



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 7, 2026



**Women's Christian Fellowship
Spring Salad Supper
Thursday, April 9- 6:00 p.m.**
*The theme is "SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS"
and the speaker is Christine
Herschberger, an avid
gardener. Bring a salad to share.*

Bernadine Andrews– has double cataract surgery on Thursday
Family of Charles Dikeman– cousin of Mary Gen Frick
Dwight Howard– in Carle, dealing with pneumonia and
after-effects of colon cancer surgery
Sarah Hughes
Nicole Kneer
Amy O'Neill– lung cancer in both lungs
Edna Waldrop– fell, bruised forehead and nose
Lola Wishersham (6-yr. old daughter of Deanne Rothermel's
friend)- had severe case of flu, affected her heart



*Dear FCC Family,
Thank you for the prayers, food and cards while I was in
the hospital and at home. God be with you.*
MARY GEN FRICK

APRIL 5, 2026

Worship & Nursery 108

Sunday School —

Preschool Class

Sunday Morning Celebration

King's Kids

Blessed Believers

The Fellowship Class

Chosen Ones

OFFERING Total \$3,398.00

Spendable 3,398.00



Wednesday, 4/8- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday, 4/12- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the
church

FOR YOUR CHURCH PHONE BOOK- Please change Karen
Williamson's phone number: (217)552-0751

That Smell Sticks with You

4/7/2026

Our pleasant drive through the country was interrupted by a horrible smell. Lying on the gravel shoulder were the recent remains of a roadkill skunk. As I approached, the smell got worse. I had nothing to do with killing that skunk, but its foul odor was in my environment and, if I were to stay in that location, that smell would stick with me. As it was, I still smelled it 2 miles down the road.

I recently heard a Jewish man say that if you spend all day in a fish market, or in a perfume Boutique, you don't have to touch the fish or spritz the perfume, but that smell will stick with you. A person's environment is important. If we keep company with those who bear the stench of a certain sin (like gossips, complainers, braggarts or liars), we will reek of that sin. The longer we stay in that environment, the more that foul smell will become part of us. We may even become immune to that obnoxious odor.

However, if we surround ourselves with people who are grateful, humble, joyful, honest, folk who build others up, we will bear that scent. Scripture supports this. Proverbs 13:20 ***Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.*** Proverbs 22:24-25 ***Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.*** James 4:4 ***Don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*** 1 Corinthians 15:33 ***Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.***

On the positive side: Hebrews 10:24-25 ***And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*** Let our environment and the people we get close to be a sweet-smelling incense of worship to God.

Mike



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