

THE MESSENGER

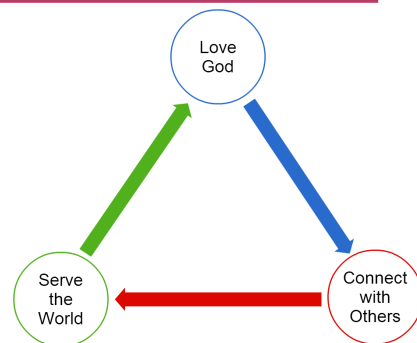
October 2024

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

<p>²⁴There are four creatures little on the earth, though they are wisest of the wise ²⁵ants, a race with no strength, yet in the summer they make sure of their food; ²⁶the coney, a race without defenses, yet they make their home in the rocks;</p>	<p>²⁷locusts which have no king, yet they all march in good order; ²⁸lizards, which you can catch in your hand, yet they frequent the palaces of kings.</p>	<p>(Proverbs 30:24-28 NJB)</p>
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Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Although I've rarely preached on the proverbs because they tend to bounce from subject to subject within just a few verses, they provide wonderful bits of wisdom to expand our understanding of the rest of Scripture and what God considers important. In the passage above we consider tiny creatures, which lead remarkable lives. Ants, although incredibly strong in proportion to their size, are incredibly weak compared to most creatures. Coney (or rock badger) are only about the size of a small rabbit with limited strength, but they find refuge in rocks. In fact, even though they are a vulnerable prey, there is little evidence of their being eaten in the wild in Israel. Locusts are known for their awesome influence when these tiny grasshoppers swarm together, guided not by one leader but by each other. Small lizards, although easy to catch and destroy, were given free reign of king's palaces because they ate pesky insects.

Ants form colonies each with a task. Coney gather together forming relationships based not on size and power but mutual advantage. Locusts find their power only when gathered together. Lizards make themselves indispensable by doing what they do best rather than attempting to be something that they are not.

The wisdom of ants, coney, and locusts comes from their insistence on using what they're good at for the good of the community, establishing and nurturing friendships, and swarming together to create a remarkably stirring buzz. Likewise, lizards make themselves indispensable by being the best lizards, not by trying to be dinosaurs. They kill dragons in the palace.

Meanwhile, an independent ant, a lonely coney, a solitary grasshopper/locust, or a wandering lizard isn't much good for itself or others; and actually places itself in danger of starvation and predation. So it is for the children of God. We are not meant to be alone. Jesus told us that where two or three are gathered **in his name**, that he is present.

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*God the sovereign Lord of the harvest,
 covers the meadows with flocks,
 dresses valleys with grain,
 and clothes the whole world
 with bounty.*

Psalm 65:12-13



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Moreover, our presence together in worship and ministry helps each of us to thrive in our relationship with God and in our ministry to the world, where even as a small church we strive to do what we do best.

In fact, our presence itself is a ministry. It's easy to fall into the devil's trap that tells us we can know God on our own. I attend church because I need it; and that usually comes through one of the other faithful gathered with me. What I've explained to youth in confirmation classes is that the reason we attend church together isn't necessarily because of what I think I need from God at this moment, but because none of us knows whom God will use us to bless. Those blessings can come through in ways that we may not imagine: a smile, a hug, a screeching singing voice that makes another feel good about hers. Cherry Valley United Methodist Church is a small church, but we have big love and big faith. Let's do what we can do best and build up one another. If you've been away from church for awhile, come and bless us. If you notice that seat next to you has grown lonely, reach out to share a blessing and to remind someone how much they mean to you. In doing so, the Gospel comes alive in each of us and in our ministry together.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference for CVUMC has been set for Sunday, November 10. The SPRC committee will meet at 12:30 pm with the Conference to begin at 1:00 pm. All persons responsible for reports must have their documents in to the district
<https://www.umcnic.org/churchconference>

Please complete and submit all required forms online at least one week prior to your Church Conference.

Finance Committee Report

August Finance Report

Total Revenue	\$10,302.88
Total Expenditures	<u>13,139.25</u>
Net Revenue	- 2,836.57

So far this year, expenditures have exceeded giving by \$12,000. In October we will have a Stewardship Campaign. The information has been mailed to your home.



Members & Friends

Sandra Baxter
Glenn Carnine
Patty Campbell
Barb Clucas
Pat Gorsuch
Dawn Harter
Trudy Hunt
Lori Lothar

Military Personnel

Gage Christensen
Sean Conderman
Dan Harter
Wesley Harter

Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next
Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer concerns that you wish to express, you may call or email the church office with your requests and the secretary will forward your requests to the church family.

For those in attendance at the Sunday worship services, we have a sharing of joys and concerns that is shared with the church family. If you request prayers but do not want the details of the prayers expressed openly, you may designate that you do not wish to share that part of your request.



Rockford Rescue Mission Donations

We will be collecting food that will be given to the Rockford Rescue Mission. The Mission's needs change so they will post a listing of needs for the month. Non-perishable goods are always welcome, such as peanut butter and pasta but there are other suggestions that you may use when deciding on your donation. They have stressed their need for coffee, canned goods of fruit & vegetables, drink mixes, and cereal. You may leave your donations in the basket located in the foyer. ***Please check the monthly needs list posted above the collection basket in the foyer.*** Thank you for your support of this important mission.

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The Next Administrative Board will meet on October 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Scripture Readings

October 6, 2024

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11
1 Kings 17:7-16
Mark 8:1-10, 14-21
Message: "Is This It?"

October 13, 2024

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11
1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19
Mark 10:17-31
Message: "Out of Necessity?"

October 20, 2024

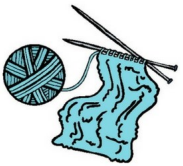
Scripture: Psalm 111
1 Chronicles 29:1-9
Mark 14:3-9
Message: "Single-minded?"

October 27, 2024

Scripture: Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52
Message: "Going About the Way?"



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 10 am.

If you have little or no experience in knitting or crocheting, but are interested in becoming part of this group, we have experienced crafters who can help. Come join us!

Speak with Lucy Powell, Ann Harned, Judy Krunfus, or Jan Mills about the Prayer Shawl Group.



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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Methodist Women

Summer break is over; we are back to work. A big thank you to Terri Burritt and Lucy Powell who have agreed to another year as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Our group met following worship on September 8th. It was great to see some new faces around our table.

We are searching for an "acronym" that describes our group. Any help would be appreciated.

Our first order of business was to establish a work group for the Cherry Valley Fall Festival in which we participated on Saturday, September 21. Yolanda Beets spearheaded the very popular Vendor/Craft fair in the fellowship hall and we had a booth for baked goods in front of the church. This is one of our most lucrative fund raising projects. It was a fun time and we got to interact with the community and let them know what CVUMC is all about. We will share with you more information about this event next month in the *Messenger*. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.

We discussed and settled on December 15 as the date on which to have our annual Christmas Cookie Walk. This is one of our best fundraisers and we appreciate all the support we get for this event. We will share more information about the event in the November issue of the *Messenger*.

We discussed the Quarterly Women's Gathering of CVUMC and New Milford women that began last year. It is a fun and uplifting event that we hope to continue in the future.

Our next meeting will be on October 13 after worship. Come join us!

Striving to serve our church, our community, and our country.

Donna Layng

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- **Completing the Forms:** You can complete & submit a form in one session or leave the form to complete & submit later. To save your form in progress, click on the **Save and Continue button** on the right side. A link will appear at the top of the page. ***It is important to highlight, copy and save this link before exiting out.** You may paste your link into your browser's address bar to re-enter your session at any time. **Note: once you submit the form, the link will no longer be available.**
- **Attaching Reports to forms: Word DOCs and PDFs are accepted when attaching files in the forms.** (No .jpps or .pngs) Please write headings at the top of attached forms that includes: Name of the Report (include year), Pastor's Name, Church Name (City: Church Name).
- **Printing Copies:** We recommend printing a copy of each completed form to retain for church records. Click on the "print button" at the top before hitting submit. Please send copies to the church office and/or pastor for our records and church conference booklet.

Recommended browsers: We recommend using a browser other than Internet Explorer such as [Google Chrome](#) or [Firefox](#) to be able to print.

To start a new, fresh form, click on the Northern Illinois Conference logo at the top of the form's page.

<https://www.umcnic.org/churchconference>

Greeters and Liturgist Volunteers Needed

We are still seeking a few dedicated people to volunteer to perform greeter and liturgist duties. We have provided a sign-in sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please check your availability and consider volunteering for these very important aspects of the worship service. Your church needs you!
For more information, please speak with Juanita Barnes.

Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the heart.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 6 Ray & Yolanda Beets
- 10 Theoren & Jordyn Nystrom
- 9 Mike & Melynda Mungor
- 12 Jim & Pat Newell
- 14 Charles & Lora Schnuckel
- 29 Dave & Jan Mills



IT'S CHRISTMAS YEAR ROUND!



Shoebox Gift Suggestions

For our Christmas Shoe Box ministry, we are trying something different. Instead of collecting items all at once, we suggest you grab a few items each time you shop. Seasonal shopping will have sales on items that you can purchase for your shoe box collection.

For example:

OCTOBER: Accessories such as socks, hair bows, jewelry, small water bottles.

NOVEMBER: Donations for shipping (\$10.00 per box)

DECEMBER: Prayer for those who receive the boxes we packed with love.

PROJECT COORDINATOR:

Terri Burritt—email burritt5@hotmail.com

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me..." Mark 9:36



Congregational Care News

CVUMC now has complimentary CareNotes for you or someone you care about.

These easy to read pamphlets cover a broad range of topics impacting congregants and their families.

Take one for you and one for someone else. Let us know if you need CareNotes on a specific topic not covered.

In the church narthex, you can find CareNotes about aging adults, physical, spiritual and emotional issues.

In the fellowship hall, you can find CareNotes about teen and family issues.



CHERRY VALLEY UMC



Blessing of
the Animals

COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE
ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS!

Would you like to have your pets blessed in a
special outdoor service?

When: Saturday, October 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Baumann Park Pavilion

Bring your furry, feathered, scaly, slithering or crawling pet to
be prayed over and anointed at this community event.

For more information: Rev. Danice Loveridge
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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 and view the brochure outlining the program and you can donate on line.

<http://www.rrvp.org/peanut-butter-endowment/>

PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2024

LAY ACADEMY

Sat., Oct. 12th

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 13th

1 to 4:30 p.m.



Cost \$25

Box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee will be provided.

Rockford: Grace UMC 3555 McFarland Rd, Rockford

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Sacraments: Means of Grace:** This advanced course with a leader's guide by Rev. Beth Galbreath gives a deeper experience of the sacraments and many ideas for deepening congregations' sacramental practice of Baptism and Holy Communion.
Book: *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion - Participant's Book* by Gayle Carlton Felton
 - 2 Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (United Methodist Heritage):** This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church
Book: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carter
 - 3 Leading Public Prayer:** Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.
Book: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
 - 4 Discover Your Spiritual Gifts:** This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.
Book: *Each One a Minister* by William J. Carter
- All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

Register Online: Registration Deadline: Mon. Oct. 7

umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-lay-academy-fall-2024

QUESTIONS?
Kim Emery - kkim0104@aol.com



An Anti-Racism Task Force Advocacy Partners and Community Impact Event

We have a chance to watch a movie entitled *Origin* which explores the mystery of history, the wonders of romance, and a fight for our future. While investigating the global phenomenon of caste and its dark influence on society, a journalist faces unfathomable personal loss and uncovers the beauty of human resilience.

Produced by Ava DuVernay, the film is based on Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. Attend one of the screenings listed on the web site. They are made possible by various non-profits, faith-based organizations, academic institutions, and community partners.

- Attendance is free.
- Registration is required.
- Space is limited, so register now.

Go to the website to discover more about dates and times, registration and how you can attend one of the screenings.

<https://www.umcnic.org/Origin-Movie-screening>

To discover more about the Anti-Racism Task Force visit the web site at [NIC Anti-Racism Task Force \(umcnic.org\)](http://NIC Anti-Racism Task Force (umcnic.org))



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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Tanzania Mission Trip Opportunity

Pastor Kim is attending a study program in Thailand. So, I am taking the opportunity to tell you about an opportunity to visit Pastor Kim and her school in Tanzania.

Many of you have faithfully followed her journey; prayed for her and even supported her financially. What she has accomplished in 8 years is truly impressive – a God driven ministry! Now there is an opportunity to visit her; do a short term mission project and possibly go on a safari. It would be a trip of a life time! You would be blessed and so would she! Here is the information currently available.

Prairie North Mission Trip to Tanzania

Dates: June 23 – July 7, 2025

Cost: \$2000 plus airfare (airfare will be about \$2000)

Location: Global Mission Secondary School

(Rev. Young-Seon Kim's site) in Tanzania

Activities: One week at the school leading a week long summer school (VBS style). Several days of travel (potentially including a safari trip).

Ages: Those entering high school in 2025 and up (for youth, a parent must register together).

Group size: 25 people

Registration deadline: October 31

The official registration site will be open soon. Please send your interest or questions to Kris Aves at aveskris0@gmail.com

With God's grace we grow together!
Your missionary in Christ!

Judy Long

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	2 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir Practice	3 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	4	5 9:00 am GA
6 10:00 am Worship	7 6:00 Scouts BSAG	8 6:00 Admin Board 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB 	9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:15 am Memorial Committee 2:00 pm Choir Practice	10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	11	12 9:00 am GA
13 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Methodist Women	14 6:00 Scouts BSAG	15 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB 	16 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 2:00 pm Choir Practice	17 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	18	19 9:00 am GA
20 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Stewardship Celebration Lunch 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Main Street Players	21 6:00 Scouts BSAG	22 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	23 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir Practice	24 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	25 5:00 am Midwest Mission Trip	26 9:00 am GA
27 10:00 am Worship Trick 'r treat for the Pantry 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Main Street Players TRICK OR TREAT  So kids can eat because hunger is very SCARY	28 6:00 Scouts BSAG	29 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	30 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir Practice	31 6:30 pm Cub Scouts		

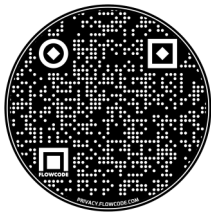
MESSENGER ITEMS ARE DUE TO THE SECRETARY ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

*Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."*

Psalm 96:6



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WORSHIP
Together

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