



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 1, 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.**

****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!!**

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

JUNE 30, 2024	
Worship	100
Sunday School	53
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	4
High School/College	7
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	20
Chosen Ones Class	5
OFFERING: N/A	



Scouts are in need of a Den Leader for 3rd Grade Scouts. If you can help out, contact NILS OBERG at (217)721-2250. THANKS!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Darla Frazier (neighbor of Bob & Frances Dowler)- in Sarah Bush Hospital for ruptured ulcer
Steven Gordon- thanks everyone for prayers, love and concern during the last 15 months
Patti Groves- had knee replacement surgery on Monday
Tony Jackson (Nancy Jackson's son)- leaving rehab to go home on July 5; will have outpatient therapy
Joyce Ritter- reverse ball & socket surgery on right shoulder on July 3; will repair 2 bone spurs and 2 tears in the rotator cuff
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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ryan & Stacey Burnett welcome ANASTASIA NICOLE to their family! Anastasia was born on June 25 and weighed 8 lbs. Her brothers and sister are Anthony, Alivia and Archie. We're so happy for this family!!

SAMANTHA JAYEON LEE was born to Yong Jae and Laura (Waldrop) Lee on Friday, June 28, 2:21 p.m. , weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 18 1/4 " long. Samantha's great-grandmother is Edna Waldrop and her great-aunt is Joyce Ritter. Congratulations to this family!

Wednesday, July 10

Elders meeting- 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting- 7:30 p.m.

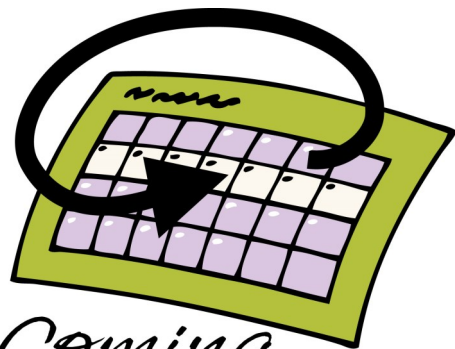
Thursday, July 11

Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church.

Hostesses: 2023-24 Officers

Devotions: Jeretta Mabry

Missions: Paula Webber



*Coming
Next Week*



**Don't Miss Greatness.
7/2/2024**

On January 12, 2007, a man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin. He was dressed in clean, casual clothes. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 1,100 people went through the station. A few slowed their pace, looked his way, then rushed to catch their subway train. A child stopped and was mesmerized until his mom pushed him along to their appointed ride. During the 45-minute concert, only 7 people stopped to listen and only one person recognized the musician. 27 people put money into his violin case. He collected \$32.17.

The musician was virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell. He had just played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, on a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days earlier, Joshua Bell had played to a sold-out crowd at Boston Symphony Hall, where good seats averaged \$100.

Journalist Gene Weingarten, and the *Washington Post* organized a social experiment about perception, taste and priorities of people. The outlines were: in a commonplace environment, at an inappropriate hour: Do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

Weingarten reported that Mr. Bell usually received the highest of praise and applause for his musicianship. But, in this environment, when each piece ended, there was nothing. People were oblivious to the greatest music ever written, played by one of the greatest musicians of the time. The conclusion was: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?

Is that true in our Christian life? We are quick to acknowledge God's greatness in church. But... what about when we are busy with our schedules and focused on our appointments?

Deuteronomy 32:3 – I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
 Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 ON THURSDAY, JULY 4, FOR THE
 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

JULY 7, 2024

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

**Greeters: (South) Macen & Shelby Hughes
 (Front) David Shunk**

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Joe & Deanne Rothermel

Serving: S. Shunk, D. Logan, K. Logan, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for July: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285

**Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES OF
 CHRIST EVANGELISM
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
 Matt Schantz, Executive Director**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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