



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 27, 2026

**SINGERS NEEDED FOR  
COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA**

*Directed by Janet McCumber*

**Rehearsals on Sundays, February 8-March 22  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Performance on Palm Sunday, March 29  
All held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove  
ALL VOICES WELCOME- Junior Hi thru Adult**

**Performance will be accompanied  
by area instrumentalists**



**SOUP-ER BOWL LUNCH!**

**Sunday, February 8- 12:00 p.m.**

**Soup is provided.**

**Everyone is asked to bring sides,  
salads or desserts to share.**

**Everyone is invited!!**



**JANUARY 18, 2026**

Worship & Nursery	87
Sunday School	41
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers	9
The Fellowship Class	24
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$2,842.95
Spendable	2,687.00
Worship	155.95

**WCF would like to invite you to become a  
SECRET SISTER!**

**Secret Sisters give cards, small gifts, words of  
encouragement, prayers, or kind deeds to their chosen  
sister from February 8 to March 12.**

**If you would like to participate, please fill out and return  
the completed form, located in the red folders near the  
collection baskets. Please do this by this Sunday!!**

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Mary Gen Frick– home  
Sarah Hughes– cancer  
Barb Watson– had heart valve surgery; is in Carle Hospital



*Women's  
Fellowship*

***Because the church will be in use for Preschool Screening on February 12, WCF will meet on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, at 2:00 p.m. Following the meeting, Karen Williamson will have everything needed to make cards. All ladies are welcome!***

***Hostess: KAREN WILLIAMSON  
Devotions: FRANCES DOWLER  
Missions: BRENDA ELAM***

**The 2026 CHURCH DIRECTORY (phone book) for the congregation will be available at the south door on Sunday. This includes phone numbers and addresses of the congregation, plus a few former members. Please take what you can use– we'll make more, if necessary.**



***Because we were unable to have people sign-up for coffee and greeting last Sunday, the church calendar will be published next week.***

## Misreading the Signs

1/27/2026

The past several days we have experienced true winter. Temps have been sub-zero and we received 7+” of snow. The forecast for this coming week is bitter cold. Cold temps always remind me of a story.

A Native American tribe selected a new chief who was very young. His people asked him to predict the winter weather. Being young, he hadn't learned the ancient ways of reading the skies or signs in nature to help him predict winter's cold. Nevertheless, he knew his position required a prediction. To be on the safe side, he predicted a cold winter and ordered his tribe to begin stockpiling firewood. Being a practical chief, he went to town and called the National Weather Service asking, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"Yes," a weatherman replied, "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold." The Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood.

A week later, he called the N.W.S. again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man replied, "It's definitely going to be a very cold winter." The Chief ordered his tribe to collect more wood.

Another week went by and the chief called the N.W.S. with the same question. When they confirmed that it would be one of the coldest winters on record the chief asked what data they were using to ascertain their prediction.

The weatherman replied, "Well, our local Indian tribe is collecting wood like crazy. They have always been an accurate sign for our predictions."

Signs are a way God reminds us of His truth. The rainbow is a sign God won't destroy the earth with water. Blood on the doorposts was a sign for the death angel to Passover that house. God's prophets were living object lessons and signs of God's power to do what He says. The baby in a manger was a sign to the shepherds that God had come to earth as Jesus. All three gospels describe Jesus teaching his disciples to watch for the signs of the end of time.

The signs are there. Jesus will return a second time. Don't miss out by misreading the signs.



Mike

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#### Elders:

Scott Beccue                      Joe Rothermel  
John Dilliner                      Bob Thomas  
Jerry Hughes

### FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

Greeters: John & Linda Dilliner (Front) Janet Cassida (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Bob Dowler

Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon

Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, D. Shunk, B. Akers

Elder-On-Call for February: John Dilliner (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Tony Twist, President

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

JOE HOLSAPPLE  
315 S. Douglas St.  
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