

# THE MESSENGER

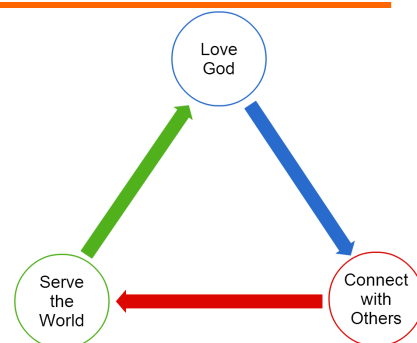
October 2022

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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

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

(John 18:33-37 NRSV)

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

You may have heard that Elizabeth II – queen of the United Kingdom – died recently. Reports of her death – her funeral – and expectations regarding her successor, Charles III, proliferated all sorts of media. Although, I found it odd that American news organizations gave this so much attention – considering that Americans dispensed with monarchy under her great-great-great-great grandfather George III – the death of any world leader is newsworthy when we consider how it might transform relationships between countries.

At her passing, she had served as head-of-state for longer than most current world leaders have even been alive. That was newsworthy. Although I had some familiarity with the British crown (In seminary, I wrote a paper on Mary Queen of Scots – Elizabeth II's great-great... grandmother, ironically executed by Elizabeth I), it does seem odd that people expect some sort of great change now that Charles has ascended that throne.

Even though British monarchs serve as head-of-state and head of the Church of England, they have no real power. Although Elizabeth II may have appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury and the prime minister, it was no more than formality. Even though laws in the UK require the monarch's assent, it's really a perfunctory gesture (It's only happened once in the last 400 years, and that was more than 200 years ago.).

One of the concerns that I heard mentioned by some in the UK was that Charles might actually want to actually involve himself in governing, rather than acquiescing to Parliament's direction. It made me ponder what people expect from God. Are we satisfied with our religion as long as God doesn't involve himself too much in our lives?

As Christians, we claim Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. When Israel first asked Samuel for a king to be like the others around them, with a broken heart, he prayed; and the answer came when, "the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.'" (1 Sam 8:7).

Most of the world's monarchs today serve as figureheads. They have few real powers. If they did exercise those powers, they'd be stripped away.

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God will use you  
if you are willing.

He will magnify  
your righteous desires  
& turn the compassionate actions  
you sow into a  
beautiful harvest of goodness.



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What do we expect of God revealed in Jesus Christ? Do we look to turn to him for guidance and direction, trusting him? Or do we expect (demand?) that he will assent to that which we intend?

Is Jesus Christ merely a figurehead for the Church? Or is he our Lord and King? Unlike the world's kings (when they had power), Jesus doesn't demand that we subjugate ourselves to him. But that doesn't mean that his authority is merely figurative. Instead, he gives us the choice to accept him or to reject him for who he is.

The news is filled with reports that the church is in decline. So we look for ways to appeal to the world around us, which seems to have accelerated that decline. Could it be like the rest of the world, we have effectively rejected our king? The stated mission of The United Methodist Church is "is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," not the other way around.

I confess that many times I wish God would just ratify my decisions, like the British monarch does for his subjects. That logic depends on an impotent God. What's the point in that?

In Revelation 3:15-16, 20, we hear, "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ... Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Knock, knock. // Who's there? // Jesus loves. // Jesus loves who? // Jesus loves you. Whether others choose to follow or not; let us be wise enough to look to Jesus, our King, for guidance that leads to life, rather than as a figurehead to approve our own whims.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

## Dates to Remember

- October 1—Cherry Valley Historical Society Fundraiser
- October 16—SPRC Meeting @1:15 pm
- October 16—Annual Church Conference, 2:00 pm
- October 30—All Saints Sunday
- October 30—Fifth Sunday Potluck



### Military Personnel

Gage Christensen  
Sean Conderman  
Dan Harter  
Wesley Harter  
Mark Kincaide

### Members & Friends

Sandra Baxter  
Violet Collier  
Doris Kuelz  
Lela Lameyer  
Lyons 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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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

**October 2** ..... 17th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 137  
 Scripture Lesson ..... 1 Corinthians 11:20-30  
 Gospel ..... Mark 14:22-25  
 Message ..... "Constant Communion"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—4*

**October 9** ..... 18th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 133  
 Scripture Lesson ..... 2 Kings 10:12-15  
 Message ..... "Having a Catholic Spirit"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—5*

**October 16** ..... 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 139:1-18  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Gospel..... John 1:9-16  
 Message ..... "Prevenient Grace"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—6*

**October 23** ..... 20th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 30  
 Scripture Lesson ..... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
 Gospel..... John 3:16-21  
 Message ..... "Justifying Grace"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—7*

**October 30** ..... All Saints Sunday  
 Psalm ..... 33  
 Scripture Lesson ..... 1 John 3:1-11  
 Gospel..... John 17:1-19  
 Message ..... "Sanctifying Grace"  
 Series..... *Being Methodist—8*



## All Saints Sunday



Sunday, October 30th is All Saints Sunday and we will have our traditional bell cross worship service to honor those who have passed away this year. If you would like the name of your loved one **who passed away this year** included on the list, please send the name and date of their passing to the secretary by Wednesday, October 26th and we will include them in our listing for the worship service. The person does not have to be

a member of the church to be included on the list. If you want to place a bell on the cross, remember to bring your bell for the October 30th worship service.

When choosing your bell, please remember that there will be many bells and it should be of an appropriate size. Try to keep the bell no larger than 2" to 3".



## Cherry Valley Methodist Women

Our small group met following worship on September 11th. We chose to meet in classroom in the fellowship hall so we could share in coffee time...We need our coffee!

Following the usual business of the secretary's report and treasurer's report, we discussed cleaning the kitchen. As a result of this discussion, we met on Tuesday, September 13th, along with the Boy Scouts who helped us clean the island, wash shelves, and label cabinets. We got a good start, but there is much more to be done.

We discussed Thanksgiving and Christmas plans that will allow us to continue our outreach to our homebound members and friends.



We continue to support Fellowship time following worship. This is a time for gathering and getting to know each other outside of worship. We are grateful to those who have helped to prepare and serve during this time.



Please keep **December 18th** in mind. This is the date of our Cookie Walk. We will be asking for you not only to donate cookies but to buy cookies as well. This enables us to continue our outreach.

Members are encouraged to support our Pastor and Council by attending the Annual Church Conference on October 16th at 2:00 pm. It is our responsibility as members to participate beyond Sunday morning worship.

# Prairie North Lay Academy

## Save the Date

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Lay Servants
- Lay Speakers
- CLM's and those interested in the classes.

### DATES:

- Saturday, October 22 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
- Sunday, October 23 1:00pm to 4:30pm

**LOCATION:** First UMC in Freeport - 503 N Lily Creek Road, Freeport

**COST:** \$25 (Box Lunch and Snacks will be provided)

### CLASSES:

1. Living as a United Methodist (UM Heritage)
2. For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts (NEW)
3. Embracing Personal Prayer
4. Justice in Everyday Life
5. Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders
6. Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century

For registration click this link

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-fall-lay-academy-1>

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

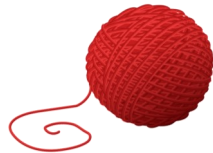


The Prayer Shawl Group has resumed our usual third Wednesday meetings at 10 am.

Please join us if you would like to knit or crochet prayer shawls, scarves or hats. You are also welcome to bring your own craft and join us for fellowship.

After the meeting, we often go to lunch at one of the local restaurants. **We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. Our next meeting will be October 19.** All are invited to join us.

Lucy Powell



Hebrews 13:16

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries—October

### Birthdays of the Month

- 4 Marybeth Sundberg
- 5 Charles Voorhies
- 12 Carol Conderman
- 13 Jim Voorhies
- Erinna Kauffman
- Ericka Kauffman
- 14 Carol Behning

### Anniversaries

- 9 Mike & Melynda Mungor
- 12 Jim & Pat Newell
- 13 David & Dana Ward
- 14 Charlie & Lora Schnuckel
- 29 Dave & Jan Mills



## September Mission Moment

Our Mission Moment on September 18 honored the First Responders with a special service and a brunch.

Our guest speaker, Shannon Tenney, a Gideon, not only spoke of the Gideon's work, but also told a deeply personal story of an experience with the first responders.

We had 2 police officers and 6 firefighters. There was time after the worship service in which many of the church members personally thanked them for their service.

Two Boy Scouts also attended and presented the colors at the beginning of the service. Three of the adult Scout Leaders were in attendance as well.

Pastor Mark's sermon was very topical as he spoke about acts of kindness, the need for community and the heartfelt meaning of service.

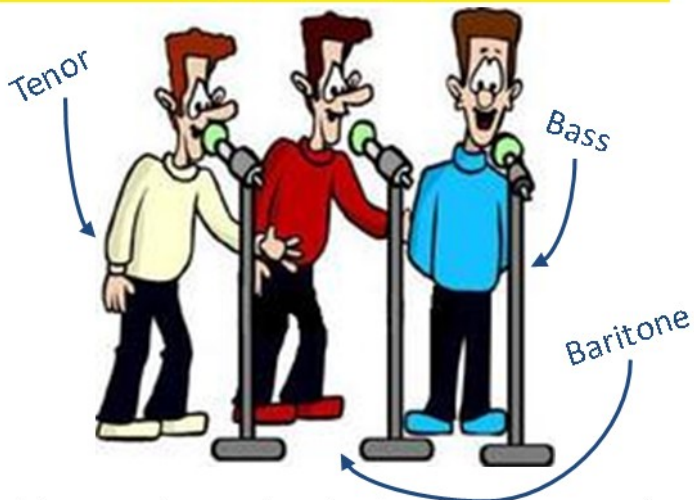
Thank you to everyone who participated in making this a very special event.

**JOHN 15:12-13**

*“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*



# MEN



**Your church choir needs you!**

If you want to get involved in this elite group, see Nola Carnine or text her at 815-299-7938.

## 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.

## 2022 Church Council Meeting Dates



# Church Council Meeting

The final Church Council and Finance meeting for 2022 will be on November 6. The Finance Committee meets at 6:15 pm; the Church Council at 7:00 pm.

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



## From the Worship Committee

The Advent and Christmas season is fast approaching and there are many things to be done in the church during this time for which the Worship Committee will be asking you to volunteer.

We are still seeking volunteers to be greeters and liturgists. There are sign up sheets on the table in the sanctuary where you may choose the date you are available for these aspect of the worship service.

We will need help with changing the banners for the season and some of these are in a rather high location, so we will need people who are able to climb a ladder safely.

The date for Hanging of the Greens is November 20th after worship. We will need all hands on deck for this project. If you are able to help, you may speak with Juanita Barnes and she will assign a task for you.

Thank you to all who have helped during this year with the many things we have asked you to do. We especially thank our regular greeters and liturgist who faithfully attend to these duties. A special thanks to Dave Ward for his assistance with so many things.





Praise the Lord for His many blessings! What a gift to have wheels! Note the prayer chapel in background.

*From Pastor Young Seon Kim*

In 2016 when I obeyed God's calling to build a Global Mission secondary school, God gave me a word "extension." I asked him what that means. He explained to me that GMSS is not only a school, but also a mission strategic base. This God-given vision influenced me so greatly that a multipurpose hall, a cafeteria, dormitories, classrooms were designed much bigger than government's guidelines. GMSS can accommodate up to 250 people.

This week GMSS was used for "3-Day Prayer" ministry. I considered this 3-Day Prayer as the official beginning of GMSS' extension work for Christ and His Kingdom. I was so thrilled to see prayer warriors sent by 4 district superintendents (Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Morogoro, Dodoma) and so overwhelmed by the great sounds of intercessory prayers.

I praise God for His goodness and Mercy on prayer warriors from 5 different regions, who gathered to intercede for our Bishop Mande, churches in 12 districts, God's mission in and beyond Tanzania. Our last session was about each person sharing thanksgiving and testimony. Listening to them was a great joy and encouragement to my heart. Our next meeting will be in December after the school is closed. I hope and pray that God will enable Anna and me to extend our invitations to all districts.

"Lord, let your Holy fire spread to all districts and all churches. Forgive our sins and fill us with you Holy Spirit. Let your churches commit to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and make disciples until we see You face to face. Amen."

With God's grace we grow together! Please continue to pray and support Pastor Kim's work. Pray for the students as they take their national exams in November.

Judy Long

## 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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## Scout Church Clean-Up Day



The Scouts will be at the church on **Saturday, October 29** from **10 am to 12 noon** for a clean up day. The congregation is encouraged to take this opportunity to do some clean up as well.

If you wish to do yard clean up, wear gloves, dress accordingly, and bring along a couple of lawn bags and lawn utensils you might need.

If you are cleaning indoors, bring dust cloths, and disposable wipes. We do have some of these items at the church, so if you don't have these items, don't let that deter you from helping to clean....we can accommodate. :-)

# October 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						<b>1</b> 9:00 am GA <b>9:00 am-5:00 pm</b> <b>Cherry Valley</b> <b>Historical Society</b> <b>Fundraiser</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>3</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Praise Team 2:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am GA
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Methodist Women	<b>10</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>11</b> 10:15 am Memorial Committee 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Praise Team 2:00 pm Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 am GA  <i>Messenger items due today</i>
<b>16</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <b>1:15 pm SPRC Meeting</b> <b>2:00 pm Annual</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Praise Team 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 2:00 pm Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am GA
<b>23</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>24</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Praise Team 2:00 pm Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am GA <b>10:00 am –12</b> <b>noon</b> <b>Scout Clean-up</b> <b>Day</b>
<b>30</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship  <b>11:00 am</b> <b>5th Sunday Potluck</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG					

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

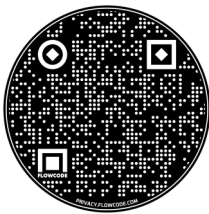


**Annual  
Church  
Conference**  
October 16, 2:00 p.m.

**Embracing  
one another  
as Christ  
embraces us**  
Romans 15:7



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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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Facebook: [Cherry Valley United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/CherryValleyUnitedMethodistChurch)



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Deacon: Rev. Danice Loveridge  
Secretary: Nancy Laurent  
Church Office Hours  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm