

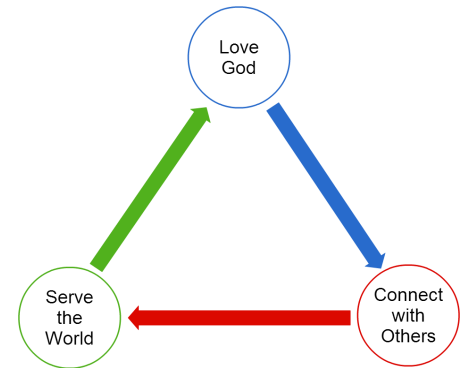
THE MESSENGER



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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 & Sisters in Christ,

Are you enjoying your summer? It sure came fast with the hot weather, and soon we will be lamenting that it is coming to an end. So make sure you get out there and have some fun with your family and friends. Make some new memories!!

Worship in July

At my annual evaluation, our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) asked me to help the congregation get more involved in service opportunities in our community. With that in mind, we will have visitors from a couple organizations in July—Justice for our Neighbor (JFON) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). These two organizations have services to offer our friends and families, as well as volunteer opportunities for you. In another section of this newsletter is a brief introduction to these two organizations.

In addition to our visitors, Sue Layng and I will report on the events at Northern Illinois Annual Conference on July 2nd and our mission team will give a presentation on our efforts the last Sunday on July 30.

Worship in August

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford will be guest preacher on August 6th at our monthly Communion Service. Worship in the Park is August 13th at the Baumann Pavilion with special music from Jenny and her family. A potluck will follow the service so in addition to your lawn chairs, bring a dish to pass. As we have in the past, drinks and chicken will be provided.



We are still looking for help providing fresh flowers for the altar each week. Do you have fresh flowers from your garden to share? Is there a birthday or anniversary you could honor by purchasing a flower arrangement one Sunday? If so, contact Nancy at the church office to make the arrangements.

Lastly, a reminder from the June sermon series—We were made to Worship. As you come to worship, prepare yourself to meet God, refocus on Jesus, and leave with a new Spirit of gratitude. As you climb the steps leading to the sanctuary, keep your voice low and be mindful that you are entering a holy place.

I hope to see you in worship when you're in town. Wherever you go, and whatever you do, be safe, have fun and remember to take Jesus with you!

Blessings,

Pastor Vickie

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Sharing God's Bounty—June

Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

When we discuss stewardship, we may immediately start to think of giving our time and money. Stewardship certainly involves giving and serving, but, even more, our stewardship is incorporated into a way of life. It does not consist of just isolated events. When God's word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship becomes a lifestyle. As a lifestyle, it defines who we are and what we do. It is our vocation. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of redeeming grace.

In defining stewardship, W. H. Greever wrote, "Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." Our faithful stewardship, as it reflects God's love, becomes our approach to life. It is more being than doing. Our deeds of stewardship such as using time wisely or helping the needy arise out of being stewards. Stewards are who we are. Stewardship is a whole life response to God out of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of his love, goodness, and mercy. T. A. Kantonen wrote, "The life of stewardship is nothing less than 'total devotion' to the Christ who is known as a real, living personal presence in the hearts of believers, a genuine loyalty that is expressed not in mere opinion or sentiment but in character and conduct."

It does not take talented people to be faithful stewards, but it takes all there is of us. It takes our total commitment. Stewardship is our response to God's abundant grace in all aspects of life. This faithful stewardship is only possible when we acknowledge our sinfulness and our forgiveness through faith in Christ. God gives us faith so he can use us to carry out his plan, which is to save all people. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge God in all things and in all places. As faithful stewards, we know that all we have belongs to him so we can give generously of our time, talents, and money.

*"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich...
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."*

St. Paul

Summer is a great time for hiking, picnicking, and enjoying the great outdoors, but we need to be aware of the dangers of ticks, especially after the mild winter we had. There will be a lot more critters out there! Ticks are a source of Lyme disease and other dangerous viruses. Protect yourself against tick bites.

- Avoid places with thick vegetation, high grass and leaf litter
- Walk in the center of a trail
- Use repellent that contains 20%DEET on exposed skin
- Use products that contain permethrin to treat clothing, boots, pants, socks, and tents
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible
- Treat pets with products that repel or kill ticks
- Dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing.

➔ Check the Center for Disease Control website for more information about ticks.
<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>



Members & Friends

Beverly (Juanita Barnes' Sister)
Ida Mae Fox
Mary Ann (Grace Harter's Sister)

Those Who Mourn

Military Personnel

Cade Clevenger
Sean Conderman
Ramon Duarte
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide
Mike Oldham

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.

CVUMC Town Hall Meeting



During fellowship time on September 10, we will hold our second all church meeting of 2017. There will be a brief report on the state of the church, then time for discussion.

If you have any questions for any leader of CVUMC, please bring them as we will set aside time for questions and answers. This is your

church. Come and share your thoughts and help us improve communication and participation!

Thank You



I am incredibly grateful to the entire church family for your generous support of Vacation Bible School.

You prayed, invited, made donations and made suggestions as we worked through the planning process. *Thank you!* With the talented and enthusiastic help of over 12 station leaders (adults & young adults) we engaged children in a fun, God filled 'Maker Fun Factory' program.

The set designed by Dave Ward and built by Dave & Warren Gross was outstanding! Hope you all got to see it!

We averaged 10 children every night and one night reached 15 as the word spread about the awesome activities. We planted seeds and hopefully our efforts will bring new members. There is no doubt that we shared God's love!

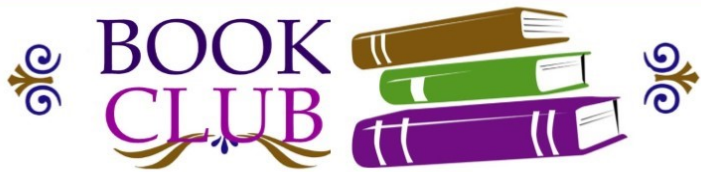
With God's grace we grow together!

Judy Long



Maker Fun Factory VBS Set

Summer Book Group



Summer Book Group—Join Pastor Vickie for her summer book group. We will meet once a month. The book group is always at the church parsonage (3911 Cutty Sark Rd., CV); always at 7:00pm (CST); and always plenty of fun.

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00pm **Small Victories** by Anne Lamott. In *Small Victories*, Lamott writes about faith, family, and community in essays that are both wise and irreverent. She offers a new message of hope that celebrates the triumph of light over the darkness in our lives. Our victories over hardship and pain may seem small, she writes, but they change us—our perceptions, our perspectives, and our lives. Lamott writes of forgiveness, restoration, and transformation, how we can turn toward love even in the most hopeless situations, how we find the joy in getting lost and our amazement in finally being found. Profound and hilarious, honest and unexpected, the stories in *Small Victories* are proof that the human spirit is irrepressible.

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00pm **The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared** by Jonas Jonasson

A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over. After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson is still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested. So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them.

All are welcome. Come to one or all three, whatever works for your schedule. Hope to see you there

We encourage everyone to go to the church website and update personal information so that we will have the most current data on file when we print our directory in July. To access the Elexio database,:

1. Go to the website (cherryvalleyumc.com)
2. Click on the member icon in the red menu line at the top of the page.
3. Sign in to the system by using your email and password. If you don't remember your password, call or email the office and we can reset your password. The system will send you a new password.
4. Once you have accessed the system, go to the bottom of the page and change your password. Be sure to save your changes.
5. Across the top of the page, there are several menu items you can access. **(Continued in next column)**

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- If you want to change your photo, click edit and upload your new photo.
- View the directory to find the phone numbers, email addresses, and view pictures of other people in the directory
- Track your giving.

Call (815-332-5075) or email the church office (churchinthevalley@comcast.net) if you need help. If you prefer, call us with your personal data. We can input the data for you if you do not have access to a computer.

STUDIO 3 MUSIC CAMP



Jenny Maragia, our Accompanist, was recently featured in the *Waupaca County News* announcing her Studio 3 Music Camp at the Apple Tree Lane Bed & Breakfast in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Jenny was looking for an opportunity to promote a new experience for kids and a chance stay at that B&B gave rise to the idea of a music camp.

After much planning and fundraising at CVUMC and other places in the Rockford area, the camp became a reality. Her plan is to start small with the first camp and to make it an annual event.

It is a family experience with Jenny asking for the parents to accompany their child and to provide feedback about the camp. She hopes that networking will enable her to make the camp bigger.

To read the entire article about Jenny and Studio 3 Music Camp, go to the web site:

http://www.waupacanow.com/2017/06/21/music-camp-coming-to-waupaca/#_

Rockford Region All Church Unity Picnic

Hosted by the YMCA of Rock River Valley

All are welcome to a **FREE** Community Event.

Where: YMCA Camp Winnebago, 5804 N. Main, Rockford

When: Saturday, August 12, 1-4 pm

Featuring:

Free Meal Music Archery Climbing
Bounce Houses Bingo AND MUCH MORE!

July Birthdays & Anniversaries



10 Kathy Kruger
 11 Herman Krunfus
 21 Dana Ward
 25 Scott Farrell



Anniversaries

2 Ryan & Natalie Herold

Birthdays

2 Sydney Schwartz
 4 Lodena Wilt
 8 Adam Allton
 9 Nathan Schwartz
 Robert Totten

Summer Flowers Sign Up Sheet



Please help us decorate the sanctuary with flowers for the summer. You may bring your flowers from your garden or you may purchase your bouquets/arrangements.

Please remember to bring the flowers to the church by 9:30 am on the Sunday for which you signed up.

If your flower donation is for a special event or in memory of a loved one, please indicate in the column provided so that we may announce it in the bulletin for that week.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries



27 Larry Clevenger
 Daniel Halley
 Ryan Herold
 29 Julie Halley



Birthdays

2 Lois Marander
 4 Barbara Whitlock
 9 Susan Layng
 Karlene Brown
 10 Shirley Neff
 11 Robin Gordon
 12 Barbara Anderson
 18 Michael Mungor
 Terri Burritt
 Sean Conderman
 20 Jennifer Dienberg
 26 Charlie Schnuckel

Anniversaries

12 Doug & Pam Grothman
 14 Larry & Mary Lou
 Clevenger
 16 David & Barbara
 Anderson
 17 Michael & Debora Seno
 18 Nick & Katie Brown
 22 Warren & Debbie Gross
 23 Jim & Juanita Barnes

SAVE THE DATE

The annual worship in the park and church picnic will be at the Baumann Park Pavilion at 9:45 am. As usual, the Worship Committee will provide the main course. Just bring a your own table service, a side dish to share and your bestie and enjoy the day in the park. There will be lots of music and singing and of course, plenty of food.

Items for the September Messenger are due to the secretary by August 15.

July Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday July 2	Sunday July 9	Sunday July 16	Sunday July 23	Sunday July 30
Liturgist	Jim Whitlock	Zane Clevenger	Gwen Flood	Andrew Schwartz	Keith Burritt
Greeter Team	Youth Group	Ann Harned Charlie Schnuckel	Jim Newell Pat Newell	Kathleen Sundberg Grace Harter	Jane Neff LaVern Neff
Check-in Greeters	Youth Group	Chris Flood	Mike Seno	Keith Burritt	Warren Gross
Usher Captain	Youth Group	Dave Ward	Ronn Gordon, Jr.	Keith Burritt	Chris Flood
Children's Message	Melynda Mungor	Carolyn Kloss	Ronn Gordon	Terri Burritt	?
Media	Zane Clevenger	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Ronn Gordon, Jr.	Matt Gross
Fellowship	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women	Youth Group

Pastor Vickie's Schedule—July/August

July

Vacation July 4 to July 13

FridayJuly 14.....9 to 4

MondayJuly 17.....9 to 4

WednesdayJuly 19.....8 to 4

FridayJuly 21.....8 to 12



Mission Week—24 to 28

TuesdayJuly 25.....8 to 12

WednesdayJuly 26.....11 to 5

MondayJuly 31.....8 to Noon

August

Tuesdays 8/1 - Thursday 8/3

Habits of Heart Healthy Congregations Retreat

FridayAugust 4.....9 to 3

MondayAugust 7.....9 to 4

WednesdayAugust 9.....9 to 5

FridayAugust 11.....9 to 1

MondayAugust 14.....9 to 4

WednesdayAugust 16.....9 to 5

FridayAugust 18.....9 to 1

MondayAugust 21.....9 to 4

WednesdayAugust 23.....9 to 5

FridayAugust 25.....9 to 1



Tuesday, August 29 to September. 4 - Vacation

**During the summer Saturday will be my day off.*

Methodist Women

The Cherry Valley Methodist Women met following worship on June 11th.

Summer has taken it's toll on our attendance. Although the group was small, we did accomplish what needed to be done. We will be selling cookie dough once again in the fall in conjunction with the CV United Methodist Men. The funds raised will enable us to support the many missions of CVUMC. We look forward to working together.



This group continues to strive to reach out to the "shut-ins" in our community. We do this by sending cards, making phone calls and even some face to face visits. If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound, please share this information with us by calling the church office at 815-332-5075 or you may call me at 815-544-8482.

This fall, we would like to share an evening activity that could involve the entire congregation, not a fund raise, just an evening of fellowship. What is your favorite activity? We are open to suggestions! The Methodist Women is open to any who wish to serve.

We will not meet in July. Have a wonderful summer.
Donna Layng

Rock River Valley Food Pantry



Thank you to all who brought peanut butter during June for the Food Pantry. Your generosity helps tremendously in feeding hungry kids during the summer months when school is out.

Please remember to continue to bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the container in the foyer. The need is still great and hunger does not take a vacation and knows no season.

August Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday August 6	Sunday August 13	Sunday August 20	Sunday August 27
<i>Liturgist</i>	Judy Long	Janet Davis	Hannah Flood	Charlie Schnuckel
<i>Greeter Team</i>	Youth Group	Charlie Schnuckel Kathleen Sundberg	Jane Neff LaVern Neff	Ann Harned Judy Krunfus
<i>Check-in Greeters</i>	Youth Group	Chris Flood	Mike Seno	Keith Burritt
<i>Usher Captain</i>	Youth Group	Dave Ward	Ronn Gordon, Jr.	Keith Burritt
<i>Children's Message</i>	Juanita Barnes	Pastor Vickie Hadaway	Sue Wilt	Pastor Vickie Hadaway
<i>Media</i>	Zane Clevenger	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Ronn Gordon, Jr.
<i>Fellowship</i>	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women



Creative Learners II Preschool will again be participating in the Cherry Valley 4th of July Parade, this time representing Lady Liberty!

Past, present, future preschool siblings, parents, and friends are all welcome to participate. Join us on Monday, July 3rd at 10 am at preschool when we will have fun decorating our wagon float. Then on Monday, July 4th at 12:30 pm, we

will park and meet at the CV Library wearing red, white and blue. We hope we'll see you at the parade!

Parent Orientation Night for the 2017-2018 school year will be Monday, August 28th at 6:00 pm at the preschool in the church sanctuary. This is an informational meeting for parents with children currently enrolled in our program and also for those who may be interested in our preschool. Students may be enrolled in classes this night. If you and your child have not yet visited the preschool, we'd be happy to schedule a time to meet with you! Call the preschool at 815 332-9653, visit our website: creativelearnersii.org or connect with us on Facebook.

Summer blessings!

Carol Palmer (Director/Teacher)

Spiritual Insights

"I AM" the name of God.

Exodus 3:13-14

When God told Moses to speak to the people, Moses asked God, "What shall I tell them if they ask for your name?" God said, "I Am, That I Am." Here God reveals Himself as the Lord, ever present for Israel and for the world.

Jesus uses this term to begin the seven "I AM" statements about Himself which proclaims that He is truly the Son of God.

- "I AM the bread of life.
- I AM the light of the world.
- I AM the gate of the sheep.
- I AM the good shepherd.
- I AM the resurrection and the life.
- I AM the true vine.
- I AM the way, and the truth, and the life; No person comes to the Father, but thru me."

This last statement is for every person regardless of their race, nationality, or religion.

When Jesus met the religious leaders and the soldiers in the Garden, they asked for Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered them, "I AM He." The use of God's name is so powerful that the soldiers fell to the ground. When Jesus said, "I AM He", Jesus said, "I AM God."

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." Jesus proves to be God. (John 10:30)

God, the Father, is the only God and creator, and Jesus is the only Son of God. Through His death on the cross, he is the only Savior of all mankind from being eternally lost.

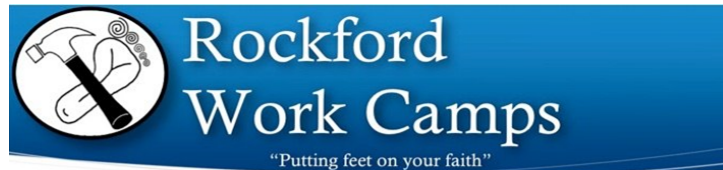
Jim Whitlock



We hope you have been having fun with the bible related activity page in the *Messenger* each month. We will continue our puzzles through the year. The answers to last month's puzzle from 1 Corinthians is below. This

month, we are featuring a puzzle with clues from Psalms. 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 September *Messenger*.

Answer key to June puzzle from 1 Corinthians



The Mission Team will be working this summer at the Rockford Work Camp through Rockford Urban Ministries.

SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24th, arrive at the church @ 7:45 am for Holy Communion
Depart for work camp office at 8:15 am

Tuesday, July 25th, arrival time to be announced

Wednesday is a day off

Thursday, July 27th, arrival time to be announced

Friday, July 28th, arrival time to be announced

As in the past, anyone can work as much or as little as their schedule allows. The cost per person will be \$25.00 a day (the mission team will absorb the rest of the cost per person)

Bring a sack lunch and beverage. Wear old clothes, bring work gloves, a hat, and sun screen. Each crew will have a cooler for beverages and a first aide kit.

At the end of each day, we will head home to clean up and return to church for dinner and devotions.

Let's all come out on Monday, July 24 at 7:45 am for Holy Communion and show our support for the Mission Team as they begin their week long mission.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
2 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  <i>Pastor Vickie begins vacation</i>	5 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group	6	7	8 9:00 am GA
9 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	10	11 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café	13 <i>Pastor Vickie Returns from vacation</i>	14	15 9:00 am GA
16 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	17	18 6:30 pm Boy Scouts <i>Secretary on Vacation. Church office closed.</i>	19 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group	20 7:00 pm Book Club @ Parsonage	21	22 9:00 am GA
23 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	24 7:45 am <i>Holy Communion & Mission Team Send-Off</i> <i>Mission Week</i>	25 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council <i>Church office re-opens</i>	26 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group <i>Mission Team Off Day</i>	27	28	29 9:00 am GA
30 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Trustee Meeting	31					

I will be on vacation from July 18–July 21 and we will not be having a temp this year. If you need administrative assistance, please see me by July 14 or see me when I return to the office on July 25.
Nancy Laurent/Office Administrator



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 11:15 am Pre-School Board Meeting	2	3	4	5 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
6 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>1-4 pm Krunfus Private Event</i>	7	8 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group	10	11	12 9:00 am GA
13 9:45 am Worship & Picnic in the Park <i>(Baumann Park Pavilion)</i>	14	15 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council	16 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café	17 <i>Venture Cycle Group Overnight</i>	18	19 9:00 am GA
20 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	21	22 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	23 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Book Club @ Parsonage	24	25	26 9:00 am GA <i>9:00 am—3:00 pm UM Foundation Stewardship Event</i>
27 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Trustee Meeting	28 <i>6:00 pm Creative Learners Parent Orientation</i>	29 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council	30 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group			

A reminder that the Youth Group will be collecting paper goods and other items during the summer to be used for the Paper Angel Project on September 16, 2017. This program supplies paper & personal items to the residents of Midvale Apartments. A complete list of items is available now in the church office or in the foyer of the church. Start collecting your items now.

Boy Scout Troop 181



During the first weekend of June our Order of the Arrow members had their Spring Fellowship at Canyon Camp. The primary purpose of OA is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service; many hands helped to prepare Camp for a whole summer of activities. The first regular troop meeting was dodgeball in Baumann Park. They made their own court in

the grass and played by the rules they established. The 2nd meeting of the month was kickball; scouts allowed everyone to play and became flexible on the rules so it was fun for all.

On Sunday, Fathers Day, some of our scouts spent some quality time with their dads picking up litter at the annual BMX Midwest National bicycle races.



The 3rd regular meeting of the month found us at the church making final preparations for summer camp. There's a lot to learn!

Finally, we will not have a 4th meeting in June! We're going to Camp Lowden for the entire last week of the month. This will be a highpoint of the year for many of our scouts. We have 36 youth and 8 adults planning on spending the week in the woods. We included a photo of robotics night ... what a great time that was. Thanks to the Flaming Monkeys of Belvidere.

On the first day of July, many of us will wake up at Camp. We'll come home and take a real shower, and stop stinking. On Monday, July 3, if you are driving on North Second Street past Symbol, you may observe an annual flag retirement ceremony.

Over 3100 flags were collected to be burned in this respectful ceremony in which some of our scouts will participate. The following day is Independence Day. Look for Troop 181 in the Cherry Valley Patriotic Parade.

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On July 11, we will enjoy a water night: water balloons, relay races, etc. Also, in July, we'll camp at Apple River Canyon State Park and travel over to the Alpine Slide at Chestnut Mountain. The next regular meeting will be paracord night (what will we be making ... I wonder!) [A few of our scouts and an adult will be headed for the National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia in late July.] The final meeting of July, we will play pickleball; it's a scaled-down version of tennis.

At the beginning of August, a few of our scouts will go to National Youth Leadership Training at Canyon Camp. They will return with new-found skills to share with the other Troop members. The rest of the Troop will join a number of residents of the Village at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. We encourage everyone to come into Cherry Valley for the kickball game and other festivities! On the first weekend of August, our Troop is charged with the clean-up of Festa Italiana on the campus of Boylan High School. The celebration is open to the public. Even you can attend! The second Troop meeting of August will be a potluck supper for our Troop families, followed by a Court of Honor and Information Night. We will play duct tape ball at our third meeting; this is modified, but based on the rules of baseball. The 4th meeting of the month will find us at the lake in Baumann Park...fishing. We plan to catch enough fish to feed every family in the Village. LOL We're going to camp at Chain-O-Lakes State Park in August also. Finally, we'll settle-in to the church with chess and checker boards for our last meeting. This will be new for some of our scouts.

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.

Flag Retirement Ceremony



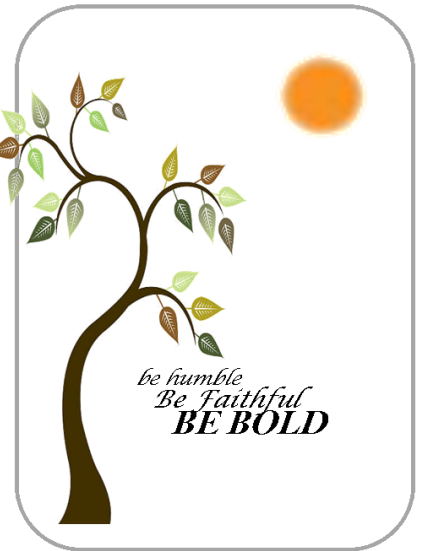
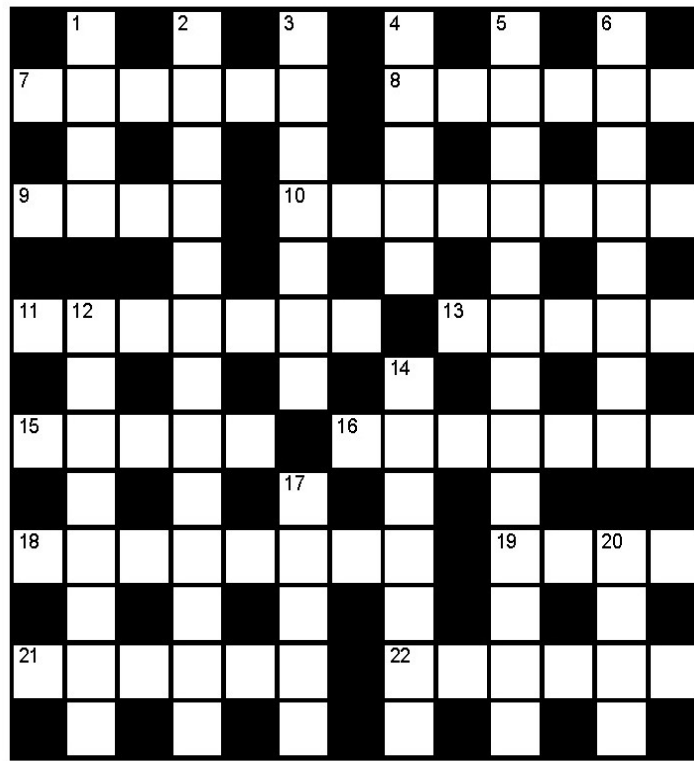
People for a Safer Rockford

Are you seeking a way to help reduce violence in Rockford? We are starting a chapter of *People for a Safer Society* in Rockford. *People for a Safer Society* is a nonprofit organization that aims to educate people on gun violence prevention and facilitate simple solutions that make a difference. *People for a Safer Society* was founded in early 2013, shortly after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting massacre. Our first meeting will be Saturday, August 26 at the Just Good's Store meeting room, 201 7th Street, Rockford. The founder, Denyse Stoneback will share with us what the organization does and how people can make a difference. Come listen and see if this is something you might be willing to join and/or support. With God's grace we grow together! Judy Long

Pet Peace of Mind®

The Northern Illinois Hospice Pet Peace of Mind® program is seeking volunteers for this program. The program is designed to give pet owners in hospice the peace of mind that their pets are being cared for by trained hospice volunteers and local pet care businesses. Northern Illinois Hospice Pet Peace of Mind® also works with a network of community humane groups and pet care businesses to find homes for pets when needed, giving patient peace of mind about their pet's future care and disposition. Contact Sheila O'Leary, at soleary@niha.org. For other volunteer opportunities within the Northern Illinois Hospice, call 815-398-0500 or visit the website at northernillinoishospice.org

Psalms



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)

Community Volunteer Opportunities



How can we help you?

The Patient Care Volunteers of Northern Illinois Hospice are caring people who are sensitive to what you are going through. They are men and women, young and old, with a variety of backgrounds. All have completed a 16 hour training course and are available to help with your needs.

We are available to help with patients by:

- Visiting & socializing at home or in a facility
- Reading
- Running errands
- Listening
- Preparing/assisting with meals
- Writing letters

We are also available to help caregivers by:

- Staying with your loved one so you can run errands, connect with friends, keep appointments, or just relax
- Helping with household tasks and pet care
- Assisting with child care
- Light housekeeping
- Cooking assistance

These are a few of the ways that volunteers can help you during this time. For information, or to request help, call Sheila O'Leary or Kris Kammerer in the volunteer program office at 815.398.0500. It is very helpful if you can call 48 hours before your need so they will have time to find the right volunteer for your request.

Justice for Our Neighbors Northern Illinois

A United Methodist Immigration Ministry

NIJFON Mission Statement

Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (NIJFON)'s mission is to offer free, high quality immigration legal services, engage in education and advocacy, and build cross cultural community.

NIJFON Vision Statement

Our vision is a world where immigrants, refugees, and other migrant populations are welcomed, supported, and able to live without fear.

The Rockford Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON) clinic is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at Court Street United Methodist Church, 215 N. Court St. Rockford, between 2-5PM. Clients are seen by appointment only by contacting the Central Scheduler at 773-609-4401. When making an appointment the client will be asked specific questions regarding their case and if they need child care and an interpreter.

Immigration is one of the most complex areas of the law. Immigrants need trained and authorized assistance to help as they complete paperwork, and many have difficulty finding reliable, high quality legal representation.

Volunteers make Justice For Our Neighbors possible. They are the first to welcome those seeking legal help. Some areas to volunteer are Hospitality, Intake, ChildCare, Translators, Greeters. Volunteers are trained by our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary English, and also by our attorney, Jenny Ansay. Visit www.nijfon.org for more information. You can also email Pam Herriott, co-coordinator of the Rockford clinic, pamh26@comcast.net.

Our congregation can help by praying for immigrants and just immigration laws, educating yourself about the rights of immigrants, and giving to Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors. Checks can be mailed to JFON, PO Box 68892, Schaumburg, IL 60168. Write Rockford on the memo line.



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

HELPING CHILDREN: Winnebago County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has served our community for 30 years. As a non profit, volunteer based organization, CASA's goal is to represent the children involved in Abuse and Neglect Court through volunteer advocacy, ensuring that the children's best interests are always represented. In order to do this, CASA trains volunteers to serve as the child's guardian ad litem, or guardian at law, and works with the Court, professional case workers, therapists, and families to find a safe, permanent home for each of our children.

Often through the foster care system, children are moved from home to home, changing schools and friends, each time they are moved. This is confusing and often chaotic for a child to adjust to. The role of the CASA is important for each child to have one person representing their best interests at all times.

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities or other ways you can help children involved in the Abuse/Neglect system, please call [815-319-6880](tel:815-319-6880) or visit www.winnebago-countycasa.org

CASA of Winnebago County will be visiting CVUMC on July 23.



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Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

Worship IN THE PARK August 13, 2017

In the event of rain,
 worship and picnic at
 the church.

Sunday Morning
 Worship & Picnic
 at the Pavilion in
 Baumann Park

*Bring a lawn chair
 and table service.*

*Worship: 9:45 a.m.
 Picnic to follow*

Chicken, coffee and bottled water will be
 provided by the Worship Committee.



Remember...The pavilion...not the gazebo





GROWING through
 GOD's Blessings

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