



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 26, 2026

**BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS**

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR FILLED BOTTLES BY THIS SUNDAY, SO THEY CAN BE DELIVERED TO CHOICES. THANK YOU!!**



**MISSIONS**



*Women's Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a mission trip on June 3. All of you are invited to come along. We will tour the Mennonite Committee on Relief's Thrift Store in Arthur before lunch at Yoder's. After lunch, we will visit the Project 61 facilities east of Sullivan. Project 61 Ministries offers housing to vulnerable women and children. The church bus will leave VG at 9:30am on Wednesday, June 3. Please let one of the WCF officers know if you would like to go and if you'd like to ride the bus. We also need a head count for reservations at Yoder's.*

**GRILLED CHICKEN FUNDRAISER BENEFIT  
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026**

Benefit proceeds are for Juanita (Herschberger) & Dewayne Chupp (Dave Herschberger's sister and husband) Juanita was diagnosed with cancer in



October of 2024. Since being diagnosed, she has been healed of cancer once, and then in November of 2025 had a recurrence. She has been in the hospital and done many treatments. The financial toll of medical expenses and raising four children has been great. Ready-to-eat grilled chicken will be sold by the bag. The chicken can be frozen and reheated later- perfect for quick week-night meals. To place an order, please call or text Christine Herschberger (630)750-4929. Due to rising costs, all donations are accepted. A 12-pc. bag is \$30, and a 6 pc. Bag is \$15. Pick up at FCC, Villa Grove at 9:00am on Sat. June 6; or pick up at St. Thomas School, Philo at 11:00am on June 6. Please order by Monday, June 1. Pay with cash or check (made to Mary Miller).

**MAY 24, 2026**

Worship & Nursery	86
Sunday School	39
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	18
Chosen Ones	4
<b>OFFERING Total</b>	<b>\$8,675.00</b>
Spendable	8,177.00
Benevolence	498.00

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Curaleen Gammon- Rehab address: Accolade Healthcare of Savoy, 302 Burwash Ave., Savoy 61874; Room 132

Grace (Kimberly Anderson's cousin)- is 27 weeks pregnant; went into premature labor and is in the hospital in Peoria

Todd Griffith (Denise Griffith's husband)- significant health issues

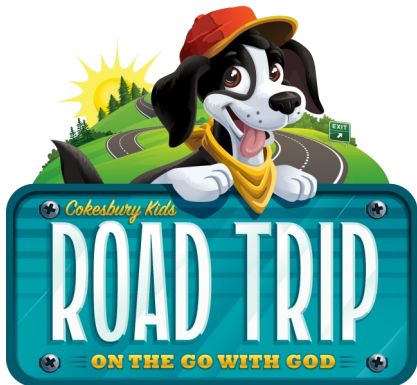
Sarah Hughes

Kurt Logan- diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a treatable cancer; prayers for Kurt, as he proceeds to the course of treatment needed

Amy O'Neill- responding positively to treatments

Joyce Ritter- has cataracts, no glaucoma; no surgery yet

Jerry Taylor (Bernadine Andrews' brother)- while visiting in Illinois from Texas, he fell; was sent to Sarah Bush for MRI; recently had back surgery



*Villa Grove Community VBS*

*July 13-15; 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

*Villa Grove United Methodist Church*

*Supper for everyone is served from*

*5:00-6:00 p.m. each night*

*Register at [villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com)*

*Mission will be Camp Good Hope, Neoga, IL*

**FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 31**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Special music, drama, & congregational singing; Raeanna Boyer will give a testimony of her mission trip this past spring.**

**JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE!**



## **God is Always Good, Isn't He?**

**5/26/2026**

The story is told of a Christian and a skeptic traveling by mule in the days of the Old West. As night approached, they entered a tiny, one-horse town but no one was willing to rent them rooms. So, they set up a campsite a mile outside of town. The skeptic said, "You believe God is good! If he is so good, why are we sleeping outside?" The Christian replied, "God has decided this is the best place for us to sleep tonight."

As they settled down, they heard their tethered mule braying. The two, sensing danger, climbed a nearby tree and watched as the mule was mauled and carried off by a bear. "You still say God is good?" the skeptic asked with anger. The Christian acknowledged by saying, "If the donkey hadn't been here, the bear would have mauled us. God is good."

Not wanting to risk another attack, the men huddled in the tree when suddenly a freak downpour doused their fire and soaked their wood. Again, the skeptic taunted, "How can this possibly show that God is good." The Christian just shrugged his shoulders and said, "We'll have to wait and see but God is good."

In the morning the two men climbed out of the tree and made their way back to town. They found that outlaws had ransacked the town and stolen many items from the town-folk. The hoodlums made their escape down the same road the two men had taken. The skeptic now saw that if they had been in town they would have been robbed, and if their fire had still been lit, the marauders would have found them outside of town. Truly, God had been good, though His goodness wasn't immediately evident.

It may take great patience to see God's goodness but keep looking... you will see it because God is always good.

**Mike**



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#### **Elders:**

Scott Beccue                      Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner                      Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

### **MAY 31, 2026**

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

**Greeters:** Macen, Molly & Shelby Hughes (Front)  
Pete & Cecile Eisenmenger (South)

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup:** Bob Dowler/Sarah Hughes

**Nursery:** Cecile Eisenmenger

**Serving:** K. Elam, S. Sinkes, D. Shunk, ?

**Elder-On-Call for May:** SCOTT BECCUE (217)369-9278

**Mission of the Week:** CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH

Charleston, Illinois

Chris Bugle, Executive Director

#### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**SHIRLEY SCHWEIGHART**

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