

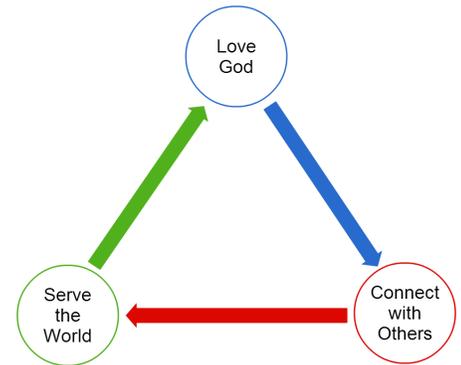
THE MESSENGER

October 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.



⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. ⁸All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing

of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. ¹¹The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:4-12 (NRSV)

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

Several years ago I spoke with a church member who was serving in the U.S. Navy on December 7, 1941. Although he was based on the east coast at the time, he did catch flack from his commanding officer. He was on shore when the alarm went out to return to ship, but he didn't know and so returned late. So where was he?

While it was almost 8:00 a.m. in the morning in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was struck, it was 1:00 p.m. on the east coast that Sunday. Berry had been at church that morning, and had been invited to lunch by parishioners. As he explained it, the pastor of that church insisted each Sunday that no service member should leave worship without a church member hosting him for Sunday dinner.

Although I never could get Berry to show up to church on Sunday mornings, (He'd had a falling out with a previous pastor when his wife died.) he continued to support the church financially and he kept coming back to that story of the pastor's insistence that no service member should leave the church except with a family treating them to a meal.

We live in an age of sound bites and gimmicks. Church growth experts offer all sorts of ideas to bring people into church, often with gimmicky promotions, idiosyncratic worship services, or catchy slogans. Still nothing changes. If anything, those gimmicks frustrate church members and make others suspicious of the church because of its desperation.

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One truth remains. It has never changed. People come to Jesus (We in the church are to be the body of Christ) when they are invited. Even the disciples said, "Come see Jesus." The woman at the well said to the village, "Come and see." I started going to church because my mother "invited" me and then treated me to Sunday dinner afterwards.

We have a grand opportunity to welcome persons into Jesus' presence in this congregation.

First, we can claim that interminable truth that our personal invitation to take part in the kingdom has power. Second, when guests appear on Sunday morning, they should not leave without at least one person inviting them and treating them to lunch.

Third, reach out to old friends who may be missing; invite them; and take them to lunch when they just show up.

These are simple acts. But when a man as cantankerous as Berry, holds such a memory dear after decades, there must power in that simple, loving hospitality.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

Womanspace & JustGoods
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**EMPOWERING
women
EVERYWHERE**

[A BRUNCH TO PROMOTE
WOMEN HELPING WOMEN]

*When: Saturday, October 27, 2018
10 am—12 pm*

*Location: Giovanni's
610 N. Bell School Road,
Rockford, IL 61107*

*For more information go to website:
<https://www.womanspace-rockford.org/Events>*



Members & Friends

Barbara Anderson
Trudy Hunt
Lela Lameyer
Lyons Meyers
Marlene Meyers
Jim & Barb Whitlock
Keith Kruger
Karen Harter
Kathy Duke

Military Personnel

Sean Conderman
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide
Mike Oldham

Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next
Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn



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 Friends,

On behalf of World Vision, thank you for your generous gift and your commitment to help children and families in need.



World Vision is committed to tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice, working holistically to ensure a brighter future for the communities we serve.

It is because of partners like you that we are able to do this work—you are a vital part of bringing about transformation in the lives of the poor.

Thanks you for your compassion for others.

With gratitude,

Rich Sterns, President

Donation Date: 08/16/2018

Donation Description: Seeds for Haiti

Total Gift: \$167.04

Fundraising Project: Vacation Bible School

Prayer Shawl Group

The Cherry Valley UMC Prayer Shawl Group has been busy making beautiful prayer shawls, hats and scarves. They want to stress that the items are not just for healing or grief but may be given for joyous events, such as weddings, births, anniversaries, etc. Feel free to take a shawl, scarf, or hat for just such an occasion. Please sign the register so that the group may replenish the shawls as needed.

Next Generation Ministry

Update – Grace International School in Thailand

It has been many months since I have written about the school or my involvement with Grace. Though I have retired, I still have maintained a relationship with Wycliffe and Grace International School in Thailand. Last year, the Development Director asked if I would become the treasurer of the Grace International Education Foundation. I gratefully said yes (even though I am a lousy accountant) because it would give me a tangible connection to the new school project.

Quietly we have continued to raise funds while the day-to-day operations of the school has continued in shared quarters. Recently, the Board decided we had sufficient funds to start building. A contract has been signed and the ground has been officially broken.

That long awaited decision has created a huge amount of excitement and energy. After many years of dreaming, planning and praying the new school will become reality! For those of us who started working on blue prints about 10 years ago, that is beyond gratifying! I am reminded that God's vision takes time. June 2019 is our target date. Yes, that is very ambitious. However, we have been told that our current location will not be available next year. So, we will make it work!

So here is my prayer request. If the project stays on target, I plan to make a site visit next February to finalize the floor plan of the new library. Please pray for discernment on this timing and my travel plans. Thank all of you who have supported me in years past. I am grateful!

With God's grace we grow together! Your friend in Christ ~ Judy Long

Web site: <https://www.gisthailand.org/>
Facebook Page: Grace International School



The Church Conference will be on October 15 at 7:00 pm.

The SPRC will meet at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Methodist Women Cookie Dough Time!

The Methodist Women of Cherry Valley UMC met on September 9th following worship service. We were pleased to welcome Susan Harkness to our group and Pastor Mark Harkness who dropped in as a visitor.

We received requests for assistance from Janet Davis, Judy Long and Terri Burritt. We determined to honor each of these request.

We are selling cookie dough, gourmet caramel corn and gourmet chocolates and confections again this fall, just in time for holiday gift-giving. These make great Christmas gifts! There are couple ways to help make this fundraiser the biggest ever. Order your goodies for everyone on your Christmas list...and for yourself. Share the information on your Facebook page (or other social media) to get the word out to your friends.

Each container is \$13. Orders will be taken through **October 28th**. Delivery will be the last week in November. Money is due upon ordering. Look for any the Methodist Women members on Sundays to place your order. You can also contact the church office during the week to place an order. We are so grateful for your support.

Our next meeting is October 14th after worship. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

Striving to Serve,
Donna Layng



Mission Team Sunday

Sunday, October 7, the Mission Team will have a presentation about their trip to Rose Bud, South Dakota. Plan to attend worship to hear about the exciting events and the mission work they accomplished during their trip. The CVUMC partnered with Wesley UMC from Stockton.

The 2018 Mission Team members are:

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| McKenna Bauer | Brian Coulter | Brittany Coulter |
| Mary Coulter | Amy Flood | Chris Flood |
| Gwen Flood | Hannah Flood | Dave Ward |



Spiritual Insights

By Jim Whitlock

Mathew 6:6 "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Christians are called on to perform many services that are observed openly, such as feeding the poor by donating food, participating in missions to restore homes, and many other needed and worthwhile projects. But the greatest service done is often the secret service of prayer. When we pray, we are projecting our spirit personally to those we are praying for.



In prayer, we can touch others in need and change situations that are all around the globe. This is the power of prayer through the Holy Spirit.

Our prayers are heard and can be acted on through God's will as quickly as we speak or think them. When we pray, we should also listen to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will bring to our heart and mind what we need to pray for such as a foreign missionary that is ill or a group of Christians who are being persecuted in a foreign country.

Our prayers are not limited to space or obstructed by walls. Our prayers go freely and secretly into places where our God is being forbidden to be worshipped openly. Through prayer, Christians can exert a tremendous effect on people and on nations that are without God.



Cookies!

Get'em while you can! See any of the Methodist Women to order. Now til October 28!

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

- 5 Brad & Kathy Ware
- 9 Mike & Melynda Mungor
- 12 Jim & Pat Newell
- 13 David & Dana Ward
- 14 Charles & Lori Schnuckel
- 20 Don & Tammy Layng
- 26 Jim & Barbara Whitlock
- 29 David & Jan Mills

Birthdays

- 4 Marybeth Sundberg
- 5 Charles Voorhies
Kelly Adami
- 7 Hillary Allton
David Barrickman
- 8 Leigh Sterrenberg
- 9 Brian Halley
- 12 Carol Conderman
- 13 Jim Whitlock
Jim Voorhies
- 22 Patty Baxter
- 28 Erinna Kauffman
Ericka Kauffman
- 30 Heather Wilt



JustGoods Fair Trade Marketplace



If you'd like to get an early start on buying Christmas gifts, the JustGoods Fair Trade Marketplace, 201 7th Street, Rockford, offers unique and beautiful gifts from around the world. You will find housewares, jewelry, percussion instruments, scarves,

baskets, bags, coffee and chocolate.

Shopping at the Fair Trade store allows you to help people in many parts of the world to safely earn an honest living wage. As Jesus taught, in helping the least among us, we do helpful actions unto Him.

You may visit the store Monday-Saturday, 10 am—4:30 pm.

October Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday October 7	Sunday October 14	Sunday October 21	Sunday October 28
Liturgist	Keith Burritt	Janet Davis	Roni Layng	Hannah Flood
Greeter Team	Judy Krunfus Mandy Kloepfer	Charlie Schnuckel Ann Harned	Kathleen Sundberg Grace Harter	LaVern Neff Jane Neff
Usher	Warren Gross	Dave Ward	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt
Children's Message	Melynda Mungor	Deb Seno	Sue Wilt	Trick or Treat for the Pantry
Media	Patricia Irps	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Sol Keip
Fellowship	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women
Nursery Attendant	Jordyn Burritt	Roni Layng	Jordyn Burritt	Roni Layng

Upcoming Sermons 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.

October 7—Mission Team Sunday

Call to Worship - Psalm 26
Scripture -Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Worship Leader—Scott Layng

October 14 The Upside-Down Kingdom –1

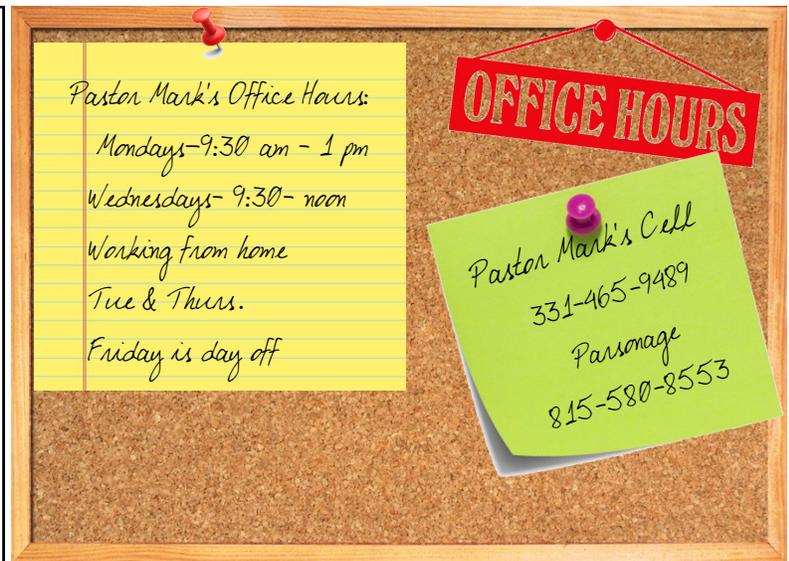
Call to Worship - Psalm 22:1-15
Scripture - Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Gospel - Mark 10:17-31
Message: “Where the Lost are First”

October 21 The Upside-Down Kingdom –2

Call to Worship - Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Scripture - Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Gospel - Mark 10:35-45
Message: “Where the Least are Greatest First”

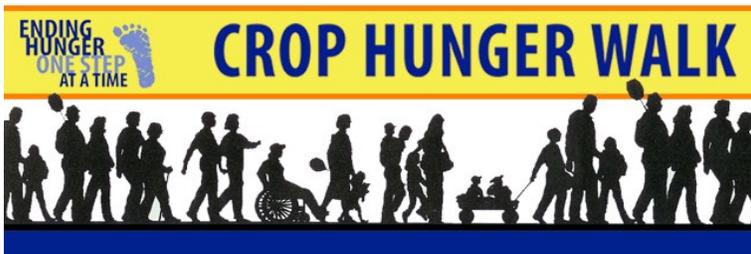
October 28 The Upside-Down Kingdom –3

Call to Worship - Psalm 134:1-8
Scripture - Job 41:46-52
Gospel - Mark 10:46-52
Message: “Where the Blind Can See First”



**Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!**

**Printed copies of
Pastor Mark's sermons
are available on the
church website
(cherryvalleyumc.com)
Click the worship tab.**



The Annual Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 21. If you are interested in participating, you may register on line at www.crophungerwalk.org/rockford.il or email / call using the contact information listed below.

Location:

Riverfront Museum Park
711 N. Main Street

Registration Time:

1:00 PM

Walk Time:

2:00 PM

Walk Distance:

4 K

Contact:

davidj6226@aol.com

815-540-3703



You may also donate either online at www.crophungerwalk.org/rockford.il or you may drop off donations at JustGoods Fair Trade store, 201 Seventh Street any time during store hours (Mon-Sat, 10-4:30)

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
Sinissippi Bike Path

Sponsored by:
SweedishAmerican 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.

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.

Creative Learners



Happy Fall!

IT'S YUMMY BUTTER BRAID TIME AGAIN.

Order forms will be available starting **October 12th** on the desk in the preschool hallway and in the church basement. The last day to place orders will be **November 9th**. They will be delivered on

Monday, November 19th from 10:30am - 1:00pm, just in time for the holidays! We have limited freezer space so please come during that time if you're able. **This fundraiser is needed to help us meet our budget and we truly appreciate your support.**

Our annual Preschool Open House will be on Monday, November 5th, from 6-8 pm. The children's creative art projects will be on display. Our wonderful board members Karen Harter (chairman), Theresa Murphy (treasurer), Grace Harter (secretary), Barb Anderson and Donna Layng (committee members) will be serving refreshments, including samples of delicious Butter Braid pastries! We are so thankful for the time commitment the board members dedicate to our Preschool Board.

Please continue to save any kind of aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. We have a jar on the preschool desk where you can put the tabs.

Joyfully Teaching,

Carol Palmer



Congratulations



Congratulations to Choir Director Scott Farrell, who will celebrate his fourth anniversary with the church on October 12th.

Congrats, Scott, and thank you for the work you do!

Thank You

Thank you to Janet Davis and Juanita Barnes for their artful arrangements of flowers for the summer. Please take notice of the new banners and the lovely autumn decorations in the church, courtesy of your Worship Committee, Juanita Barnes, Judy Krunfus, Deb Seno and Jim Bryant.



Braided pastries were first sold at farmers market in West Bend, Iowa by Ken and Marlene Banwart. In the winter of 1990, the week before Christmas that year, the Banwarts received 60 calls from people who

wanted to purchase their braided pastries. After growing demand, it was in May 1991 that the Butter Braid brand pastry was created along with their company, Country Maid, Inc. ButterBraid pastries were then produced and marketed on a larger scale. Butter Braid braided pastries are still produced by Country Maid, Inc. in West Bend, Iowa.

Be sure to order your ButterBraid pastry for the Creative Learners II fundraiser, October 12 through November 9. They are great to have on hand for the holiday season.



Operation Christmas Child is winding down, but there's still time to get your shoe box packed along with a check for \$9 shipping charge. Our deadline is October 14, when we are

requesting you have your boxes to the church. We will bless the shoe boxes on Sunday, October 21. See Deb Seno and Jim Bryant for details



October 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	2 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	3 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	4 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	5	6 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
7 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	8 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	9 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council	10 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	11 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	12 <i>Creative Learners II ButterBraid Fundraiser Begins</i>	13 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
14 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Methodist Women	15 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm Annual Church Conference <i>Newsletter items due</i>	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	17 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	18 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	19	20 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
21 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	22 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	23 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	25 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	26	27 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
28 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Trick or Treat for Rock River Valley Food Pantry</i> <i>Last Day for Cookie Dough Orders</i>	29 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	30 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	31 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir			

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

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So All Can Eat!

Sunday, October 28

The kids will "trick or treat" for non-perishable food items to benefit The Rock River Valley Food Pantry.

Don't forget to bring a "treat" so you don't get "tricked!"



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