



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 10, 2026

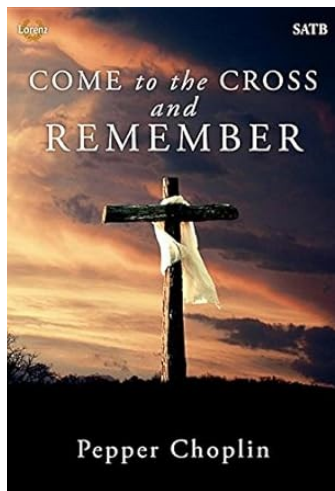


Tuesday, March 10– 6:00 p.m. Community VBS meeting at VG United Methodist Church, church library– beginning plans for this summer’s Vacation Bible School

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

Thursday, March 12– 6:30 p.m. Women’s Christian Fellowship: Hostess– Brenda Elam,
Devotions- Sarah Hughes, Missions- Frances Dowler

Sunday, March 15– 3:00 p.m. Cantata rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church



**COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA
SUNDAY, MARCH 29– PALM SUNDAY
4:00 P.M.**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, VILLA GROVE

Please join us for this special event! There is a choir of 42 singers, a 16-piece orchestra, 2 narrators and prop people ready to bring you this special cantata. This will be a great way to open Holy Week! This is a free event, though there will be an opportunity to leave a donation to help defray expenses. The event is sponsored by the Villa Grove Area Ministerial Alliance.

MARCH 8, 2026

Worship & Nursery	122
Sunday School	49
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King’s Kids	3
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	23
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$2,968.00
Spendable	2,968.00



FCC’s day for volunteers at the Rural Grace Food Pantry is **FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**
If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Sarah Cannon.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Tom Bennett (Jennifer Bender's dad)-several serious health concerns

Raeanna Boyer- home from mission trip on Friday

Anne Cutright (Glenda Case's niece)- in Sarah Bush Hospital with a stroke, pneumonia, infections and many health issues

Praise! Baptisms of Dave, Kristine and Nadia Herschberger on Sunday

Sarah Hughes

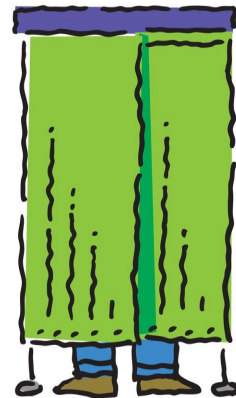
Juanita (Dave Herschberger's sister)- cancer treatments

Nicole Kneer




The next PRAYER AND COFFEE time will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. at the Lazy Day Café in Villa Grove. Everyone is invited to come!

**2026 PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, March 17
BE SURE TO VOTE!!**



"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST"
MATTHEW 11:28, NIV



That's Some Special Water

3/10/2026

A Grandpa and grandson were working in the hot sun on the family farm. The boy was thirsty and told his grandpa that he was going inside the house to get some water.

Grandpa invited the boy to taste some water directly from the well. This well was clean, deep and had an old wooden bucket tied to a rope. The water was clear, cold and very refreshing. After quenching his thirst the boy said, "That's some special water, Grandpa." The wise patriarch said, "This water sure will quench your thirst. But there is some water that is even more special." "Show me Grandpa!" the boy urged. Together the two walked about half a mile to the creek. "There." Grandpa pointed to an eddy just to the side of the swiftly flowing creek where the water was calm and waist deep. "Right there is where five generations of your family have been baptized into Christ." The boy was puzzled. "Grandpa, why is this water more special?"

The grandpa paused, then said, "Because it is in the water that Jesus promised to give us forgiveness of sin, new birth, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to live inside us." Together the two talked about baptism. The boy learned that Jesus commanded that all who believe in Him were baptized. He learned that salvation isn't a magic trick of the water but that it is a gift of God's grace given to those who through faith give their lives to Jesus. He learned that baptism reenacts the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and marks believers for the final resurrection. He learned that baptism is essential to being an obedient disciple of Jesus. He learned that Jesus was baptized to fulfill the righteousness God expects of all believers. And he learned that baptizing others is part of the ministry given to all disciples of Jesus. "Grandpa," the boy looked into the old man's eyes, "Can I be the sixth generation to be baptized in that special water?"



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Elders:

Scott Beccue

Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

MARCH 15, 2026

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

Greeters: Curaleen Gammon (Front) Judy Zylstra (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Judi Lock

Nursery: Karen Williamson

Serving: R. Mabry, P. Eisenmenger, C. Cannon, S. Gordon

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

Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FELLOWSHIP (Food Pantry)

Murdock, Illinois

Richard Rose, Contact Person

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

JOE HOLSAPPLE

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