

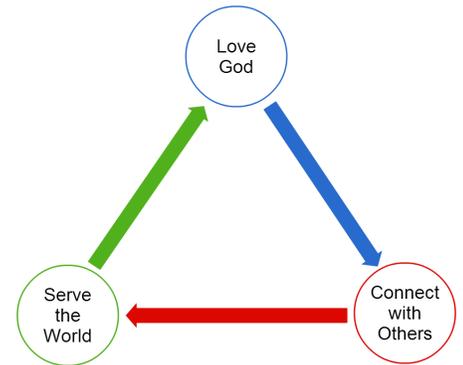
# THE MESSENGER

November 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.



<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:13-18 (NRSV)**

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

Is there a place for thanksgiving anymore? When the calendar changes to November, Thanksgiving Day is not far away. However, I've notice that it has in many ways lost its place in our culture. Thanksgiving Day is now for watching football and gorging oneself on turkey in order to have the energy for door busting sales offering what we don't have, instead of giving thanks for what we do have. Although I may be using a "bit" of hyperbole, consider that Menards has been displaying Christmas decorations since September and that Farm & Fleet's Toyland opened on October 20.

For Christians, Thanksgiving is more than a secular holiday; it is a reminder that God's blessing extend to us in the mundane and the profound. Giving thanks and sharing those thanks with each other help us to extend that hope.

At our recent Church Conference on October 15, our District Superintendent, Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford spoke to us about discipleship, reminding us that making disciples for Jesus Christ is **the** mission for the Church. To that end, she asked those present to consider three questions (two with corollaries) within small groups.

- How/when did you become a disciple? How is it different than simply going to church?
- How do you experience growth as a disciple?
- Which step of disciple-making does this church do well? Which steps need more attention?

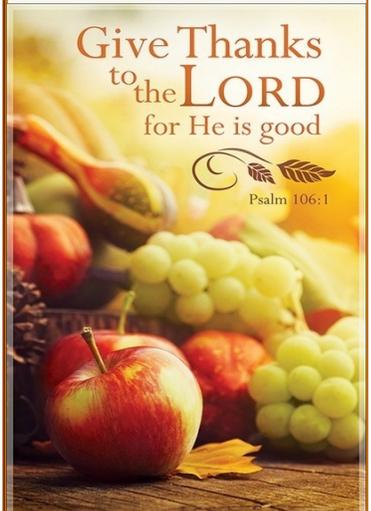
To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means knowing who he is. That's why Jesus asked the disciples who they said he that he is. When John the Baptizer's disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah, Jesus told them to give John a report of the blessings they had witnessed in him.

This month, as each of us considers those places in our lives for which we are thankful, I invite you to consider the questions above.

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In particular, to ponder and answer for yourself, what this church does well. Just as our culture has lost the sense of the purpose for setting aside a day for giving thanks, too many people are unaware of the good things that Jesus Christ is doing through his Church in the world including in congregations like ours in Cherry Valley.

I believe that when we proclaim Jesus Christ as the anointed savior and Son of the Living God and give thanks for the ways that his love is made manifest in our congregation, we offer him to others in a way that fulfills our purpose. Because when Christ's love is proclaimed, it serves as an invitation to those who don't know who he really is.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness



### Methodist Women

The Methodist Women met on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, after worship. Janet again spoke to us. We will be assisting in the preparation for her and Jim's wedding. We were reminded that all cookie dough orders were turned in on October 28<sup>th</sup> and that delivery will be late this month.

We will again be collecting Christmas stockings for Rock House Kids. This is a non-profit organization that provides after school care for needy youngsters. Rock House Kids receives no federal or state funds but are supported by private donations only. Their numbers continue to increase. This year, we need 200 stockings! We appeal to the congregation to help us in collecting the stockings. A container for the stockings will be in the entryway of the church the first weekend in November.

Our Annual Cookie Walk will be in December, the date to be announced later.

Our next meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> following worship. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.



#### Members & Friends

- Trudy Hunt
- Lela Lameyer
- Lyons Meyers
- Marlene Meyers
- Jim & Barb Whitlock
- Keith Kruger

#### Military Personnel

- Sean Conderman
- Tamara Duke
- Dan Harter
- Mark Kincaide
- Mike Oldham

#### Mission

- Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry

#### Those Who Mourn

- Coralyn Coppernoll 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 Church Family,  
We would like to thank our church family for the delicious casseroles, salads, brownies, and the wonderful beef stew that was provided to us. Thanks also for your prayers while I recuperate from a broken leg.



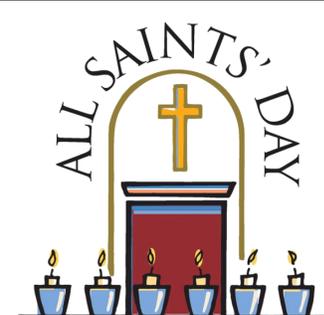
Barb and I miss being at church and we miss our church family. Please pray for Barb and me to return soon. God Bless you all!

Jim and Barb Whitlock

### 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.

### All Saints Worship Service



On Sunday, November 4, we will be honoring those who have passed away this year. If you wish to place a bell on the Bell Cross in remembrance of your loved one, please bring it with you on that Sunday.

# 2019 Church Leaders

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church (Mark Harkness, Pastor)  
Nominations Report 2018 (for 2019)

	<u>Church Council</u>	<b>Class</b>
Chair	Rev. Mark Harkness	
Lay Leader	Scott Layng	2020
Recording Secretary	Jaunita Barnes	2021
Membership Secretary	Barbara Anderson	2020
Lay Members to AC	Sally Hollembeak	2020
	Sherry Gordon	2020
Alternate Lay Member	Sue Layng	2020
SPRC Chair	Amy Flood	2019
Finance Committee – Chair	Sue Layng	2019
Treasurer	Amanda Kloepfer	2021
Trustees Chair	(elected by trustees)	2019
Outreach & Evangelism Chair	Terri Burrit	2020
Worship Committee – Chair	Juanita Barnes	2021
Memorials Committee – Chair	Grace Harther	2021
UMW – President	Donna Layng	2019
Creative Learners Pre-School	Karen Harter	2019
At-Large Member	David Mills	2021

<b>Staff-Parish Relations Committee</b>		<b>Outreach &amp; Evangelism</b>	
Amy Flood (Chair)	2019	Terri Burritt (Chair)	2020
Patricia Irps	2019	Hanna Flood	2019
Karen Harter	2020	Ronnie Layng	2020
John Schwartz	2021	Amanda Kloepfer	2020
By Office: Scott Layng (Lay Leader)		<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Sally Hollembeak (Lay Member to AC)		Juanita Barnes (Chair)	2021
Sherry Gordon (Lay Member to AC)		Cindy Kerr	
<b>Finance Committee</b>		Deb Seno	
Sue Layng (Chair)	2019	Jim Bryant	
Amanda Kloepfer (Treasurer)	2021	Barb Clucas	
Mary Lou Clevenger (Recorder)	2021	<b>Committee on Memorials &amp; Gifts</b>	
Jane Neff	2019	Grace Harter (Chair)	2021
<b>Audit Committee</b>		Donna Layng	2021
Sally Hollembeak	2021	Harry Buck	2021
Scott Layng	2021	Kathleen Sundberg	2020
<b>Board of Trustees</b>		Karen Harter	2019
Keith Burritt	2020	<b>United Methodist Men</b>	
Chris Flood	2020	Warren Gross, President	
Janet Davis	2020	Dave Ward, Financial Secretary	
Mike Seno	2020	<b>United Methodist Women</b>	
Dave Ward	2021	Donna Layng, President	
Charlie Schnuckel	2021	Pat Newell, Secretary	
Patty Campbell	2021	Kathleen Sundberg	
<b>Nominations Committee</b>		Creative Learners II Pre-School Board	
Rev. Mark Harkness (Chair)		Karen Harter, President	
Scott Layng (Lay Leader)		Teresa Murphy, Treasurer	
Patty Campbell	2020	Barb Anderson	
		Grace Harter	
		Donna Layng	

Lay Member to Annual Conference	Contact Information		
Sally Hollembeak - 100 S. Ulster St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016	815-332-4259	<a href="mailto:mshollen@hotmail.com">mshollen@hotmail.com</a>	
Sherry Gordon - 142 S. Lawrence St. Cherry Valley, IL 61016	815-332-5180	(no email)	
Sue Layng (Alt) 700 East Wood Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008	815-721-3734	<a href="mailto:slayng@comcast.net">slayng@comcast.net</a>	

By Jim Whitlock



A question often discussed is “Does prayer influence God?” First, let’s consider some verses...

*Matthew 6:8* “...your Father, God, knows what you need before you even ask of Him”. The key word here is “need”. God does not give us what we ask for until we really need it, and our prayers open a pipeline to God to allow Him to answer our prayer of needs that are important to us and are in His will for us.

The answer to the question is a resounding YES. Our prayers do influence God’s actions for man. God’s word encourages us to pray without ceasing.

*Matthew 7:7-8* “Ask, and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone that asks, receives...”

*James 5:16* “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”



**DON'T FORGET!  
TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK  
ONE HOUR ON  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER  
4TH**



- 15 Zachary Brown
- Renae Reynolds
- 20 Cathy Reynolds
- 21 Cally Ward
- 23 Deborah Gross
- 24 Pat Newell
- 26 James John
- Brieah Grothman
- 29 Janis Gordon

## Birthdays

- 1 Hannah Flood
- 3 Collin Coulter
- Brian Coulter
- 4 Joseph Dienberg
- 7 Sally Baeverstad
- Treven Murphy
- 8 Maggie Louis
- 11 Gary Conderman
- Debora Seno
- 12 Janet L. Davis
- 13 Don Kruger
- 14 Tim Conderman
- Angela DeWitt

## Anniversaries

- 6 Bill & Ann Harned



## Christmas Shoe Box Thank You

Thank you to all who filled a Christmas Shoe Box!

Each box you filled is sent with prayers that the child who receives it will experience God’s love through these simple gifts.



Thank you to Deb Seno and Jim Bryant for coordinating the “labor of love” project. We all appreciate the work you have done to make this project a success at Cherry Valley UMC.

November Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday November 4	Sunday November 11	Sunday November 18	Sunday November 25
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Gwen Flood	Keith Burritt	Sue Layng
Greeter Team	Mary Wilson Ann Harned	Judy Krunfus Mandy Kloepfer	LaVern Neff Jane Neff	Pat Newell Jim Newell
Usher	Warren Gross	Dave Ward	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt
Children’s Message	Carolyn Kloss	Pastor Mark Harkness	Deb Seno	Scott Layng
Media	Patricia Irps	Andrew Schwartz	Matt Gross	Sol Keip
Fellowship	Choir	Methodist Men	Mission Team	Methodist Women
Nursery Attendant	Jordyn Burritt	Roni Layng	Jordyn Burritt	Roni Layng

## Upcoming Sermons Series

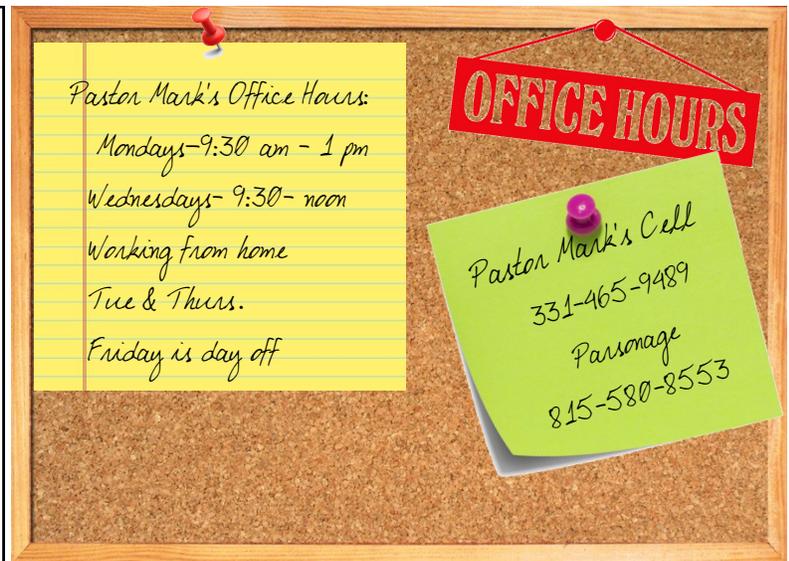
Pastor Mark will be presenting a sermon series in the coming weeks. Below is a list of the titles and the scripture readings. To prepare yourself, please read the scriptures beforehand.

**November 4** The Greatest Gift—1  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 146:1-10  
 Scripture-Hebrews 9:11-14  
 Gospel -Mark 12:28-34  
 Message: "The Greatest Commandment"

**November 11** The Greatest Gift—2  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 42  
 Scripture - Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Gospel - Mark 12:38-44  
 Message: "The Greatest Gift"

**November 18** The Greatest Gift—3  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 113  
 Scripture - Hebrews 10:11-25  
 Gospel - Mark 13:1-8  
 Message: "A Community of Love"

**November 25** The Greatest Gift—4  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 132:1-12  
 Scripture - Revelation 1:4b-8  
 Gospel - John 18:33-38  
 Message: "The King of Love"



**Hear Ye!  
 Hear Ye!**

Printed copies of  
 Pastor Mark's sermons  
 are available on the  
 church website  
 ([cherryvalleyumc.com](http://cherryvalleyumc.com))  
 Click the worship tab.



## Join Us on November 10, 2018



### FALL Communion Service Breakfast



**Keynote Speaker – Mark Dehority**  
 Deployed Staff GCUMM  
 Introducing  
*AMEND Together*  
 Preventing Violence Against Women

➤ Remember to bring your banks and / or your Men's check for the "Meals for Million". We have helped our conference to be the number 1 Conference in the country the last two years. Help make a difference in feeding the country.

*Special Music provided by Dan Holmes*



Join us at Bethel UMC for Worship and Renewal!  
 217 S. Hickory ST, Shannon, IL 61078  
 (815) 864-2581

8:00 am Gathering, 8:30 am Breakfast, 9:30 am Worship/Communion

**Cost \$9.00 - Pastors Free – Please contact the church to reserve your spot!**

### 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, NY10087-9068  
 With the advance  
 number on the memo line  
**Advance # 3022281**

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*Chamazi UMC in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

# 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



The kids enjoyed having 2 pets visit our class. A cute cat and a bearded dragon lizard. We also caught a frog, grasshopper and woolly caterpillar for the children to observe at our science table using magnifying glasses.



If you have never had the pleasure of eating ButterBraid pastries, why not give them a try this year! You can place an order

in the church basement on the portable preschool bulletin board or on the desk in the preschool hallway.

**The last day to order will be Sunday, November 11th.** They will be delivered on Monday, November 19th and can be picked up in the church basement from 10:30am - 1:00pm. We don't have much freezer space so please try to pick them up then. We truly appreciate your support of our preschool!

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.



Thanksgiving blessings to you and yours!

Joyfully Teaching, Carol Palmer

# Boy Scout Troop 181



October started with Troop 181 holding its annual Open House at the fire station. We hosted 17 potential new boy scouts at our first meeting. We hung door hangers on many, many homes in Cherry Valley on October 6, and picked-up 1437 items from generous residents on October 13. We took all that to a food

pantry in the afternoon.

Later that afternoon, we went to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc to get a tour, and sleep on the USS Cobia submarine for the night. What an experience! The Tuesday meeting of October 9 found us at Skateland for an evening of roller skating. We got creative with our next Tuesday meeting; it was paracord night. Later in October, we went to a local Haunted House. On the final meeting of October, we carved pumpkins.

November brings colder weather. We will set-up our annual Christmas Tree lot and invite everyone to purchase a fresh-cut tree to add fragrance to their homes during the Christmas season.

The first meeting of November will be another Information Night and Court of Honor. The Troop will have representation at the Veterans Day Remembrance in the Village Public Safety Building on November 10 at 11:00 am. On the second meeting of November, we will prepare our parents and youth for serving our customers at the Christmas Tree Lot. The trees will arrive on Saturday, November 17. After that, our meetings will be in the great outdoors; we will enjoy cold weather games on the corner of Perryville Road and Harrison Avenue.



BTW, a couple are confirmed, a couple more on really close, and a fifth scout is in the process of completing the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Blake, Kyle, Gareth, Dom, and Nick.

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.



# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
<b>4</b> 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts <b>6:00 –8:00 pm Creative Learners II Preschool Open House</b>	<b>6</b> 6:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 429	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 5:00 pm Davis/Bryant Wedding Rehearsal <i>Last Day for Ordering Creative Learners II ButterBraid</i>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous <b>10:00 am Davis/Bryant Wedding</b>
<b>11</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Methodist Women	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 429 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Cub Scouts <i>Newsletter items due</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous <b>11:00 am Funeral Luncheon Coralyn Coppernoll</b>
<b>18</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts <b>10:30 am—1:00 pm Butter Braid Delivery</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 429 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	<b>22</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous
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*Messenger items are due to the secretary on the 15th of each month.*



*hanging of the greens*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3  
3PM

Come help us decorate the church for Christmas!



 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