

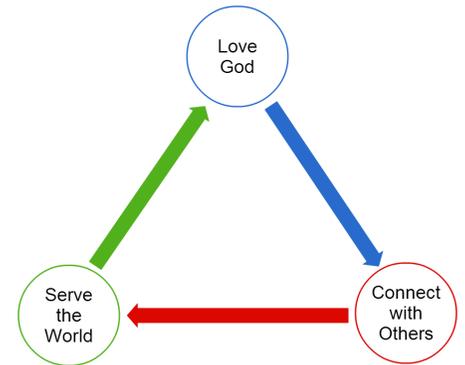
THE MESSENGER

February 2017

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

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Our Mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by loving God, connecting with others, and serving the world.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! The season of Epiphany (season of light) continues through the end of February. My sermons in February will focus on The Beatitudes. We find ourselves in a time when an in-depth study of the beatitudes will provide guidance and reassurance as we strive to faithfully follow the counter-cultural teachings of Jesus. These are the passages we will study:

Matthew 5:1-12¹

- 1) *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.*
- 2) *Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:*
- 3) *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- 4) *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- 5) *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*
- 6) *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*
- 7) *Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*
- 8) *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*
- 9) *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
- 10) *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- 11) *Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

Our music ministries continue to progress as **Jenny Maragia (accompanist)** gets acclimated to our blended style of worship and we open ourselves to her engaging worship leadership. **Scott Farrell (choir director)** has selected the music for our Easter cantata. Speak to him if you are interested in participating. Practice begins in February.

Our drama team is returning. If you are interested in participating, contact **Ronn Gordon**. As we continue to engage all our senses in worship, we appreciate your openness to try new things and your willingness to discover God in new ways. **Our Lord desires us. May our desire for Him be evident by our presence and participation in Sunday worship as we gather to worship HIM.**

Christ's peace,

Pastor Vickie

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1. New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible



Sharing God's Bounty—February

Christ's Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again"

(2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to his Father's will? ". . . yet not my will, but yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Carrying out his Father's will was no easy task, but, because his love for us is as great as the Father's, he was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was his love for us that caused Christ to give his very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to his love. His love compels us to respond by loving him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which he died (1 Corinthians 9:9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out his lifeblood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: *"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"* (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.

Taking a seat opposite the treasury, Jesus observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44

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Alex DeWitt
Edwin Ellison
Terry Murphy
Fran Rinaldo

Military Personnel

Sean Conderman
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide
Mike Oldham

Those Who Mourn

Rinaldo Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer concerns that you wish to express, please fill out a prayer request card located in the Prayer Chapel. Please indicate how you would like your request shared via the check boxes at the bottom of the card and then place the concerns in the request box.

Thank You



My mother and I would like to thank the church for all your thoughts and prayers over the recent weeks since my brother's sudden death and my sister's surgery. It is a great comfort to know we are never truly alone. All best wishes for a joyful and healthy New Year!

Leigh Sterrenberg

Rock River Valley Food Pantry



ROCK RIVER VALLEY
PANTRY
Northern Illinois' Largest
Community Food Pantry

Dear Pastor Hadaway & Congregation,

The holidays were a hectic time around here, but your donation of 115 pounds of food and \$164.52 in cash helped to make the season brighter for those at risk of going hungry.

The pantry relies on generous donations like yours to help feed the approximately 6,800 individuals who come to us for food assistance.

Thank you all!

Sincerely,

Kim Adams-Bakke, Executive Director

Choir News

The choir is planning a programme for Easter Day, April 16, titled "Glorious Day!" arranged by Marty Hamby. It is rock/gospel cantata, and consequently, the choir wants additional singers. *If you would like to participate in the choir specially for this performance, please see Scott Farrell for details.* Rehearsals begin February 1st. No auditions required.



YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group at CVUMC has taken on an active role not only within the church, but in the community as well.

The Youth Group meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30. During this time we enjoy fellowship with one another by sharing the word of God through scripture and messages lead by our four fantastic Youth Leaders. After the message we always engage in group activities that not only bring a smile to our faces, but help to bring us closer together.

The Youth Group not only meets on Wednesday nights but meet monthly to participate in group activities or community service projects. During the Spring the Youth Group participates in the Paper Angel ministry which helps the residents of Midvale Housing by supplying them with essentials such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, and many other things.

Our Youth Group not only participates in service projects, weekly meetings, and bonding activities; but we love making new friends. The Church itself offers a warm and open environment for all youth, and the Youth Group is the same. Loving God, Connecting with others, and Serving the World are all parts of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and let me tell you; this Youth Group has a heart on fire for God, we love meeting new people, and we participate in service projects that benefit the community. Cherry Valley United Methodist Church may be small, but within those walls, the Youth Group is ready to make disciples of Jesus Christ, we are ready to help change the world.

Children's and Youth Ministries



We are expanding our services and programs; to make sure families and their children of all ages feel welcome; to make sure we create a nurturing and healthy Christian foundation for

all our youth. In January we introduced clipboard activities for intermediate-aged children. The activity sheets reflect the theme of the sermon and scripture. In February we will start providing a staffed nursery so that parents can worship comfortably while their children are cared for in a safe, loving and fun place. Watch for other special children's programs as we approach Shrove Tuesday, Palm Sunday and Easter!

Please encourage young families to join; sharing with them our vibrant, inclusive approach to children and youth ministries.

With God's grace we grow together!
Judy Long, Sunday School Superintendent

April 1, 2017... Save the Date!

Couples Group

The church couples group has started and we still have plenty of room for more couples. We meet once a month with our next meeting on February 17 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We offer dinner and child care (upon early request). If you would like to join, please contact Sandy Schwartz for a workbook. We hope to see you there.

Questions: please contact Sandy Schwartz at 779-771-3567 or Ronn Gordon, Jr. at 815-708-1632



Cherry Valley Methodist Women

The holidays are over and we are now planning our activities for the New Year. Looking forward, on February 12th we will host the annual Valentine Bake Sale. Following worship on the 12th you will have the opportunity to purchase delightful treats for yourself and your Valentine. Please visit the table of treats in the Fellowship hall.



On Shrove Tuesday, February 28th, we will host a Pancake Supper as we look toward the beginning of Lent and celebration of Easter



Make plans to join us that evening for a delicious meal of pancakes, sausages, applesauce and a beverage.

It is a time to sit back, enjoy the meal and adult conversation as the children are entertained with activities. We hope to see you there!

Donna Layng

Wednesday's in Lent

Each Wednesday during Lent we will be having a family style dinner served at the church between 5:30 and 6:00 pm beginning on March 8.

Afterwards, Pastor Hadaway will be leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of John "Encounters With Jesus" from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.



Come Join Our
BIBLE
STUDY

We would like two families or individuals to work together and provide one of the 5 meals. It should be simple with 2 soups, bread and finger desserts. The dates are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5.

Please contact the church office at 815-332-5075 or email to churchinthevalley@comcast.net to sign up to sponsor one meal.



Pastor Vickie's Schedule

Wednesday, February 1	9 to 5
Monday, February 6.....	9 to 4
Wednesday, February 8	9 to 4
Saturday, February 11.....	9 to 1
Monday, February 13.....	9 to 4
Wednesday, February 15	9 to 5
Saturday, February 18.....	9 to 1
Monday, February 20.....	9 to 4
Wednesday, February 22	9 to 5
Saturday, February 25.....	9 to 1
Monday, February 27.....	9 to 4

Unless otherwise noted, I will take Friday as my day off.

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2017 Church Council

The following people make up the 2017 Church Council:

Juanita Barnes, Recording Secretary/Worship Chair
 Zane Clevenger, Youth Group
 Janet Davis, Member at Large
 Ron Gordon, Sr., Lay Member to the AC
 Warren Gross, United Methodist Men
 Dan Halley, Treasurer
 Grace Harter, Memorial Chair
 Karen Harter, Pre-School Board
 Sue Layng, Lay Leader/Finance Chair
 Judy Long, Sunday School Superintendent
 LaVern Neff, SPRC Chair
 Dave Ward, Trustee Chair

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



21 Judith Krunfus
 23 Mark Snyder
 28 Pam Grothman

February Birthdays

3 Riley Sundberg
 5 Mary Wilson
 6 Matthew Gross
 9 Keith Burritt
 12 Taylor Gross
 13 Kathy Ware
 17 Mary Lou Clevenger
 19 Teaghan Brown



February Anniversaries

19 Ryan & Janis Gordon
 19 Louie & Pat Cowan

Paper Angel Project



The Youth Group will once again be heading up the Paper Angel Project on September 16, 2017. That seems like a long time away, but you can start collecting the paper products that they will need to bless the residents of Midvale Apartments. Some obvious items you can collect now are paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, and rolls of garbage bags (any size). Watch the bulletins and the Messenger for a detailed listing of item for donation.

February Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday February 5	Sunday February 12	Sunday February 19	Sunday February 26
Liturgist	Jim Whitlock	Sue Layng	Hannah Flood	Charlie Schnuckel
Greeter Team	Youth Group	Ron Gordon, Sr. Mandy Kloepper	Ann Harned Grace Harter	Ida Mae Fox Charlie Schnuckel
Check-in Greeters	Youth Group	Chris Flood	Mike Seno	Keith Burritt
Usher Captain	Youth Group	Dave Ward	Ronn Gordon, Jr.	Keith Burritt
Children's Message	Carolyn Kloss	Deb Seno	Ronn Gordon, Jr.	Hannah Flood
Media	Zane Clevenger	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Patricia Irsps
Fellowship	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women

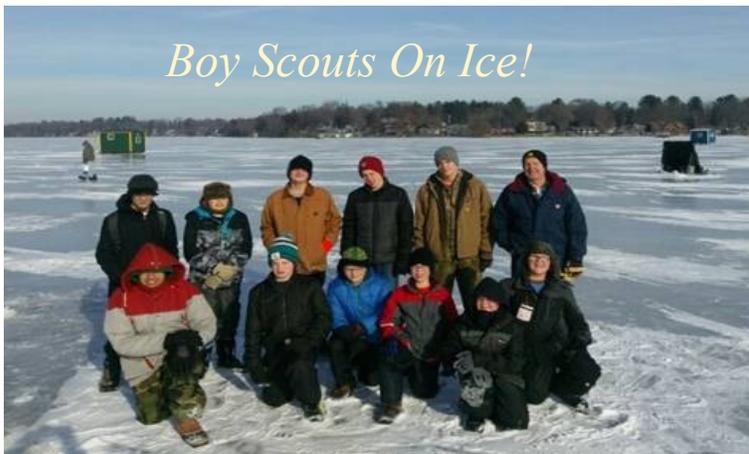


2017 is shaping-up nicely! January's 1st meeting was a Movie Night. The scouts spread some blankets on the floor, popped some Scout popcorn and enjoyed the flick! We played some Native American games at our 2nd meeting. The scouts learned some simple games that were fun with minimal cost. Then,

we went camping; actually, we went to a cabin in Wisconsin. The building was modernized since we were there a year ago...nice! We went out several times on the 422 acre playground ... Lake Ripley was frozen to a depth of 12" or more. Has anyone hiked on a lake at night? The full moon was rising, the constellations were fully visible, and the sounds of the ice cracking all around us was a spectacular sound! The 3rd meeting of January allowed the scouts to craft walking sticks or hiking poles. Every boy has a unique idea of how his pole should look. We learned some wood burning techniques at our 4th meeting, and some of the scouts put designs on their walking poles. The final meeting of January was fun; our scouts created structures with LEGOS. Everybody loves LEGOS!

February 8 is the 107th anniversary of BSA. We hope to participate in Scout Sunday at the church! Beyond that, we will go camping in a cabin at Russell Woods in DeKalb County. We'll keep the cabin warm by stoking the fire 24-hours a day for the weekend; that's responsibility! Do you think we'll get cold? On the 1st Tuesday of February, we'll conduct a Court of Honor at our Family Night. Which boy will be our Master of Ceremonies? We hope to learn about robotics at another meeting. We plan to enjoy ourselves at the Trampoline Park at another meeting. Finally, our first swim night of the new year will happen at our last meeting. Swimming is a life skill, and the better you do, the more fun you'll have!

We encourage boys 11-17 to visit our Troop meetings and bring their parents. We have stories to tell you! Visit our website at <http://www.bsatroop181.com>. You may call Terry Nichols, Scoutmaster, 815/540-5900 with all your Boy Scouting questions.



The Youth group, 6th grade and up meets weekly on Wednesday, 6:30-7:30. Invite youth that you know to join us!

Lent begins March 1. Join us for these special events.

February 28—Join us from 4:30 to 6:30 for pancakes, sausage, and a beverage and Mardi Gras activities with fun for the whole family.

March 1—Ash Wednesday Service. Join us at 7:00 pm for a solemn service where we confront our mortality and confess our sins before God in a community of faith.

Rock River Valley
BLOOD CENTER
Straight From the Heart

Thank you, Cherry Valley, for your life-saving response to the December blood drive. The following people donated to make a difference in someone's life:

Barbara Anderson	Dan Halley
Hannah Flood	Herman Krunfus
Jennifer Murphy	Juanita Barnes
Judy Krunfus	Judy Holmin
Kathy Carter	Luann Baxter
Maryann Cicero	Michael Seno
Patricia Evans	Warren Gross

Congratulations! Job Well Done!

Seeking Nursery Staff

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church is looking to hire nursery staff. We already have one person and we are seeking one or two more people so we can have the nursery staffed every Sunday. You must be high school graduate to be considered, and we welcome persons of all ages to apply. The salary is guaranteed \$10 for the first hour and \$20 if you stay and work.

For more information contact Pastor Vickie Hadaway via email at vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com





On Thursday, February 9th from 6-8 p.m., there will be a Registration Open House for the 2017-18 School Year. This is held at the preschool, 112 S. Cherry St., located within the CVUM Church. The entrance is behind the church, near the playground and up the stairs. Families are welcome to come and visit the classroom with their preschool age children. They will meet the teachers and experience different areas of play and learning.

Parents may also register their children in our preschool program at this event. Our Mon/Wed/Fri class is for 4-5 year olds and our Tues/Thurs class is for 3-4 year olds. Both classes are held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and offer age appropriate programs that prepare the children for a successful Kindergarten experience. Classes are filled in the order in which forms and fees are received.

For more information, please call the preschool at [815-332-9653](tel:815-332-9653).

You may also visit our website at creativelearnersii.org and send us an email message and find us on our Face Book page.

Joyfully Teaching,
Carol Palmer, Director



We have begun putting a bible related activity page in the Messenger each month. The answers to last month's puzzle from Matthew is below. This month, we are featuring a puzzle with clues taken from Psalm. If you get stuck, you may look for the answers referenced in the clues. The answers to this month's puzzle will be printed in the March Messenger. Enjoy!

Answer key to January Puzzle from Matthew

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Confirmation Class Schedule

The final months of Confirmation is upon us. The classes are at 11:30 a.m. after worship unless otherwise stated. The dates are as follows:

February 19 March 12 March 19

Confirmation Sunday is April 30. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Vickie.

Spiritual Insights

Matthew 15:19

“Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murder, adulteries, fornications thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

I believe this is the condition of our nation today and is becoming worse day by day. According to the statistics, crime has increased and also murders, robberies and violence in schools. I believe that only God can solve this horrible crisis. God has given us a promise.

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people who are called by My name (the believers in God) shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”

This is God's prescription for our spiritual sickness.

Jim Whitlock



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Samaritan's Purse and for your partnership in sharing the Gospel. Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we seek "through the tender mercy of our God, ...to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:78-79 NKJV)

May the Prince of Peace fill your heart with joy today and throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham, President



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February 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	2 6:30 pm Disciples in Action	3	4 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
5 8:00 am UMM @ CV Caf� 8:45 am Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	6 6:00 pm Brownie Scouts	7 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	8 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	9 6:00 –8:00 pm Creative Learners II Open House 6:30 pm Disciples in Action	10	11 9:00 am GA
12 8:45 am Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am Worship 11:15 am Methodist Women 11:00 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Venture Crew Boy Scout Sunday Valentine Box Sale	13 6:00 pm Brownie Scouts	14 6:30 pm Boy Scouts <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 10:30 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	16 6:30 pm Disciples in Action	17	18 9:00 am GA
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26 8:45 am Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Trustees	27 6:00 pm Brownie Scouts	28 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 4:30-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras				

Items for the March Messenger are due to the secretary by February 15.

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Mardi gras
activities for
kids of all
ages!

SHROVE
TUESDAY



Pancake Supper

February 28th
4:30 pm—6:30 pm
Pancakes, sausage, applesauce,
milk and coffee.
Free-will donations accepted.

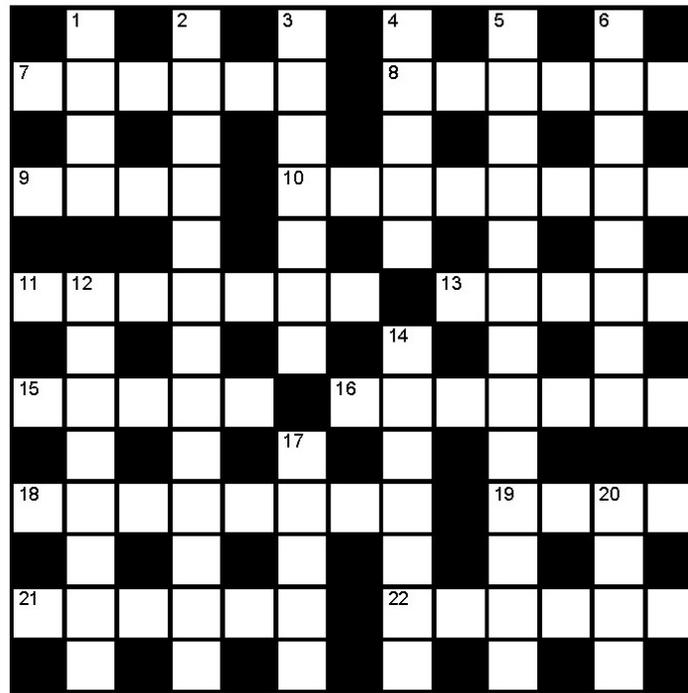


Sunday @ 8:45 am—
Sunday School for all ages
September—May
Sunday @ 9:45 am—Worship
Sunday @ 11:00 am—Fellowship

All are welcome!

Pastor: Vickie Hadaway
Secretary: Nancy Laurent
Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Psalm



Across

- 7 "I am _____ a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children." Ps 69:8 (6)
- 8 Men think "that their _____ shall continue for ever," but they perish just like the beasts. Ps 49:11-12 (6)
- 9 "Then believed they his words; they _____ his praise." Ps 106:12 (4)
- 10 An instrument used to worship the LORD. Ps 98:6 (8)
- 11 "He _____ the Red sea also, and it was dried up." Ps 106:9 (7)
- 13 "My heart is _____, O God, my heart is _____: I will sing and give praise." Ps 57:7 (5)
- 15 The wicked should not lift up their horn or speak with a _____ neck. Ps 75:4-5 (5)
- 16 "But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's _____." Ps 22:9 (7)

- 18 The king's daughter is this. Ps 45:13 (8)
- 19 "The wicked shall be turned _____ hell, and all the nations that forget God." Ps 9:17 (4)
- 21 The psalmist says that he is quieted and calm like this type of child. Ps 131:2 (6)
- 22 "Keep thy _____ from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." Ps 34:13 (6)

Down

- 1 "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and _____ shall offer gifts." Ps 72:10 (4)
- 2 "But thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, _____, and plenteous in mercy and truth." Ps 86:15 (4, 9)
- 3 "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the _____, I will be exalted in the earth." Ps 46:10 (7)

- 4 All those who put their trust in God will rejoice and _____ for joy. Ps 5:11 (5)
- 5 Synonym for prayers. Ps. 28:6 (13)
- 6 "Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou _____ the furrows thereof." Ps 65:10 (8)
- 12 Means to praise enthusiastically. Ps 66:17 (8)
- 14 "The sun _____, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens." Ps 104:22 (7)
- 17 "Let the _____ of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." Ps 19:14 (5)
- 20 "Behold, that _____ shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD." Ps 128:4 (4)

Spring Fling

Dance &
Fundraiser

Watch for more
information on
this fun event!

SAVE THE DATE!

April 1, 2017

JustGoods Listening Room Music Events

201 Seventh Street, Rockford, IL

Every Friday @ 7:00 pm

Mid-September through Mid-May

The following schedule is for February and March.

2/3/17 Eric Lambert – Jaw-dropping flat picker and author; voted Chicago’s best guitarist 2015

2/10/17 Basement Blues Band – Toe tappin’ acoustic blues; you can’t sit still and you gotta sing along

2/13/17 Monday 6:30pm Reader's Theater – Brilliant actors performing scenes important plays

2/17/17 The Lone Canary – Celebrated Americana indie duo based in Rockford

2/24/17 Earth To Clark – Creative, crowd-pleasing ensemble based in the Madison, WI area.

3/3/17 Buddy Mondlock – Brilliant composer and performer; Peter, Paul, and Mary, Janis Ian and many more stars have recorded his songs.

3/10/17 Ian Fitzgerald – Young, already-iconic Americana singer-songwriter based in New England

3/13/17 Monday 6:30 pm Reader's Theater – Brilliant actors performing scenes important plays

3/17/17 Culhane & Sweeny with Emerald Wind – An unforgettable Celtic night for St. Patrick’s Day

3/24/17 Justin Gates and Dan Phelps – “One-Man Blues Night” featuring two splendid, Rockford-based artists

3/31/17 Paul Bronson and Curt Lewis – These guys defy description. They bring virtuoso heavy metal power to classical guitar and vocal interpretations. And they are both based in the Rockford area.

Audience members are encouraged to make generous donations to the musicians and to purchase their CDs and books. Light refreshments are available. Seating is limited, and listeners are encouraged to arrive early. The parking lot on the west side provides easy, all-on-one-floor access to the Listening Room.