

# THE MESSENGER

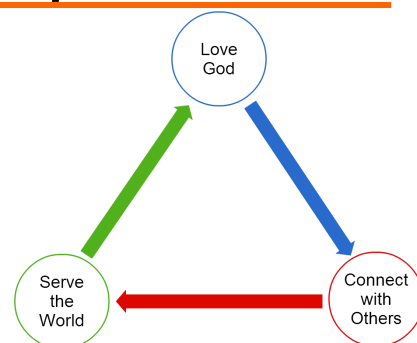
September 2022

## 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

*"I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out."*

(John Wesley – August 4, 1786)

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

Back in May we received six new members into our congregation. Then in June, Sydney Schwartz became a professing member through confirmation. Although, the new members got a brief introduction to Methodism, Sydney got a bit more.

I remember “deciding” that I was a Methodist when I was about ten years old, before I knew anything about Methodist doctrine or practice other than it was not only okay but encouraged to ask questions. After running through three sets of Sunday School teachers in a month (the fourth Sunday none even showed up), I and the others in my class entered our confirmation training with the pastor, Rev. Wayne Armbruster (aka Rev. “Arm-buster”). I remember that time fondly, because it was a time when I started to learn what it really meant to live a Christian life. It wouldn’t be until years later than I realized how peculiarly Methodist that understanding of Christianity really is. To this day, I can’t say whether I’m a Methodist because I agree with John Wesley so much, or whether I agree with Wesley so much because I’m a Methodist.

During my first year of ordained ministry, as I was recruiting students for confirmation class, a church “member” inquired about having her son join the confirmation class, but was conflicted about the requirement for church attendance. Although her name was on the church membership rolls, she’d been attending a large non-denominational church and taking her kids there. “Is that okay?” Although it’s okay for people to choose the church they will attend, there are promises that we make when joining the church that include supporting THIS congregation and denomination. I was befuddled. When I explained, the mother asked, “Well, do you think Methodist is best?!”

In my exasperation, I blurted out bluntly, “Well, duh. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t be one.”

I confess that at times, I have pondered whether Methodism and The United Methodist Church are the right place for me. When I look around, I can’t help but see that Methodism really does suit me.



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*give thanks*

TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD:  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

PSALM 106:1



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As we were preparing to receive new members a few months ago, I was planning out my sermons for the rest of 2022. It dawned on me, that for many of us, confirmation was a long time ago, and that for others we may never have had a chance to learn what makes a Methodist Christian a *Methodist*.

John Wesley feared that Methodists (meant to revive a dying Church of England) might themselves become a dead sect. Holding fast to doctrine, discipline, and spirit with which we first set out – requires knowing that doctrine, discipline, and spirit. Beginning in September, I will be preaching a sermon series on Being Methodist to explore together our peculiar attachment to grace, understanding of Holy Communion, our practice, and how we discern God’s answer to the questions we are encouraged to ask. I believe that these peculiarly Methodist methods do indeed provide power for our own lives and for proclaiming the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

## Mailing Address Updates



Below is a listing of members for whom we have no address or an incorrect address. In an effort to keep our files up to date, we ask that you to review the list and, if possible, provide a current mailing address for these individuals. Perhaps they are a relative or friend.

In that case, please contact them and ask them to call the office at 815-332-5075 or email us at [churchinthevalley@comcast.net](mailto:churchinthevalley@comcast.net)

If we do not get a valid mailing address for them, they will be dropped from the data base and the membership rolls if they are listed as members at the next Annual Conference.

- Kelly Adami    Rebecca Allen (married name?)
- Steve Allen    Jordyn Nystrom    Brad & Kathy Ware
- Colin Edmison    Morgan Barrikman    Christine Nyquist



## Dates to Remember

- September 18—First Responders Recognition & Brunch
- October 1—Cherry Valley Historical Society Fundraiser
- October 16—Annual Church Conference @ 2:00 p.m.



### Military Personnel

- Gage Christensen
- Sean Conderman
- Dan Harter
- Mark Kincaide

### Mission

- Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry

### Those Who Mourn

- Family of Blair Neff
- Family of Marlene Meyers



**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.

# amazon smile

You shop. Amazon gives.  
**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](https://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

**September 4** ..... 13th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 139:1-6, 13-18  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Philemon 1-21  
 Gospel ..... Luke 14:25-33  
 Message ..... "The Authority of Love"

**September 11** ..... 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 14  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Proverbs 19:18-28  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 17:18-28  
 Message ..... Our First Rule—Avoid Evil"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—1*

**September 18** ..... 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 15  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Proverbs 30:24-31  
 Gospel ..... Luke 16:1-13  
 Message ..... "Our Second Rule—Do Good"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—2*

**September 25** ..... 16th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 19  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Micah 7:7-10  
 Gospel ..... Luke 4:14-21  
 Message ..... "Our Third Rule—Attend to Gods Ordinances"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—3*



## Cherry Valley Methodist Women

The Cherry Valley UMC Women will resume their usual second Sunday meetings on September 11th. All women of the church are welcome to attend. This will provide an opportunity to get more closely acquainted with one another; an opportunity to serve the Lord within the congregation.

The annual Cookie Walk will be in early December. Watch the bulletins and the November issue of *The Messenger* for details.

## Cookie Walk



## 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.

## Cherry Valley Historical Society

101 E State Street, P.O. Box 266, Cherry Valley, IL 61016

The Cherry Valley Historical Society will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, October 1st in the Church Fellowship Hall. As of this date, we have no information as to the type of fundraiser it will be so watch for news of this event in future publications.

For information about the history of Cherry Valley, visit the Historical Society, housed in the original Village Hall and featuring information on the Village, first settled in 1835 and incorporated in 1857.

Other information about CV Historical Society is listed below.

**Meetings:** Meetings are held at the Historical Society on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m.

**Tours:** For a private tour, email [cvhs.1899@gmail.com](mailto:cvhs.1899@gmail.com).

**Telephone:** (815) 332-5200



## Choir News

We will begin rehearsals for the autumn session of Choir on August 24 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, speak with Nola Carnine prior to the August 24 meeting time.



Our first performance will be on September 11.

We welcome all persons interested in singing in the choir, whether it is every Sunday, or just occasionally. We are hopeful for every Sunday, but we appreciate any time that you can participate.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Psalm 98:4*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries—September

### Birthdays of the Month

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

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

### Anniversaries

- 3 Gary & Sue Wilt
- 12 Daniel & Julie Halley
- 14 Joe & Trudy Hunt



## VBS 2022

Despite the heat this year, Vacation Bible School was “AMAZING”! We had 15 total kids over the weekend and as I said in Sunday’s service, I asked God to send me at least 14 and he delivered! Hopefully you got a chance to see the phenomenal props and decorations to make the “HayDay” farm theme come to life and make it special for the kids including a safe outside tent. I think everyone would agree (including the heat), we felt like we were down on the farm and it made a big hit with the kids...especially the animals. The hard work, passion and dedication of our crew never disappoints and is so inspiring. Their great teamwork can only help our church grow in strength and faith. We had some new kids this year and some of our regulars brought friends and family...so wonderful to see. The kids that came were amazing as always and they learned how they can grow their friendship with Jesus and that he loves us unconditionally. The soup mixes the kids made will go to MELD in Rockford, a non-for-profit service that supports young parents and their children in need. As I say every year, we hope and pray that VBS will bring kids to our Sunday School, but most importantly, whether we ended up with 5 kids or 20...we made a difference in their lives.

The VBS Crew would like to thank everyone who donated to VBS for a total of \$440. We are blessed to have such generous church members. It really helps take a burden off and we couldn’t have done it without all the contributions (including chips, water bottles and parade candy). A big “THANK YOU” to the following crew members and parade participants from the bottom of my heart. God answered my prayers and you all made my vision and dreams come true...we are truly blessed to have you at CVUMC:

Dave Ward  
Pastor Mark Harkness  
Juanita Barnes  
Judy Long  
Jacob Newhausen

Nancy Laurent  
Susan Harkness  
Warren Gross  
Nola Carnine  
AJ Newhausen

Veronica Layng  
Carolyn Kloss  
Cindy Kerr  
Holly Snyder

Melynda Mungor  
Kayte Kloss  
Hailee Kerr  
Patty Campbell

Sincerely and God Bless,  
Deb Gross, 2022 VBS Director





## Thank You



We had a fabulous VBS this year with 15 kids!!! (Can't say it enough!) Many thanks and much appreciation to **Deb Gross!** She chose a great program and did a great job coordinating each of the planning volunteers. Her talent and attention to detail resulted in an excellent visual that

helped to put the kids in the frame of mind to learn the lessons that she had prepared. We thank you so much for your dedication!

## 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.

September 27<sup>th</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup>





# Mission Team Update



Pastor Kim, Director,  
Global Missions  
Secondary School, Tanzania

## Global Secondary School

Henri Nouwen calls this “the mystery of ministry ... that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God.” The Kingdom of God doesn’t advance because we perfectly pass the work from one person to the next; rather, it takes place by the grace of God and his power working in our weakness. *(2Corinthians 2:9, NLT).*

Pastor Kim would say - The glory belongs to the Lord, because we know that while we work to the best of our ability, we are imperfect. We need God’s power, wisdom and grace to turn our weaknesses into strength.

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church intentionally supports Pastor Kim both prayerfully and financially. Each month we, as a church family, contribute \$100 to her God-ordained ministry.

Young Seon Kim (Christina) 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, NY 10087-9068  
With the Advance Number on the memo line; Advance # 3022281

## Our Missionary in Tanzania

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## First Responders Appreciation Day

On September 18th, we will honor the Fire and Police Departments, the First Responders of our community. Whatever the call, they answer. Their dedication to duty and the sacrifices they endure for themselves and their family are to be lauded.

After the worship service, we will have a brunch in the fellowship hall to celebrate all that they do for us. Join us as we honor the brave men and women of the Fire, Police, and EMT services.



## Recipe:



### INGREDIENTS:

#### Large bag of beans:

1/3 cup of dry split peas

1/3 cup of dry red beans

1/3 cup of dry white navy beans

1/3 cup of dry pinto beans

#### Small bag of seasonings:

1/4 cup of dry quinoa

2 tablespoons of beef bouillon granules

1 tablespoon of dried onion flakes

1 tablespoon of oregano

1 tablespoon of garlic powder

### Directions:

1. Empty the contents of the bag with beans into a large pot. Rinse the beans, and pour off excess water.
2. Add the contents of the smaller plastic bag into the pot with the beans. Cover with 6 cups of water, and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 minutes; then remove the pot from the heat, cover it, and let the bean mixture soak for 1 hour.
3. Stir in 2 more cups of water, and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover the pot, and cook at a gentle boil for 2 hours or until the beans are tender, stirring every 15 minutes. You may need to add a little more water if the soup becomes too thick.

Variation: Add 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables and ½ pound of browned stew meat, rotisserie chicken, or cooked chopped ham after the 1 hour of soaking. Continue cooking as directed.

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# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am GA
<b>4</b> 10:00 am Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm Cub Scouts (tentative)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am GA
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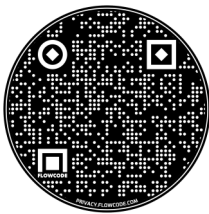
*MESSENGER ITEMS ARE DUE TO THE SECRETARY ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.*

# Planning Ahead

The Annual Church Conference is October 16 @ 2:00 pm.  
All members and friends of the church  
should plan to attend.



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Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

Sunday@ 9:00 am—Sunday School all ages  
(September—June)

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

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Secretary: Nancy Laurent

Church Office Hours  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm