



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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December 9, 2025



During the holiday season, everyone is urged to mail or bring in a Christmas card to be posted on the bulletin board. This will be a card to the entire congregation. Not only is this a blessing to us all, but it can save a little stamp money, as your card is for everyone! If you bring in a card on Sunday, please leave it on the counter in the copy room. We will post it on the bulletin board, and share your name in the SON TIMES.

Choices Pregnancy & Health
Bob & Frances Dowler
Jerry, Sarah & Shelby Hughes
Larry & Sheryl Mulvaney

Sue & Randy Taylor
Mike & Judy Zylstra
Mary Gen & Lee Ann Frick
Kent & Brenda Elam



Women's Christian Fellowship will celebrate the Christmas holiday at Yoder's in Arthur on Thursday, December 11. The church bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Worship & Nursery	92
Sunday School	47
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	4
Blessed Believers	11
The Fellowship Class	24
Chosen Ones	3
OFFERING Total	\$61,978.00
Spendable	11,958.00
Building & Grounds	50,000.00
Memorial (Fran Waldrop)	20.00



BLOOD DRIVE– December 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Villa Grove

To schedule: scan the QR code on the poster on the church bulletin board, or call the church office (217) 832-5231, or call ImpactLife (800)747-5401. The group code is 70301, and the last date to donate elsewhere is 10/24/2025.

PRAYER *and* Praise

Glenda Abercrombie (attends Living Hope Fellowship)- pancreatic cancer; is in St. John's Hospital in Springfield

Kinzey Duitsman (Mabry's granddaughter)- had shoulder surgery on Tuesday

Mary Gen Frick- surgery in Springfield on Thursday

Patti Groves- recovering, but in a lot of pain

Sarah Hughes- cancer treatments

Nicole Kneer- finished her chemotherapy treatments last Friday!

Melissa LeMay (friend of Maryanna Smith)- had knee surgery complications and is on a ventilator; in ICU at Sarah Bush Hospital

Joyce Ritter- had MRI on eyes and brain



Wednesday, December 10

Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Choir rehearsal 11:45 a.m.

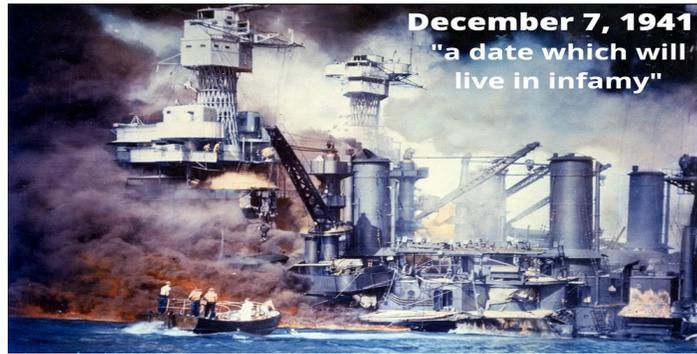
If you are interested in reading about Sara Williamson's recent Mission trip to Liberia, she has written a letter to the church with all the details. It is posted on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Take a minute to see what is being accomplished in Liberia!



Missions



The next PRAYER COFFEE will be held at the Lazy Day Café in Villa Grove on Tuesday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!!



Days of Infamy
12/9/2025

Last Sunday, Jerry Hughes presented a communion meditation beginning with the phrase, “A day that will live in infamy.” He was referring to the words of President, F.D.R. The full quote was, **Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.** With that action, America entered WWII.

I was so impressed by his thoughts, I wanted to share them with you in this article. Jerry stated that, though Pearl Harbor’s attack occurred 84 years ago, we are still feeling its impact. In fact, some days of infamy are so impactful, the ripple effect has changed our lives permanently even if we weren’t alive when the event happened. Some “infamous” dates he noted were November 22, 1963 (when John F. Kennedy was assassinated), or January 28, 1987 (when the space shuttle *Challenger* exploded), or September 11, 2001 when the World Trade Centers were attacked. Many, even today, remember where they were when these events happened.

There are two dates of infamy that have had the greatest impact on all humanity. The first is an unknown date. It is the birth of Jesus, an event we celebrate on December 25th. The second is the date Jesus was crucified. Which, according to the best estimates of biblical scholars and historical evidence, occurred on Friday, April 3rd, AD 33. That date was followed three days later when Jesus rose from the grave; and then 40 days later when Jesus ascended into heaven promising to return again.

The transformational power of these dates of infamy rest in the reality that they are intertwined with each other. Together they impact all human life and offer the hope of salvation to believers. Their impact will continually be felt until the Lord returns again and fulfills his promise.

Mike

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