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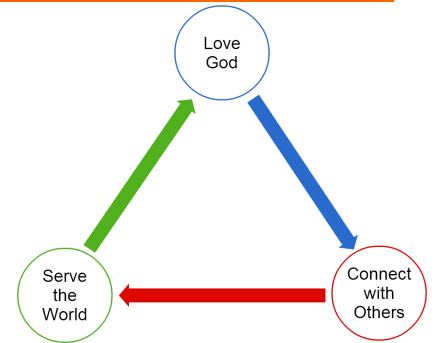
May 2022

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

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (NRSV)

³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:3-11 (NRSV)

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

Happy Easter! But, Easter's over. Isn't it? Not quite. By the Church's calendar, Easter continues until Ascension Day – forty days after Easter Sunday. During those forty days, the risen Christ appeared to, met, and ate with the disciples before ascending into heaven. So why the rush to be done with Easter? It's similar to the rush to be done with Christmas on December 26, even though the Christmas/Epiphany season continues for forty days until Candlemas (the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the temple) on February 2. Why the rush to get through it?

I did some math. Adding the forty days of Lent (the days anticipating Jesus' crucifixion and Resurrection) along with the six Sundays interspersed to the forty days of Easter, we find that almost a quarter of the Christian year is devoted to anticipating and experiencing Easter. What do we miss when we rush through it?

In Ecclesiastes 3, we hear that there is a season for every purpose under heaven – including a list of examples.

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Where is the time to linger and time to move on? Do we take time to linger? The idea sounds almost heretical – lingering. However, lingering is not the same thing as loafing.

How do we allow our anticipation of the “next” event keep us from really relishing the moments that God gives us? What expectations keep us from lingering in the holy moments God gives us? Would it really be the end of the world if Easter dinner happened at 3:00 instead of noon so that we can linger in the joy of the Resurrection? Or if we missed out on the best table at the café after church because we tarried too long to ponder God’s love during the postlude? Or passed up the opportunity to meet a guest at fellowship time?

I often find myself rushing – even on vacation – making sure that I don’t linger too long lest I miss the next thing on the agenda. Yet I’ve discovered the most profound moments come when I linger at painting in an art museum, along the shore of a mountain stream, on a grassy cliff, sitting silently in a pew, or when the other guest have left the party for that unhurried time with my host.

Take time to linger – to claim the profound peace that God wants you to experience. Don’t worry about tarrying too long. God will tell you when it’s time to move on, just as the angels told the apostles as they stood looking into heaven. Even then, it was so they could linger in anticipation of a new moment that God had instore. Those moments await us all. Let’s take the time to experience them.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness



Dates to Remember

- May 6 & 7—Pastor at Conference in Indianapolis
- May 8—Mother’s Day
- May 8—First Day for Garage Sale donation drop off
- May 13 & 14—Garage Sale
- May 17—Women’s Celebration at The Machine Shed
- May 30—Memorial Day
- June 8—NIC Annual Conference—Schaumburg
- June 11-22—Pastor on vacation
- June 19—Father’s Day
- June 28—Next Church Council Meeting



Military Personnel
 Gage Christensen
 Sean Conderman
 Dan Harter
 Mark Kincaide

Members & Friends

Sandra Baxter
 Violet Collier
 Doris Kuelz
 Lela Lameyer
 Lyons Meyers
 Marlene Meyers
 Lorraine Robbins

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 and on the small table in the sanctuary. 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 prayer request box in the chapel or fold and put into the offering plate. Your request will be given to the pastor or forwarded to the Prayer Chain. You may also email your prayer requests to the secretary who will pass it on the Prayer Chain.

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GREAT NEWS!

Cherry Valley UMC has recently been added to the approved charity list on AmazonSmile!

If you use Amazon.com for purchases, consider signing up with smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you. **You may choose from many charities, with CVUMC being our favorite!**

AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same services as the Amazon you know.

To get started, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice. Select your charity and start shopping.

To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on Amazon Smile on your phone.

Scripture Readings

May 1	3rd Sunday of Easter
Psalm	30
Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:1-20
Gospel	John 2:1-19
Message	“Surprise”
Series.....	<i>Acting Out # 2 of 6</i>
May 8	4th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)
Psalm	23
Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:36-43
Gospel	John 10:22-30
Message	“Arise”
Series.....	<i>Acting Out # 3 of 6</i>
May 15	5th Sunday of Easter
Psalm	148
Scripture Lesson	Acts 11:1-18
Gospel	John 13:31-35
Message	“Contend”
Series.....	<i>Acting Out # 4 of 6</i>
May 22	6th Sunday of Easter
Psalm	67
Scripture Lesson	Acts 16:9-15
Gospel	John 14:23-29
Message	“Condescend”
Series.....	<i>Acting Out # 5 of 6</i>
May 29	7th Sunday of Easter
Psalm	97
Scripture Lesson	Acts 16:16-34
Gospel	John 17:20-26
Message	“Upend”
Series.....	<i>Acting Out # 6 of 6</i>



Attention All Women

*The Methodist Women’s Group
of
Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
Invites you to share
Fun. Fellowship. Food
at
The Machine Shed
7475E. State Street, Rockford, Illinois
May 17, 2022
At 6 o'clock in the evening*

*Please R.S.V. P. by May 13, 2022
Donna Layng: 815-544-8482*

Pastor Mark's Office Hours:

*Mondays—9:30 am - 1 pm
Wednesdays—9:30- noon
Working from home
Tue & Thurs.
Friday is day off*

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Cherry Valley Methodist Women

The Women’s Group met on April 10 following worship. Although it was Palm Sunday, we met to address Easter cards to some of our “ shut-ins.”

We discussed the up coming garage sale that we are planning. The dates coincide with the Cherry Valley Village Wide Garage Sale Days, **May 13th and 14th**.

We will begin accepting items for sale on Monday, **May 9th**. I will be at the church all afternoon on that day. Items may be dropped off during the morning office hours the rest of the week. I’m sure Nancy will let you in. Remember, **NO CLOTHING!** Again, I want to remind you that this is a congregation-wide event and we will need your help.

The annual Women’s Celebration is **May 17th** at 6:00 pm at the Machine Shed. This is our gathering of ALL women and their friends of CVUMC. This is an opportunity to recognize the many women who work behind the scenes without our congregation. Please... please accept our invitation and join us for a fun-filled evening.



Fellowship time is coming back! Beginning on **May 1st**, we will have fellowship following worship each Sunday. Once again we can gather in the fellowship hall for coffee and sweets and have the opportunity to socialize with friends.

We will not be having our usual Sunday meeting in May, but we invite all women to join us at the Machine Shed on May 17 at 6:00 pm and at our next meeting on June 12th after worship. We remain Women striving to serve our congregation, our town, and our country.

Donna Layng

What is a Deacon, Anyway?

For two years now, I have been serving as the Deacon at CVUMC. I have loved getting to know you and assisting you in your call to servanthood. This is the first time this church has had a Deacon.

So, what is a deacon anyway and why would CVUMC need one? Let's discuss the difference between the two orders of ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church.

The first type that most are familiar with is an Elder. Pastor Mark is an ordained Elder. According to the UM Book of Discipline, the definition of an Elder is:

Those whose leadership in service includes preaching and teaching the Word of God, administration of the sacraments, ordering the church for its mission and service, and the administration of the Discipline of the church are ordained as Elders. Elders have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service.

The second type of ordination is the Deacon. The UM Book of Discipline defines a Deacon as:

Very early in its history, the church instituted an order of ordained ministers to personify or focus the servanthood to which all Christians are called. These people were named Deacons. This ministry exemplifies and leads the Church in the servanthood every Christian is called to live both in the church and in the world. The Deacon embodies the interrelationship between worship in the gathered community and service to God in the world. Deacons have a fourfold ministry of Word, Service, Compassion and Justice.

Commonalities with both levels of ordained clergy:

- Accountable to the Annual Conference and the Bishop
- Accountable to their primary setting in ministry
- Can officiate services of Matrimony and Celebrations of Life (funerals), among other types of services
- Responsible to teach and preach the Word
- Responsible to develop the call to servanthood that is common for every Christian
- Must be educated at Masters level in theology, UM polity and doctrine

Differences are:

- Deacons cannot bless or administer the sacraments of Communion or Baptism unless given special dispensation by the Bishop. However, it is expected that the Deacon assist the Elder in carrying out the Sacraments
- Deacons are not appointed to positions by the Bishop and therefore must secure their own employment and sponsoring church

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays of the Month

- 1 Pat Gorsuch
Trudy Hunt
- 12 Jeff Sundberg
- 16 Kyle Ward
- 27 Amy True
- 29 Gwendolyn Flood



Anniversaries

- 21 Jim & Mary Coulter
- 26 Herman & Judy Krunfus



Deacons must have a ministry specialization with corresponding educational requirements being met and recertification every two years. Deacons focus their efforts in the local church on ministries of Compassion and Justice.

There is some crossover in the things we both can do, but there are distinct differences in how we are called into ministry and how we live out that calling.

CVUMC is my third church appointment since beginning as a clergy candidate in 2008. I graduated from Seminary in 2012 with a specialty in *Ministry With The Poor*, was commissioned as a Deacon in 2014 and ordained in 2017. I worked for many years with various non-profit organizations. These skills are applied to CVUMC in the empowering of her people to define and utilize their gifts for servanthood in the church and in the community. Primarily, this occurs through the Missions and Outreach team.

The other ways I serve CVUMC are in providing Pastoral Care and Coverage when the pastor is unavailable, officiating funerals and weddings, assisting with providing the Sacraments, worship leadership, preaching and teaching.

My primary appointment is as a Certified Independent Health Coach with 4HealthyU. My secondary appointment is as non-compensated staff to CVUMC. Here, you can expect me to be available 2-3 hours a week and 2 Sundays per month (except in winter where I volunteer as a Deacon for a small church in FL).

I'd love to chat with anyone who has additional questions about the order of the Deacon or how I serve at CVUMC. You can reach out by phone (815) 509-9445 or by email Danice.Loveridge@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Danice Loveridge, Deacon

Choir News

The CVUMC Choir is growing! Thank you to our choir participants who have put their time, work and heart into the music they present each Sunday. Your music adds immeasurably to the worship service.

You may still participate in the choir. If you are interested in the Music Ministry, see Nola at church, or text or call her @ 815-229-7938

The Praise Team and Choir meet on Wednesdays as follows:

10:00 a.m.—Praise Team
2:00 p.m. —Choir

Nola can also meet on Wednesdays *by appointment only* as follows:

Praise Team—6:00 pm
Choir—7:00 p.m.

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.

You Tube Live Streaming

You Tube If you can't come to church for in-person worship or feel uncomfortable attending, you may still enjoy worship live via the You Tube live streaming service. Go to the app and search for Cherry Valley United Methodist Church. There you will find the link to follow for You Tube. You may also watch it later along with previously streamed worship services.

2022 Church Council Meeting Dates



Church Council Meeting

The following are Church Council and Finance meeting dates for 2022. The Finance Committee meets at 6:15 pm, all dates, and the Church Council meets at 7:00 pm, all dates.

Committee chairs should have their written reports to the secretary no later 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting

June 28th August 16th
September 27th November 8th



B. I. G. Thank you to Judy Long for heading up the clean up of the church library. The library had been long neglected and was in terrible shape. She worked many hours getting things recycled, thrown out and donated.



Others who worked on this project were Karen Harter, Mary Coulter, and Jim Coulter. The library is really starting to shape up and looks wonderful!

There is more work to be done, but a lot of items were removed and now you can see the shelves!

Cherry Valley Historical Society

The Cherry Valley Historical Society that is housed in the original Village Hall, (pictured here) features information on the Village, which was first settled in 1835 and incorporated in 1857.



Historical Society meetings are held the first Sunday of each month. Call the museum to inquire about tours.

<https://www.cherryvalleylib.org/wpcherryvalley/historical-society/>

Thank You

Dear Pastor Harkness and Congregation,

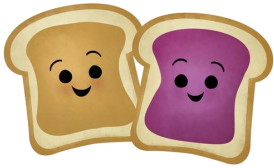
The Rock River Valley Pantry thanks you and greatly appreciated your donation of **97 pounds of food!**

Your kind donation has been sorted by our dedicated volunteers and placed on the shelves in our choice room according to categories of nutrition such as proteins, grains, fruits, and vegetables. The afternoon volunteers will then help our clients choose from a menu and shop for them. By allowing those in need to select their own items instead of receiving pre-packaged bags, they take only the food that they need. This system eliminates waste and also makes the most of your food donations.

Thank you for partnering with us in our mission and helping those at risk in our community.

Sincerely,
Kim Adams-Bakke
Executive Director
Rock River Valley Food Pantry

Thank You

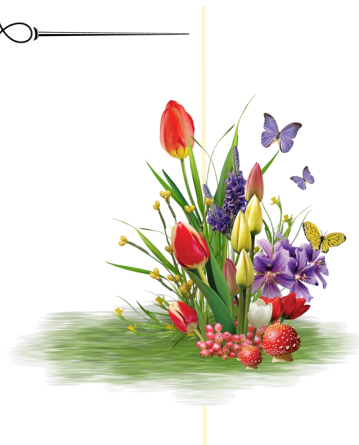


Thank you to all who donated peanut butter to the Peanut Butter rally during the month of April.

We had almost a barrel full! Considering how the cost of everything has gone through the roof, I think we did very well.

This peanut butter will go towards feeding kids in need during the summer months. When school is in session, they are eligible for the free lunch program, but when school is out, many of these children go hungry without this program. Thank you for your compassion and care for the children in need in our community.

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers to decorate the sanctuary and to honor loved ones during the Easter Sunday worship. They added tremendously the joyous atmosphere!



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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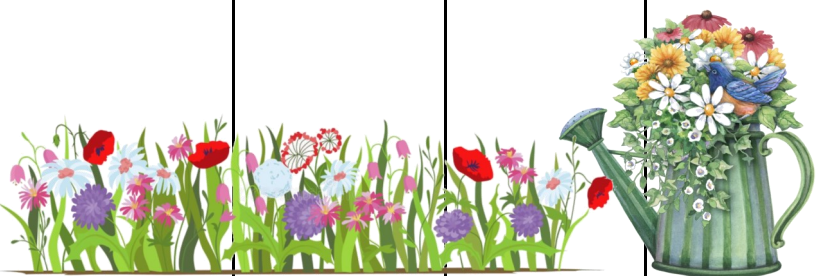


*Ash Wednesday Service
at Global Mission Secondary School.*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

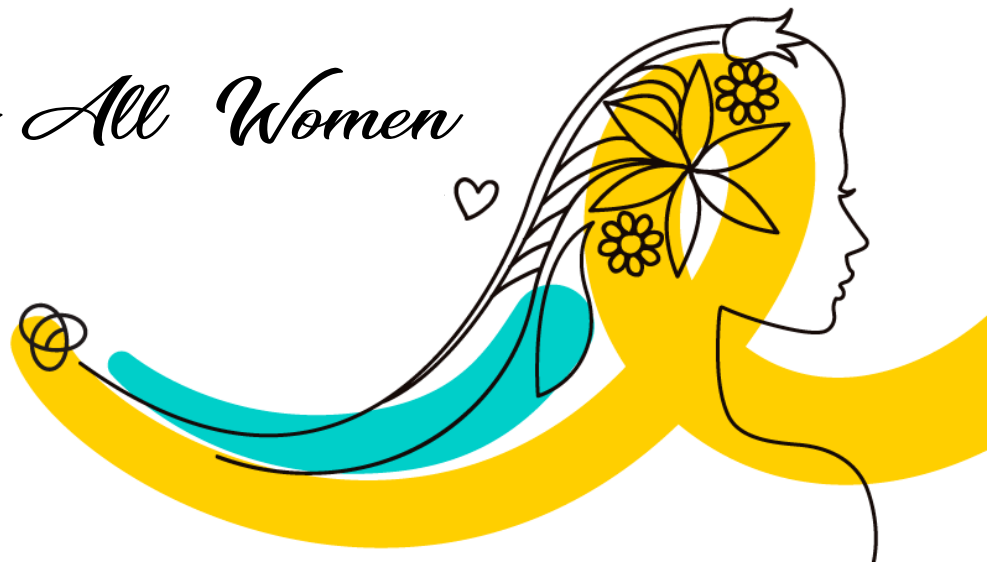
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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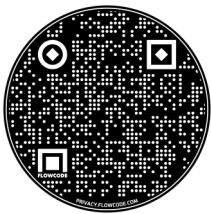
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 5:30 –7:30 pm MSP (Burritt)	2 No Troop Meeting	3 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	4 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 pm Praise Band 2:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustees	5 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 429	6 <i>Pastor Mark @ Conference in Indianapolis</i>	7 9:00 am GA
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Methodist Women 	9 6:00 pm Scouts BSAG	10 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	11 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 pm Praise Band 2:00 pm Choir	12 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 429	13 <i>Garage Sale</i>	14 <i>Garage Sale</i> 9:00 am GA
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Messenger items due today</i>	16 6:00 pm Scouts BSAG	17 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB <i>Women's Group Gathering @ The Machine Shed @6:00 pm</i>	18 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 10:00 pm Praise Band 2:00 pm Choir	19 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 429	20	21 8:15 am –3:45 pm Scouts 9:00 am GA
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	23 No Troop Meeting	24 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	25 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 pm Praise Band 2:00 pm Choir	26 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 429	27	28 8:00 am-5:00 pm Scouts event 9:00 am GA
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	30 No Troop Meeting 	31 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB				

MESSENGER ITEMS ARE DUE TO THE SECRETARY ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

Celebrating All Women



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Let us
WORSHIP
Together

Sunday@ 9:00 am—Sunday School all ages
Sunday@ 10:00 am—In-person Worship
Live You Tube streaming at Cherry Valley
United Methodist Church.

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Web Site: cherryvalleyumc.com
Facebook: Cherry Valley United Methodist Church



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Secretary: Nancy Laurent

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Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm