



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 12, 2025

*On Sunday, order forms for the church shirts will be at the south door, and color samples will be on the bulletin board. Orders are due AUGUST 24, and can be left in the church office or put in the offering tray. If you have any questions, contact Deanne Rothermel.*



CHURCH SHIRTS  
SIGN UP  
**NOW!**



Wednesday, August 13- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting 7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, August 14- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church

Hostesses: KAREN WILLIAMSON & JANET CASSIDA

Devotions: MOLLY HUGHES

Missions: SARAJ HUGHES

Sunday, August 17- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

## Back To School



*155 children received school  
supplies from our donations to  
**Back-to-School!***

### AUGUST 3

Worship & Nursery	74
Sunday School	53
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	5
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers	17
Fellowship Class	19
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING:	\$3,180.00
Spendable	2,970.00
Benevolence	200.00
Worship	10.00

### AUGUST 10

Worship & Nursery	86
Sunday School	51
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers	16
Fellowship Class	22
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING:	\$8,148.00
Spendable	7,148.00
Designated Missions	1,000.00

# PRAYER and Praise

Hope Arbuckle (Mary Kellems' sister)- lung cancer, has 4 fractured ribs and one non-functioning lung, as well; started radiation on Tuesday  
Doris Black- her graveside service is Saturday, August 16, 2:00 p.m., at the Hugo Cemetery  
Judy Cline (Mike Cline's wife)- home after a fall and brain bleed  
Elmer Decker-health issues concerning his kidney and lung  
Linda Foster (Mary Gen Frick's neighbor)- health issues  
Lisa Jones (Sheryl Mulvaney's sister)- had second deep brain stimulation surgery on her brain on Tuesday; surgery went well  
Nicole Kneer- chemo  
Millie Little (friend of Judi Lock)- back in the hospital  
Family of Pat Riek- Linsay Swigart's grandmother  
Family of Doug Sawyer- Mary Gen Frick's cousin  
Sharon Sims (Margaret Black's niece)- bone cancer  
Barb Watson- at Sarah Bush hospital with pancreatitis and liver issues  
Greg Watson- health issues with kidney and heart



*Dear FCC family,  
Words cannot always express what we feel deeply. However, I am so grateful for your love, support and prayers this past 14 months. Your cards, texts, calls, hugs, gifts, thoughtfulness to Mike as I was gone, and mostly prayers have been so caring and encouraging. Thank you so much!!*

Love,  
JUDY ZYLSTRA  
(Galatians 6:2)



Unit 4 Schools- August 12  
Unity Schools- August 12  
Villa Grove School- August 14



## ***“Work Like a Dog” Day*** **8/12/2025**

I noticed on the *National Day Calendar* that last Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, was “Work like a dog” day. Their description the website says that the phrase is a bit ambiguous in its origin. It likely refers to actual working dogs (like sheep dogs or herding dogs). In general, many dogs are loyal companions and are eager to serve their masters. But dogs can be trained for special work. Dogs have been trained to chase the scent of a runaway, sniff out illegal drugs, invasive insects, explosives, or find cadavers in rubble. They can root out rodents or secure cattle. They learn agility courses or how to swim after a hunter’s bagged waterfowl. They are partners to law enforcement and military personnel. And they are vital for helping the blind navigate this world or assist a person in medical emergencies. Nothing against cats but I have never heard of a bomb sniffing cat. There is no “work like a cat” day, but the third Monday of June is “Take your cat to work” day. Hmmm?

I think some of a dog’s traits would be good for Christians to emulate. We are always to be loyal to our Master, Jesus Christ. When he calls, we are to come to him. We are to listen for his voice and respond to His commands instantly. We trust that God will provide for us and delight in us. We are to stay true to the gifts we have been given and the training we receive by laboring hard for our Lord. Working “like a dog” can also mean that we are content with who God made us to be. A Husky is gifted to handle the cold of Alaska, not so much a Poodle.

We will make mistakes in life. Accidents will happen. But our Lord will always be there to help clean us up. So, celebrate this special day. Serve the Lord with gladness.

*Mike*

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**Elders:**  
Scott Beccue                Jerry Hughes  
John Dilliner              Joe Rothermel  
Bob Dower

### **AUGUST 17, 2025**

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

**Greeters: Bob & Frances Dowler (Front) Judi Lock (South)**

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Bob Dowler**

**Nursery: Worship: Sarah Hughes SS: Molly Hughes**

**Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, S. Sinkes, M. Hughes**

**Elder-On-Call for August: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285**

**Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE**  
E.I.U., Charleston, Illinois  
Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister

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

**KEN HEYEN**

**Haven of Tuscola**  
1203 Egyptian Trail  
Tuscola, IL 61953