

Faith in Action of Edgar County

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Faith in Action Chili Cook-Off 2010 Champion



Roger Hopper "17" Touch of Sweetness

Roger Hopper was the winning chili chef at the 2010 Faith in Action Chili Cook-Off! His Touch of Sweetness #17 was a crowd favorite as he received the highest total number of votes to win the championship trophy and have his name included with all former chili chef champions on the FIAEC Chili Cook-Off Grand Champion plaque. (see article)

8th Annual Caregivers Expo

721 E. Court St. ~ Paris, IL
(Visiting Specialty Clinic Lobby)
Saturday, April 17th
8:30 am ~ 2:00 pm

The focus this year will be on presenting caregivers with information on legal concerns, the latest things you should know on Alzheimer's and Parkinson Disease, and ways of engaging and living with someone who has memory impairment. Vendors will be present to share products and information. There will be door prizes and lunch served at noon. Come and stay for part or all of the activities!

Nila's Corner

Happy Spring! Yea!

I love Groundhog's Day! Mainly because it is a fact on that day that there are only 6 weeks till spring! I really doesn't matter to me if he sees his shadow or not, there are still are only 6 weeks till spring! Then the next thing you know....the days start getting longer and warmer. The robins return and are hopping all over my front yard and early spring flowers start popping up everywhere. What a breath of fresh air and huge sigh of relief it is to realize that winter will soon be done with its icy cold grip and life will begin anew! WaHoo!

Every season has its' own touch of beauty, and evidence of God's love of artistic design. But isn't it wonderful that He gives us such beautiful mountain tops after we have spent a little time of refining in the valley? That is the way it is in our physical lives. We may get knocked down by a few icy, stormy blasts but Faith, Hope and Love get us back on our feet and ready to take off running again.

This week as the temperatures have warmed and the sun has peeked out from rainy clouds our FIA phones have started ringing. That is great news because it is a sign that people who have been knocked down with the struggles of life are reaching out in faith with the hope that someone can make their load lighter and brighter. What a wonderful way for FIAEC to share God's love!

We have several people on our building list for wheelchair ramps, transportation requests are reaching into April, and volunteers are being called to visit those who are lonely. Lives are being touched through Faith, in Hope and with Love! It is a wonderful season to be a part of
Faith in Action.

Thank You Volunteers for helping to make this all happen!

*Happy Spring! ~ Nila
and Have a very Blessed Easter!*



Calling Youth Groups



Each year in the spring and fall we have a few requests from our care receivers to receive help doing their yard cleaning. The junior high and high school youth groups have been great to help with these projects. In the past I have tried to schedule groups around the resident's schedule. This has been a monumental task as it is difficult at best to pin point a week-end or week-day when there is not a lot of activities going on for the kids. If you are a youth sponsor or know of a youth group that would be interested in doing a little yard cleaning for Faith in Action, have them contact the FIAEC office to give us their availability in March, April and May, as well as September, October and November. The ideal is to schedule two youth groups to work together. This is a great way for the kids to meet new people and feel good about helping those who are no longer capable of helping themselves. It is always a blessing for both the youth and those who benefit from their labor. The joy for all is to see our young people putting their faith into action!



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Calendar of Events

COMING in * March and April

March 3 –BOD Meeting FIA Meeting Rm 8:30am

March 22 – Pizza Hut Night w/Norma 4 – 8 pm

March 23 – Card Angels 10 am FIA MeetingRm

April 7&8 – FIA Directors Conference Springfield

April 14 – BOD Meeting FIA Meeting Rm.8:30am

April 17 - Annual Caregiver's Expo 8:30am-2pm

April 26 – Pizza Hut Night w/Ron Hensley

Reminder: Volunteer's Monday Morning Coffee

Break 8:30 – 10:00 each Monday morning

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Please plan to support
the United Way of Edgar County.
**Working together we CAN
make a difference!**

FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!

MONTH OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Dec. Hours</u>	<u>Jan. Hours</u>
Transportation	168	149
Visiting	13	7
Shopping/Errands	2	.25
Light Housekeeping	0	0
Yard Work	0	0
Telephone Contacts	9	6
Sewing and Mending	1	0
Respite	0	0
Meal Prep	1	0
Special Projects	57	64
Office Assistance	48	28
Board Meetings/Fundraising	9	14
Total Hours	<u>Nov. 309</u>	<u>Jan. 268</u>
Total Miles Driven	<u>3,735 Miles</u>	<u>3,942 Miles</u>

Volunteers reported hours for the month of Dec. 45 Jan. 37

Contacts made with care receivers in Dec. 201 Jan. 179

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.