



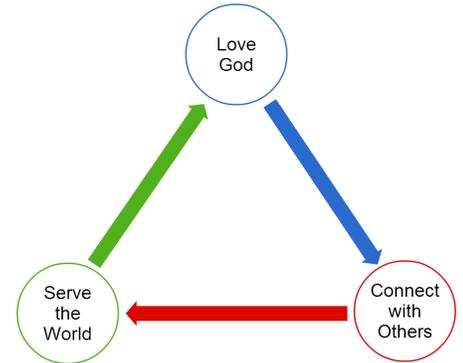
THE MESSENGER

September 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

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness

may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (NRSV)

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

A year and a half ago when I first met with some of the congregational leaders of Cherry Valley United Methodist Church during the pastoral appointment process, I shared a few of my peculiarities. One of the things I told them is that I do use certain “four-letter” words during church, particularly, *sin* and *tithe*. Wait. Those words have three and five letters respectively. They may average four letters, but neither is a four-letter word. That’s true in a direct spelling sense. However, we know that “four-letter words” serves as an expression for words that are not acceptable in “polite” company because they are either: vulgar, profane, or obscene regardless of word length. In other words, those words make proper folk uncomfortable. Sin and tithe are words that do just that: at least when applied to ourselves.

As we plan for the ministry of this congregation in the upcoming year, September will be a time when each of us is asked to consider how our God has blessed us and is calling us to share those blessings through the work of the church. Since the time that Abraham gave a tenth of his possessions to Melchizidek (Ge. 14:20), a tithe has been the biblical standard for giving. A tithe is a proportional gift. As St. Paul notes in vv. 11-12 above, we are called to give out of eagerness for what we have and not out of what we don’t have.

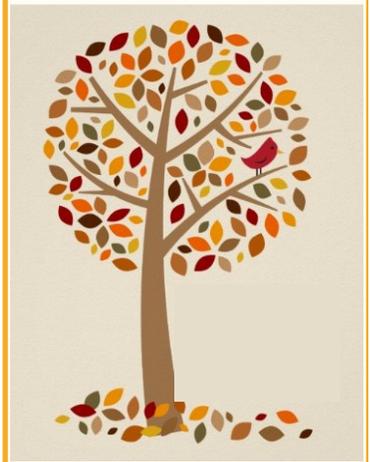
In a spirit of full disclosure: I tithe. I’ve even set it up so that my bank mails a check to the church soon after every payday, so that it becomes a “first fruits” offering. I share this not to boast as we are warned in Matthew 6:1-4, but to honor my responsibility as pastor to lead by example.

Of course, I didn’t always tithe. After learning about tithing during confirmation classes when I was young, I would tithe out of my allowance. Then my church attendance faded, and so did my giving. By the time I started to work and even after graduating college, tithing wasn’t a

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part of my practice. In fact, whenever I would fill out an estimate of giving at church, I'd be embarrassed by how little I could "afford." Even then, I rarely met the estimate. It bothered me.

Then when I transferred my church membership to Plainfield United Methodist Church, the pastor, the late Rev. Joe Buckles, took a moment to talk to the incoming members about tithing. He acknowledged that – for most people – tithing was intimidating. Then he offered a suggestion: Calculate what percentage of my income is represented by my current giving, then commit to increasing that percentage by one percent of income each year. In the longest scenario it would only take ten years to grow in generosity to that level.

My giving at that point was about one percent. So that first step up meant doubling my giving (of course that doubling represented about the same as value meal from a fast food restaurant). Then something happened. Rather than taking nine years, I was tithing in two. Mostly from small (\$5) occasional increases that I didn't even miss. Moreover, I learned that even though the dollar amount of my giving was lower than others it didn't matter, because I was being faithful with what I had.

Proportional giving (that's what tithing really is) offers each of us an opportunity to be generous regardless of our means. When we join together, it sets us up to be a powerful agent of ministry in our community and world.

According to the most recent data (2017) that I could find, the median per capita income in the United States is \$31,786 and the median household income is \$61,372. Assuming that we average out to average and using the lower figure, one percent would be \$318 per year or just a bit over \$6 per week. Depending on your circumstances that may be a little bit more or even a little bit less. Together, however, just that \$6 per week would represent an additional \$12,000 dollars for ministry in our community. Think about what that would mean in two or three or ten years. How many more groups could we support in our community? How many more children would we reach?

God honors our eagerness to grow in faith, holiness, and generosity; especially when it springs from our own hope and trust in his grace, regardless of how faithful or unfaithful, holy or unholy, generous or sparing others may be.

Tithe and *sin* are only four-letter words, when they are separated from God's generous grace and mercy. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (Jn 3:16-17) After my first sermon in this congregation, one member noted that it was the first time that he'd heard "the blood of Jesus" mentioned in church for years. That *blood – grace* exemplified – is the means by which our lives and the Word living in and speaking through us transform the vulgar, profane, and even obscene towards the new creation God has begun.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness, OSL



Members & Friends

- Sandra Baxter
- Violet Collier
- Trudy Hunt
- Lela Lameyer
- Lois Marander
- Lyons Meyers
- Marlene Meyers
- Jeff Sundberg
- Jim & Barb Whitlock

Military Personnel

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

Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry



Those Who Mourn

- Jerry Moneypenny Family
(Juanita Barnes)
- Keith Krueger Family
- Darrell Malthe Family
(Deb Seno)

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 the Prayer Chain.

Fall Bible Study

Overcoming the Trap of Offense and Unforgiveness

Mondays (10:00 am and 6:30 pm) September 23-October 28
(6 weeks)

The Bait of Satan: Living Free from the Deadly Trap of Offense

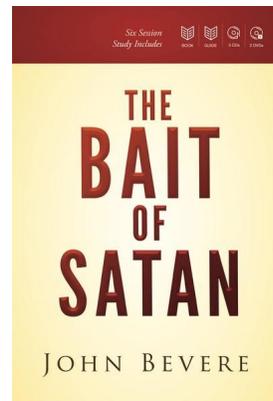
by John Bevere

\$12.00 (Price of book including shipping)

(Please sign up by September 8, to insure books arrive in time)

This Bible study will explore where – how – why offense (i.e. being offended) keeps us from experiencing the fullness of God's grace, and keeps us from forgiving.

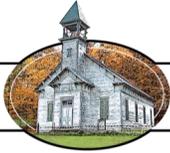
As a society and individuals we are confronted daily with news and interactions that hurt or disturb us. Growing individualism tells us that we have a right to be offended by those who disagree, building up self-righteousness rather than holy righteousness through Christ.



This study seeks to address that conundrum as we learn to claim our place as victors through Christ rather than victims of the world.

You may sign up at church or speak with the church secretary at (815) 332-5057 during business hours or leave a message on the phone.

CHURCH COUNCIL



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. Church Council meetings are at 7:00 pm, all dates and Finance Committee meetings will be at 6:15 pm, all dates.

October 8 November 19

Methodist Women

It has been a very busy summer for all Cherry Valley UMC. Now it is time to resume our activities within the church.

Last spring, the women began looking for ways to make our church more visible to the community. We wanted to find a project the could involve the entire congregation. We decided to participate in the Village Fall Garage Sale BUT we need your help.

The garage sale is scheduled for Friday, September 13th and Saturday 14th. We will begin accepting donations on Wednesday, September 4th. Donations may be placed at the back of the room of the Fellowship Hall.

We plan to begin set up on Monday, September 9th.

We need volunteers!

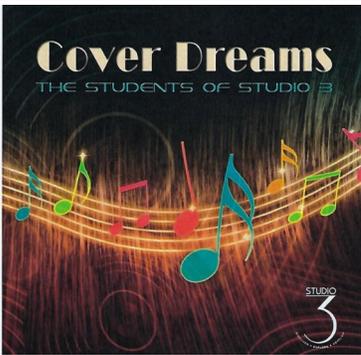
We also need help on the days of the sale. A volunteer sign up sheet is available, either here at church or contact Donna Layng at 815-544-8482.

REMEMBER :

This is a church-wide project and ...



Studio 3 CD Release



Jenny Hartman has released a new CD. There are copies still available at the church. Look for a display on the table in the sanctuary entrance.

All performances are current for this year and the signature track features Studio 3 alumni as well as Jenny on strings/synth/bass and her friend Ben on guitar and drums.

The cost is \$7 and all the income goes to the group music programs at Studio 3. You may also purchase a copy from her website at www.studio3today.com/shop

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who worked for our Worship in the Park, which turned out to not be at the park at all. We had to move our worship and picnic to the church due to rain. But, all worked out well and the food was delicious, as always!

Cherry valley UMC

We will be participating in the

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES



September 13th and 14th

You may start bringing your donations on September 4th

- Place your donations in the back of the Fellowship Hall beginning **September 4**.
- All items must be serviceable and in working order.
- Items are to be cleaned before being brought to the church.
- **We need volunteers for all time slots! See Donna Layng or Susan Harkness to help.**

For more information, please see Donna Layng

Please, No Clothing Items

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.

Choir



The Cherry Valley UMC Choir began rehearsals in August and will have their first performance on Sunday, September 15th.

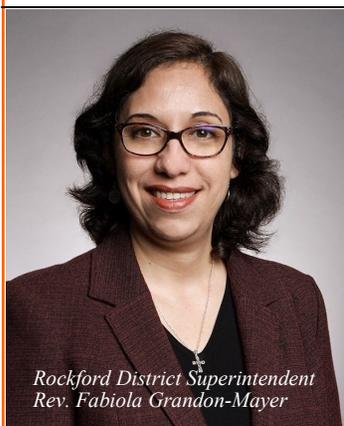
Thank you to this year's choir, Carol Conderman, Mary Coulter, Deb Dewitt, Scott Farrell, Melynda Mungor, Jan Mills, Holly Snyder, Michael Thompson, Jessica Tiffit.

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please speak with Scott Farrell, Choir Director.

"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord"

- Ephesians 5:19

Rockford District Superintendent



Rockford District Superintendent
Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

Rev. Grandon-Mayer was born and raised in Chile in the Methodist Church; her father is a Methodist pastor. For five years she coordinated a program called Youth in Mission for all Latin America and the Caribbean Methodist churches. She was the Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the World Methodist Council.

Rev. Grandon-Mayer is a graduate of Asbury Seminary in Lexington, Ky. Her first appointment in the NIC was to First UMC in Elgin in 2012, and then to Centennial UMC in Rockford, where she's been since 2014. She and her husband, the Rev. Mario Mayer, pastor of Beth Eden UMC in Rockford, have 6-year-old twins, Pedro and Paulina. "I have been blessed to serve in the Rockford District as a pastor for the last six and a half years and I am excited to continue my pastoral ministry from another perspective along with a great group of clergy and laity committed to the mission that God has put in our hands,"

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Birthdays

- 2 Mary Coulter
- 6 Marlene Meyers
Grace Harter
- 7 Melynda Mungor
Warren Gross
- 8 Zane Clevenger
- 10 Amy Flood
- 22 David Burritt
- 23 Jeanette Krueger
Monica Plummer

- 24 Chris Flood
David Ziemke
- 25 Mandy Kloepfer
- 27 Sherry Gordon
- 28 Patty Campbell
- 29 Holly Snyder



September Anniversaries

- 3 Gary & Sue Wilt
- 11 LaVern & Jane Neff
- 12 Daniel & Julie Halley
- 14 Joe & Trudy Hunt



Membership Removal



The annual Church Conference is November 27 and at the meeting we will be removing names of people from our membership rolls. These are people who have moved away and/or with whom we have had no communications for many years and whose last known addresses are invalid.

Some of the names are:

- Julie Beach
- Denise Porter
- Lynden Scott
- Christine Nyquist
- Alex Gardner
- Sarah Rasmussen
- Rita Scott
- Erik Schweitzer

If you know any of these people and know they wish to remain as members, please have them contact the church office prior to the Church Conference date.

September Worship Leader Schedule	Sunday September 1	Sunday September 8	Sunday September 15	Sunday September 22	Sunday September 29
Liturgist	Amy Flood	Keith Burritt	Andrew Schwartz	Charles Schnuckel	Sue Layng
Greeter Team	Jim Newell Pat Newell	Ann Harned Judy Krunfus	Dave Mills Jan Mills	LaVern Neff Jane Neff	Kathleen Sundberg Mary Wilson
Usher		Dave Ward	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt	Chris Flood
Media	Andrew Schwartz	Patricia Irps	Patricia Irps	Matthew Hartman	Patricia Irps
Fellowship Hosts	Choir	Methodist Men	Mission Team	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.

September 1..... The Pillars of Faith Series—4
 Call to Worship Psalm 81:10
 Scripture Lesson..... Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14
 Message..... Faith Enough To Wait

September 8 What Disciples Do Series—1
 Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Scripture Lesson..... Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Gospel Luke 14:25-33
 Message..... Disciples Take Faith Seriously

September 15..... What Disciples Do Series—2
 Call to Worship Psalm 14
 Scripture Lesson..... 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel Luke 15:1-10
 Message..... Disciples Seek People for Christ and church.

September 22..... What Disciples Do Series—3
 Call to Worship Psalm 4
 Scripture Lesson..... 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Gospel Luke 16:1-13
 Message..... Disciples Resist Greed

September 29..... What Disciples Do Series—4
 Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
 Scripture Lesson..... 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Gospel Luke 16:19-31
 Message..... Disciples Practice Generosity

Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday is September 29. The following is an Excerpt from *The United Methodist Member's Handbook Revised and Expanded*, pgs. 20-21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.

"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." —

Melvin Amerson, *Celebrating the Offering*

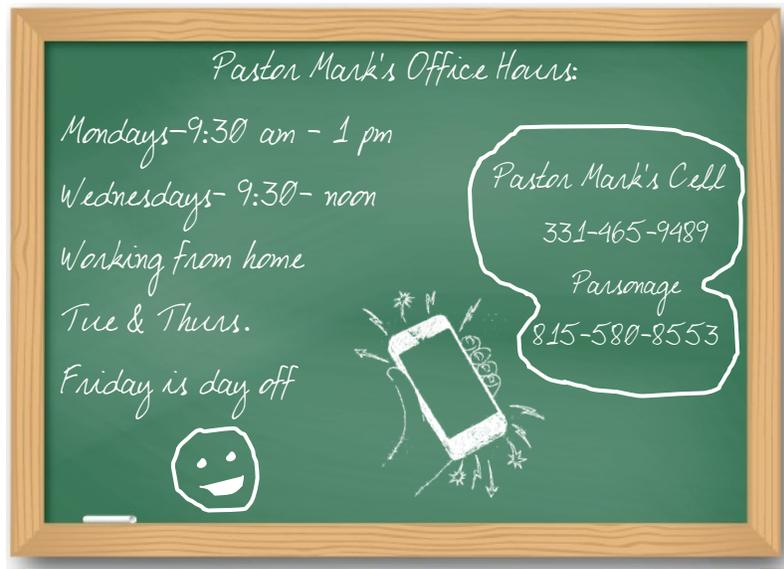
We Give

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

- *Receiving*: We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.

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- *Managing*: We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.
- *Giving*: Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

Our time

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

Our abilities

Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus' story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30).

As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

Our resources

We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ's work in the world. We've learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the "first fruits," an amount "off the top" of our income, not what's left over at the end of the month.

By Jim Whitlock

(This is a continuation from the article in the August Messenger on how to raise children spiritually.)

Give wise instruction according to Proverbs 2:1-7 “My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, [then] you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright; he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless...”

Proverbs 22:6 “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

Make reasonable restrictions and instructions according to Proverbs 6:20-23 “My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life...”



Having no restrictions on a child implies that you don’t really care for the child. God gave restrictions to Adam and Eve in the garden. My dad insisted on 2 rules at home. They were no dishonesty and no disrespecting others.

Always listen to your children. Proverbs 18:13-16 states “To answer before listening—that is folly and shame. The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear? The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out. A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”

Don’t break their spirit. Make time to listen to them before you get upset over trifles. You can break their spirit by shutting them up when they want to tell you something that is important to them.

If you want to raise your children up to be good Christians, follow the Word of God wrote by Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived.

Save the Date!

Annual Church Conference
November 27
9 am to 10 am.
Worship to follow



Please make every effort to attend.



A BOY SCOUT SUMMER!

A crew of 9 went to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in late June. They hiked nearly 90-miles with full backpacks. They all said it was an experience of a lifetime.

In early July, Troop 181 did its annual summer camp. This year we went to Canyon Camp near Stockton, IL. There were 26 scouts and 6 adults during the week. The scouts earned 88 merit badges from basketry, wood carving, and leatherwork to canoeing, rowing, and kayaking to archery, fishing, and wilderness survival; plus many more. All twelve of our newest scouts were there. We were lucky enough to have really good weather for the week. It is a privilege to spend a week with all these boys. Most recently, a crew of 8 went on a sailing adventure in the Bahamas through the BSA National Sea Base.

In August, we worked Festa Italiana to raise some funds. We did litter control for the 3-day festival. We hope that helps our scouts understand the value of never throwing any refuse on the ground. Three of our scouts got to go to NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) this summer.

The second troop meeting of August was our annual Bachelor Survival night. A few of our parents taught in a round-robin format. The scouts learned to make gravy, how to do their laundry, change a fuse and reset a circuit breaker, sew on a button, and to care for and clip toenails of a couple guinea pigs.

The third meeting was our annual Calendar Planning (we collected ideas and assembled them for the year to come). We went camping in the Apple River State Park and drove over to Chestnut Mountain Resort to enjoy several trips down the 2050' Alpine Slide.

The final meeting of the month will be an experience learning to play pickleball. Did you know Cherry Valley has 4 new pickleball courts?

Troop 181 got to host the Cherry Valley kickball game for "National Night Out" on August 6. There were 43 community youth players in the game. The men and women of the Cherry Valley Police Department and Firefighters were introduced afterwards, then took the field after the game. They allowed the kids to play kickball against them. **What a remarkable group of first responders we have in Cherry Valley!**



September's activities will include a sharing of high adventure experiences, Troop elections of youth leaders, the Council Religious Retreat, fire building, a campout at the Stronghold Castle, and preparation for our annual Webelos Open House.

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.



September 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 8:00 am UMM @ CV Café 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 Moore 4:45 pm 5:15 pm Studio 3 5:45 pm Studio 3 5:45 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Studio 3	4 9:00 am Bible Study @ CV Café 4:00 pm Studio 3 5:00 pm Studio 3 5:40 pm Studio 3 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Choir <i>Begin Accepting Donations for Garage Sale</i>	5 3:45 pm Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3	6 10:30 am Studio 3 4:00 pm Studio 3	7 9:00 am Gamblers Anonymous 10:00 am Studio 3 10:45 am Studio 3 12:30 pm Studio 3
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Messenger items are due to the secretary on the 15th of each month.



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It's Autumn!

A new beginning for Sunday School and Bible Study.

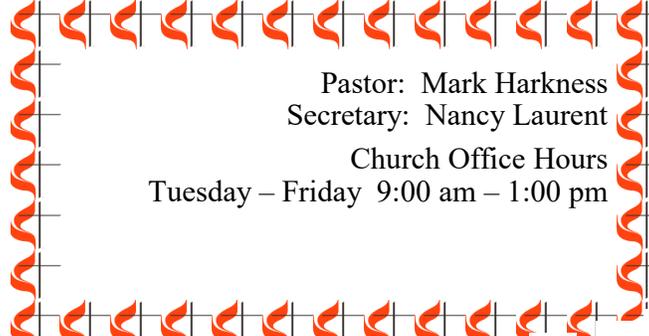
*Join us for Sunday School for kids and adults
 beginning September 15 @ 8:45 am.*

*Bible study is offered for either morning or evening sessions
 beginning September 16 @10 am & 6:30 pm*




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

Worship
 OPPORTUNITIES



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

*It is official! It is real! Grace international School
opened its new facility in August.*

Grace International School fulfills a vision first proposed in 2006. Because of the vision and the many difficult challenges to make it happen, the story of the school has been told world-wide and, it has become a beacon of light in a country where **Buddhism** plays a significant role in **Thai** culture and society.

The extraordinary efforts to create this building; and the positive actions of those involved have made a significant impression on the Thai people.

Grace International School (GIS) was created to provide a high quality Christian education for the children of international workers located in Southeast Asia. The primary goal at GIS is to allow these families to continue to work in their fields without having to compromise the education of their children.

GRACE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND



And, here is the new library first conceived on paper in 2010. It will serve all students K-12 in a conjoined facility. *Now my work is done!* Thank you everyone for your prayers, your support and your constant faith in this work.

Please continue to pray for all the Christian staff who dedicate their lives to the mission of Grace International School.

*With God's grace we grow together!
Your missionary ~ Judy Long*

THE NEW CAMPUS WILL SERVE:



**1000
Students**



**80%
Missionary Kids**



**700
Families**



**30
Nationalities**



**35
Countries Being
Reached**

To learn more about

Grace International School Campus updates

<https://www.gisthailand.org/new-campus-update/>