

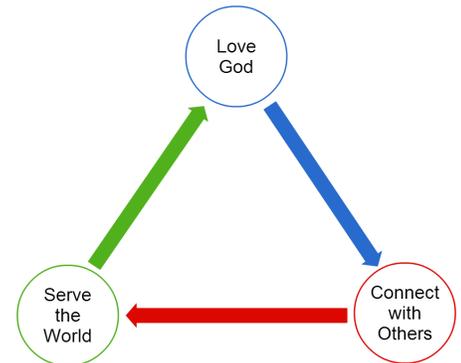
THE MESSENGER

June / July 2019

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.



A Word From the Pastor

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; ²and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ³He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 8:1-4 (NRSV)

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

I have a scar on my left shoulder. It has faded over the years, but it is still there. It's a scar that many in my generation share, but by good fortune one that neither my daughter nor her children have or should ever have. Because I and so many others bear that scar, future generations will never contract smallpox.

As a Rotarian, I have donated hundreds of dollars over the past decade as we work toward the eradication of polio. Although I've not known anyone who died from polio, I remember the severe limp that burdened my eighth-grade history teacher as a legacy of childhood polio.

Measles were scarce when I was young, but I remember the extra precautions that swept through my elementary school when some students contracted the mumps.

I live with an awareness that because I contracted chicken pox, that the possibility of shingles is very real.

As a pastor and a Christian, I am committed to keeping up on all of my vaccines. As a pastor, I'm fairly diligent about getting the annual flu vaccine, lest I become a carrier in my visits to the young, elderly, and ill. As a Christian, I want to take whatever steps that I can to protect others from the scourge of disease. That means that by receiving the flu vaccine, I give that disease less of an opportunity to infect my uncle who can't receive the vaccine due to an allergy.

You're likely aware of the recent outbreaks of measles due to a decreasing vaccination rate. Fear mongers have propagated the debunked (and retracted) narrative that vaccines lead to autism. This is not to dismiss the fact that there are some risks to vaccines as there are with any medical procedures even those as simple as "losing" a thermometer. Life is filled with risk. A child strapped into a car seat could be trapped if the car were to catch on fire; but we strap them in knowing that a fire is a slim possibility whereas a sudden stop or even minor bump is a serious risk to a loose child. The risk presented by these and other diseases is thousands of times more serious than would come from a vaccination.

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Those risks extend to others when we don't take responsibility to do what we can for the sake of well-ness in our community.

For those who fear possible side effects from either receiving a vaccine yourself or for your children, consider the alternatives. In the passage above, in an act of sacrificial love, Jesus reached out and touched the leper knowing that he himself could contract the disease and would be called unclean merely for being near the man. For that, the healed man was immensely grateful. As Christians, I believe that we owe it to ourselves and to those among whom we live to avail ourselves of the opportunity to remain well and to prevent the spread of disease as a means of sharing the blessing of healing that comes through Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness, OSL



Congratulations Graduates!

Andrew Schwartz:

Andrew is graduating Auburn high school from the gifted academy. He has been recognized as a national merit commended scholar. After high school he will have one semester at Rock Valley this fall to complete his associates degree. He then is looking at attending a university to get his masters in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in business next spring. Andrews wants to thank the congregation and the church for its continued support and love for him.

Kayte Kloss:

Kayte is graduating from Auburn High School. Kayte will be attending Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin studying Occupational Therapy. In high school she was involved in choir and theater. She was the vice president of her Thespian Troupe and active in their musical theater program. She has performed in over 20 shows throughout her time in theater.

Connor Kloss:

Connor graduated from Rock Valley College in December 2018 with an Associates of Arts degree and is currently attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Connor is studying Fish and Wildlife Management with dreams of working with the National Park Service.

Hailee Kerr:

Hailee is graduating from 8th grade this year. She is looking forward to being a freshman in high school next year.

Congratulations to all the graduates. May God's love and guidance be with each of them.



Members & Friends

Sally Baeverstad
Sandra Baxter
Jeff Brown
Violet Collier
David Harter
Keith Kruger
Lela Lameyer
Jerry Manypenny
Lois Marander
Lyons Meyers
Marlene Meyers
Pearl Robbins

Bill Roberts
Jim & Barb Whitlock

Military Personnel

Sean Conderman
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide

Mission

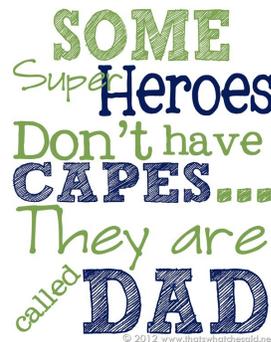
Pastor Kim & the Next
Generation Ministry

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. You may also email your prayer requests to the secretary who will pass it on to the Prayer Chain.

Father's Day



There will not be a fellowship time after worship on June 16, Father's Day. It is our tradition to not have a fellowship time after Mother's Day, so we have decided that we should do the same on Father's Day so that all can enjoy more family time with Dad.

Celebrate Dad!



Methodist Women



The Methodist Women did not meet in May due to conflicting dates.

Our next meeting day is June 9.

**SAVE THE DATES
SEPTEMBER 20 & 21**

We are having a fall project! The Women's Group will assist in the church's participation of the village wide Cherry Valley Fall Garage Sale. We have decided to sell only "items," which means **NO CLOTHING**.

Watch the weekly bulletins and the upcoming issues of the **Messenger** for more information about our project.

All women of the church are invited to our meetings...come on in....and bring your bestie!

Finance/Church Council Dates



The following are dates for Finance Committee and Church Council meetings. If you are a part of these committees, please put these dates in your calendar.

Finance Committee meetings will be at 6:15 pm, all dates.

Church Council will be at 7:00 pm, all dates.

09 Jul 2019 20 Aug 2019 08 Oct 2019 19 Nov 2019

SPRC Meeting Dates

The Staff/Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet on July 23 at 6:30 pm. If you are a member of this committee, please add this meeting to your calendar.



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.

Free Event!

WANTED

KIDS OF GOD'S OWN HEART!

AGES K—5TH GRADE
**FOR A RIP-ROARIN' YEE-HAW
 VBS EXPERIENCE**
 July 19, 5:30 –8:30 pm
 July 20, 12:30 –3:00 pm
 Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
 112 S. Cherry Street

Meals will be provided each day.

To register or for information call 815-332-5075
 Or email: churchinthevalley@comcast.net
 Web site: cherryvalleyumc.com

REWARD: LEARNING ABOUT JESUS

Looking Ahead to Summer

4th of July Parade: We will be marching in the parade with banners to advertise our VBS classes and hand out flyers about our summer worship schedule.

Vacation Bible School: Get ready for a rip-roaring Yee Haw Weekend this summer at VBS! We will be having the opening session on Friday, July 19, 5:30–8:30 pm and Saturday, July 20, 12:30–3:00 pm. Meals will be provided. We will celebrate on Sunday, July 21 at our worship service, 9:45 am –11:00 am.



Annual Church Picnic: Our annual church picnic, Worship in the Park, will be on Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. at Baumann Park Pavilion. The worship committee will supply the chicken and water. Side dishes will be potluck.

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference is June 2-4, 2019 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173

This year, the Conference will celebrate **180 years** as a conference together along with Global Ministries, which is celebrating its bicentennial in 2019 and United Methodist Women, which is observing its 150th anniversary.

Please pray for all those attending.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

Reconciliation is more than just solving a conflict with someone or something.

According to Thomas Porner, author of “Spiritual Art of Solving Conflicts”, he says that pastors should find a better way of living out their calling to be ministers of reconciliation.

Too many times reconciliation means there is a winner and the other person or group of persons is punished. Reconciliation should be a process of building relationships. This is the biblical way.

The following is a summarization of the process of recognition of the sacred through the ritual of reconciliation:

- A rational covenant to guide how we treat one another
- Everyone should have a voice and promote good speaking and listening
- A circle of collective wisdom where everyone is equally responsible for the outcomes



June Birthdays

- 1 Jim Bryant
- 2 Natalie Herold
- 4 Gary Wilt
- 6 John Fisher
- 7 Quin Singh
Evan Singh
- 11 Brandon Seno
Catherine Bernard
- 12 Kelsey Sundberg
- 16 Tom DeWitt
- 18 Andrew Schwartz
- 19 Judy Long
- 20 Jane Neff
- 22 Shirley Cardini
- 23 Sally Hollembeak
- 24 Doris Kuelz
- 27 Violet Collier
- 28 John Schwartz
Sandy Schwartz
- 29 Stacie Halley
Jackie Dietrich

June Anniversaries

- 3 Tom & Deb DeWitt
- 14 Harold & Doris DeVries
- 18 Bud & Shirley Neff
- 20 James & Nancy John
- 29 Keith & Jeanette Krueger

July Birthdays

- 2 Sydney Schwartz
- 4 Lodena Wilt
- 9 Nathan Schwartz
- 10 Kathy Kruger
- 11 Herman Krunfus
- 21 Dana Ward
- 25 Scott Farrell

July Anniversaries

- 2 Ryan & Natalie Herold
- 24 Michael & Dawn Maffioli



Church Picnic August 11

Save the date!

The annual church picnic will be at the Baumann Park Pavilion at 9:45 am on August 11, 2019. The Worship Committee will provide chicken. Just bring your own table service, a side dish to share, a non alcoholic beverage of choice, and your bestie and enjoy the day in the park. There will be singing and of course, plenty of food.

Watch for more information in the August Messenger and weekly bulletins.

| June Worship Leader Schedule | <i>Sunday June 2</i> | <i>Sunday June 9</i> | <i>Sunday June 16</i> | <i>Sunday June 23</i> | <i>Sunday June 30</i> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Liturgist</i> | Keith Burritt | Sue Layng | Charles Schnuckel | Amy Flood | Janet Bryant |
| <i>Greeter Team</i> | Youth Group | Kathleen Sundberg Mary Wilson | Dave & Jan Mills | Jane & Lavern Neff | Jim Bryant Linda Calhoun |
| <i>Usher</i> | Youth Group | Dave Ward | Dave Ward | Keith Burritt | Chris Flood |
| <i>Media</i> | Andrew Schwartz | Patricia Irps | Matt Gross | Solomon Keip or Matthew Hartman | Patricia Irps |
| <i>Fellowship Hosts</i> | Choir | Emmaus Group | No Fellowship Happy Father's Day | Methodist Women | Youth Group |

Upcoming Sermons

Below is a schedule of the sermons and scripture readings that Pastor Mark will be presenting. To prepare yourself, please read the scriptures beforehand. Printed copies of Pastor Mark's sermons are available on the church website (cherryvalleyumc.com). Click the worship tab.

June 2

Call to Worship Psalm 94
 Scripture Lesson Acts 16:16-34
 Gospel John 17:20-26
 Message An Ironic Escape

June 9

Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-35
 Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-21
 Gospel John 14:8-17
 Message The Ultimate Surprise Party

June 16

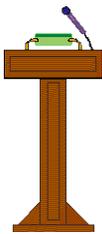
Call to Worship Psalm 8
 Scripture Lesson Romans 5:1-5
 Gospel John 16:12-15
 Message Hope in the Midst

June 23

Call to Worship Psalm 42
 Scripture Lesson 1 Kings 19:1-15a
 Gospel Luke 8:26-39
 Message Speaker: Scott Layng

June 30

Call to Worship Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
 Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6:14
 Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25
 Gospel Luke 9:51-62
 Message Speaker: Rev. Denise Loveridge



July 7

Call to Worship Psalm 30:1-4
 Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
 Message God's Conduits

July 14 New sermon series: Action Required

Call to Worship Psalm 82
 Scripture Lesson Amos 7:7-15
 Gospel Luke 10:25-30
 Message Love Unconditionally (1)

July 21

Call to Worship Psalm 51:10-17
 Scripture Lesson Amos 8:1-12
 Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
 Message Stop and Listen (2)

July 28

Call to Worship Psalm 30:1-4
 Scripture Lesson Colossians 2:6-15
 Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
 Message Be Persistent in Prayer (3)



Adult Summer Reading Program

Registration for the adult summer reading program at the Cherry Valley Library has begun. Register at the table on the adult side of the library. The first 150 registrants will receive a free reusable book tote. Starting June 6, stop by the library each week to complete a drawing slip for each book you have read. The drawing slips will be used to enter to win different theme gift baskets. A weekly word game or puzzle gives you a second chance to win a small prize. The last day to register for this program is June 29. Happy summer reading!

| July Worship Leader Schedule | <i>Sunday July 7</i> | <i>Sunday July 14</i> | <i>Sunday July 21</i> | <i>Sunday July 28</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Liturgist</i> | Warren Gross | Roni Layng | Keith Burritt | Sue Layng |
| <i>Greeter Team</i> | Youth Group | Grace Harter Pam Grothman | Jane & Lavern Neff | Ann Harned Judy Krunfus |
| <i>Usher</i> | Youth Group | Dave Ward | Dave Ward | Keith Burritt |
| <i>Media</i> | Andrew Schwartz | Patricia Irps | Matt Gross | Solomon Keip or Matthew Hartman |
| <i>Fellowship Hosts</i> | Choir | United Methodist Men | Mission Team | Methodist Women |

June 2019

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 2 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship | 3 | 4 8:30 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 5 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Trustees | 6 10:30 am Studio 3 | 7 10:30 am Studio 3 | 8 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 9 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Methodist Women's Meeting <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | 10 | 11 8:30 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 12 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 13 10:30 am Studio 3 | 14 10:30 am Studio 3 | 15 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 16 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Father's Day</i> | 17 <i>Pastor on vacation</i> | 18 8:30 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 19 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 20 10:30 am Studio 3 | 21 10:30 am Studio 3 | 22 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 23 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>5pm-8pm Private Event Jenny Hartman</i> | 24 | 25 8:30 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 26 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 27 10:30 am Studio 3 | 28 10:30 am Studio 3 | 29 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 30 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>2 pm-6pm Private Event Sandy Schwartz</i> | | | | | | |

GET YOUR RED OUT!

Pentecost Sunday is June 9th. Red is the color of Pentecost so wear red that Sunday.



| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 8:00 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 <i>Pastor returns from vacation</i> | 3 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 6:30 pm Trustees | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> 12 noon—Village Parade | 5 10:30 am Studio 3 | 6 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 7 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship | 8 | 9 8:00 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:15 Finance 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council | 10 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 11 10:30 am Studio 3 | 12 10:30 am Studio 3 | 13 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 14 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:15 am Methodist Women's Meeting | 15 <i>August Messenger items due</i> | 16 8:00 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 17 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 18 10:30 am Studio 3 | 19 10:30 am Studio 3 <i>4:00 pm-8:00 pm Vacation Bible School</i> | 20 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous <i>9:00 am-12 noon Vacation Bible School</i> |
| 21 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Vacation Bible School Celebration</i> | 22 | 23 8:00 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm SPRC 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 24 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | 25 10:30 am Studio 3 | 26 10:30 am Studio 3 | 27 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous |
| 28 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship | 29 | 30 8:00 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 31 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café | | | |

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

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**Worship**
OPPORTUNITIES

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



Once Upon A Time... there was a kingdom where children learned their ABC's,
And how to count too,
They used their imaginations to create amazing art projects from colorful paint,
And sticky glue.

Jack in the Beanstalk showed them how seeds & plants grew,
The Little Red Hen taught that all needed to help,
So they could share some bread too.

An Ugly Duckling, swimming by one day,
Told them they were each so special, just the way God had made.

From the Ants and the Grasshoppers they learned when it was time to work hard,
When it was time to play, they could climb and jump and run in the yard.

It was known as Creative Learners II Preschool,
And the key to the kingdom was your little boy or girl.

But every Fairy Tale must come to an end,
And as this story rounds its final bend,
We leave you with all the love we can send!



~The End~

Love Your Royal Servants,
Mrs. Palmer & Mrs. Anderson



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