



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 24, 2025



Community Vacation Bible School
First Christian Church
Last Night is Thursday, June 26
6:00-8:10 p.m.



Bill Akers- dealing with skin cancer

Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- In St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN; out of ICU, assessing her progress

Lauren Harrington (29-yr. old daycare mom of Joyce Ritter)- found a hole in her heart; is home after tests; has more appointments and is off her blood thinner

Evelyn Howard- doing rehab after heart surgery at Haven of Tuscola

Nicole Kneer- home after complications from surgery

Tom Medcalfe (Judy Zylstra's brother-in-law, husband of Cindy)- in cardiac ICU with serious cardiac and respiratory problems

Joyce Ritter- pulled right hamstring; also, holding off on shoulder surgery

Vacation Bible School, through Thursday night, 6:00-8:10 p.m.; continue to pray for students, teachers, helpers and everyone involved

Family of Joe Waldrop- passed away Tuesday morning

Greg & Barb Watson- trailer damaged in storm; looking for an apartment in Paris

JUNE 22

Worship & Nursery	90
Sunday School	44
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers Class	14
The Fellowship Class	19
Chosen Ones Class	6
OFFERING: \$5,614.00	
Spendable	4,335.00
VBS Food	50.00
VBS Missions	100.00
VBS Expenses	600.00
Benevolence	529.00



Sunday,
June 29
9:30 a.m.

Join us as we sing songs and learn about what
our Youth Group knows about
"TOOLS," as read by Mike Zylstra.
Come and worship with us this Sunday!!

Keeping Moving Spiritually

6/24/2025

The animated TV series *Phineas and Ferb* was made by Disney Television Animation in August of 2007. The series follows stepbrothers Phineas Flynn and Ferb Fletcher who, according to their theme song, realize: ***There's 104 days of summer vacation 'til school comes along just to end it. So the annual problem for our generation, is finding a good way to spend it.*** The boys spend every summer day constructing grand projects or embarking on amazing adventures.

As fantastical and improbable as the show is, it speaks of a common issue in our world. People look forward to "summer," so they can get away from the institutions of everyday life and participate in something amazing. We get away from work and take a vacation. We leave the commonness of our house and live in a camper. We escape the sameness of our hometown and travel to exotic locations, do amazing things, and see memorable sights. We unplug and want the craziness of daily life to just stop.

Christians often do the same thing. In summer, we want to "get away" from the "institution" of weekly worship and ministry so we can enjoy 3 months of projects and amazing adventures. Pastors call this the "summer slump" and it is a real thing. Don't misunderstand me. There is nothing wrong with taking advantage of the summer weather to refresh, rejuvenate and recharge. However, there is a danger. Unlike school, which mandates a student's return in the fall, when summer ends, it is not required that people return to worship gatherings or ministry. The danger is that, once we have stopped our spiritual motion, we will want to stay stopped.



Isaac Newton's first law of inertia states that: Objects at rest stay at rest and objects in motion stay in motion unless acted upon by an external force. Satan is a crafty external force urging Christians to stay at rest from spiritual growth. Fortunately, God's Holy Spirit is the force we need to keep us moving forward. Listen to that prompting. During the summer, even if you are away from your home church, find a church to attend, read your bible, go on a mission trip, study a topic, take the youth fishing, move forward in your spiritual growth.

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John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

JUNE 29, 2025

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

Greeters: Steven Gordon (Front) John & Linda Dilliner (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Nursery: Worship: Shelby & Molly Hughes SS: Kate Shunk

Serving: R. Graham, M. Hughes, C. Cannon, S. Sinkes

Elder-On-Call for June: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

**Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST
EVANGELISM
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Matt Schantz, Executive Director**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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