



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 25, 2024

Community
Vacation Bible School
July 14-18
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Villa Grove United
Methodist Church



SPECIAL INFORMATION

****Adult and student volunteers are being asked to register. If you use the QR code (see poster on church bulletin board) or the site (villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com), you will find a MENU at the top and a drop-down for volunteers to register. It's quick and easy and will help the planning committee know how volunteers want to help, and their contact information.**

****ALL VOLUNTEERS are asked to take a Training Session this year. This is one session, to be sure all the volunteers (adults and students) understand what they will be doing, and our expectations of them. There are three one-hour sessions to choose from: Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m./Friday, July 12, 1:00 p.m./Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. If you can't attend any of these sessions, please contact Pastor John Brashear (309-838-9519), Jimmy Kay Vandeventer (217-254-3037), or the VGUMC office (217-832-3971). You only need to attend one session.**

****There will be a meal each evening, between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., open to all. The community is being asked for monetary donations to help buy the food and supplies needed for these meals. By asking for monetary donations, we can buy meal supplies that allow us to assure everyone there are no allergens in the food, or at least be able to tell people what is in the food that is served. We have several children in the VG schools with severe allergies.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! Contact any of the folks listed above if you have questions.

JUNE 23, 2024

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| Worship | 92 |
| Sunday School | 52 |
| Sunday Morning Celebration | 3 |
| King's Kids | 0 |
| High School/College | 6 |
| Blessed Believers | 17 |
| The Fellowship Class | 20 |
| Chosen Ones Class | 6 |
| OFFERING: | \$2,800.08 |
| Spendable: | 2,343.00 |
| Benevolence | 457.08 |



**FIFTH SUNDAY
FAMILY WORSHIP
Sunday, June 30**

**Lots of singing,
Reader's Theater,
& scriptures**

**You're invited to join us for
worship on Sunday!**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Chris Clark- had liver biopsy on Monday at Barnes

Mary Gen Frick- recovering from dog bite

Steven Gordon- went to court today to finalize a divorce

Patti Groves- knee replacement surgery on July 1

Family of Marna Hancock- Jodi Beccue's 99 yr. old aunt from Independence, Iowa

Joyce Ritter- will find out when she will have surgery for bone spurs on shoulder

Bill Schweighart- getting weaker, isn't eating or talking

Family of Dorothy Smith- Cassandra Gunter's mother (Cassandra is Villa Grove's mayor)



Dear FCC Family,

There are few words to describe how your care and concern for us has held us up and encouraged us.

"Thank you" seems such a small phrase for our gratitude for all your prayers, texts, messages, cards, food, gifts, hugs and tears. My dad, Melvin Greeley, had a good long life and was ready to see Jesus. He asked me not long ago, after reading Revelation, what I thought heaven would be like. Now he knows!

Thank you so much for all you've done during this difficult time to help us through.

Love & blessings,
JUDY ZYLSTRA & FAMILY

MORE VBS INFORMATION...



***Pray for a successful VBS, July 14-18. Pray for adult workers and that the VG community's children will have a good week, learning to trust God.**

***If you have SMALL camping tents, sleeping bags and other camping equipment that could be used for VBS decorations, please let SARAH HUGHES or KAREN WILLIAMSON know! Thanks for your help!!**

Pulled From the Deep End **6/25/2024**

The story is told of a mother and child enjoying a day at the public swimming pool. The lifeguard overheard the child (age 6) telling his mother, "I'm going to swim." The mother replied, "You don't know how to swim yet. You've only had one lesson." The boy insisted he did know how to swim, and set about arguing the point. Mom, realizing she was getting nowhere using rational dialogue said, "Okay, give it a try." The boy, full of confidence, believing he had bested his mother, jumped into the deep end. He flailed his arms and quickly started to sink. When he was about a foot under the water, mom reached down and pulled him out. The boy sputtered, gasped for breath and wiped water off his face. Mom said, "Do you see? You can't swim." To which the boy demanded, "Yes, I can. I can swim." So, mom let him try it again, with the same results. This happened several more times. Finally on the sixth attempt, after the boy sank like a rock, the boy looked at his mother and said, "I guess I can't swim." To which the mom added, "Yet... You can't swim yet. We'll keep taking lessons and it'll happen."

Is that story reminiscent of our attempts to live a Godly life? We have seen other Christians doing well and we think we can do that too. We are full of confidence, because we have learned a couple of Bible lessons. And, we are quick to argue with anyone who tells us we might not be ready yet. I'm so grateful that God will allow us to make mistakes. And he surrounds us with mentors who are there to pull us out of the deep end and remind us that we need more practice and more lessons. Do not despair, friends. Be faithful and keep swimming.

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JUNE 30, 2024

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

**Greeters: (South) Curaleen Gammon
(Front) John & Linda Dilliner
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Karen Williamson
Serving: C. Cannon, D. Shunk, M. Hughes, S. Sinkes
Elder-On-Call for June: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807**

**Mission of the Week: LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP
Clinton, Illinois
Gabe Rutledge, Camp Manager**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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