



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 30, 2026



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

Mission will be Camp New Hope, Neoga, IL

Kimberly Anderson– on the mend

Jon Barr (relative of Clark's)- upcoming vertebrae surgery

Bonnie Christman– still in the hospital

Cousin of Mary Gen Frick– colon cancer

Sarah Hughes

Jenna Laurence (granddaughter of Harold Vandeventer)- 3 mo. pregnant, has tumor on lung; prayers for decisions and what is best for Jenna

Kurt Logan– stage 1 Hodgkin's lymphoma

Jennie Sleed– recovering from RSV at her daughter's (Kimberly Anderson) home; doing better



**Administrative
Assistant
Position Opening**

The Administrative Assistant position at the church will be opening in December. This is a parttime, hourly-paid position. Applications will be accepted until July 31. Applications are available at the church, or can be emailed. Questions? Contact Mike Zylstra or one of the elders. Need more info? Call the church office (217-832-5231) .

Mary Gen Frick has a new phone number:
(217)649-0466

JUNE 28, 2026

Worship & Nursery 84

Sunday School 32

Preschool Class 0

Summer Youth Class 0

Blessed Believers 10

The Fellowship Class 17

Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING: Total \$2,531.00

Spendable 2,075.00

Benevolence 409.00

Coffee (Worship) 47.00



IN THE WORKS

Sunday, July 5, 6:00 p.m.– Youth Group meets at the church

**Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting**

**Thursday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship
meets at the church**



Getting Ready for a Big Trip **6/30/2026**

In just a couple of weeks, Judy and I will be checking something off our “bucket list.” We are leaving July 10th and flying to Seattle, WA where we will board a cruise ship and participate in an Alaskan Cruise. We will be away from our church family here for two Sundays (July 12 & 19). Jeff Mayfield, who is a Lincoln Christian College graduate and a retired minister, will be preaching here July 12th. And Tom Ewald, who was a professor at L.C.C., will be here July 19th. You will not want to miss hearing these fantastic preachers.

Judy and I have thought about making this big trip for many years. We finally decided to go for it. We began preparing almost a year ago. We hired a travel agent, as we’ve never done this before. We’ve talked to people who have gone on previous cruises and received all sorts of fantastic tips. However, we still had to make our own arrangements, reservations, bookings, excursions, and take care of all our own passports, packing, organizing, payments, boarding passes, and trip stuff. There have been a few glitches and cancellations, but nothing major. I know we will check and double-check to make sure we don’t forget anything. Every step in the process is energized by the reality that we are taking a very big trip. The closer the date gets the more nervous and excited we are.

I wish Christians felt the same way about living the Christian life. There is excitement and an energy in living for Christ in this world while keeping our eyes focused on the eternal truth that, one day, we will be with Jesus forever. We don’t know when that day will come. So, we must be ready NOW and always stay ready. Don’t neglect to do everything God has asked of us as we prepare for this spiritually huge destination, heaven. Live in constant faith that the promised journey will happen. Only those who live by faith will receive their reward.

Mike

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Administrative Assistant: Brenda Elam

Office Hours: 10:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

Elders:

Scott Beccue

Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

JULY 5, 2026

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

Greeters: Dennis Williamson (Front) Janice Thode (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: John & Linda Dilliner/Garland Hubert

Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon

Serving: Brad Smith, Macen Hughes, Jeff Watson, Rich Graham

Elder-On-Call for July: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FOUNDATION, U. of I.

Urbana/Champaign, Illinois

Andy Conklin, Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

Haven of Tuscola

1203 Egyptian Trail

Tuscola, IL 61953