



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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December 22, 2025



The annual CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
will take place at the church on  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p.m.  
PLEASE JOIN US!

**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION!**

**\*\*The 2026 Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, at 10:45 a.m. (during Sunday School time).**

**\*\*Please have annual reports in the church office by January 8.**

**\*\*Nominating Committee: John Dilliner, Jerry Hughes, Seth Shunk, Stephen Sinkes, & Mike Zylstra**

**\*\*Terms expiring are: Elder- Scott Beccue, Bob Dowler & Joe Rothermel**

**Deacon: Pete Eisenmenger & Jeff Watson**

**Trustees: Matthew Boyer & Garland Hubert**

**Financial Secretary: Kent Elam**



Marsha Green  
Patti Groves  
Madeline Shunk  
Frances Sherrick  
Brad & Maryanna Smith  
Dave Shunk  
Curaleen Gammon

**CHRISTMAS CARDS!**

Rex & Jan Duzan  
Edna Waldrop  
Margaret Black  
Joyce Ritter  
Glenda Case  
Macen & Molly Hughes

**DECEMBER 21, 2025**

Worship & Nursery 124  
Sunday School 45  
Preschool Class 3  
Sunday Morning Celebration 2  
King's Kids 3  
Blessed Believers 11  
The Fellowship Class 30  
Chosen Ones 5  
OFFERING Total N/A  
Spendable



**\*\*Jerry Hughes is organizing all who want to participate in "Reading the Bible in a Year"- either chronologically or otherwise. See Jerry, if you want to be involved!**

**\*\*Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. The new study is on Joshua, using video curriculum from Ozark Christian College.**



*Danielle (Chris Clark's niece)- being induced on December 25; prayers that all will go well, as she lost her first baby awhile ago*  
*Dr. Charlie Fowler (friend of John Klucinskis, from Colorado, employed by the VA)- having rods put into his back, six month recovery time; wife, Ronda, is his caregiver*  
*Mary Gen Frick- having surgery January 23*

*Patti Groves- upcoming heel surgery, January 7*

*Sarah Hughes- cancer*

*Joyce Ritter- has an eye condition causing lack of blood to the optic nerve*



**This Sunday, December 28  
is  
Benevolence Sunday-  
offering will be collected following  
the communion service.**

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the food, prayers, cards and everything  
given to me while in the hospital over this past year. It is  
much appreciated. My next surgery will be January 23.*

**MARY GEN FRICK**



**There will be no SON TIMES published next week, December 30. If you have information for the bulletin, please email the church by January 2. Thank you!**



**Songs that Connect us to Christmas**  
**12/22/2025**

The fictional story is told of three men who died on Christmas Eve and were met at the pearly gates by Saint Peter. Peter told the men that they would have to produce an object which connected to Christmas before they could enter heaven. The first man searched his pockets and found a book of matches. He presented it to Peter and said, "These matches produce a flame which represents the Holy Spirit who came upon Mary and impregnated her; and they produce light which represents Jesus who came to be the light of the world. Impressed, Peter said, "You may pass into heaven."

The second man found a ring of keys in his pocket. He presented them to Peter and said, "These keys, rattled together, ring like a bell in proclamation of good news. They represent the angels who proclaimed that Jesus had been born." Peter was impressed and told the man he could enter heaven.

The third man struggled. Nothing in his pockets connected to Christmas. Finally, he presented Peter with a pair of women's eyeglasses. Peter puzzled and asked, "How are these connected to Christmas?" The man replied, "They're Carols!"

Okay, it's a bad Dad joke. But I wonder what Christmas carols connect you most fully with Christmas? Maybe your favorite is *Joy to the World*, *Away in a Manger*, *O Holy Night*, or *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. All good choices. Did you know that *White Christmas*, sung by Bing Crosby, has held the top spot as America's favorite Christmas song for decades? However, among Christian Christmas carols the perennial favorite is *Silent Night*?

Regardless of what song connects you to the birth of Jesus let your praises ring. When the angels proclaimed Jesus' birth to the shepherds, their words were *Glory to God in the highest*. So...join with them in heavenly chorus, *Christ the Savior is born*.

Mike

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

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**  
**Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**  
**Greeters: Steven Gordon (Front) Shelby Hughes (South)**  
**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Karen Williamson**  
**Nursery: John & Amanda Boyd**  
**Serving: R. Graham, S. Sinkes, S. Shunk, T. Shunk**  
**Elder-On-Call for December: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807**  
**Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST**  
**EVANGELISM**  
**Mt. Pleasant, Michigan**  
**Matt Schantz, Executive Director**

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**  
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