



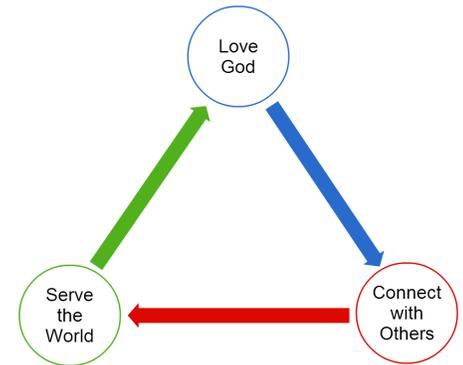
THE MESSENGER

October 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

²²Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. ²³All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons." ²⁵He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²⁹Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. ³⁰Whoever is not with me is against me,

and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. ³³"Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. ³⁶I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; ³⁷for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned

Matthew 12:22-37 (NRSV)

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

Most of us understand the maxim "divide and rule" (It. *divide et impera*) or "divide and conquer", which likely comes down to us through Phillip II (father of Alexander the Great). The premise is pretty straight forward: rather than attempting to conquer or subjugate others *en masse*, it is simpler and more efficient to take them on in smaller groups while also getting those groups to do your work for you by exciting them to fight amongst themselves thereby weakening any opposition. When executed well, it is an effective strategy.

When others accused him of being an agent of Beelzebul (i.e. Satan or the devil), Jesus pointed out that the devil isn't so stupid as to work against his own demons. Doing so would divide his house (i.e. his area of authority). Claiming the Holy Spirit's power to cast out demons, Jesus invited those listening to reconsider their accusation. Whereas those who reacted to the expectation that Jesus might be the Messiah by attempting to dismiss his ministry as "devilish" were actually doing the devil a favor by fomenting conflict among God's people.

The irony is that the Pharisees agreed a lot more with Jesus than they disagreed. Even in their disagreements, they would have likely found agreement if they had been willing to listen closer to what he was teaching and watching what he was doing, rather than worrying about their own status as "the" authorities on righteousness.

One thing that the Pharisees had right that we are too ready to forget (or ignore) is that evil spirits exist. Especially in mainline Protestant churches, our reluctance to acknowledge spiritual warfare comes as a response to shame based theology that focuses on resisting the devil instead of claiming God's loving redemption through Jesus Christ. However, the danger of ignoring (or even denying) the truth of spiritual warfare is that it allows us to fall prey to evil's manipulation.

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Rejoice

in the Lord your God,
for he has given you the
autumn rains in
righteousness.

Joel: 2:23



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Satan is smart. He's no fool. He too, knows the effectiveness of divide and conquer. He's also smart enough to be subtle. He knows that little things – things that are more “annoying” than threatening – can be very powerful. (Consider this. The deadliest animal on earth is not the great white shark or African lion but the mosquito which kills (slowly) more than 600,000 people per year.) He uses “small” lies to turn us to sin and against one another.

At this point, you may be wondering where I'm going with this. Please bear with me.

Currently, several members of the church are engaged in a Book Study on *The Bait of Satan: Living Free from the Deadly Trap of Offense*. I introduced this study not only because I think the author is on to something in our personal relationships, but because I believe that the pervasive readiness to be offended has become a cultural norm. Whether one listens to NPR or Rush Limbaugh, or watches Fox News or MSNBC, the subtle and not-so-subtle effect is to become dismissive of viewpoints that differ from our own. I'm not suggesting that we must abandon reason and abandon our own views. However, by outright dismissing others (effectively treating them with disdain) we abandon Jesus' command to love one another (Jn 13:34, Jn 15:12), and (like the Pharisees) fail to discover our agreement and unity. Satan's lie is that disagreement is an offense to be eliminated even at the expense of estrangement, because to do otherwise means becoming corrupted oneself. Did you catch that? Do you see the similarity with the disputes between Jesus and some of the religious leaders? Satan doesn't try to convince us to be evil. It wouldn't work as well. Instead he uses a small lie to suggest that rushing to denounce others is a means of spiritual purity. The result is a house divided.

As Christians who claim to be one in Christ and as Americans who claim as our motto: *e pluribus unum* (out of many, one), let us attend to the spirits that would divide us, and set an example for the world grounded in our love for one another.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness, OSL



Military Personnel

Sean Conderman
Tamara Duke
Dan Harter
Mark Kincaide

Members & Friends

Sandra Baxter
Violet Collier
Trudy Hunt
Lela Lameyer
Lois Marander
Lyons Meyers
Marlene Meyers
Jeff Sundberg
Jim & Barb Whitlock
Ida Mae Fox
Juanita Barnes's Sister Beverly

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 the Prayer Chain.

Anniversary Celebration

Hello, My Church Family,
Five years ago on October 12th, I joined this church as your choir director. In that time, I've had the pleasure of working with over twenty musicians to provide quality choral music for our worship services. In the days prior to my hiring, it was not a good time for me at all. I was lost, broken, and my skills were going to waste



Choir Director, Scott Farrell

in a totally opposite line of work. Coming here put me back on course, and it was a life-changing experience. Previously, I had never received such a welcome and positive spirit from a church community. You were here for my first days with the choir; for my first Sunday as the music director when we were between accompanists; when we presented programmes for Easter and Christmas; when Mark Bedker unexpectedly died; and so many other times. Your kindness and love and support over the past five years has been immeasurable, and while we don't always see eye to eye, we are a church family. I spread the message of Christ through my music. It is my sincere hope that we shall have another five years together.

Scott Farrell



Save the Date!

Annual Church Conference
November 17
9 am to 10 am.
Worship to follow



Please make every effort to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next Finance Committee and Church Council meetings will be on October 8. Finance Committee will meet at 6:15 pm; Church Council 7:00 pm. The scheduled meetings for November 19 has been cancelled since the Annual Church Conference is on November 17 and another meeting is not necessary so soon after the Conference. Please adjust your calendars accordingly,

Methodist Women

Wow!! I am so happy to report the Garage Sale on September 13th and 14th was a sight to behold. With the help of the congregation we were able to fill the entire Fellowship Hall with items for sale. Packing the unsold items on Sunday after church was again a joint effort accomplished in a remarkably short time.

On Monday morning a group of men (consisting of three generations) distributed these unsold items to Rockford Rescue Mission Resale Store.

My sincere thanks to all who participated in any way. It was a joy to see so many involved. It was also an experience to bring others to within our building and we had a large variety of folks.

Our profit was over \$850.00 which will be shared. Again many thanks to the congregation of Cherry Valley UMC. I saw Christ in many of you.

Our next meeting will be on October 13 following worship. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Donna Layng



Photos by Susan Harkness

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.

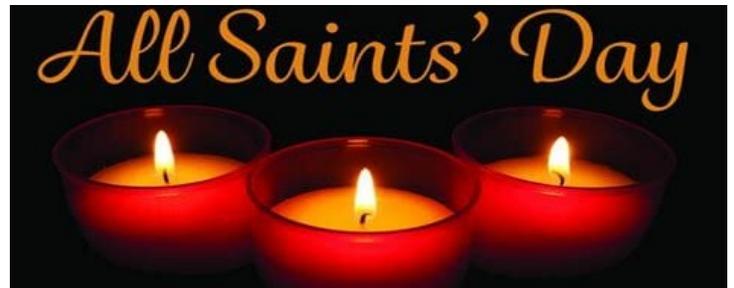
CURRENT NEEDS LIST

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.

All Saints Remembrance



We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3. During the worship service, we will have a special time in which we honor the Saints who have passed away this year. If you wish to place a bell on the bell cross in memory of a loved one, you may bring your bell on November 3. Please try to keep the bells no larger than three inches.

In order to have your loved one's name placed on the list of Remembrance of Saints, please contact the church office @ 815-332-5075 or you may email churchinthevalley@comcast.net



By Jim Whitlock

Psalm 127:3-5 (KJV) "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

This chapter of Psalm 127 has many spiritual lessons for those who study the word of God. I am choosing to follow the one that deals with raising a child for God.

Children are a gift from God. They serve a purpose for both God's plan and for man's plan in serving God. These verses speak of arrows in the hand of a mighty man.



An archer had to make his own arrows, and the arrows had to be exact for use in battle. Each arrow was made of mostly tough reeds cut from the banks of rivers and streams. The archer would take out all the little curves and defects by hand. He would apply a little bit of heat to the arrows to straighten the shafts out. Then the archer would smooth out the shaft by using wood ashes to rub out the rough spots. After this, he would polish the arrow with lamb's wool. As each arrow is completed and tested, it is then put into his quiver.

As long as the arrow is in the hand of the archer, he is in control of the arrow and can direct it. After it is shot from the bow, the archer has no control of its flight. So it is with the child. After the child leaves home, the parent loses control and cannot direct them. If the child achieves (or hits) the goal depends on the preparation of the child from home.

If the child has been given the gifts of a godly example, unconditional love, encouragement, just instructions, reasonable restrictions, and listening parents, the child is ready to be purposeful, pointed, and propelled toward its goal.



October Birthdays

- 4 Marybeth Sundberg
- 5 Charles Voorhies
- 8 Leigh Sterrenberg
- 12 Carol Conderman
- 13 Jim Whitlock
Jim Voorhies
- 28 Erinna Kauffman
Ericka Kauffman
- 30 Heather Wilt

October Anniversaries

- 5 Brad & Kathy Ware
- 9 Mike & Melynda Mungor
- 12 Jim & Pat Newell
- 13 David & Dana Ward
- 14 Charles & Lora Schnuckel
- 26 Jim & Barbara Whitlock
- 29 Dave & Jan Mills



Membership Removal



The annual Church Conference is November 17 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.

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

October Worship Leader Schedule	<i>Sunday October 6</i>	<i>Sunday October 13</i>	<i>Sunday October 20</i>	<i>Sunday October 27</i>
<i>Liturgist</i>	Janet Bryant	Andrew Schwartz	Sue Layng	Keith Burritt
<i>Greeter Team</i>	Kathleen Sundberg Mary Wilson	Jim Bryant Grace Harter	Jim Newell Pat Newell	Patty Campbell Judy Krunfus
<i>Usher</i>	Volunteer	Dave Ward	Dave Ward	Keith Burritt
<i>Media</i>	Andrew Schwartz	Patricia Irps	Patricia Irps	Matthew Hartman
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Choir	Emmaus Group	Mission Team	Methodist Women

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.

October 6..... What Disciples Do Series—5
 Call to Worship Psalm 137
 Scripture Lesson..... 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Gospel Luke 17:5-10
 Message..... Disciples Take Their Faith Home

October 13 What Disciples Do Series—6
 Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-12
 Scripture Lesson..... Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Gospel Luke 17:11-19
 Message..... Disciples Make the Best of “Babylon”

October 20..... What Disciples Do Series—7
 Call to Worship Psalm 19
 Scripture Lesson..... Genesis 32:22-31
 Gospel Luke 18:1-8
 Message..... Disciples Wrestle With God

October 27..... What Disciples Do Series—8
 Call to Worship Psalm 65
 Scripture Lesson..... 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Gospel Luke 18:9-14
 Message..... Disciples Don't Judge

Global Mission Secondary School

Dear Friends & Mission Partners,

Grace & peace to you. Whenever I write a missionary letter, I vividly see God's mighty hands and His amazing grace in my life and work. I hope that the same thing will happen to you as you read my missionary letter.

September 14 was Korean Thanksgiving Day. There are many things for which I am so grateful to God. The most grateful thing is: to start school construction with \$400,000 for the first phase. God is faithful to keep His promise by providing the right people stage by stage. A big THANK YOU to individual donors and churches and my friends and family that made the first phase possible. Your love for Tanzanian Next Generation and your generosity for School construction will be remembered forever by God and many young people and their families in years to come.

Please pray for D&G contractor (Dr. Mbatta and his team) and me to work together with faith and prayers; and pray for God's timely provisions for **the 2nd phase (\$432,764) and the 3rd phase (\$325,500)**. Together we can build Global Mission Secondary School. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Gratitude, Christina (Young Seon)



Next Generation

My dear friends in Christ,

Cherry Valley as a church family now supports Pastor Kim's ministry **Next Generation**. She is our international missionary! What does that mean? It means we have accepted the call to embrace her ministry; to support the Global Missions Board and Pastor Kim in building a school in Tanzania and to ultimately spread the Word of Jesus Christ throughout the country. By accepting that call, we are called to fully embrace her ministry; to pray for her works and to support her financially. That is a big call! Please read her newsletter in this publication.

As part of that support, I am planning a trip to Tanzania in July 2020. July is a more temperate climate though still hot. Also, the building project should be well underway. This trip will be to encourage Pastor Kim; to better understand how to pray and support her ministry. Her newsletters and Facebook posts are full of her energy and her heart! Her passion is undeniable! However one learns so much more by seeing it in person. It also means a great deal to a missionary when people come to see where they live and work!

So, I am inviting you to join me. I am extending the baton to others to learn about international missions. It can and often is a life-changing experience. Costs are yet to be determined – probably close to \$3,000. The round trip ticket itself will be about \$2,000. Length of stay will be about two weeks. *Who wants to join me?* Seriously, pray about it! You will not be disappointed.

Contact information: Facebook user Id: Young Seon Kim. Email address: yskim1023@gmail.com

How to Give: The Advance is an official program of the UMC. 100% of all Advance giving goes to the chosen mission project or ministry. You can choose my salary support (#3021957) or the Next Generation Ministries/School Project (#3022281). Please send a check to “Advance GCFA” at P.O.Box 9068 New York, NY 10087-9068 with the Advance number on the memo line. Thanks!!

New Hometown Market

There's a new grocery market in town! It's called Cattle & Cream, located at 105 N. Cherry Street, in downtown Cherry Valley.

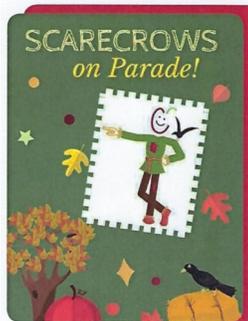
They have groceries AND an ice cream shop! They have most of the things you would find in a larger grocery store, just a bit fewer of each item. The produce section is nicely laid out and everything is fresh. The meat is fresh and cut on the premises. You can get special cuts by asking. The ice cream shop has an indoor as well as an outdoor dining area to enjoy your ice cream or goodies purchased from the market.

Check out their Facebook page, or better yet, stop in, you'll be warmly greeted by the friendly staff. Shop Local. It's good for everyone!



7th Annual Scarecrows on Parade!

Scarecrows are out in Cherry Valley and waiting for you to select your favorite! Vote for your favorite scarecrows at \$1.00 per vote as often as you would like at the library or at select Cherry Valley businesses. Votes will be tallied and the winners will be announced at the Village's Halloween parade on **October 26**. Be a part of this festive fall tradition in downtown Cherry Valley!



Village Halloween Parade will be October 26, 3 pm at the Baumann Tennis Courts. Village Trick or Treat will be on October 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm.



HALLOWEEN WARMING STATION

The church will be open to the trick or treaters on Halloween, October 31st, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We will have treats, hot chocolate and apple cider and offer a brief respite from the mayhem for the weary parents! Stop in and warm up.

Boy Scout Troop 181

We started off September in Baumann Park, trying out the new pickle ball courts, playing tennis, playing basketball, and playing kickball. It was an activity night that suited every one, one way or another. The second meeting of the month included Troop elections. The scouts elected Carter as their new SPL (Senior Patrol Leader). Other positions were applied for, and they will be appointed by their respective youth leaders. The Council Religious Retreat "Lift High the Cross" at Camp Lowden was enjoyed by a number of scouts and scouters from our Troop.

The third Tuesday of September found us in Baumann Park again. [We put "outing" in Scouting.] We built fires. With the fire place and two side grills, then two other yard fire places brought in, the patrols built 5 fires. (The object was to build a sustainable fire, boil water in a can, enough to soften a spaghetti noodle and tie a knot in it.) Skills were learned. The boy realized they forgot to bring water to extinguish the fires, so they went down to the river to dip enough to do the job. At the writing of this article, we have not yet gone to The Stronghold Castle to camp and experience the teams challenge course and high ropes course. The final meeting of the month will include preparation for the Webelos/AOL Open House, that will invite Cub Scouts to join our Troop to continue their scouting career.



The first meeting of October will be our Webelos/AOL Open House. Webelos/AOL Scouts (4th and 5th graders) from several Packs have been invited to check us out. On a weekend, we hope to be part of the Wanchanagi District Camporee "Mad Science Experiments" at Canyon Camp. The second troop meeting of the month will be learning how to tie a monkey fist (knot at the end of a rope) and a turks head knot (tie slide), both will be complicated ropework. The third meeting of the month will be a movie night; time to enjoy a flick with friends. The 4th meeting of October will find our scouts being creative; they're going to carve, or decorate, pumpkins (a fun Halloween tradition). The final meeting of the month is scheduled for our scouts to go to a Haunted House (not for everyone, but fun for most).

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.

TRICK OR TREAT

BRING YOUR
NON PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS
TO THE
OCTOBER 27
WORSHIP SERVICE.
THE KIDS WILL
COLLECT THEM
FOR THE
ROCK RIVER VALLEY
FOOD PANTRY!

*Trick or Treat
SO OTHERS CAN EAT!*





Join us for a
Rockin'
good time!

DJ Spinning Hits
from the 50's-80's

- 🎵 LIVE MUSIC & D.J. SPINNING HITS FROM THE 50'S - 80'S
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THIS EVENT BENEFITS



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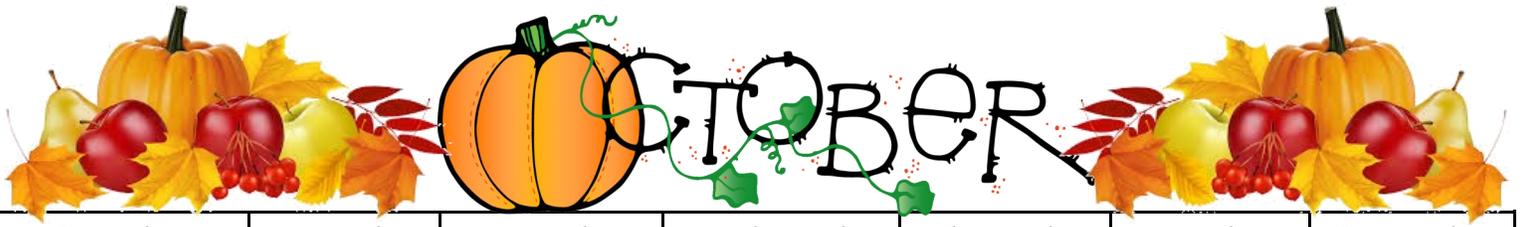
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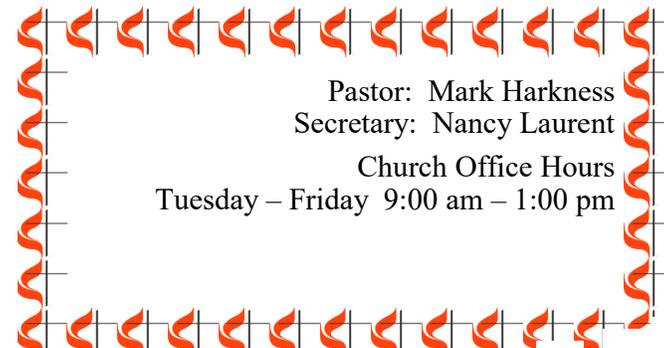
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Sunday School @ 8:45 am for all ages. September—May
Sunday @ 9:45 am—Worship
Sunday @ 11:00 am—Fellowship
All are welcome!

Worship
OPPORTUNITIES



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



Newsletter

September 10, 2019

“With God All Things Are Possible.”

Grace and Peace to you. I love a fall season, even though I can't really feel it in Tanzania☺ May God bless you to enjoy fall scenery. On September 1st I was so excited to go to church. My heart was full of gratitude for a new month and the starting of School construction which just happened a week ago. Unexpectedly, I heard strange sound in the car. Soon I found out that my 20-year-old car ran out of water. A water-leaking pump had to be replaced. I was not excited about spending unexpected expenses, but was grateful that the problem was FIXABLE. This experience became a good reminder as I was entering into school construction: **God doesn't allow any problem that I can't bear or fix☺** Hallelujah!!!

Finally, School Construction Began After the 15-month Waiting. Praise the Lord!

August 27, 2019 was a historic day in my life and future Global Mission Secondary School. After a long waiting which was caused by UMCT land problem and necessary permits, a construction contract was finally signed. Immediately, D&G contractor started site clearance and site mobilizations. Waiting was not wasting. It had an end. It was God who made this happen against all odds. When I came home on that day, the first thing that I did was to give praise and honor to God, while standing before the Cross. God is so Good.



Ever since I said YES to this secondary school project in summer 2016, God has been so faithful. As He promised, He provided the right people for me in stages - Professor Choi who visited Tanzania from Korea and drew a master plan; 5 Tanzanian engineers who did all detailed drawings; Ilala district land & education officers, a Ilala district engineer, a EIA expert, D&G contractor (Dr. Mbatta and his team), a lawyer, Korean missionaries & Korean engineers in Tanzania who shared their experiences and gave me timely advice etc.

Through individual donors and churches, God also provided \$400,000 for the first phase of school construction and amazing breakthroughs for tough situations that made me say, "Lord, I don't know what to do. Teach me and guide me." More than anything else, I am sososo grateful for the Word of God during my daily QT that gives me a sense of direction and shines my path. I have a lot of testimonies that make me smile☺ During actual construction, I will have more and more stories touched by God who is the Lord of this project.

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Noah is an inspiration to me. He and his family built an ark for 120 years. They were a family of perservance and faithfulness. Also they contined to be faithful in the rocky ark to feed many animals, give them water, and removed their poo for 40 days Wow, while trusting the God of Promise. Just like them, I trust God who began a good work in me. I will be faithful to do my part.

School construction has three phases. The first & second phases mean we have to build all that are required by the government for school registration. During the 3rd phases we will build a multi-purpose hall, a volunteer missionary house, additional classrooms, outdoor activity center etc. **\$432,764 for the 2nd phase and \$325,500 for the 3rd phase are Needed.** During my daily QT, God gave me Matthew 19:26: "With God All Things are Possible." I shared this verse with engineers as a theme verse for school construction. In Tanzania, there is NO tax exemption for all churches, but I have been knocking doors to get some favors. Whether we will pay 18% VAT or not, I believe God will meet all our needs in Christ (Philippians 4:19).

Awesome Summer Mission Teams from USA & Korea

Rev. Kang and 12 members came from New York Plainview KUMC in July, 2019. I met Mrs. Choi, a mission chairperson at KUMC mission conference in Sept. 2016, because somehow a roommate was changed. That divine connection brought NY mission team to Tanzania after 3 years. They provided seminars, Bibles, music programs, children ministries, medicines for 3 local churches in Dar es Salaam district. Also, NY team went to a school site and prayed for school project and me. I was so empowered by them. On August 27th I got a message from Mrs. Choi that **NY Plainview KUMC will send \$50,000 for school construction by Nov. 2019 to #3022281, Next Generation Ministries.** Wow!!! I was so humbled and overwhelmed by God's grace.



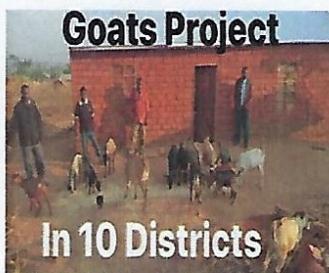
In August, 2019 another mission team came from Chung Sung KMC in Korea. In the past, this church supported a roofing project for Dodoma Mjini UMC. CS mission team consisted of 9 college students and two doctors, who were sent by the same church and work for MUHAS government hospital in Tanzania. This team went to Morogoro district, providing medical services for Masai churches and at Susannah Wesley Dispensary and also mini-VBS for children at Mtiple and Kihonda churches. College students were in early & mid 20's. They were full of passion, high energy, and joy. It was fun to work with them. I deeply appreciate two mission teams and their sincere services for Christ and His Kingdom. I am so proud of Tanzanian pastors and congregations and Nifuate teachers (trained young adults) who cooperated so well with NY & CS mission teams☺

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Goats Project in 10 Districts through Nifuate (Follow me) Discipleship Program

Next Generation Ministries has started to distribute 200 goats to young people in 10 districts & Nyarugusu refugee camp. This distribution was based on evaluations on Nifuate discipleship program that young people in UMCT participated in from July 2018-May 2019. They monthly gathered to study the Word, pray together, and have a fellowship in Christ. They used Nifuate books that I wrote for the program.

Total 2,014 young people went through the program. Every district has a Nifuate key leader and teachers. They were trained by me for years. Their perseverance, hard work, and dedication made this program fruitful. Kitanga district became No.1 in their participation, cooperation, and spiritual growth, so young people received 20 goats as a prize, and even DS Sheliteli, 9 pastors, and 6 Nifuate teachers received a goat respectively. Ten districts will start a project with goats they have received. So I made a promise to give 10 more goats if they made the number of their goats double by Oct. 2020. **I give a big THANK YOU to Dr. Sang Lyun Nam and Salem KUMC in Northern Illinois Annual Conference for 200 goats.** My one expectation is: every district will pay bus fees for one delegate to go to UMCT Youth Annual Conference every year.



Since July 2019, Nifuate discipleship program continues in every district and Nyarugusu camp with a new study book, called, "Kitabu cha Picha cha Malezi ya Kiroho." In July-August I traveled a lot to train Nifuate teachers with the new book and encouraged them to go to each local church rather than bring young people to one place, because distance and bus fees were a big challenge previously. **The Word and prayer are like two wings of a bird. They are so essential to the Christian life.** I pray that I will see more young disciples of Christ who have two strong wings to fly with the Holy Spirit who knows God's plan for them☺

With gratitude, Christina (Young Seon)

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