

# THE MESSENGER

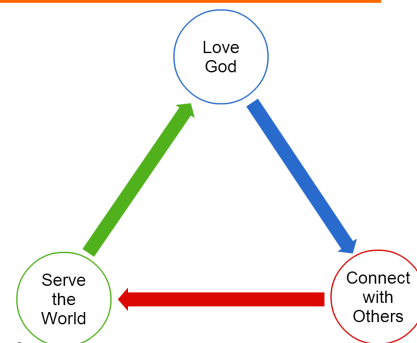
July 2023

## 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: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. <sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.*

*<sup>11</sup>He 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. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.*

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

Whenever I wonder what God has in store or ask myself, "Why now?" the passage above enters my mind. God has established a time and a purpose for every matter under heaven! Previously when I entered a new appointment, I had to leave behind one congregation entrusting them to another pastor while beginning a new ministry with another congregation. This time is different: I begin a new chapter of ministry in New Milford, while continuing in Cherry Valley. This is new to me, and to many of you.

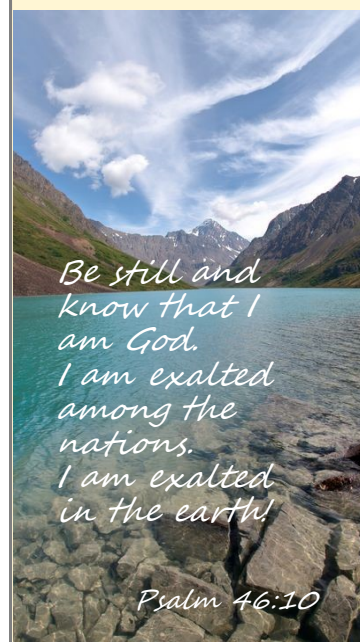
When the appointment was being made, our District Superintendent shared that in share appointments such as this that it would be expected that I would spend one day for New Milford and three days for Cherry Valley (I presume she meant week days). But that division really only relates to the administrative responsibilities. I expect to be available to all of you throughout the week. When out doing visitation, I intend to use geography (i.e. where folks live in relation to the other visits that day) rather than the day of the week. For Bible Studies, I see the opportunity to lead a morning/day study at New Milford and the same study at Cherry Valley in the evening so that members of each church can attend the session that meets their schedule.

In the beginning, I will be spending additional time with New Milford as I get to know its people and we begin to discover how we can best serve the Lord together. But, a lot of my work (e.g. sermon preparation and worship planning) stays the same. My biggest challenge will be Sunday mornings. I've been in the habit to arrive at church a couple of hours early (around 8:00 to be ready for 10:00 worship) in order settle myself and to make sure things are ready.

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Now, I hope to arrive at Cherry Valley in time to put on my robe and get into position. Likewise, throughout my ministry I've enjoyed the time to greet and visit with people following the worship service, now I'll have to hustle away from New Milford to get on the road. I will miss that time.

For all my worries that my new Sunday rush will get in the way, then God speaks. Recently, a member asked me, "No that you'll be starting at New Milford, if we have something to do in the afternoon that would have kept us from church, is it okay to attend at New Milford?" God has set an opportunity before us. (BTW: The answer to that question was "Yes.") God has set the time – not only the season, but the time in our midst – for us to grow in our love for him and one another and for our discipleship. In that we can trust.

The passage above concludes, "I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil." I serve one master, Jesus Christ. It is a joy to know that I will be able to eat and drink and delight in the work that he puts before us as I enter into ministry in New Millford while getting to continue to serve in Cherry Valley.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who have visited me, encouraged me, brought me food and snacks and supported me with your prayers and encouragement. It has been a long journey and I have had to overcome many emotional and physical hurdles to return to good health. Without the support of you, my church family, I would not be doing as well as I am doing on this journey.



Special thanks to all the members of the choir who have done so much to help me, especially Nola, who has been by me from the very beginning. Thanks to Jim and Janet Bryant, although far away, remained in constant contact with me and took care of a myriad of issues for which I was unable to. I am so blessed to have a kind and loving church family.

*Patricia Irps*



#### Members & Friends

Sandra Baxter  
Glenn Carnine  
Pat Gorsuch  
Patricia Irps  
Doris Kuelz  
Theodore Lawrence  
Lorraine Robbins  
Kathy Sundberg

#### Military Personnel

Gage Christensen  
Sean Conderman  
Dan Harter  
Wesley Harter  
Mark Kincaide

#### Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next  
Generation Ministry

#### Those Who Mourn

Jim Voorhies Family



**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.

Dear Church Family,

I want to share some good news and to say THANK YOU to everyone who was praying for Hannah, Zack and our little grandson Theo while Theo was in the NICU. After 34 days, he finally got to come home! God is great and so is our church family!



*Amy Flood*

### Finance Committee Report

#### May Finance Report

Income \$10,156.27  
Expenses \$12,508.42  
Deficit -2,352.15

#### January - May Financial Report

Income \$83,304.21  
Expenses \$77,320.00  
Surplus 5,984.21



*Things to consider:*

Some members have given a lump sum for the year. Income is often less in the summer.

## Scripture Readings

**July 2** ..... 5th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 13  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Genesis 22:1-14  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 10:40-42  
 Message ..... "Whose Test?"

**July 9** ..... 6th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 45:10-17  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Romans 7:15-25a  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
 Message ..... "Coming to Our Senses"

**July 16** ..... 7th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 119:105-112  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Genesis 25:19-34  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
 Message ..... "What Price is Right?"

**July 23** ..... 8th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 139:1-12  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Romans 8:12-25  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
 Message ..... "Don't Get Trampled Down"

**July 30** ..... 9th Sunday After Pentecost  
 Psalm ..... 105:1-11  
 Scripture Lesson ..... Romans 8:26-39  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
 Message ..... "The right Way to Pray"



# Congratulations GRADUATES CLASS OF 2023



**Olivia Angeles** graduated from Belvidere High School on May 20, 2023. Olivia is the granddaughter of CVUMC Administrative Assistant, Nancy Laurent. Olivia was blessed to be able to attend the Belvidere Schools for her entire school career.

During her high school years, she was involved in numerous activities including Poms, Cheer, Culinary Club and teaching a Pre-school class. She is still forming her plans for the future but college will definitely be a part of it. She enjoyed teaching the Pre-school little ones, so she thinks that could be an area of study to explore. Congratulations Olivia! Best wishes for the future.



## Church Council Meetings



The following are Church Council Meetings for the coming year. The Church Council meets at 7:00 pm.

July 11  
 September 12  
 November 14.

## 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.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### 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

Contact information for Young  
Seon Kim  
Telephone: +255 68 976 1708  
Email: yskim1023@gmail.com  
Facebook: Young Seon Kim  
Kakaotalk: yskim1470

### Birthdays of the Month

- 2 Sydney Schwartz
- 4 Lucy Powell
- 5 Heather Kerr
- 9 Nathan Schwartz
- 11 Herman Krunfus
- 21 Dana Ward
- 27 Derek Dwyer

### Anniversaries

- 2 Ryan & Natalie Herold
- 24 Michael & Dawn Maffioli



Many thanks to Juanita Barnes, Sandy Schwartz and the Scouts for cleaning the church on June 19th. The church and the atrium look great...Your work is much appreciated!



COME FETCH SOME FUN AS YOU LEARN  
WE CAN GIVE ALL WORRIES TO GOD...HE CARES "FUR" US

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

(Fri. 5:30-8:30, Sat. 12:30-3:30, Sun. Service 9:45-11)

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

at 112 S. Cherry St., Cherry Valley, IL

For registration or more info – please call  
815/332-5075 or visit [cherryvalleyumc.com](http://cherryvalleyumc.com)



## 2023 Vacation Bible School

Planning for 2023 VBS is well underway and we have a great program planned! It is titled, "Pets Unleashed, Where Jesus Cares "Fur" You." And...here's where you can help make this a fantastic experience for the kids. Look for the VBS donation display that is now set up in the church entryway. The "paw prints" have suggestions for items that we need. Take a paw (or 2 or 3!) and donate that item. If you prefer a monetary donations, we have VBS labeled envelopes as well. Your VBS money donations may be given to Deb Gross in person at church or you may put it in the offering plate. You may also send your donation to her at 2055 Crystal Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008. If sending by mail, please send so that it will arrive **no later than July 30th**.

We invite all to join us in the Cherry Valley 4th of July Parade. We need help creating the float and we need people to walk in the parade. This year, we are planning a little different strategy for advertising our program. We will have more information on this at a later date.

We have begun putting inserts in the weekly bulletins and have extras on the table in the sanctuary. We ask that you pass them along to the kids in your family and the kids in your neighborhood. If you need additional information, or want to volunteer, you may call me at 815-222-8139. Thanks for your support of the VBS program.

Mark these dates and times on your calendar, Friday, August 11th, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. We will be providing safely prepared and served meals at the beginning of each session. Also parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us for the Sunday Celebration Finale on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 to 11:00 am for an unleashed celebration of God's love you won't want to miss.

Call the church at 815/332-5075 to register your children for this life-changing adventure or visit [cherryvalleyumc.com](http://cherryvalleyumc.com) for registration information and forms.



Deb Gross, VBS Director

*(See our pictures of some of our members with their beloved pets on page 6)*



best friends

Keith and Terri Burritt Puppies



Warren & Debbie Gross and Mia



Show me your pet!



Mike & Danice Loveridge and Bella



I WORK HARD SO MY CAT CAN HAVE A BETTER LIFE



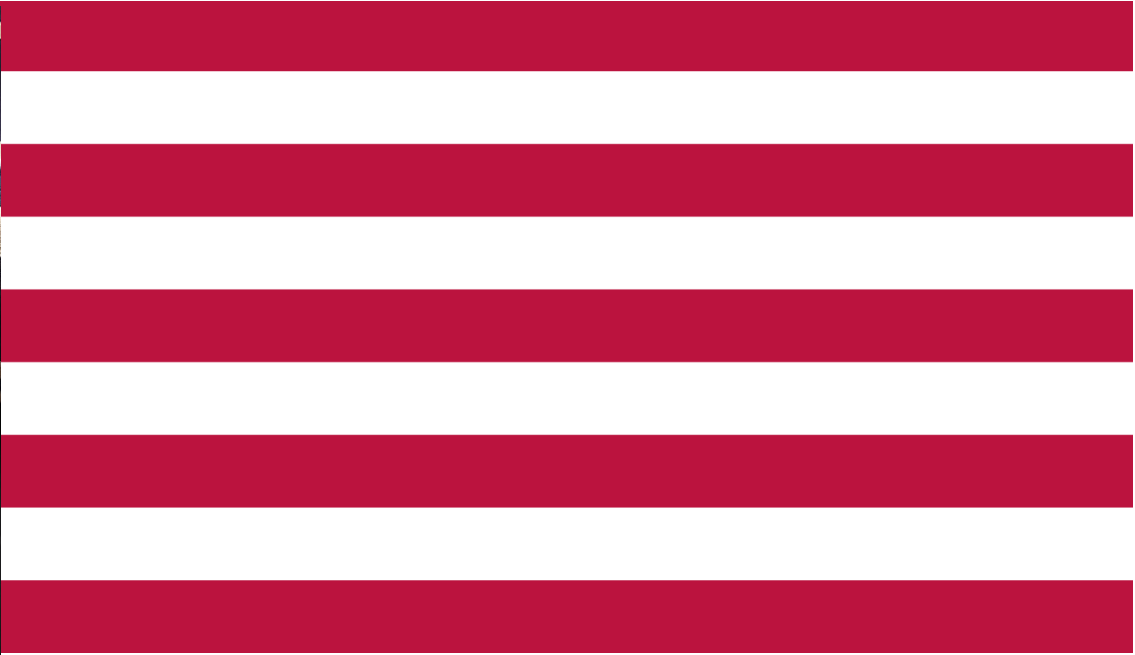
Nancy Laurent (slave) with McGee & Kodi (Masters)

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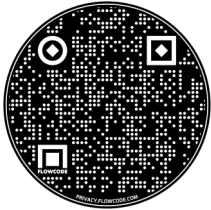
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						<b>1</b> 9:00 am GA
<b>2</b> Trinity Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>3</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>4</b> 12 Noon <i>Independence Day</i> Parade 	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am GA
<b>9</b> Pentecost -2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>10</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Finance 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 am GA <i>Messenger Items Due Today</i>
<b>16</b> Pentecost -3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>17</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am GA
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<b>285</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 5th Sunday Potluck	<b>31</b> 6:00 Scouts BSAG					

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





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





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# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew number or name (for church use only):** \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In Case of Emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_