

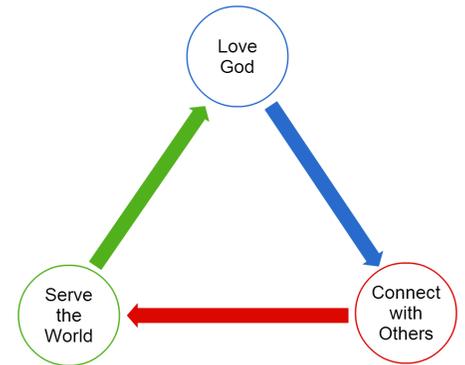
THE MESSENGER

April 2018

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.



Jesus said to her, "Woman why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:15-16 NRSV

On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we begin the season of Easter. That's right, Easter is more than one Sunday a year. It is a season in the Christian church that stretches from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday (six or seven weeks depending on the year). For this Season of Easter, I will be preaching a lectionary based sermon series that calls into question the typical order of entry into faith which has been believe, behave, belong.

In the 50's and 60's, the heyday of organized religion in the United States, this was the pattern almost everyone followed, or at least we appeared to. When we think about what makes a person a Christian, we often start with belief. Someone confesses faith in Jesus, then learns what is expected of his or her behavior as a Christian, and finally the person finds belonging in a community with other Christians.

This pattern—believe, behave, belong—has been the method for bringing together Christian community for a long time. It was an effective method for accepting and integrating people into community. But when we examine how Jesus worked, how he transformed confused or dubious individuals into disciples, we see that Jesus didn't follow this way. In addition, as we look around we realize that this pattern does not work in the current climate found in the US Christian church.

Beginning Easter morning, and throughout the Season of Easter, I will explore the ways in which Christ lived out a gospel of homecoming and modeled the primary need for and power of belonging, even before we know what exactly we believe or how we are to behave. This is Good News for all of us because we need not look any farther than the disciples in the resurrection story to see the difficulty with expecting belief first. Words like frightened, confused, and upset describe the very people who should have had their beliefs all figured out. After all, Jesus predicted what would happen and it did!

So, join us on Sunday mornings as we explore Jesus' way of bringing us into relationship with him—Belong, Behave, Believe.

Jesus is risen! Alleluia!! May our lives reflect this joyous news!

Pastor Vickie

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Sharing God's Bounty—April

The End of the Story?

The six-week season of Lent draws to a close. We have heard our Savior's prayer for himself, his disciples, and all of us (John 17). We have been distressed by the disciples' betrayal (Mark 14:50). We have been horrified by the treatment Jesus, an innocent man, received at the hands of his own people and the Roman governor and his soldiers. Our minds have heard the cries, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" (Luke 23:21). Up the hill to Calvary we have trudged with the King of Kings where he was placed on a cross like any criminal, where he spoke words of compassion for others and asked for forgiveness for his enemies, where he died for our sins. We have sat, dejected, like his followers of old – but not quite, for we have an advantage. We know how the story ends!

It ends with Easter! Yet it is not an ending but a beginning! We race to the tomb with Peter and John (John 20:3-9) and rejoice that "He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). Like the women who were the first to learn of this most miraculous, most marvelous, most salutary event, we run to tell others. We want to share this Good News. We know it's hard to believe. Like Paul says, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). And lives for us! "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked Martha, and with her we confidently answer, "I believe that [he] is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world" (John 11:24-27).

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58).

The attitude of Christian Stewardship recognizes that one's own special talents were given by God. These skills could have been given to someone also. But they were given to you to use for God's purpose. The same attitude of stewardship recognizes time as a loan made by God to his children. Manage time well.

April 1, 2018



The UMM will serve a light breakfast between the Easter Sunrise service & Easter Morning service.

We will be serving egg casserole, fruit, rolls and coffee/milk/juice.

Hope to see you there!



Members & Friends

Lyons Meyers
Marlene Meyers

Military Personnel

Matt Benson
Sean Conderman
Ramon Duarte
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide
Mike Oldham

Those Who Mourn

David, friend of Pastor Vickie
Craig Sterkeson 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

Dear Pastor Hadaway and Congregation,

We truly appreciate your donation of 105 pounds of food, which will help feed the approximately 6,500 people who visit the Pantry each month. Our volunteers sort through each donation and stack the food on the protein, grain, fruit, or vegetable shelves in our Choice room. Based on family size, our neighbors can choose enough nutritious groceries to last up to four days.

By allowing those in need to select their own items instead of receiving pre-packaged bags, they take only the food that they know they will eat and leave the rest for others, which eliminates waste and saves money. This system also upholds people's dignity and allows them to feel like they're shopping instead of being given a handout.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping those at risk of hunger!

Sincerely,

Kim Adams-Bakke, Executive Director

New Member Sunday



Pastor Hadaway will be holding a new member class on Sunday, April 15 in the Sunday School room. She will provide lunch for the group and then will spend approximately one and one-half hour to discuss joining Cherry Valley

UMC. Any person who wishes to join the church should speak with Pastor Hadaway and attend this session. If you know of any person who is coming to church, but is not a member, please let Pastor Vickie know so that she can contact them. We will celebrate new membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.



Our Missionary in Tanzania



Young Seon (Christina) Kim continues her mission to help bring secondary education to the people of Tanzania with the construction of The Global Mission Secondary School. Completing secondary education has been shown to strongly benefit an individual's health, employment, and earnings throughout their lives.

There has been a set back in the ground breaking and the school construction has not yet begun. A revision to the master plan was required, so ground breaking will now take place in June.

There are 3 prayer requests: 1.) Please pray for the revision. 2.) Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in choosing the right construction company to work with. 3.) Pray that God will help get the \$80,000 in 2018 to meet the total budget of \$350,000. If all goes well, the construction should start in July 2018.

DONATIONS:

You may send a check to:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

With the advance number on the memo line

Advance # 3022281

Contact information for Young Seon Kim

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Kakaotalk: yskim1470

To read Young Seon's (Christina's) profile, use the link below.

<http://www.umcmision.org/explore-our-work/missionaries-in-service/missionary-profiles/Kim-YoungSeon>

Mission Team

The Mission Team will be going to Rosebud, SD in July. We will again be partnering with Wesley UMC from Stockton. We will travel there to meet up with them, leaving from CVUMC on Saturday, July 21 at 6:00 am.

Our next fundraiser will be a car wash on June 2nd. If we need to have another fundraiser, we will add as needed.

Thank you for your support of the Mission Team. We couldn't do it without you.

Pastor Vickie's Schedule

(Unless otherwise noted, Friday will be my day off.)

Monday, April 2 9 to 4

Friday, April 6 9 to 1

Monday, April 9 9 to 4

Monday, April 16 9 to 4

Wednesday, April 18 9 to 4

Saturday, April 21 Clean-up day

Monday, April 23 9 to 4

Wednesday, April 25 Off

Monday, April 30 9 to 4

**If you need me, please call
my cell: (708) 494-1877**

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Methodist Women

The Women's Group met on Sunday, March 11th following worship. We are striving to find how best this group can serve. We realize that our work for the Lord is never done, but that sometimes our roles must change. We are planning to help Jenny with her recital on May 19th. Our role is not yet defined. We so appreciate Jenny on Sunday mornings! To show our appreciation, I encourage the congregation to support her and her students as they perform.

Our next meeting will be on April 8th following worship. All women of the church are invited to join us. We welcome new voices in our discussion and encourage new ideas to be brought forward.

Striving to serve, Donna Layng



Music Recital

Studio 3 will be presenting "Recital 2018" at Cherry Valley Methodist Church on Saturday, May 19th at 11a.m. Students range in age from 5 years old to 84 years old. The recital will take place in 2 parts. The first part will be a formal, classical performance on a grand piano in the main sanctuary. Students will perform their second contemporary or original composition in the fellowship hall while the audience shares a catered meal from Salamone's. There will be music and laughter and maybe even some dancing.

Tickets will be available online at www.studio3today.com or directly from

Jenny beginning in April 1. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for kids.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

- 7 Gary & Carol Conderman
- 20 Ronn & Leta Gordon
- 25 John & Sandra Schwartz
- 28 Mark & Holly Snyder

Birthdays

- 11 Doris DeVries
- 2 Kayte Kloss
- 5 Mike Seno
- 6 Sandra Baxter
- Mary Bowling
- 7 Nancy John
- 10 Lorraine Robbins
- 14 Dawn Hollembeak
- 18 Ronn Gordon, Jr.
- 20 Leta Gordon
- 26 Patricia Irps
- Rebecca Lemus
- 27 Scott Layng
- 29 Jennifer Gordon
- David Ward



Harmony for Hunger

2018 10th Annual Concert

TRIUMPHANT

April 27, 2018
6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Alleluia Quartet

Featuring

Hononegah High School Performing Arts Center

307 Salem Street, Rockton, IL 61072

Proceeds to Benefit Food Pantries

Ticket Price: \$10.00
Reserved Seating

For advanced ticket purchases and concert information call
815-231-2718

www.harmonyforhunger.org

UMM Harmony for Hunger Concert

We have 20 tickets, \$10 donation each, for the Harmony for Hunger concert featuring Triumphant Quartet and Alleluia Quartet. If you have never attended the concert you have missed out. This is a nice evening and very good gospel music. A freewill offering is taken during the concert and all proceeds go to the area food pantries to care for those in need. The concert will be Friday April 27, 2018, 6:30-9:00 pm at Hononegah High School Performing Arts Center, 307 Salem Street, Rockton, IL 61072. If you are interested in ticket please contact Dave Ward at 815-332-4846 or cell 815-262-2527.

See Dave Ward for more information.



Imagine what God could do through you.

April Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday April 1	Sunday April 8	Sunday April 15	Sunday April 22	Sunday April 29
Liturgist	Keith Burritt	Sue Layng	Charlie Schnuckel	Hannah Flood	Andrew Schwartz
Greeter Team	Ann Harned Charlie Schnuckel	Grace Harter Kathleen Sundberg	Mike Seno Judy Krunfus	Mandy Kloepfer Sandra Baxter	Jim & Pat Newell
Usher	Youth Group	Dave Ward	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt	Chris Flood
Children's Message	Sue Wilt	Carolyn Kloss	Deb Seno	Pastor Vickie Hadaway	Hannah Flood
Media	Matt Gross	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Sol Keip	Tjaden Keip
Fellowship	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women	Youth Group

Items for the May Messenger are due to the secretary by April 15.

Spiritual Insight

I Corinthians 13:1-8

Paul speaks in Chapter 13 of love and building up the church. Paul says that even if he could speak with the tongues of men and angels,...and have the gift of prophecy, understand all mysteries and all knowledge and have all faith to move mountains-- and have not love-- it is in vain.

Paul tells the characteristics of love.

Verse 4: Love suffers long and is kind. Love envies not, love wants not itself, it is not a braggart, is not puffed up. Love does not behave unseemly. Love thinks of others, not of self. Love is not easily provoked, does not become bitter. Love does not rejoice in iniquity, does not gossip or tell rumors. Love bears all things, believes all things, and hopes all things. Love keeps believing for the best and endures all things, puts up with all things.

Verse 8: Love never fails...but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail. Whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish.

This verse refers to the times after Christ returns and after the resurrection of the Saints of God when the gifts of the Spirit are no longer needed.

Love will always remain because God is love.

Jim Whitlock

Rockford District Spring Lay Academy



The Rockford District is holding a training session on Saturday & Sunday, April 14 & 15. The 14th will start at 7:30 am to 4:45 pm and on Sunday April 15, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. This course is designed to for those who are interested in becoming a certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker. For more information about this program,

contact Leslie Stanford at 815-713-7786 or email jptmom8@gmail.com. Please speak with Pastor Hadaway if you are interested in this program.

Church Clean Up Day

The Trustees are planning a "Church Work and Clean-up" day on Saturday April 21st.



We have work inside and outside the church and many hands make the work load lighter. We have storage areas that need cleaning up, some painting, window repair, kitchen cleaning, outside weeding in flower bed, stump removal, etc.

It is hard to say how long it will take, but we would like to start at 8:00 a.m. and we will work as long as it takes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR: Bleacher Removal Project
Darlington High School
Darlington, WI.
11838 Center Hill Rd. 53530

WHAT:

Midwest Mission Distribution Center will be removing bleachers and the metal framework at the school. As a result of this very generous donation, The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is asking for volunteers. There are many facets to the process for individuals to volunteer.

- Bleacher Removal: individuals involved must be capable of lifting to load the wood and scrap the metal.
- Clerical Assistance: individuals will help to keep track of volunteers on site and the hours worked.
- Refreshment Coordinator: individuals to take charge of drinks, snacks and first aid.

WHEN:

The schedule with the approximate hours are as follows:

- Saturday May 26 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be unloading tools, equipment and supplies and covering one side of the gym floor.
- Sunday May 27 Flexible hours since it is Sunday, however we will not turn away help.
- Monday May 28 Memorial Day but again if you are available, we will be too.
- Tuesday May 29 7a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wed. May 30 7a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thurs. May 31 7 a.m. to complete

Note that dates could be shortened if work gets completed sooner than expected.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Volunteers please contact: Brad Walton, Operations Manager at MMDC. brad@midwestmission.org but cc Tonya Hill Operations Coordinator at MMDC. tonya@midwestmission.org
Committed to Volunteers will receive a liability form that we are required to be completed before beginning to work. Working SAFE is our top priority!!

Feel free to forward this information to any connections you may have that may be willing to help.

There is ONE point of contact Brad Walton, Operations Manager at MMDC. brad@midwestmission.org but cc Tonya Hill Operations Coordinator at MMDC. tonya@midwestmission.org

Please DO NOT contact the school.

Washington D.C. Rally



Pastor Vickie will be attending this event

A bus sponsored by the Northern Illinois Pan Methodists is going to an anti-racism rally at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The event is to mark 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Seats are available for \$175. The cost will include the bus ride, a sack lunch, water and a t-shirt. The bus will leave LaGrange, IL late afternoon on April 3. The bus will travel through the night and arrive in DC early morning of April 4.

There will be an Interfaith Service and rally on the Mall. Afterwards, the bus will be boarded for the return trip and will travel through the night to arrive home on April 5.

To register go to the website:

<http://www.illinoisconferenceofchurches.org/>

Rock River Valley Food Pantry



Feeding Rockford One Meal At A Time

Thank you for your continued support of the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. The pantry currently serves approximately 6,800 clients per month. You can help by bringing your non-perishable foods and placing them in the basket located in the foyer of the church.

CURRENT NEEDS LIST

Canned Fruit	Applesauce	100% Juice
Canned Vegetables	Pasta and Rice	Cereal
Peanut Butter	Tuna	Soup

PEANUT BUTTER RALLY

We will be collecting peanut butter during the month of April for the Rock River Valley Food Pantry Summer Lunch Program. The program is designed to feed the kids that would normally receive subsidized lunches at school. Without this program, those kids would go hungry during the summer. The barrel will be in the entryway to the church through the month of April.

PEANUT BUTTER ENDOWMENT

The Rock River Food Pantry also has a Peanut Butter Endowment program in which charitable contributions of property, assets or funds are placed. Endowments are created for non-profit organizations in support of a specific goal. The Peanut Butter Endowment was created to purchase food to distribute to our clients. Join in this valuable cause by making a one-time or recurring donation. You may go to the web site at <http://www.rrvp.org/peanut-butter-endowment/> and view the brochure outlining the program and you can donate on line.

Creative Learners II Preschool

If you or someone you know has a preschooler who would like to experience creative, hands on learning that prepares the child for a successful kindergarten experience, please call 815-332-9653 for more information or to schedule a visit. We are currently registering for the 2018-19 school year. Visit us on the web at: creativelearnersii.org or on Facebook.

Joyfully Teaching, Carol Palmer



Boy Scout Troop 181



Five new scouts joined our Troop from Pack 141 and Pack 177 in late February. Our first meeting of March was a New Scout Orientation, one level for the boys, and another level for their parents. That same evening, our scouts voted for their peers to be members of the

Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society of campers. The scouts were not given the results, however, they will be *called-out* at Tesomas summer camp in July. Exciting!

The second meeting of the month was a swim night at East High School. They all got wet! We did swim tests to qualify scouts into three areas of the pool for maximum safety.

The third meeting includes Troop elections. The leadership of the boys will change; new scouts will begin new opportunities with leadership experiences. Scouting trains leadership in youth!



We spent a weekend called *Camp Lowden Advancement Weekend*. We were cabin-camping and concentrated on rank requirements for younger scouts to learn and older scouts to teach. The final Tuesday of March was a family night including a Court of Honor. Scouts (and

a few adults) will be recognized for their accomplishments.

The first Tuesday of April is another Swim Night. "Did you know that water can be enjoyed even if you're not drinking it?" We have robotics planned for the second Tuesday of April. This is another STEM opportunity that is fun.

The third Tuesday will find us outside the church again; we're going bowling at the Cherry Bowl (They offer a great opportunity for scouts.) We include all family members, experienced and beginners. Scouts may bring other friends too. Then comes swimming again. Our final activity of the month will be a campout to the US Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, IL. Approximately 4000 scouts and leaders will converge on the town for the last weekend in April. Great fun and fellowship!



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.

BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL

U.S. GRANT PILGRIMAGE

Galena, Illinois

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 am Easter Sunrise @ Baumann Park Gazebo 8:00 am Breakfast & Fellowship 8:45 am Kids Sunday School 9:45 am Worship	2 	3 12 Noon Pre-School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Opera Group	4 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Choir	5 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	6 Boy Scout overnight	7 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous 5:00 pm
8 8:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Methodist Women	9 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	10 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Opera Group	11 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	12 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	13	14 9:00 am GA
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22 8:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	23 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	24 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm Opera Group	25 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	26 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	27	28 9:00 am GA
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Messenger items are due to the secretary on the 15th of each month.

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Easter Breakfast

The UMM will serve a light breakfast between the Easter Sunrise service & Easter Morning service. We will be serving egg casserole, fruit, rolls and coffee/milk/juice.

Hope to see you there!

He is Risen




Sunday School @ 8:45 am 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