



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 4, 2024



**Men & Boys  
Pancake & Sausage  
Breakfast**  
Sunday, June 9  
8:00 a.m.

Hosted by the Fellowship  
Committee

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board  
to furnish items for the breakfast. Needed  
items are: Fruit (2), Coffee Cakes/Muffins (1)

**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!**  
**Please let Judy or Mike Zylstra know who is**  
**coming by June 17.**



on the  
**HORIZON**

**JUNE 2, 2024**

Worship	97
Sunday School	59
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	4
High School/College	7
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	25
Chosen Ones Class	8
OFFERING:	\$3,288.38
Spendable:	3,265.38
Worship	23.00

Wednesday, June 12-- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting  
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, June 13-- 6:30 p.m.  
Women's Christian Fellowship meeting, at the church  
Hostess: JANET CASSIDA  
Devotions: LINDA STANFIELD  
Missions: KAREN WILLIAMSON  
All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

*Kendra Brown (friend of Margaret Black)- heart problems*

*Gretchen Casey (niece of Mary Gen Frick)- had thyroid surgery on Monday*

*Pete & Allison Eisenmenger- travel mercies*

*Linda Hinkle- has fallen several times*

*Praise! Lincoln Christian University has paid off their loan to Christian Financial Resources*

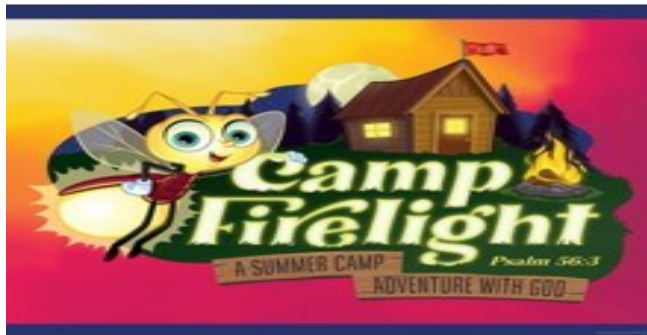
*Ted Shearer- will have therapy for his back, then surgery in July*

*Praise! Brad Smith has finished his cancer treatments*

*Theresa Smith (friend of Wiggam's)- hospitalized with an infection*

*Family of Judy Stahl- friend of Shunk's*

*Dollar General store manager/friend of Toni Cassano- cancer, having radiation & chemo*



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 back page) or the site (from the poster, back page), 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 at 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.**

## **A G-Day Invasion 6/4/2024**



June 6, 1944, Normandy, France. Wikipedia.com says... *The Normandy landings were the landing operations and associated airborne operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it is the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of France and the rest of Western Europe, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.*

13 countries pooled 350,000 soldiers, airmen and sailors to come against an entrenched German military. It is estimated that 10,000 allied troops and between 4,000 and 9,000 German soldiers perished. Someone once calculated that in the last 3,530 years of history we have had only 286 years of peace. The website, [www.ourworldindata.org](http://www.ourworldindata.org) states that since 1800, globally, 37 million people have died while actively serving in a war. That doesn't include innocent casualties.

What causes wars? James 4:1-2 says that fights and quarrels happen because of human desires which battle within us. We are selfish and covetous people by nature.

And yet, as Christians, we are called to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12) and put on the full armor of God so that we can stand firm against the devil (Eph. 6:11). Even Solomon reminds us that there is a time for war and a time for peace (Ecc. 3:8). There may come a time when we are compelled to go to war against a world bent on following evil.

War is a terrible thing, and it is always the result of sin (Rom. 3:10-18). Christians should not desire war. When it does happen, focus on initiating a **G-Day**. Pray for **Godly** wisdom for our leaders, **Godly** protection, **Godly** provisions and a revival of **Godliness** as the **Good** news is proclaimed.

**Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**

*Mike*

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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#### **Elders:**

John Dilliner      Jerry Hughes  
Bob Dowler      Joe Rothermel

### **JUNE 9, 2024**

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

**Greeters: (South) Janice Thode (Front) Marsha Green**

**Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Judi Lock/Janet Cassida**

**Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, S. Shunk**

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

**Mission of the Week: CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH**  
Charleston, Illinois  
Chris Bugle, Executive Director

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

**VICKI GENTRY**  
1005 N. Fox Run Road  
Villa Grove, IL 61956





# *Villa Grove Community VBS*

**Date: July 14-18**

**Time: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M**

**For those age 4 through going into 8th grade**

**Location: Villa Grove UMC, 302 2nd St**

**Come early to eat dinner with us!**

**Camp Style Meal Served from 5:15-5:45 PM**

**USE THE QR CODE TO  
GO TO OUR  
REGISTRATION PAGE  
AND PRESS MENU**



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