



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 9, 2026



Be watching for information about  
the next VBS meeting on June 22,  
at 7:00 p.m. at VGUMC!

**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 New Hope, Neoga, IL**

**The Community VBS needs paper road maps  
for decorating. If you have old maps to donate,  
place them in the VBS box in  
the cloak room. Thanks!**

Last Sunday, **MARISSA & RAEANNE BOYER** were  
both baptized into Christ! They are the daughters of  
Matt & Khristi Boyer, and live in Tuscola. Marissa is  
a student at Eastern, and Raeanna is a student at  
Northern, and both are home for the summer. Keep  
them in your prayers as they begin their new life in  
Christ!

## BAPTISMS

### JUNE 7, 2026

Worship & Nursery	113
Sunday School	38
Preschool Class	0
Summer Youth Class	2
Blessed Believers	11
The Fellowship Class	20
Chosen Ones	5
OFFERING Total	\$2,173.00
Spendable	2,173.00



**FOR ALL OUR MEN & BOYS!**

**Saturday, June 27- bus leaves church at 9:30am**

**HARRIS AGRICULTURE MUSEUM- Atwood, Illinois**

**Followed by lunch at**

**YODER'S- Arthur, Illinois**

**Please sign up on the sheet on the south bulletin  
board, and indicate if you'd like to ride the bus.**

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Praise! Baptisms of Marissa & Raeanna Boyer!

Jacob Hatfill (cousin of LeeAnn Frick)- doing well, in church camp this week

Darla Hawkins (daughter of Shirley Dawkins, friend of Paula Webber)- severe bronchitis and had a bad reaction to the medicine she was given

Sarah Hughes

Kurt Logan- stage 1 Hodgkin's lymphoma

Joyce Ritter- more eye tests

David Roberts (friend of Steve Bradbury)- having a difficult time

Holly Wiggam- home, having in-home therapy



**Mike & Judy Cline's new address:**  
**1116 E. Woodfield Dr.**  
**Alton, IL 62002**

We wanted to say a big THANK YOU to our church family for all the love and support you have always shown to Tucker. Thank you for the scholarship, the cards, the gifts, the well-wishes and the attendance at his graduation party. This church family has always gone above and beyond to make a difference and we appreciate your lifelong support of all of our children!

With much love and thanks,  
**SETH, KATE & TUCKER SHUNK**



**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Thursday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.**  
**at the church**  
**HOSTESSES: Molly & Shelby Hughes**  
**DEVOTIONS: Brenda Elam**  
**MISSIONS: Janet Cassida**

# Wonderful

**Wonderful**  
**6/19/2026**

I recently watched part 2 of the movie “*Wicked*” a retelling of the classic story, “*Wizard of Oz*,” from the point of view of Elphaba, the wicked witch of the west and her best friend from university, Glinda. In one scene, Elphaba is talking to the Wizard of Oz in Emerald City. She came to free the winged monkeys she had made. The wizard caught her before she could accomplish her task. He informed her how he became beloved by the people of Oz. He was blown into the city by accident. The citizens wanted someone to believe in. And he let them believe the lie that he was wonderful. By the end of the song, he promised to make Elphaba wonderful, too.

Of course, the glitz of the wizard’s “wonderfulness” soon diminished when Elphaba discovered that he, and his magical assistant Madame Morrible, were marginalizing animals and her doctor (a goat) was no longer able to speak. She turned down the wizard’s offer and flew away from the city to become a fugitive.

Do you believe that Jesus is wonderful? Some, in Jesus’ day, believed that His “wonderfulness” was a lie. In **Matthew 21:15** we see that mentality played out. ***But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he {Jesus} did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.*** Why did Jesus do wonderful things? It wasn’t because he was trying to maintain a lie. It was because wonderfulness is His character. **Isaiah 9:6** promises that the Messiah will be the **wonderful counselor**, among other things. Those Jesus fed, healed, taught, saved and raised from the dead knew that His wonderfulness wasn’t a lie. They saw it in His character.

How about you. Is Jesus wonderful in His character? How should all people respond to His wonderful character?

Mike

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### Elders:

Scott Beccue                      Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner                      Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

## JUNE 14, 2026

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

Greeters: Margaret Black (Front) Bob & Frances Dowler (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Nursery: Maryanna Smith

Serving: Brad Smith, Macen Hughes, Rich Mabry, Curt Cannon

Elder-On-Call for June: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

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

Murdock, Illinois

Richard Rose, Contact Person

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

Haven of Tuscola

1203 Egyptian Trail

Tuscola, IL 61956