

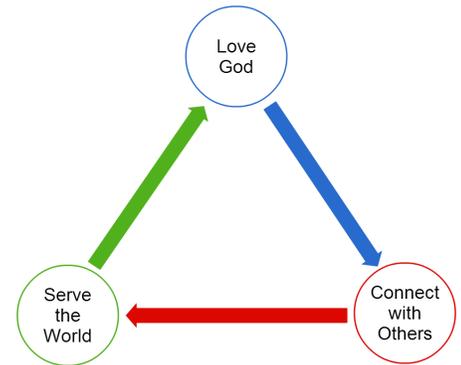
THE MESSENGER

August 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.



⁷Two things I ask of you;
do not deny them to me before I die:

⁸Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that I need,

⁹or I shall be full, and deny you,
and say, "Who is the Lord?"
or I shall be poor, and steal,
and profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7-9

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

How much is enough? When is "enough" too much? When does it get in the way?

One of the features of The United Methodist Church is our itinerant ministry. That is we pastors go where we are sent, knowing that we will "go" again. When we do we take/bring our stuff. As Susan and I have been unpacking, I've already made three trips to the Goodwill Donation Center and have overfilled the garbage can each week. What I'm realizing is that there are/were things that I've held on to for far too long past their usefulness. Some things, I've intended to get around to, but realistically never will. Therein lies the trap.

Those things get in the way of getting to things that I really do need. Those things aren't available to someone who could really use them. Those things take up space that would better be used for more important things. The last case has a particular irony.

The irony is that I end up deprived of the useful, because I'm too bound by the unutilized. My own pastor introduced me to the proverb above a little over twenty-five years ago. I had just told her how good things were going. Although I was paying child support and student loans – and although my car was twelve years old – I had finally achieved tithing and I was able to pay bills as soon as they arrived in the mail, rather than waiting for payday or playing musical checks. I said, "I have enough." Since then, this proverb has helped me to keep things in perspective.

A realistic evaluation of "enough" allows us to live joyfully in God's grace beyond any financial or material concerns. It changes our perspective so that wealth is not abhorrent, when it is used to glorify God rather than as an ego boost. It reminds us that we have a duty to assure that each person's needs in order to remove that temptation that would profane the name of God. A realistic evaluation of "enough" calls us to remember that God's grace is sufficient, and that we are called to share the abundance of his grace.

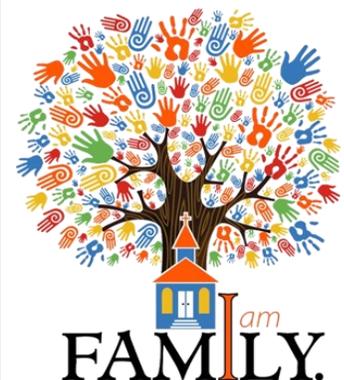
Churches must be willing to share the resources with which we have been blessed with those in need in our community and around the world. But we also have a greater treasure to share which is the hope that comes with belonging to Jesus Christ.

We have been blessed by an abundance of grace. My hope in the coming weeks, months, and years is that we will not only continue to share that grace, but that together we will look for new places to pass on the grace we have received in this little part of the world called Cherry Valley as we claim our place in building the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Your Brother in Christ,

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VBS

One word to describe this year's Vacation Bible School is "AWESOME"! One might think that it wasn't so great because we only had 8 kids throughout the week, but I'd like to paint you a very different picture.

First, hopefully you got a chance to see the phenomenal props and decorations to make the "Shipwrecked" theme come to life and make it special for the kids. I think everyone would agree, we felt like we were on a deserted tropical island and it made a big hit with the kids.

Second, the hard work, passion and dedication this crew had was amazing to witness. Not only did they do a fantastic job, but the teamwork made it all come together and bonds were made stronger. This can only help our church grow in strength and faith.

Third, the kids that came were amazing. They were very interested to hear that Jesus will rescue them and they are never alone, asked questions and their responses were priceless.

Fourth, based on conversations, we could have some much needed new Sunday School students for the upcoming year. This is so important for the future of our church. Also, between the VBS kids and the congregation we will be donating \$152.04 to help feed families in Haiti. Helping others is what Christ calls us to do and we continue to demonstrate this daily.

Lastly, but most importantly, whether we ended up with 5 kids or 20...we made a difference in their little lives. As we know, God can and does work in mysterious ways...

The Crew would like to thank everyone who donated to VBS this year, for a total of \$400.00. It really helps take a burden off and we couldn't have done it without all the contributions (including prop donations and parade candy). Also would like to thank the Preschool for the use of the palm tree and the little tropical animals. A BIG "thank you" to the following crew members and parade participants from the bottom of my heart. A vision never looked so spectacular... couldn't have done it without you and we are truly blessed to have you at CVUMC:

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dave Ward | Dana Ward | Nancy Laurent |
| Donna Layng | Scott Layng | Roni Layng |
| Melynda Mungor | Andrew Schwartz | Nathan Schwartz |
| Sydney Schwartz | John Schwartz | Hannah Flood |
| Gwen Flood | Carolyn Kloss | Kayte Kloss |
| Matt Nilles | Deb Seno | Mike Seno |
| Brandon Seno | Juanita Barnes | Warren Gross |
| Janet Davis | Jim Bryant | Pam Grothman |
| Barb Clucas | | |



Military Personnel

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

Members & Friends

- Deb DeWitt
- Shirley, Juanita Barnes MIL
- Trudy Hunt
- Lela Lameyer
- Lyons Meyers
- Marlene Meyers
- Jim & Barb Whitlock

Those Who Mourn

- Irene Christopherson 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.

[Go to the Cherry Valley United Methodist Church Facebook page to view more photos.](#) Thanks to the following people who posted pics of VBS: Susan Harkness, Deb Gross, Terri Burritt, Sandy Schwartz, Ronn Gordon, Jr.



CVUMC Choir



The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm. All persons interested in joining the choir should come to this meeting and speak with Choir Director, Scott Farrell. The first performance of the choir will be on Sunday, September 9th.

Methodist Women

The Methodist Women will resume regular meetings on September 9 following worship. Our meetings are open to all women. Pick up your coffee and refreshments, come and help us plan for the upcoming year. Each of us can serve in our own way.



Striving to serve,
Donna Layng

If anyone has leftover yarn you'd like to donate, the Prayer Shawl group would love to have it.



Operation Christmas Child has kicked off. We will be collecting shoe boxes during the months of August, September and will be shipping our boxes in October. See the list below for an example of items you can (and cannot) include in your box. See Deb Seno and Jim Bryant for details



Operation Christmas Child Is Underway!

Pick up your shoe box today!

To get started:

1. Pick up a box at the church or use one of your own (no larger than a tennis shoe box).
2. Determine boy or girl
3. Select the age category, 2-4,5-9, or 10-14.
4. Mark the age category on a label and place the label on top of your box.
5. Fill your box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.
6. **Include \$9 donation (cash or money order) for each box you prepare** to help cover the cost of shipping and other project costs.
7. Place a rubber band around the box and bring it to the church.

Some of the most popular items to fill your boxes.

Things to remember:

1. **NO food items or candy**
2. **NO toothpaste**
3. **NO used, damaged or dirty items**
4. **NO liquid or lotions or items that leak, melt or freeze**
5. **NO breakable items**
6. **NO items that scare or harm a child**
7. **NO medications or vitamins**
8. **NO glass containers**
9. **NO aerosol cans**
10. **NO war related items i.e. toy guns, knives, or military figures.**

If you need more information, or if you need help in how to fill your box, please call Deb Seno, Project Coordinator, at 815-332-5238.

For more information about *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child*, go to the website at SamaritansPurse.org

Baby powder	Baby wipes	Ball	Balloons
Bandages	Bandanas	Bar of soap in zip lock bag	Beads
Bibles	Brush & comb	Building blocks	Calculators
Candles	Chalk	Cloth bags	Clothing
Coloring book	Flip flops	Crayons	Cups
Dental floss	Deodorant (solid only)	Dolls	Erasers
Games	Gloves	Glue sticks	Hair accessories
Hat/ball cap	Jewelry	Jigsaw puzzles	Lego blocks
Lined paper	Magnets	Markers	Multi-colored sharpies
Nail clippers	Musical recorder	Note pads	Oil pastels
Pencil case	Pencil sharpener	Pens	Picture books
Play dough	Plush animals	Purse	rulers
Sanitary napkins	Tampons	Scarves	Scissors (blunt end only)
Shorts	Silly putty	Skipping rope	Skirt
Slinky	Small blankets	Socks	Stickers
Sunglasses	String	Toothbrush & case	Toy cars
Toys	t-shirts	Tweezers	Underwear
Wallet	Washcloths	Watch	Wax crayons
Windup flashlight	Yoyo	Craft items	Paints (solid)
Pencil crayons/ sharpener	Powdered laundry detergent	Resin items	Personal letter with photo

By Jim Whitlock

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

There is one inlet of power in a Christian life and that is the Holy Spirit. His presence within us gives us power to do God’s will. The Holy Spirit must be in control of our life, and then we have real power.

If we have this power of the Holy Spirit then we must have outlets of this power.

First outlet is thru our life, what we are. If we are righteous, then the power of the Holy Spirit flows out of us. We have an eagerness to serve God to witness for Christ, and to love others.

The second outlet is through what we may say. The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness to strangers, to speak out, and gives a testimony to a group.

Third outlet is through our service to others. We can help our friends and do work as a volunteer. What we do may not be the best that can be done, but if we do our best and do it with the right motive, God will bless it.

The fourth outlet is through our prayers. Prayer is the greatest outlet of power that the Holy Spirit gives us. The power of our life touches just one spot where we may beat, but the power of our praying may touch millions of people in all countries around the world.



The greatest thing we can do for God and for man is to pray. We should have a prayer life. Prayer allows us to touch the hearts and lives of people in countries that are not open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians should pray often, every day, not just when they need to pray.

Acts 55:17 “Evening, morning and noon, I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.”



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

Birthdays

- 2 Lois Marander
- 4 Barbara Whitlock
- 9 Susan Layng
Karlene Brown
- 12 Barbara Anderson
- 18 Sally Lawton
Terri Burritt
Sean Conderman
- 20 Jennifer Dienberg
- 26 Charlie Schnuckel
- 27 Larry Clevenger
Daniel Halley
Ryan Herold
- 29 Julie Halley



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:

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
Telephone: +255 68 976 1708
Email: yskim1023@gmail.com
Facebook: Young Seon Kim
Kakaotalk: yskim1470

August Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday August 5	Sunday August 12	Sunday August 19	Sunday August 26
Liturgist	Roni Layng	Hannah Flood	Keith Burritt	Charlie Schnuckel
Greeter Team	Youth Group	Worship in the Park	Kathleen Sundberg Ann Harned	Judy Krunfus Charlie Schnuckel
Usher	Youth Group	Worship in the Park	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt
Children’s Message	Juanita Barnes	Worship in the Park	Sue Wilt	Carolyn Kloss
Media	Zane Clevenger	Worship in the Park	Matt Gross	Sol Keip
Fellowship	Choir	Worship in the Park	Mission Team	Methodist Women
Nursery Attendant	Jordyn Burritt	Worship in the Park	Jordyn Burritt	Roni Layng

Mission Team



The Mission Team departed Cherry Valley at 6:00 am on Saturday, July 21. They joined up with Wesley UMC in Stockton and traveled on from there to Rosebud, South Dakota.

We will have a Sunday in August dedicated to the Mission Team telling of their experiences. Watch the weekly bulletins for details.



Upcoming Sermon Series

Pastor Mark will be presenting a sermon series in the coming weeks. Below is a list of the titles and the scripture readings. To prepare yourself, please read the scriptures beforehand.

August 5

Call to Worship - Psalm 51:1-12

Scripture - Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel - John 6:24-35

Message: Bound Together

(No Longer Strangers - 4)

August 12

Call to Worship - Psalm 98

Scripture - Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel - John 6:51-58

Message: Making Peace

(No Longer Strangers - 5)

NO LONGER STRANGERS

EPHESIANS
The key to living as a community of faith

August 19

Pastor Backpacking

August 26

Call to Worship - Psalm 111

Scripture - Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel - John 5

Message: Overflow (No Longer Strangers - 6)

2018 SPIRITUAL CONGRESS

TEACH A MAN TO FISH

"COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

Sept. 14th, 15th, & 16th
Conference Point Center, Williams Bay, Wis.

Featuring David Holcombe and Drew Oakley
with Bishop Sally Dyck



Friday-Sunday: \$175

Friday & Saturday \$145

Saturday & Sunday: \$145

Saturday Only: \$90

Register online today!
www.nieumm.org



If you are interested in attending this event for the United Methodist Men, please speak with Dave Ward

Pastor Mark's Office Hours:

Mondays-9:30 am - 1 pm

Wednesdays- 9:30- noon

Working from home

Tue & Thurs.

Friday is day off

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Mark's Cell

331-465-9489

Parsonage

815-580-8553

Pastor Vacay
Aug 13-20

This is the 30th Annual Walk sponsored by Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory. For more information about the Walk to Remember, you may call Melinda Hagerman @ 815-226-2273

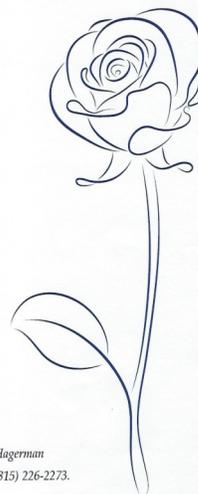
A Walk To Remember

A memorial walk to remember children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant and childhood death.

October 7, 2018
1:00 pm
YMCA Log Lodge
Simissippi Bike Path

Sponsored by:
SwedishAmerican Foundation
and Fitzgerald Funeral
Home & Crematory

For more information, please call Melinda Hagerman
at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory (815) 226-2273.



This walk is for all families who have lost children at any time, both in recent or distant past, and for caregivers who are involved in the lives and support of these families

A brief memorial service will be followed by a walk from the YMCA Log Lodge to the dedication site. There we will honor the children with the dedication of memorial bricks.

Although it is too late to order a brick for this year, you may still attend the ceremony.

Refreshments will be available after the walk.



Camp Tesomas 2018 Troop 131

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.bsatroop131.com>. You may call Terry Nichols, Scoutmaster, 815/540-5900 with all your Boy Scouting questions.

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 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.

Community News

BRING A FRIEND!

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:45 pm and bring a friend along! Come see what the Friends group is all about as we discuss upcoming fundraisers and other special plans to make the library even better. Please register online or by calling the library at 815-332-5161.

Summer Flowers For the Sanctuary

Do you have an abundance of flowers in your garden?

Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion?

Would you **just like to see beautiful flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday** when you come to church?



Yes, everyone likes that.....so to that end, we are asking you to consider signing up to bring flowers for the sanctuary for one Sunday during the summer. We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. We are only asking for 10 volunteers to sign up. Not counting August 12, which is Worship in the Park, there are 10 Sundays remaining until Labor Day.

If you wish, you may bring purchased arrangements or you may bring flowers from your garden. If you are hesitant about your flower arranging skills, Janet Davis and Juanita Barnes will be on hand to help with that detail. They are both very accomplished and talented in that area.

If your flowers are for a special occasion or in memory/honor of a loved one, please let us know on the sign up sheet. We will put the information in the bulletin.

If you need more information, please contact:

Janet Davis at 630-715-8534;

email: jld1112@comcast.net

Juanita Barnes at 814-332-9612;

email: jsbfloss32@comcast.net

Summer in the Woods

Rockford District-Wide Youth Event

CAMP REYNOLDSWOOD

DIXON, IL



Before the summer is gone and school is back, spend a little more time having fun! This is an event designed for you and all your friends. Join together with youth from all over the Rockford District for an overnight bash.

Online Registration will be open soon!

Registration Fee: \$35.00/ea.



AUG. 12-13



Fun Games
Bonfire
Music
Swimming
GaGa Ball



Have you planted a little extra in your garden and now your produce is overflowing? You can donate your extra produce at the Cherry Valley Library. The library is a drop-off location for the U of I extension Office's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, which collects fresh produce to donate to local food pantries. Bring your extra fruit, veggies, or herbs to the library on Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. This program will run to **September 26**.



<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 Trustee Meeting	2	3	4 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
5 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	6	7	8 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café	9	10	11 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
12 9:45 am <i>Worship in the Park</i>	13 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	14 6:15 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	15 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café <i>Newsletter items due</i>	16	17	18 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
19 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	20 <i>Pastor return from vacation</i>	21	22 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 7:00 pm Choir	23	24 <i>Cherry Valley Days</i>	25 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous <i>Cherry Valley Days</i>
26 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Cherry Valley Days</i>	27 6:00-8:00 pm Creative Learners Orientation Night	28 1:00 pm Pre-school Board Meeting 6:15 pm Finance 7:00 Church Council	28 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café	28	28	

Creative Learners

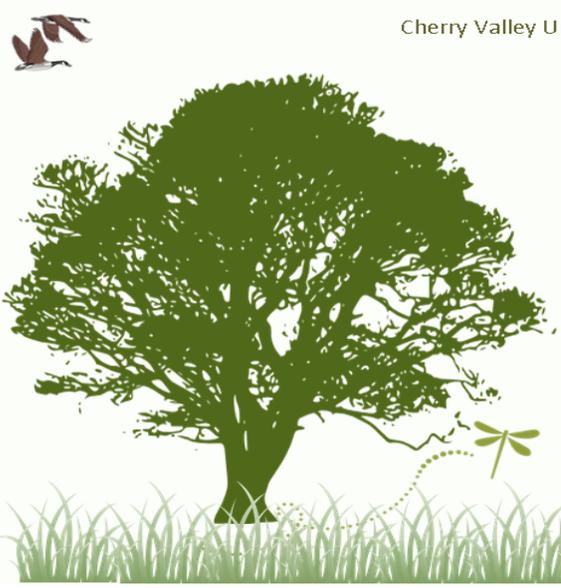
We're looking forward to another preschool year beginning on September 4! Parent Orientation will be on Monday, August 27 at 6 pm in the church sanctuary. If you know of a family looking for a preschool program, there are still openings in both classes. For more information, call the preschool at 815 332-9653, visit our website: creativelearnersii.org and find us on Facebook! Please continue to help us save aluminum pop/pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. There is a jug on the hallway desk for you to put them in.
Joyfully Teaching, Carol Palmer (Director/Teacher)

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



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Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
**Sunday Morning
 Worship & Picnic**
 at the Pavilion in
Baumann Park
August 12, 2018
 Worship: 9:45 a.m.
 Picnic to follow
 Chicken and bottled
 water provided by the
 Worship Committee
 Bring a dish to share,
 your own table service
 and a lawn chair.
ALL ARE WELCOME

"The Church in the Valley"





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



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