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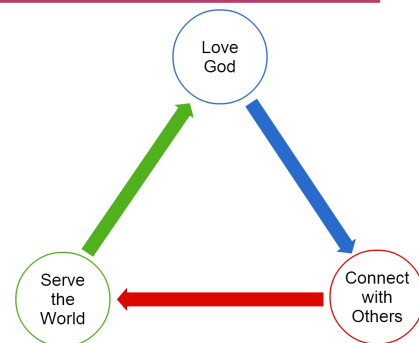
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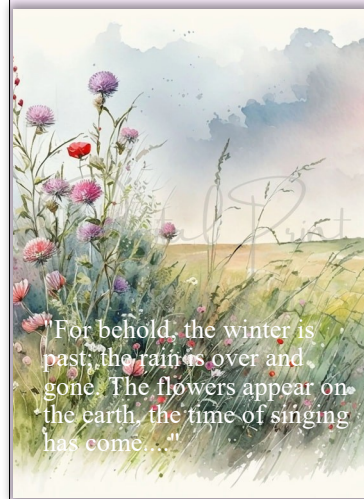
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With the advance
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pat Gorsuch
Trudy Hunt
- 12 Jeff Sundberg
- 16 Kyle Ward
- 29 Gwen Flood

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Jim & Mary Coulter
- 26 Herman & Judy Krunfus
- 31 Derek & Jenny Dwyer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Fisher
- 11 Catherine Bernard
- 18 Andrew Schwartz
- 22 Shirley Cardini
- 23 Sally Hollembeak
- 28 John Schwartz
Sandy Schwartz

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Mike & Danice
Loveridge



The Next Administrative Board will meet on May 12 at 6:00 pm.

Methodist Women's
Salad Supper
May 6 @ 6:00 pm

For more information, speak with Mary Coulter



All women are welcome.
Bring a friend!

- *Bring a salad to pass*
- *Guest speaker: Carolyn Kloss*
- *Topic: Brooke Road UMC Baby Bank*
- *Bring a new or gently used baby item for the Baby bank or you may make a free will money donation.*

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Congregational Care News

Check out the CVUMC complimentary CareNotes available 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.



The following letter is from the Rockford Rescue Mission. Although it is addressed to Juanita Barnes, the “thank you” is for all of the people of Cherry Valley United Methodist Church for the donations that Juanita recently took to the center.

Rockford Rescue Mission

The focus of our giving is the Rockford Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission is a safe and caring place that offers a Christ-centered care to people struggling with challenges like homelessness, poverty, abuse and addiction.

Rescue those in immediate crisis
Recover people’s dignity and sense of self-worth
Restore the lives of men, women and children

The core values of the Rockford Rescue Mission are :

- *Living for the Glory of God*
- *Respecting Human Dignity and Immortality*
- *Proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*
- *Modeling Compassionate Generosity*
- *Partnering with the Church and Community*
- *Serving with Integrity and Excellence*
- *Rejoicing in Lives Changed by God*

Each month the Mission publishes an urgent needs list which we will post in the church. If you do not wish to contribute with goods, you may donate money that may be placed in the envelopes available on the table in the sanctuary.

HAY DAY!
 Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Join us for acres of fun exploring
 the unending love and friendship of Jesus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 For ages 3 years to 5th grade
 July 17 – July 19, 2026
 (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

VBS 2026

It’s time to get ready for VBS! We need your help to make this a great weekend experience for the kids.

If are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Deb Gross at 815-222-8139.

Registration forms are available at the church office, on the website, cherryvalleyumc.com and on page 9 of this publication.

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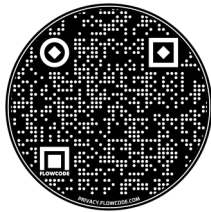
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Sunday@ 10:00 am—In-person Worship
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Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



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: _____

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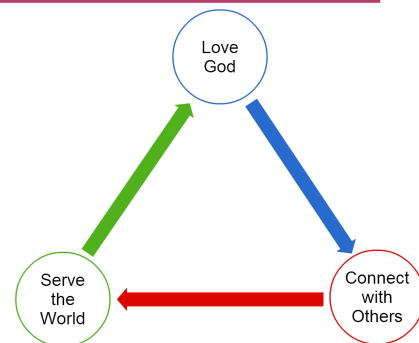
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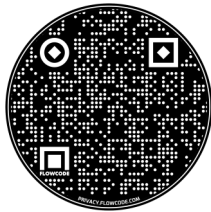
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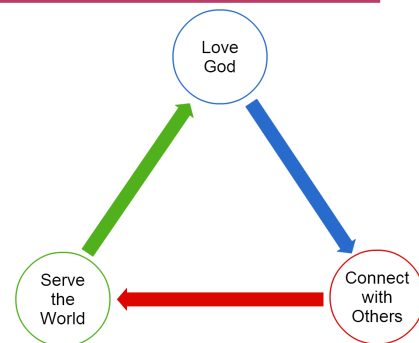
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Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

As I walked into the office on my first day back from vacation, Nancy greeted me by saying, "You know what I need from you today?!" Already a week past the newsletter deadline, I knew.

In addition to some project time at home (e.g. refinishing a table and working on my motorcycle), Susan and I travelled to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky for several days of camping and a couple of cave tours. We were blessed with bright sunny-warm weather and trees that had already leafed out. Although we had no electric hook-up for the camper, our solar panel kept the battery charged. Except...

My plan had been to hookup the camper and pull out early on Sunday morning and to stop for worship at a Methodist church in southern Indiana. But you've heard the saying about plans... Apparently, one of us had bumped a button in the camper which ran down our charged battery, preventing the water pump from delivering the nice showers we'd intended on Saturday before bed. We made the best of it wash clothes and bowls.

I rose early on Sunday and had the camper hooked up and "ready to go" only a few minutes after our designated time, discovering – as I removed the wheel chocks – that one tire was flat! Another complication – and a dirty delay. We'd never make it to the planned church on time. Attending locally would mean delaying our departure by a few hours, which would mean arriving home after midnight or having to stop overnight somewhere along the route.

I had all the excuses that I needed to just skip church. That happens doesn't it? Even when we plan, things get in the way. Fortunately, Google maps allowed us to search for churches "nearby" as we drove and then to see what time worship would be. As a result, we were able to worship at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church somewhere in north central Kentucky.

That one-hour diversion from our drive had consequences. It meant arriving home after dark and having to drive the final forty-five minutes in heavy rain. Another consequence was that I got to sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," with Christians in Kentucky whom I'll likely never meet again, and I got the chance to join them in prayer, and to have my spirit renewed.

The second Sunday of our vacation we worshipped at Faith Wesleyan Church where I know the pastor and several members of the congregation, again getting to sing and pray and to have my spirit renewed.

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"For behold, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come...."



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I'm not going to blame the devil for the flat tire on my camper, but I do believe in spiritual warfare and that ungodly forces will use our misfortune and busyness to persuade us that it's okay to skip out on worship. Worship – communal prayer and praise – is something that we need to be whole. Sometimes work, travel, and family obligations might impede our ability to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in Cherry Valley, but we are fortunate to live in a country where we can find the worship we need somewhere.

I always hope to see each of you in worship on Sunday mornings. I miss you when you're gone; but I pray that on those occasions when you cannot be in worship here, that you will avail yourself of the gift of worship somewhere.

Your brother in Christ,

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"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book"

Psalm 56:8:



Prairie North Conference

Keep up to date with all the Prairie North Conference Events in the weekly email.

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Future Dates to Remember

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- May 6 6:00 pm Women's Salad Dinner Event
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 12 6:00 pm Church Council
- May 18 6:30 pm Final Monday Night Bible Study
- May 20 2:00 pm Final Choir Rehearsal
- May 24 10 am Final Choir performance
- May 27 Choir Wrap-up Event
- May 31 First Praise Team Performance of season
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- June 9 6:00 pm Church Council
- June 16-16 Annual Conference
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 28 Pastor Mark's final Sunday

Lord please hear my prayer



Members & Friends

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- Gage Christensen
- Sean Conderman
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Mission

- Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn



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.

Finance Committee Report

March

Total Revenue	\$15,324.41
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Net Revenue	\$ 3,250.93

Quarterly Finance Report January-March

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Scripture Readings

May 3—5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 31
Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14
Message: "Would I?"

May 10— 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Message: "Because I Said So"

May 17—Ascension Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10
Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11
Message: "What Time Is It?"

May 24—Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 104:24-35
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39
Message: "Lit Up For Good"

May 31—Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Message: "The Temple of the Lord"

June 7—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-12
Genesis 12:1-0
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Daring Faith"

June 14—3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8
Message: "Nervous Laughter"

June 21—4th Sunday of Pentecost

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Genesis 21:8-21
Matthew 10:24-39
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June 28—5th Sunday of Pentecost

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Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
Message: "Let Love Reign"



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Wednesdays—9:30- noon
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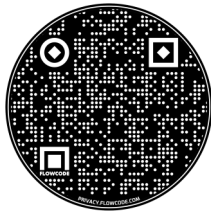
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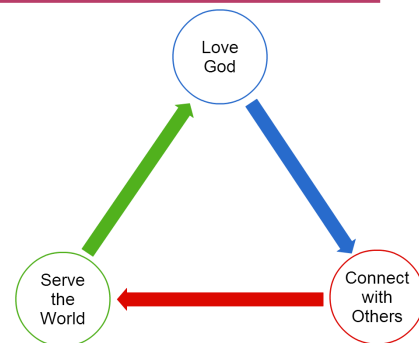
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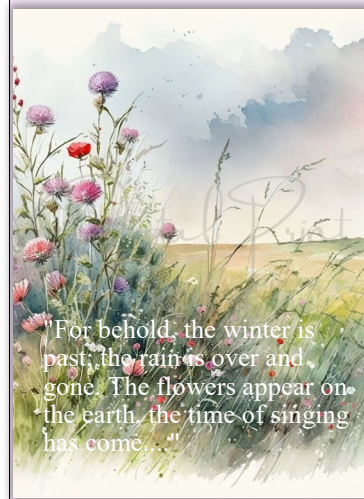
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Congregational Care News

Check out the CVUMC complimentary CareNotes available 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.

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Rescue those in immediate crisis
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The core values of the Rockford Rescue Mission are :

- *Living for the Glory of God*
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Each month the Mission publishes an urgent needs list which we will post in the church. If you do not wish to contribute with goods, you may donate money that may be placed in the envelopes available on the table in the sanctuary.

HAYDAY!
 Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Join us for acres of fun exploring
 the unending love and friendship of Jesus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 For ages 3 years to 5th grade
 July 17 – July 19, 2026
 (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

VBS 2026

It’s time to get ready for VBS! We need your help to make this a great weekend experience for the kids.

If are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Deb Gross at 815-222-8139.

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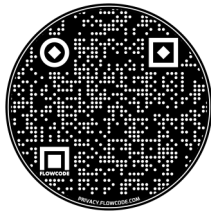
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(One Per Child)

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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: _____

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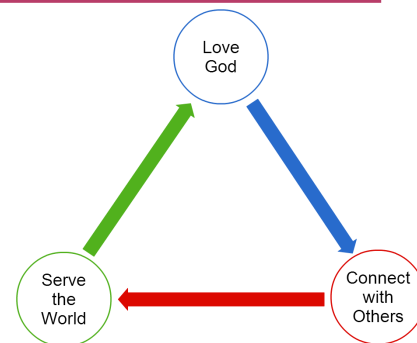
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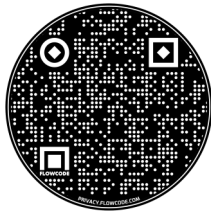
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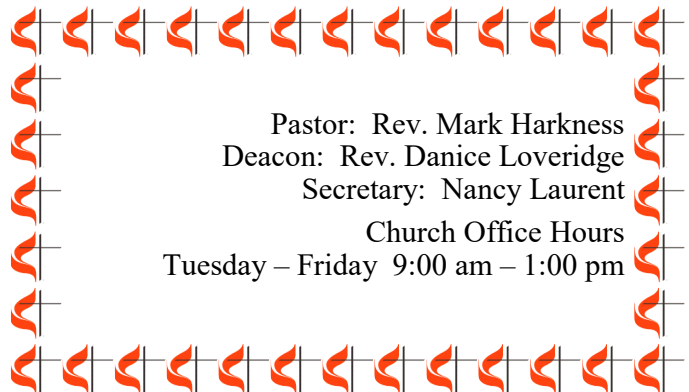
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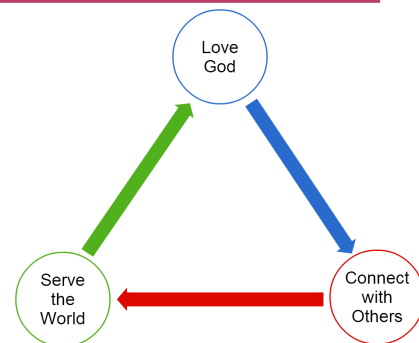
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I rose early on Sunday and had the camper hooked up and "ready to go" only a few minutes after our designated time, discovering – as I removed the wheel chocks – that one tire was flat! Another complication – and a dirty delay. We'd never make it to the planned church on time. Attending locally would mean delaying our departure by a few hours, which would mean arriving home after midnight or having to stop overnight somewhere along the route.

I had all the excuses that I needed to just skip church. That happens doesn't it? Even when we plan, things get in the way. Fortunately, Google maps allowed us to search for churches "nearby" as we drove and then to see what time worship would be. As a result, we were able to worship at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church somewhere in north central Kentucky.

That one-hour diversion from our drive had consequences. It meant arriving home after dark and having to drive the final forty-five minutes in heavy rain. Another consequence was that I got to sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," with Christians in Kentucky whom I'll likely never meet again, and I got the chance to join them in prayer, and to have my spirit renewed.

The second Sunday of our vacation we worshipped at Faith Wesleyan Church where I know the pastor and several members of the congregation, again getting to sing and pray and to have my spirit renewed.

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"For behold, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come..."



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I'm not going to blame the devil for the flat tire on my camper, but I do believe in spiritual warfare and that ungodly forces will use our misfortune and busyness to persuade us that it's okay to skip out on worship. Worship – communal prayer and praise – is something that we need to be whole. Sometimes work, travel, and family obligations might impede our ability to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in Cherry Valley, but we are fortunate to live in a country where we can find the worship we need somewhere.

I always hope to see each of you in worship on Sunday mornings. I miss you when you're gone; but I pray that on those occasions when you cannot be in worship here, that you will avail yourself of the gift of worship somewhere.

Your brother in Christ,

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"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book"

Psalm 56:8:



Prairie North Conference

Keep up to date with all the Prairie North Conference Events in the weekly email.

Visit the website [Prairie North - Northern Illinois Annual Conference](#). There is also a listing of district contacts at the conference along with achieved newsletters.

Sign up for the weekly e-news by clicking on the latest newsletter and clicking on the "Join Our Email List" in the banner at the top of the page.

Future Dates to Remember

- May 6 11:00 am Praise Team Rehearsals Begin
- May 6 6:00 pm Women's Salad Dinner Event
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 12 6:00 pm Church Council
- May 18 6:30 pm Final Monday Night Bible Study
- May 20 2:00 pm Final Choir Rehearsal
- May 24 10 am Final Choir performance
- May 27 Choir Wrap-up Event
- May 31 First Praise Team Performance of season
- *****
- June 9 6:00 pm Church Council
- June 16-16 Annual Conference
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 28 Pastor Mark's final Sunday



Members & Friends

- Dwight Banks
- Glenn Carnine
- Pat Gorsuch
- Trudy Hunt
- Herman Krunfus
- Mike Loveridge
- Charlie Schnuckel
- Dana Ward

Military Personnel

- Gage Christensen
- Sean Conderman
- Dan Harter
- Wesley Harter

Mission

- Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn



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.

Finance Committee Report

March

Total Revenue	\$15,324.41
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Net Revenue	\$ 3,250.93

Quarterly Finance Report January-March

Total Revenue	\$41,133.61
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Thank you for your faithful support of the church.

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Scripture Readings

May 3—5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 31
Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14
Message: "Would I?"

May 10— 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Message: "Because I Said So"

May 17—Ascension Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10
Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11
Message: "What Time Is It?"

May 24—Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 104:24-35
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39
Message: "Lit Up For Good"

May 31—Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Message: "The Temple of the Lord"

June 7—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-12
Genesis 12:1-0
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Daring Faith"

June 14—3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8
Message: "Nervous Laughter"

June 21—4th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 17
Genesis 21:8-21
Matthew 10:24-39
Message: "Remaining Faithful"

June 28—5th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
Message: "Let Love Reign"



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Wednesdays—9:30- noon
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Prayer Shawl Group



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The group will be on hiatus until September 16th.

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Trudy Hunt
- 12 Jeff Sundberg
- 16 Kyle Ward
- 29 Gwen Flood

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Jim & Mary Coulter
- 26 Herman & Judy Krunfus
- 31 Derek & Jenny Dwyer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Fisher
- 11 Catherine Bernard
- 18 Andrew Schwartz
- 22 Shirley Cardini
- 23 Sally Hollembeak
- 28 John Schwartz
Sandy Schwartz

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Mike & Danice
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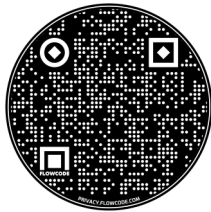
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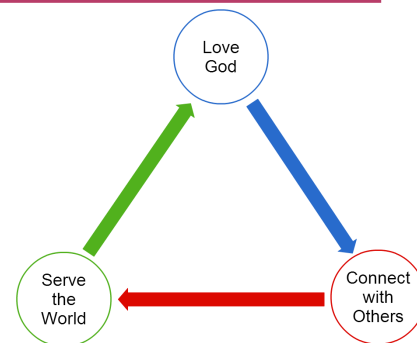
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My plan had been to hookup the camper and pull out early on Sunday morning and to stop for worship at a Methodist church in southern Indiana. But you've heard the saying about plans... Apparently, one of us had bumped a button in the camper which ran down our charged battery, preventing the water pump from delivering the nice showers we'd intended on Saturday before bed. We made the best of it wash clothes and bowls.

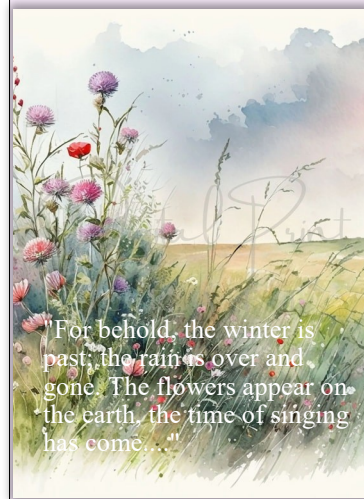
I rose early on Sunday and had the camper hooked up and "ready to go" only a few minutes after our designated time, discovering – as I removed the wheel chocks – that one tire was flat! Another complication – and a dirty delay. We'd never make it to the planned church on time. Attending locally would mean delaying our departure by a few hours, which would mean arriving home after midnight or having to stop overnight somewhere along the route.

I had all the excuses that I needed to just skip church. That happens doesn't it? Even when we plan, things get in the way. Fortunately, Google maps allowed us to search for churches "nearby" as we drove and then to see what time worship would be. As a result, we were able to worship at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church somewhere in north central Kentucky.

That one-hour diversion from our drive had consequences. It meant arriving home after dark and having to drive the final forty-five minutes in heavy rain. Another consequence was that I got to sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," with Christians in Kentucky whom I'll likely never meet again, and I got the chance to join them in prayer, and to have my spirit renewed.

The second Sunday of our vacation we worshipped at Faith Wesleyan Church where I know the pastor and several members of the congregation, again getting to sing and pray and to have my spirit renewed.

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"For behold, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come...."



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I'm not going to blame the devil for the flat tire on my camper, but I do believe in spiritual warfare and that ungodly forces will use our misfortune and busyness to persuade us that it's okay to skip out on worship. Worship – communal prayer and praise – is something that we need to be whole. Sometimes work, travel, and family obligations might impede our ability to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in Cherry Valley, but we are fortunate to live in a country where we can find the worship we need somewhere.

I always hope to see each of you in worship on Sunday mornings. I miss you when you're gone; but I pray that on those occasions when you cannot be in worship here, that you will avail yourself of the gift of worship somewhere.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Harkness

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book"

Psalm 56:8:



Prairie North Conference

Keep up to date with all the Prairie North Conference Events in the weekly email.

Visit the website [Prairie North - Northern Illinois Annual Conference](#). There is also a listing of district contacts at the conference along with achieved newsletters.

Sign up for the weekly e-news by clicking on the latest newsletter and clicking on the "Join Our Email List" in the banner at the top of the page.

Future Dates to Remember

- May 6 11:00 am Praise Team Rehearsals Begin
- May 6 6:00 pm Women's Salad Dinner Event
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 12 6:00 pm Church Council
- May 18 6:30 pm Final Monday Night Bible Study
- May 20 2:00 pm Final Choir Rehearsal
- May 24 10 am Final Choir performance
- May 27 Choir Wrap-up Event
- May 31 First Praise Team Performance of season
- *****
- June 9 6:00 pm Church Council
- June 16-16 Annual Conference
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 28 Pastor Mark's final Sunday

Lord please hear my prayer



Members & Friends

- Dwight Banks
- Glenn Carnine
- Pat Gorsuch
- Trudy Hunt
- Herman Krunfus
- Mike Loveridge
- Charlie Schnuckel
- Dana Ward

Military Personnel

- Gage Christensen
- Sean Conderman
- Dan Harter
- Wesley Harter

Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn



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.

Finance Committee Report

March

Total Revenue	\$15,324.41
Total Expenditures	<u>\$12,073.48</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 3,250.93

Quarterly Finance Report January-March

Total Revenue	\$41,133.61
Total Expenditures	<u>\$40,168.53</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 965.08



Thank you for your faithful support of the church.

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Scripture Readings

May 3—5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 31
Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14
Message: "Would I?"

May 10—6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Message: "Because I Said So"

May 17—Ascension Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10
Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11
Message: "What Time Is It?"

May 24—Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 104:24-35
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39
Message: "Lit Up For Good"

May 31—Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Message: "The Temple of the Lord"

June 7—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-12
Genesis 12:1-0
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Daring Faith"

June 14—3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8
Message: "Nervous Laughter"

June 21—4th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 17
Genesis 21:8-21
Matthew 10:24-39
Message: "Remaining Faithful"

June 28—5th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
Message: "Let Love Reign"



Pastor Mark's Office Hours:

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

Pastor Mark's Cell
331-465-9489

Parsonage
815-580-8553



Prayer Shawl Group



The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am. Judy Krunfus will host.

For information about this group, contact Lucy Powell at 815-904-9462 or email Lucy at lpowell530@yahoo.com.

The group will be on hiatus until September 16th.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study



The Monday Evening Women's Bible study will have their final meeting of the season on May 18th at 6:30 pm.

The regular weekly meetings will resume on September 14 at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in this group, contact Lucy Powell at 815-904-9462 or email lpowell530@yahoo.com.

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
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Kakaotalk: [yskim1470](https://www.kakaotalk.com/yskim1470)



The following article is an excerpt from the Prairie North Conference April 9th Newsletter.

Recently, NIC staff were targeted by spam perpetrators. Remember, no one from the NIC staff or bishop's cabinet will ever ask you for money or gifts cards or say that they urgently need your help. If you have any questions about an unusual email message, contact your district assistant before responding to it.

Recently some of you may have received an email from Pastor Mark asking for your assistance. Always call or text him before responding to a suspicious email. Of course, that goes for any suspicious email you may receive. In the age of AI, it is very difficult to tell what is real and what is fake.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pat Gorsuch
Trudy Hunt
- 12 Jeff Sundberg
- 16 Kyle Ward
- 29 Gwen Flood

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Jim & Mary Coulter
- 26 Herman & Judy Krunfus
- 31 Derek & Jenny Dwyer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Fisher
- 11 Catherine Bernard
- 18 Andrew Schwartz
- 22 Shirley Cardini
- 23 Sally Hollembeak
- 28 John Schwartz
Sandy Schwartz

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES


- 8 Mike & Danice
Loveridge



The Next Administrative Board will meet on May 12 at 6:00 pm.

Methodist Women's
Salad Supper
May 6 @ 6:00 pm

For more information, speak with Mary Coulter



All women are welcome.
Bring a friend!

- *Bring a salad to pass*
- *Guest speaker: Carolyn Kloss*
- *Topic: Brooke Road UMC Baby Bank*
- *Bring a new or gently used baby item for the Baby bank or you may make a free will money donation.*

**Cherry Valley
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112 S. Cherry St.
Cherry Valley, Illinois 61016
815-332-5057**

Congregational Care News

Check out the CVUMC complimentary CareNotes available 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.



The following letter is from the Rockford Rescue Mission. Although it is addressed to Juanita Barnes, the “thank you” is for all of the people of Cherry Valley United Methodist Church for the donations that Juanita recently took to the center.

Rockford Rescue Mission

The focus of our giving is the Rockford Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission is a safe and caring place that offers a Christ-centered care to people struggling with challenges like homelessness, poverty, abuse and addiction.

Rescue those in immediate crisis
Recover people’s dignity and sense of self-worth
Restore the lives of men, women and children

The core values of the Rockford Rescue Mission are :

- *Living for the Glory of God*
- *Respecting Human Dignity and Immortality*
- *Proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*
- *Modeling Compassionate Generosity*
- *Partnering with the Church and Community*
- *Serving with Integrity and Excellence*
- *Rejoicing in Lives Changed by God*

Each month the Mission publishes an urgent needs list which we will post in the church. If you do not wish to contribute with goods, you may donate money that may be placed in the envelopes available on the table in the sanctuary.

HAY DAY!
 Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Join us for acres of fun exploring
 the unending love and friendship of Jesus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 For ages 3 years to 5th grade
 July 17 – July 19, 2026
 (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

VBS 2026

It’s time to get ready for VBS! We need your help to make this a great weekend experience for the kids.

If are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Deb Gross at 815-222-8139.

Registration forms are available at the church office, on the website, cherryvalleyumc.com and on page 9 of this publication.

May 2026

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24 10:00 am Worship Pentecost Sunday Final performance of season for the choir Eagle Scout Court of Honor	25 6:00 Scouts BSAG	26 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	27 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal	28 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29	30 9:00 am GA
31 10:00 am Worship 1st performance of Praise Team for the season						

Messenger items are due on the 15th of each month.



June 2026

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*"The heavens
declare the
glory of God,*



*and the sky
proclaims the
work of His
hands".*

Psalm 19:1:

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events

May 6, 6:00 pm
Women's Salad Supper
@CVUMC

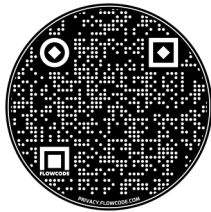
June 28
Pastor Mark's
Final Sermon

July 17-19
Vacation Bible
School



Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
112 South Cherry Street, P.O. Box 235
Cherry Valley, Illinois 61016

Charlie Schnuckel
703 E. Wood Ln,
Belvidere, IL 61008



*let's
Worship
together*

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

Contact us:

Office phone: 815/332-5075
E-mail: churchinthevalley@comcast.net

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

Pastor: Rev. Mark Harkness
Deacon: Rev. Danice Loveridge
Secretary: Nancy Laurent

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



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: _____