



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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February 10, 2026

## COMING EVENTS



Wednesday, February 11 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting 7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, February 12 12:00-7:00 p.m. Church in use- Preschool Screening

Sunday, February 15 3:00-5:00 p.m. Easter cantata rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

Tuesday, February 17 9:00 a.m. Prayer Coffee at Lazy Day Café- everyone is invited!

Saturday, FEBRUARY 28 (not Feb. 21) Judy Zylstra- using church for music festival



*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all your prayers, and those who brought food  
while I was going through all my kidney surgeries. I really  
appreciate it.*

**MARY GEN FRICK**

Stewart Elam (Kent Elam's brother)- heart valve surgery on  
Wednesday, in Indianapolis  
Sarah Hughes- cancer  
Nicole Kneer- starts six weeks of radiation  
Tara Mays (Treanna Ragan's cousin, Tennessee)- medical issues  
Family of Karen Parr (good friend of Margaret Black, Newman)- killed  
in auto accident in Homer  
Barb Watson- rehab at Pleasant Meadows going well



### FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Worship & Nursery	97
Sunday School	47
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	26
Chosen Ones	3
OFFERING Total	\$3,113.00
Spendable	3,113.00



## Written on Our Heart 2/10/2026

It is a Valentine's Day staple, conversation hearts, a.k.a. candy hearts. For over 120 years, these hard sugar candies have proclaimed messages like: Sweetie, XOXO, I'm Yours, Love You, Be Mine, Ask Me, Kiss Me, Magic, Cutie Pie, and hundreds of other messages. Today's hearts also broadcast emojis and text abbreviations. You can even order custom-made candy hearts and put your own love message on them.

We chuckle at this holiday tradition. But there is a spiritual connection. God has always wanted our heart. He wants His message to be written on our heart. If God is imprinted on our heart then our actions will be in line with his will. Too often people focus on the behaviors and never get around to truly giving God their heart. Maybe because they don't want God's laws written on their heart (**Romans 2:15**). Maybe they don't want their heart to be circumcised (identified) for the covenant-making God (**Romans 2:29**). Maybe they don't want to be, as Paul calls the Christians in Corinth (**2 Corinthians 3:2**) *You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.*

And yet, everyone's heart proclaims what is written on it. The message may be based on hate, anxiety, disbelief, manipulation and rebellion. Or, it may be founded on love, compassion, humility and obedience. What message does your heart proclaim? If you have given Jesus your HEART, soul, mind and strength, you have taken the best steps toward pure discipleship. Do not surrender your heart to culture, tradition, or even to your own understanding. Surrender your heart to God and let Him make you new. THEN, live in the love that flows willingly from God's heart. Be the message God has written on your heart.

Mike



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**Elders:**

Scott Beccue                      Joe Rothermel  
John Dilliner                      Bob Thomas  
Jerry Hughes

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**  
**Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**  
**Greeters: Macen & Molly Hughes (Front)**  
**Dennis Williamson (South)**  
**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Margaret Black**  
**Nursery: Cecile Eisenmenger**  
**Serving: M. Boyer, B. Smith, C. Cannon, K. Elam**  
**Elder-On-Call for February: John Dilliner (217)621-9807**  
**Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE**  
**EIU, Charleston, Illinois**  
**Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister**

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**  
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