

# The Heart *Of Missions*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN | FEBRUARY 2018

## Mission Possible Plans to Help Kemmerer Village This Year

*Leaders expect to travel June 7th through June 10th. Be on the lookout for an informational potluck where you can learn more about this year's trip. Never gone on a Mission Possible trip? No problem! New people are welcome! Don't feel you have enough skills? There is something for every skill level to do. Can't come every day? Then come for one or two days! This year's trip is flexible!*

## Souper Bowl Fundraising Results!

*Our church's confirmands raised \$1,052.72 for area agencies! They chose to split their funds between Salt & Light and the Crisis Nursery. They wanted to split the funds between a traditionally Christian and a secular agency and wanted to ensure that people of all faiths would be supported with their funds. We should be proud of their thoughtfulness in their efforts of fundraising. Thank you to the congregation for the generous donations! Lives will be changed for the better through your gifts.*

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## Care for Creation with Local Food

Did you know that the food we eat travels over 1,500 miles before it ends up on our plate? This is regardless of whether the food is organic or conventional. One way to reduce pollution is to buy food locally. We are blessed to have options to buy fresh veggies and fruit right here in the C-U area. Of course, there are wonderful farmer's markets where one can buy locally produced foods. There is another option as well: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

CSA farmers sell "shares." These funds provide the supplies and staff to grow food. Also, in return, investors receive many weeks of produce. Share costs vary, but typically are between \$200 and \$500 per season. You go home with the bounty of the week and have fresh, nutritious produce. Everyone wins...the earth, your taste buds, and the farmer!

### **Local Community Supported Agriculture Now Taking Orders**

Sola Gratia, located in Urbana:  
[solagratiacsa.com](http://solagratiacsa.com)

Jubilee Farms, located in Clinton:  
[jubileefarmsclinton.com](http://jubileefarmsclinton.com)

First Fruits Homestead, located in Charleston:  
[firstfruitshomestead.org](http://firstfruitshomestead.org)

## Mission Kiosk Update

I just wanted to let everyone know that we have been working on the Mission Kiosk. Chris Penny has gotten the physical parts installed and is waiting on the monitor to be ready. I have been working on the presentation, but the videos haven't been working after the presentation is installed on the kiosk. We are working on a fix for the problem and hope to have the kiosk running soon. Thank you for your patience.  
Kristi Corbin, Missions Coordinator

## **Bob and Kristi Rice: Mission Co-Workers Supported by World Mission**

Bob and Kristi served in the DRC for many years. God has called them to South Sudan! In the midst of this transition, Bob is struggling with health problems and they are learning a new language! You are encouraged to read their beautifully written blog and to pray for their mission work in this new location.

God is doing amazing things!

[bobandkristi.blogspot.com](http://bobandkristi.blogspot.com)

Canaan Baptist Church will hold the 21st annual **SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert on February 25, 2018 at 4pm**. The concert will be held at First United Methodist Church at 210 West Church Street in Champaign. Don't miss the special performance by our chancel choir at this important fundraising event! SAFE House is a faith based program aimed at changing the lives of those recovering from addiction and is one of our partner programs supported by Community Mission Deacons.

ECIRMAC will hold their **Annual Fundraising Banquet on April 14, 2018**. Please save the date. Attendees are asked to RSVP by April 5, 2018. The banquet will be held at the Round Barn Banquet Center. Tickets are \$75 each or \$550 for a table of eight. Tickets are available at ECRIMAC offices at 302 South Birch Street in Urbana. ECIRMAC provides services to refugees, immigrants and their families who settle in East Central Illinois. In the past 12 months, ECIRMAC has served over 2,000