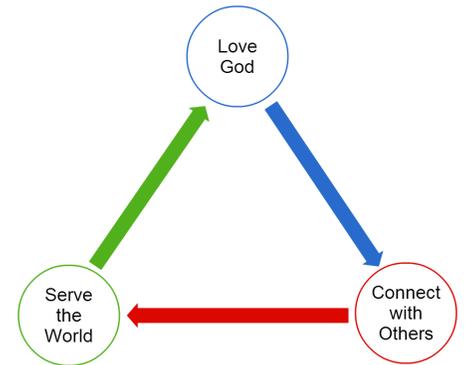


THE MESSENGER

May 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.*

Dear Ones in Christ,

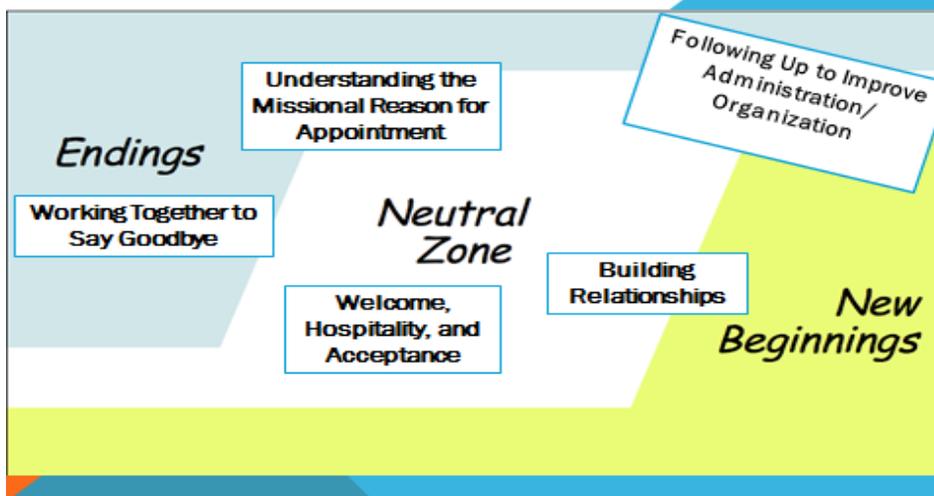
It was announced in worship on April 15th that I have been appointed to Algonquin and Central UMC's in Sault St. Marie, MI. This full-time, cross-conference, appointment is an unexpected gift! You may not know this, but I made the decision to move to Michigan without an appointment trusting that some type of ministry would materialize. My primary goal was to return to Michigan to be near my family. So, you can imagine how humbled I am by God's affirmation that ministry continues for me in these two local churches. Thank you all so much for your understanding and support as I have navigated this pull on my heart to return home to Petoskey, Michigan. Sault St. Marie is only 75 miles from Petoskey.

It is May, and we are in the last two months of our time together. Most of you are seasoned United Methodists so you are familiar with the pastoral transition. However, we can always improve on how we do this (as I explored with Staff Parish Relations Committee earlier this month). In that spirit, I will be sharing information from Northern Illinois Conference transition materials this month and in June. *Please note: My comments are in red.*

THE TRANSITION...So a change is going to happen in the church and in a pastor's life. We must remember though, that "change does not equal transition"! Making a healthy transition for both a church and a pastor (and perhaps family) takes intentional work by all involved. Change is immediate. Transitions take a process.

William Bridges' Transition Model is below. In it Bridges identifies three stages of a transition – endings, neutral, and beginnings. He also identifies five criteria that are crucial parts to the process of transition. *Criteria number one and two are below.*

WILLIAM BRIDGES' TRANSITION MODEL & THE CRITERIA FOR A SUCCESSFUL PASTOR TRANSITION



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Pastor Mark Harkness

Bishop Sally Dyck and the Northern Illinois Cabinet are pleased to appoint Rev. Mark Harkness to Cherry Valley UMC effective July 1 for the following missional reasons:

- Deep spirituality and passion for the Gospel
- Experience in Walk to Emmaus
- Willing to reach out into the community
- Commitment to working with children and youth



Personal

Mark grew up in the Peoria-area and is married to Susan. Mark decided that he was a Methodist when attending Sunday School at his grandmother's church in fifth grade, when a Sunday School teacher (instead of scolding him) encouraged him after he asked a

challenging question, saying "That's how faith grows." Mark graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. He attended Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity degree in 1999. Prior to entering the ordained ministry, Mark worked with persons with intellectual disabilities at Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Mark enjoys wood working, hiking, camping, backpacking, hunting and fishing.

Ministry

Mark has been ordained since 2003. He has served at Bethany of Fox Valley (as associate pastor); at Carroll; at Kaneville; and currently at Walnut. He has worked to empower laity through "apprenticeships" into committee and ministry leaders. Two of the congregations he has served began serving community meals as an outreach. He has continued his work with youth in all of those congregations, including leading week-long mission trips. Mark is active in Northern Illinois Emmaus. Also, he and Susan strongly support scouting ministries. As a former Boy Scout, Mark has a commitment to work with scouts to receive their religious emblem award. Mark is a member of ICER (Illinois Christians Encountering Racism), the anti-racism team for the Illinois Conference of Churches. He also currently serves on the Northern Illinois Conference Committee on Accessibility Ministries and has served as a lead recording secretary at Annual Conference.

Ministry Values

The primary purpose of the Church is to extend the saving/healing grace of Jesus Christ to each and every person in the world. He believes that the primary purpose of worship is to praise God and that the worship service should strive to enable each person regardless of age or status to offer their praise. He encourages all members to involve themselves in ministry. A part of his prayer life includes praying regularly for each member of his congregation by name.

Service in the Community

Mark believes that his ministry does not stop within the church doors or official church programs. He seeks to connect with and serve community programs in the region of the church to which he is appointed.

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Criteria #1: Working Together to Say Goodbye

Begin praying daily for your pastor and family, thanking God for the ways her ministry has been important in your life. In the same way, begin praying daily for your new incoming pastor, for the changes he will be going through.

Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor and for yourself. Being honest about your feelings enables you to let them go and not carry them over into your relationship with the new pastor. It might take time, and that is ok. Remember this is a transition, not a switch you can turn on and off.

Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor's last Sunday and another pastor's first Sunday. My last Sunday will be June 17th. I anticipate moving out of the parsonage on the 18th or 19th of June. These plans are being finalized as I coordinate with the movers and the new congregation (and pastor) in Sault St. Marie.

Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off. On the last Sunday that your congregation will be with your present pastor plan "An Order of Farewell" worship service recognizing the gifts, opportunities and work that have been accomplished in her ministry. Information about this will be forth coming.

Please refrain from inviting the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptism. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with her new church and it helps your new pastor build pastoral relationships right away. Since I'll be out of the area I trust this will not be an issue.

Criteria #2:

Understanding the Missional Reasons for the Appointment

Missional reasons, along with other introductory material, should be printed and shared through the bulletin, newsletter and other forms of church communication. Check out Rev. Harkness' bio in this newsletter. If you have more questions about this speak to LaVern Neff or Scott Layng.

As we begin the process of saying goodbye, I welcome calls and opportunities to say a personal goodbye. Just give me a call and we will arrange a time to meet. (708) 494-1877.

God bless you one and all,

Pastor Vickie

New Members



On Sunday, May 20, we will welcome 5 new members into our church family. They are:

Chris Flood, Colleen O'Kane, Sally Lawton, David Mills and Jan Mills.

In next month's *Messenger*, we will feature a brief introduction about them and their interest so that you may know them better.

We welcome them warmly and ask God's blessings for them.



New Members Are Joining



Military Personnel

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

Those Who Mourn

Mark Bedker Family
 Leigh Sterrenberg Family

Members & Friends

Barb Anderson
 Lyons Meyers
 Marlene Meyers
 Lela Lameyer
 Jim & Barb Whitlock

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.



On April 8, Linnea Peterson & Sydney Schwartz received new Bibles. Both parents reported that these young Christians are reading to family members and enjoying this inspiring gift!



Sunday, May 20th



Pastor Vickie's Schedule

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

Monday, April 30.....9 to 4
 Wednesday, May 2.....9 to 4
 Saturday, May 5.....9 to 1
 Monday, May 7.....9 to 4
 Wednesday, May 9.....9 to 4
 Saturday, May 12.....9 to 1
 Monday, May 14.....9 to 4
 Wednesday, May 16.....9 to 4
 Monday, May 21.....9 to 4
 Wednesday, May 23.....9 to 4
 Saturday, May 26.....9 to 1



Vacation May 28 to May 31

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

"You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover is yourself."

-Alan Alda

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. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for kids.

Methodist Women

The Methodist Women meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month following worship. All women of the church are welcome to join us. Our last meeting was on April 8 when we covered a variety of subjects.

First, we decided upon our annual "evening out." On Tuesday, May 15, we will be dining at the Machine Shed, 7475 E. State Street, Rockford, at 6:00 pm. All women of the church are invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food. Please R.S.V.P. to Pat Newell at 815-395-1519, Donna Layng, at 815-544-8482, or the church office at 815-332-5075 if you are planning to attend the event.

Secondly, we discussed our involvement in Jenny's Studio 3 recital that will be held at the church on May 21. We will set up and serve the catered meal.

Thirdly, we will be working with others as we welcome new members into the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

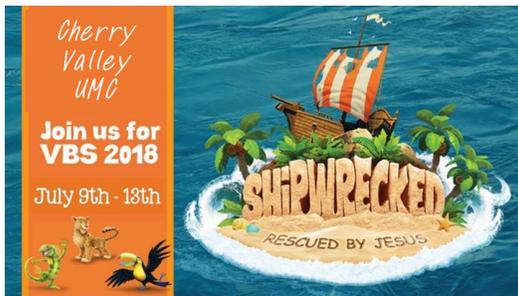
Striving to Serve, Donna Layng



It will soon be that time of the year.....Summer.....and with summer comes Vacation Bible School! Our VBS Coordinator, Deb Gross, facilitated a planning meeting in April. We have some volunteers but we still need more helpers! If you are 13 years of age and older, and would like to get involved in VBS, please contact Deb. (Contact information is listed below.)

The dates for VBS is July 9th through the 13th, in the evening. The exact time to be announced.

Since our theme is "Shipwrecked," we would like to have a treasure chest as a prop. If anyone has a treasure chest, or a chest that could pass as a treasure chest, and you are willing to loan it to the VBS team for the week of 7/9 to 7/13, please call Deb, 815-544-4026 or email her at warren.gross@comcast.net



Imagine what God could do through you.

Anniversaries

- 21 Jim & Mary Coulter
- 26 Herman & Judy Krunfus



Birthdays

- 1 Pat Gorsuch
- Trudy Hunt
- 4 Ryan Gordon, Jr.
- 12 Jeff Sundberg
- 13 Judy Gough
- 16 Kyle Ward
- 18 Dawn Lester
- 25 Kelley D. Ellison
- 29 Gwen Flood
- 31 Bill Fisher
- Vickie Hadaway

Opportunities for Sharing Our Resources

Rockford Promise: On May 20, we will take an offering for our second year of participation in Rockford Promise. Along with other churches in the Rockford area, this program helps to award full tuition scholarships to high-potential, low income 2018 graduates of the Rockford Public Schools.

The Bishop's Appeal: June 3-5 is the 2018 Annual Conference and the Bishop has asked that the churches bring an offering to help families affected by the Global Migration Crisis. 75% will go towards the Global Migration Advance for international assistance to refugees and migrants. 25% will stay in Northern Illinois to support organizations like Refugee One and World Relief that work with local migrants and refugee families. Watch for more information in the coming weeks about the Bishops Appeal.

Checks for these should be made to Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

May Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday May 6	Sunday May 13	Sunday May 20	Sunday May 27
<i>Liturgist</i>	Roni Layng	Warren Gross	Zane Clevenger	Sue Layng
<i>Greeter Team</i>	Mary Wilson Judy Krunfus	Jane Neff LaVern Neff	Ann Harned Charlie Schnuckel	Sandra Baxter Kathleen Sundberg
<i>Usher</i>	Dave Ward	Warren Gross	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt
<i>Children's Message</i>	Terri Burritt	Juanita Barnes	Dan Holmes	Scott Layng
<i>Media</i>	Matt Gross	Matt Gross	Andrew Schwartz	Sol Keip
<i>Fellowship</i>	Choir	No Fellowship/Mother's Day	Mission Team	Methodist Women

Messenger items are due to the secretary on the 15th of each month.

2018 Graduates

Graduation is an emotional time. It is the ending of one phase of life and the beginning of another. It is a time of celebration of achievement and of looking ahead to the future. As these young people go into the future, we wish them the best of luck!



Zane Clevenger

Zane will be graduating from Auburn High School. He plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago. He will be studying marketing, economics and psychology.

Hannah Flood

Hannah is graduating from East High School and also graduating at the same time from RockValley College with her Associates in Science degree. She was one in a small group of Rockford high school students that tested into Rock Valley's Running Start program, where she has been attending since the beginning of 11th grade. She plans on attending Rock Valley College for one more semester and then will be attending St. Anthony's School of Nursing in the spring.



Nathan Schwartz

Nathan is graduating from Jefferson high school. He has spent the last year in school working at five different jobs to gain experience in the work force. His teachers are very sad to see him leaving as they have really formed a bond with him. They have all expressed what a great student he has been and a great employee he will make.

After High School Nathan plans to continue Special Olympics on a new "Adult" team, continue in Venturing Scouts, participate in his social group activities, volunteering at the food bank and in the fall find a job he can do one or two days a week. He is very excited to graduate after 21 years of school.

Brandon Seno

Brandon is graduating from University of Wisconsin Platteville with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Brandon will be moving to Wisconsin in June of 2018 to begin his new job in his chosen career field.



Church Clean-Up Day/Thank You/Trustees

April 21, 2018

Purchase a Plant?

As we just celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd, Pastor Vickie thought some of you might want to help pay for these new additions to our already beautiful church grounds. One arborvitae is \$22. The dogwood tree is \$140. If this is something you would like to do, please get in touch with Janet Davis (630) 715-8534.



Thank You & Church Clean-Up Day

The Trustees wish to thank everyone (22 people!) who came and helped on our church clean-up day. Dave's check list was pretty long, but we accomplished most (if not everything on it). The roots of the prickly bushes that were in the front flower beds of the church were removed. Twelve (12) Golden Globe arborvitae shrubs were purchased to go into the empty spaces. Sadly, the Easter tree died last year, and it was also removed. Janet chose a dogwood tree, which will look beautiful in its' spot next to the small parking lot driveway.



save the date

June 10, 2018 (after worship)
Celebrate our time with Pastor Vickie
More information to follow

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 collecting peanut butter during the month of April for the Rock River Valley Food Pantry Summer Lunch Program. Thank you all so much for your donations. We collected almost a full barrel! 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.

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

He's got
the whole
world in
His hands



The preschoolers learned "It's Love That Makes the World Go Round" and are thankful that "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!" During "W" week they sang these two songs and made picture of water-

color worlds with their handprints, representing God's hands, holding them.

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo they also were taught "It's a Small World After All" in Spanish. The world isn't such a big place when seen through their eyes!



It's been a wonderful year and the MWF class (4 and 5 year olds) will present their last program and the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 23rd at 11:00 am. The T/TH class (3 and 4 year olds) will hold their program on Tuesday, May 22nd at 11:15 am.

There are still openings in both classes for fall. If you would like more information about our preschool or would like to schedule a visit please call 815-332-9653. You can also visit our website: creativelearnersii.org and find us on Facebook.

Boy Scout Troop 181



The first and fourth Tuesdays of April were Swim Nights. Jefferson High School has been our host location. Our scouts and adults have been tested for swimming abilities, then buddy-up in different areas of the pool. Many of the scouts are enjoying the fun of aquatics, while a few others are working to further their swimming abilities in ranks, Swimming Merit Badge, or Life Saving Merit Badge. Some of the scouts bring their families to McDonald's afterwards for some socialization and food.

Our second meeting included a fun night based around healthy activities (many of the scouts played ping pong in the fellowship hall). In the future, they will do some more activities and eat healthy snacks. 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. Our final activity of the month will be a campout to the US Grant Pilgrimage, *Honoring Our Veterans*, in Galena, Illinois. Approximately 4000 scouts and leaders will converge on the town for the last weekend in April. Great fun and fellowship there!



May is a great month for scouting. We're thinking about camping; the first meeting will involve some preparation for summer camp. We're going to spend a week near Rhinelander, WI, where *Camping is King*. This will be an exciting time for all of our scouts, but especially our newest guys; a week away from home for the first time. At this point, we have 34 boys signed-up to go (a week at a boy scout camp; one of the safest places a boy can find a certain amount of freedoms), as well as 13 adults (we have to keep track of them too); do you think they are excited as well? Our weekend outing for May will be a trip to Chicago. We're discussing museums. We hope to stay at the US Army National Guard Armory on Calumet Avenue in Chicago.

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 Scouting

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.

DONATIONS:

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Opera Group	2 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Choir	3 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	4	5 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
6 8:00 am UMM @ CV Caf� 8:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	7 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	8 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Opera Group	9 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	10 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	11	12 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
13 8:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am Worship No Fellowship <i>(Take Mom to Lunch)</i> Mother's Day 	14 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	15 6:00 pm Methodist Women @ Machine Shed Restaurant 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Newsletter items due	16 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Caf� 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 pm Choir	17 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	18	19 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous 11:00 am Studio 3 Piano Recital and Luncheon
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"No man leaves before his time....unless the boss leaves early." - Groucho Marx

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Mother



Her children
rise up and
call her
blessed.

Proverbs
31:28

Happy Mother's Day



 GROWING through
GOD's Blessings

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