



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 8, 2025

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. Holy Week
Communion Service, at the church
Friday, April 19- Good Friday Services at the VG
UMC and Camargo UMC (details on 2nd page)
Sunday, April 20, 7:30 a.m. SonRise Service at
the church; 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall; 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School or Youth Group on April 20



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE SOUTH HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARD
FOR ITEMS FOR THE EASTER BREAKFAST! NEEDED ITEMS ARE:
BREAKFAST CASSEROLES, PASTRIES AND MIXED FRUIT.**



The next PRAYER & COFFEE time will be
held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 22**
9:00 a.m.
at the Lazy Day Café on Main Street in
Villa Grove
**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME HAVE
BREAKFAST & JOIN TOGETHER IN
PRAYER!**

APRIL 13

Worship & Nursery	101
Sunday School	59
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers Class	13
The Fellowship Class	30
Chosen Ones Class	6

OFFERING: \$3,046.00
Spendable 2,971.00
Memorial 75.00



NURSES ARE NEEDED!
**Little Galilee Camp is looking
for registered nurses willing to
spend a week at camp. This is
a paid position.**
**If you are a nurse and would
be interested, contact the
camp at (217)935-3809
or email Lexi at
lexi@littlegalilee.org**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Family of Jim Andrews- Bernadine Andrews' husband, friend of Greg & Joyce Ritter
Sarah Hughes- having radiation treatments
Sonja Jones- sciatica and back pain
Family of Margie Raymer- Barb Watson's aunt

Thank You! 

*Church Family,
Just wanted to say thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits, food and texts while I
healed from my heel surgery. It meant a lot!! Thank you! I love my church family!*

PATTI GROVES

*Dear Church Family at FCC;
I would like to thank you all for being there for me through the loss of my sister Anna, and
several friends in the last few months. This has meant so very much to me. Thank you for the
prayers, texts, calls, cards, hugs and kind sincere words to help me get through all of this.*

*Love you all dearly.
PAULA WEBBER*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

"The Stations of the Cross" will be presented at the Villa Grove United Methodist Church, starting at noon.

"The Service of the Nails" will be presented at the Camargo United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

MEET THE JACKSON FAMILY!

Saturday, April 26

2:00-5:00 p.m.

FCC Fellowship Hall



This is Tony & Jessalyn Jackson's one-year anniversary of their adoption of their four children. They really want all of FCC to be able to meet their family. No gifts, please. Come help them celebrate!

Riding on a... Donkey?

4/15/2025

The final week before Jesus was crucified begins with Jesus leaving the home of his friends in Bethany. He walked toward Jerusalem, stopping in the village of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Here he told his disciples to enter Jerusalem and procure a donkey's colt. Matthew writes that Jesus told the disciples to find a donkey with her colt and to bring "them" to Him. Mark and Luke write that Jesus rode on a colt no one else had ever ridden. John reveals that Jesus rode on a donkey's colt to fulfill what was predicted by the prophet Zechariah (9:9). Jesus then descended the Mount of Olives, rode through the Kidron Valley and up into Jerusalem, entering via the eastern gate. Along the way, people were waving branches, placing their cloaks in Jesus' path and shouting, "Hosanna" and "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." They thought they were welcoming their king. But they didn't understand.

Zechariah's prophecy also predicted the nature of the Messiah. He would be a HUMBLE king. The Hebrew word for humble is **ani** which means poor or afflicted. That was Jesus all right. He was poor. And He taught that money can have mastery over all humans. Money is a hindrance to believing that God will provide everything. When the rich young man came to Jesus and asked what good thing he had to do to get eternal life (**Matt 19:16-22**), Jesus told him to sell everything and follow Jesus. The man couldn't do it. His money prohibited humility.

In every way, Jesus was the anti, earthly, king. He rode a poor donkey, not a war horse or white stallion. That will come later (**Rev 19:11**). Instead, He was the humble Messiah focused on the cross, fully confident in God who will do all things good.

Maybe we need to ride more donkeys and get off our high horse. Humility requires it.

Mike



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John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

APRIL 20, 2025

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

Greeters: David Shunk (Front) Glenda Case (South)

No Sunday School/No Coffee

Nursery: Worship: Molly & Shelby Hughes

Serving: C. Cannon, S. Shunk, T. Shunk, S. Sinkes

Elder-On-Call for April: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Lincoln, Illinois
Dr. Silas McCormick, Exec. Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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