



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 18, 2024



Community
Vacation Bible School
July 14-18
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Villa Grove United
Methodist Church

SPECIAL INFORMATION

****Adult and student volunteers are being asked to register.** If you use the QR code (see poster on church bulletin board) or the site (villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com), you will find a MENU at the top and a drop-down for volunteers to register. It's quick and easy and will help the planning committee know how volunteers want to help, and their contact information.

****ALL VOLUNTEERS** are asked to take a Training Session this year. This is one session, to be sure all the volunteers (adults and students) understand what they will be doing, and our expectations of them. There are three one-hour sessions to choose from: Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m./Friday, July 12, 1:00 p.m./Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. If you can't attend any of these sessions, please contact Pastor John Brashear (309-838-9519), Jimmy Kay Vandeventer (217-254-3037), or the VGUMC office (217-832-3971). You only need to attend one session.

****There will be a meal each evening, between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., open to all.** The community is being asked for monetary donations to help buy the food and supplies needed for these meals. By asking for monetary donations, we can buy meal supplies that allow us to assure everyone there are no allergens in the food, or at least be able to tell people what is in the food that is served. We have several children in the VG schools with severe allergies.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! Contact any of the folks listed above if you have questions.

JUNE 16, 2024

Worship 74

Sunday School 55

Sunday Morning Celebration 4

King's Kids 3

High School/College 7

Blessed Believers 13

The Fellowship Class 20

Chosen Ones Class 8

OFFERING: \$1,952.00

Spendable: 1,942.00

Benevolence 10.00



YOUTH GROUP BOWLING TRIP

Wednesday, June 19

Church bus leaves the parking lot at 5:30pm

Bowling, food and fun for all!

Friends are welcome!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Terri Albin- moved to assisted living: Evergreen Place, 4114 W. Springfield, Champaign, IL 61822

Margaret Black- traveling to South Dakota to visit her daughter and family; travel mercies

Family of Melvin Greeley- Judy Zylstra's dad; passed away on Saturday

Nancy Jackson- asks for prayers as she is helping to care for Tony's family; she asks for wisdom, patience and stamina for the task ahead

Mary Stephenson (Khristi Boyer's grandma)- broken hip; recovering



This Sunday, we will receive our monthly **BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**. The tray will be passed among the congregation after communion is served.

See what great love
the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should
be called

**CHILDREN
OF GOD!**

And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1, NIV



Feathers in the Wind **June 18, 2024**

The story is told of a young man who was a notorious braggart. He exaggerated his stories and embellished his adventures. He didn't see these as lies, but rather decorations of the truth. Besides, they didn't hurt anyone. One day, he heard a sermon based on Proverbs 26:24-25; *A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit. Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart.* The man realized that his boasting hid evil in his heart. He immediately tried to apologize to the villagers for his lying and recover ruined relationships. Sadly, they didn't believe him.

The man went to the minister for advice. "Before I give you my advice you must do something. Gather a bag of feathers and place one feather at the door of every house in the village." This feat accomplished; the man went back to the minister. The minister said, "Now, I want you to go back around village and retrieve all of those feathers." The confused man replied, "That is impossible, many of the feathers have blown away." The wise minister looked him in the eye and said, "So it is when we lie to our neighbors. We can never get those words back. They are like feathers in the wind."

Our words have power and influence. Exaggerations, lying, embellishments, gossip, coarse language, perverse words, swearing, deceit, are all abhorred in scripture. With words, you can build up or tear down. Your testimony about God is enhanced or diminished by your words.

Don't forget, God created everything by speaking a word. Jesus is called the living word. And scripture is the inspired word of God that reveals our innermost being.

Allow God's Holy Spirit to guide your words so you never have to be concerned about where those words will fly.

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JUNE 23, 2024

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

Greeters: (South) Margaret Black (Front) Joyce Ritter

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Serving: R. Graham, D. Logan, K. Logan, P. Eisenmenger

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

**Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY
Murdock, Illinois
Stevie Shearer, Contact Person**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

**Tuscola Health Care Center
1203 Egyptian Trail
Tuscola, IL 61953**