



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 14, 2022



The story of the first Father's Day in America happened in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to the minister of the local Methodist church that they hold services to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion killed 361 men.

While Father's Day was celebrated locally in several communities across the country, unofficial support to make the celebration a national holiday began almost immediately. William Jennings Bryant was one of its staunchest proponents. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. But no official action was taken.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.

**2022**  
**Community Vacation**  
**Bible School**

**July 10-14 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**VG United Methodist Church**



*There will be a Fellowship & Outreach Ministry meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us! If you want to know more about this ministry, contact Deanne Rothermel.*

**JUNE 12, 2022**

**Worship 77**  
**Sunday School 47**

**Offering (6/12) \$1,604.00**  
**Spendable 1,408.00**  
**Building & Grounds 100.00**  
**Worship 24.00**

**Sunday Morning Celebration 3**  
**King's Kids 3**  
**Jr. High/Sr. High 4**  
**Blessed Believers 14**  
**The Fellowship 17**  
**Chosen Ones 6**



IN OUR

# Thoughts and Prayers



Bill Akers- down with the flu

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer

Glenda Case- July 6 will have some surgery on her thyroid

Bernice Chambers- health issues

Chris Clark- in line for liver transplant; must be ready to go at any time

Beverley Harvey- friend of Garland Hubert & the Rothermel's

Steve Prosser (Hugo)- now in a regular room at the hospital

Elaina and Jordan Smith (Paul Smith's grandchildren)- recovering from COVID-19

*There will be a PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We want to focus on the church's future ministry personnel. Everyone is invited to attend.*



## MISSIONS

As one mission ceases with St. Louis Christian College's closure, we're very pleased to replace it with a new mission. As most of you know, SARA WILLIAMSON is working with One Mission Society to spread God's Word around the world. We will be assisting her in her travel expenses with a monthly gift of \$225. We're truly blessed to have Sara answer God's calling in this direction, and that we can assist in her effort. If you have any questions about this mission, you can ask Sara or myself.

God Bless,  
DAVE SHUNK, MISSIONS TREASURER

# Thank You!



*Many thanks to our friends at Villa Grove First Christian Church for the cards and well-wishes as we celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary. They were much appreciated!*

**BERNIE & JEAN ZYLSTRA**

*To my church family,*

*"For everything you've done... for being the special people that you are... thank you so much!"  
The cast is OFF!! Thank you for the prayers, calls, offers of help, driving me to appointments, and meals. My church family is all I have and I love every one of you. Thank you!*

*Love,  
JUDI LOCK*



**Villa Grove High School:**  
Brandon Kelly, Dalton Logan, Madison Logan,  
Kenzie Cardiff, Logan Lillard, Noah Kelly

**Tuscola High School:**  
Marissa Boyer, Raeanna Boyer

**Heritage High School:**  
Torie Rothermel (graduated Summa Cum  
Laude)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE  
STUDENTS ON AN EXCELLENT YEAR!!**



## ***When the Fishing Isn't Easy?***

### ***June 14, 2022***

A story is told of a young girl with a severe physical handicap, who wanted to go fishing with her dad. She begged him to take her fishing. One day, dad relented and set up a fishing date. He confided in a couple of buddies about the excursion, and his daughter's condition. One co-worker offered an alternative, "Why don't you go to the fish farm. It's handicap accessible, and within a few minutes your daughter can catch a large fish, have it cleaned and ready for supper." It sounded like a great idea. Quick, easy, effortless.

When the idea was presented, the girl simply stated, "Daddy, those fish will be caught anyway. What's so rewarding about that?" She did have a point.

On the appointed date, father steeled himself for an arduous trek. He helped her along the path until that was no longer possible. Then he carried his daughter, lunchbox, and fishing gear, through the woods to the lake. After lunch, the duo baited hooks and fished. For four hours they caught nothing. As they packed up to return to the car, the girl beamed with delight, "It was worth it dad! We'll have better luck next time."

Christians can learn from that girl. Jesus has called us to be "fishers of men." He knows we feel spiritually inadequate, maybe even handicapped, to take the gospel message. Others may encourage us to go to people who are already receptive. Quick, easy, effortless. Why put in extra work where there is no guarantee of success?

Jesus wants us to be eager to go fishing, regardless of our inadequacies or the difficulty in reaching the fishing area. He promises to guide us and carry us when we lose strength. All he asks is that we do our best, and leave the success to Him. Don't stop fishing for men with the gospel of peace, even when the fishing isn't easy.

*Mike*

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#### **Elders:**

John Dilliner  
Bob Dowler

Jerry Hughes  
Joe Rothermel

**Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**

**Greeters: Margaret Black (West)/ Ray Weaver (South)**

**Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Rex & Jan Duzan**

**Serving: T. Naddy, S. Sinkes, B. Akers, M. Hughes**

**Elder-On-Call for June: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807**

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON MISSIONS (ICOM)**

**Clayton, Indiana**

**David Empson, Executive Director**

#### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Ray Shunk**

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