



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 14, 2026



Villa Grove Community VBS
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

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

Mission is Camp New Hope, Neoga, IL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT!

Back-to-School volunteers will collect donations in July for Villa Grove students' school supplies, Grades K-8. You may deposit your donations in the cans near the collection baskets or you may deposit donations at the VG State Bank. If you write a check, please make it payable to

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT.

Thank you from the students, parents and teachers.

Back To School



PRAYER & COFFEE

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m.

Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

JULY 12, 2026

Worship & Nursery 70
Sunday School 39

Preschool Class 2
Summer Youth Class 3
Blessed Believers 15
The Fellowship Class 14
Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING: Total \$1,621.00
Spendable 1,621.00



**Administrative
Assistant
Position Opening**

The Administrative Assistant position at the church will be opening in December. This is a part-time, hourly-paid position. Applications are being 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 at (217)832-5231.



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Jon Barr (relative of Clark's)- had vertebrae surgery on Tuesday
Glenda Case's family- travel mercies as they return home to Colorado
Bonnie Christman- in rehab facility in Paxton
Family of Calvin Corbin- Marsha Green's brother
Sydney Eisenmenger (Phoenix)- home, on meds to dissolve a blood clot
Robert Graham (Richard's brother)- autoimmune disorder; prayers for full recovery
Keith Hamann (father-in-law of Mabry's daughter, Jackie)- in home hospice, Springfield
Sarah Hughes- having a rough week; hard to eat, drink and take meds
Kurt Logan- stage 1 Hodgkin's lymphoma
Bonnie Maring (Treanna Ragan's mom)- in hospital; problems with liver, kidneys and heart
Ted Shearer- good results from heart catheterization



We would just like to say Thank You for all your support and gratitude. It means a lot, knowing that we have your support and blessings. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God bless you!

*Thank you kindly,
A Resident from Project 61, Sullivan, Illinois*

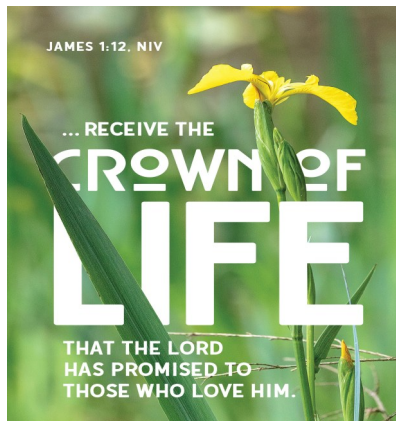
Women's
Christian Fellowship



Women's Christian Fellowship is asking for your help in these three areas:

- 1) WCF would like to get a committee together to decide on what window treatments would be best for the cloak room and Mike's office. If you would be interested, contact Judi Lock.
- 2) Judy Zylstra suggested we have some lady do the decorations for both foyer areas and the front of the auditorium. See Judy, if you might like to do this.
- 3) WCF is in need of someone to take over the Card Ministry for the church- this person sends birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy cards to folks in the congregation. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Judi Lock.

NOTE: A copy of the 2026-27 WCF booklet is available in the rack just inside the south door.



Ode to Old Age **7/14/2026**

In a couple of days I will turn 65. I can already hear the jokes. What goes up but never comes down? Your age. What is the best part of old age? It doesn't last very long. Why do old people smile so much? Because they can't hear a word you are saying. When I hear someone say, "Oh, that old thing!" I assume they are talking about me. I'm so old I remember when the Dead Sea was just sick.

Someone once joked, "Old age is hard, but it sure beats the alternative." I'm not sure they were correct. The alternative to getting old is that, as a believer, when we die, we undergo a perfecting and experience an eternal existence in God's presence. Nothing beats that.

Until that happens, we need to remember that God seems very content to utilize older people to further His kingdom on earth. Joshua and Caleb were used by God to conquer the "Promised Land," even though they were in their 80's. A number of Israel's prophets were very old and still proclaiming God's message. The apostle John was about 90 years old when he wrote God's Revelation. The Apostle Paul was proclaiming the gospel while in prison in Rome, though he was quite aged. Timothy, the companion of Paul, was schooled by his mother (Eunice) and his grandmother (Lois) regarding living a life of sincere faith in Jesus Christ.

Never let age become an excuse for believing we can't serve God. We may not be able to do everything we once could. But our contribution to God's kingdom is still vital. Pray more, encourage more, study more, mentor more, lead your family to Christ. We have more time, so give that time to God and be faithful until death. The reward is a crown of life.

Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue	Joe Rothermel
John Dilliner	Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes	

JULY 19, 2026

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

Greeters: Bill Akers (Front) Margaret Black (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dilliner/Sue Taylor

Nursery: Karen Williamson & Julie Swigart

Serving: Pete Eisenmenger, Steven Gordon, Matt Boyer, Bill Akers

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

Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Lincoln, Illinois

Dr. Silas McCormick, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

JOE HOLSAPPLE

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