanson



Anniversaries	
11	Jeff & Kathi BARNES
11	Amy & Marc DEMARLIE
18	Carole & John COYKENDALL
Birthdays	
3	Melissa POPP
4	Jackie FLEMMING
5	Kathi BARNES
5	Sally BARTOSH
20	Dorothy TOOLEY
20	Don WESTON
23	Kenny HITCHCOCK
24	Rod DANNER



## ALL SAINTS DAY

This year we will observe All Saints Day on November 3rd. This is the time when we recognize all those who were called to God this year. If you wish your loved one to be recognized on All Saints Sunday, please submit the name of your loved one using any one of the following methods:

- Contact the office by phone at (309)786-6925 (leave a message if calling before 9am or after 12pm)
- Email secretary@15thavechristianchurch.org
- Mail to 15th Ave Christian Church, 3600 15th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

**Please let us know no later than October 30th** so your loved one will be honored during the All Saints Day Service.

Jackie Flemming, Worship Chair

## *Music Notes*     *Sheila Doak, Music Director*

Special music for October includes Susan Runyon, Lillian Dawn, Gary Troyer, and Steve Swanson. Looking forward to another great month of music!

Yours in Christ,  
Sheila Doak



### September Attendance

September 1	38
September 8	34
September 15	37
September 22	38
September 29	41

### PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Income	\$11647.00
Expenses	\$18108.50
Net Income	(\$6461.50)





Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

“God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you” Hebrews 13:5

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Send a card, a call on the phone or a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Barb (Nancy) Merle (friend of Weston's)

Daughter Melanie. Had surgery on Thursday. (Diane Block)

Rae Lynn-8yr old- stroke/heart problems died Saturday 21st. (family)

Mother-In-Law Judy has hip replacement surgery (Cali & family)

Mike, spot on lung (Denny, Bridget and family) Jackie Brown doing much better (Cali's grandma)

Eugene Bartosh having cataract surgery. (Sally & family)

Bill Holmer cancer surgery (Judie & family) Bill having toe surgery went well (Judie's brother)

Rockwell family (reason unknown) Caroline Swanson died (Judie & Bill Holmer)

Penny (Reeder) Hovis, stroke (Kathy & Dawn)

Edward Gridley had surgery 9/10 . Surgery went well. (Jacob)

Marilyn Mix having cancer treatments (family) Kathee Secor had surgery. (Rick, Brenda & family)

Jackie Adams, is in Hope Creek (Dolores and Dick Frybarger )

Matt, 23, going through very trying times. (Karen Hitchcock) Kenny (Karen Hitchcock)

Granddaughter Caitlin (Karen Hitchcock) MaryAnn (friend of Weston's)

Sally - cancer (friend of Weston's) Bob & Annie Bloomer (family)

Gibson (friend of Weston's) Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's) Patty R. (Rick & family)

Theresa / Blake (Jeanie) / Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice) Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G, cancer (family) Pat, cancer (family) Kaylee Walker (Karen & family)

Kim Poleing (Karen) Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Juliana, Johnny and Hector prayer for guidance (Jeanie Kirgan)

Gavin ,Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family)

Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family) Dawn F. (family) Cara (friend of Diane B.)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba) Beverly Ducey ( Jim & family) Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don and family)

Roy Morley is at Allure (Covid) (Jan & family)

Angie (Don & family) Don Young (family) Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

# October 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm River- Bend Bronze	2	3 10am Bible Study	4	5
6 8:30 Elder Mtg 9:30am Worship Reconciliation Special Offering CROP Walk	7	8 6pm River- Bend Bronze	9	10 10am Bible Study	11	12
13 9:30am Worship Food Pantry	14	15 6pm River- Bend Bronze	16	17 10am Bible Study	18	19
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Cabinet Meeting Brunch-Out	21	22 6pm River- Bend Bronze	23	24 10am Bible Study	25	26
27 9:30am Worship	28	29 6pm River- Bend Bronze	30	31 10am Bible Study Bell Deadline Halloween		

<b>Serving Elders</b>
6 Helen Popp
13 Mark Carlson
20 Sally Bartosh
27 Helen Popp
<b>Visiting Elders</b>
Dave Popp & Alice Lyons

<b>Serving Deacons</b>
<b>HD</b> Gary Troyer, Jackie Flemming, Karen Hitchcock and Ron Standley
<b>Preparing Deacon</b>
Jackie Flemming

<b>Fellowship Time</b>
6 Membership Nurture
13 Lynne and Steve
20 Sheese
27

<b>Flowers</b>
6 Judie Holmer
13 Lisa Hatlett
20 Annie Bloomer
27 Karen & Kenny Hitchcock

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**31-Day Scripture  
Writing Challenge**

October

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 1</b>  | Luke 6:35        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 17</b> | Revelation 1:8   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 2</b>  | 2 John 1:6       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 18</b> | Psalms 42:11     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 3</b>  | Proverbs 17:17   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 19</b> | 2 Peter 1:16     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 4</b>  | Judges 5:31      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 20</b> | Psalms 112:1     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 5</b>  | Zechariah 8:16   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 21</b> | Deuteronomy 28:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 6</b>  | 2 Thess. 1:11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 22</b> | 1 Kings 8:61     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 7</b>  | Hosea 6:6        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 23</b> | 2 Peter 1:20-21  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 8</b>  | Romans 14:17-19  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 24</b> | John 17:17       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 9</b>  | Luke 12:33-34    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 25</b> | Romans 10:8      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 10</b> | 1 Peter 4:10     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 26</b> | Judges 6:12      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 11</b> | Zechariah 7:9-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 27</b> | Isaiah 41:13     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 12</b> | Daniel 7:13-14   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 28</b> | Matthew 10:28    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 13</b> | Isaiah 47:4      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 29</b> | Romans 8:15      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 14</b> | 2 Samuel 22:29   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 30</b> | 1 Peter 3:14     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 15</b> | Psalms 8:3-4     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 31</b> | Psalms 23:4      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oct. 16</b> | Haggai 2:6-7     |                                         |                  |

*Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!*