

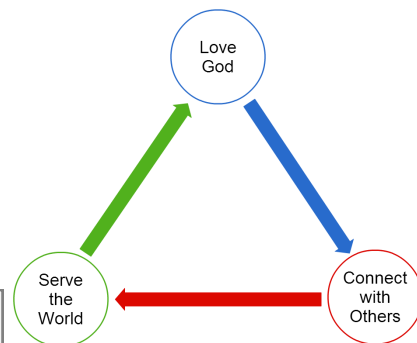
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The following is an excerpt from the most newsletter from Missionary Young Seon Kim

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Recently, I returned to Tanzania after a two-week visit to the United States. As I unpacked and settled back in, I found myself reflecting not only on the past two weeks but also on all that God has done throughout the first half of 2026. "God is faithful." That is the central message I want to share with you. From January until now, so many things have happened, and I could not help but see God at work every day. Of course, there were difficult moments and many challenges. Yet the faithful Lord has never once disappointed me. Even this morning, through Proverbs 3:5-6, God reminded me to trust Him and hold on to His promises and walk in obedience with faith and hope. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will use the stories in this letter to encourage you to live boldly by faith in the midst of the world, because we believe in the faithful God.

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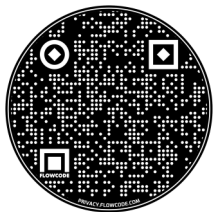
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Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

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Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

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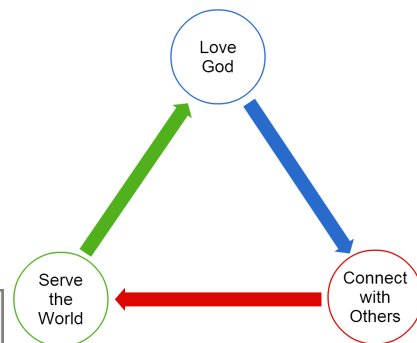
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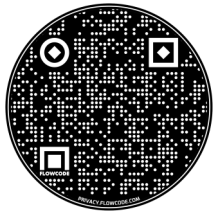
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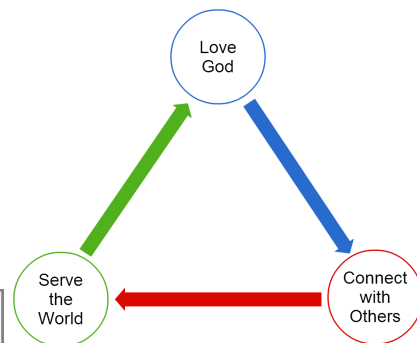
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Pictured is Ellie
Robinson with
Nimrod.
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Firebirds Hastam
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**4TH OF
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It is a **whole church event** and all
are welcome to walk in the parade
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We will be handing out packets of information about our
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The Next Administrative Board will meet on July 14th @ 6:00 pm.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sydney Schwartz
- 4 Lucy Powell
- 5 Heather Kerr
- 9 Nathan Schwartz
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- 27 Derek Dwyer

ANNIVERSARIES

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Sinnissippi Quilters Guild: You can connect with **Barb Clucas** and the guild directly. They hold regular monthly meetings (on the first Thursday of the month) at the Grace United Methodist Church in Rockford, IL, which are great for viewing trunks shows, learning new techniques, and finding out about smaller, regional exhibits.



Best of Show. The woman on the left, Barb Clucas, pieced and appliquéd this quilt. The woman on the right, Coleen O'Kane, did the amazing quilting on this quilt. Zoom in to look at the micro-stippling.

Be A Greeter!



Speak to
Juanita
Barnes
about either
of these
ministries.

Be A Liturgist!



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.

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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

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The core values of the Rockford Rescue Mission are :

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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!
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With the advance
number on the memo line
Advance # 3022281

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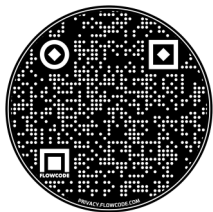
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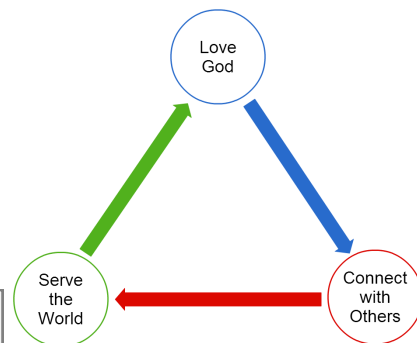
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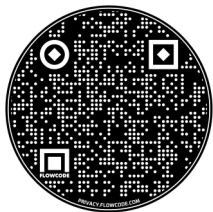
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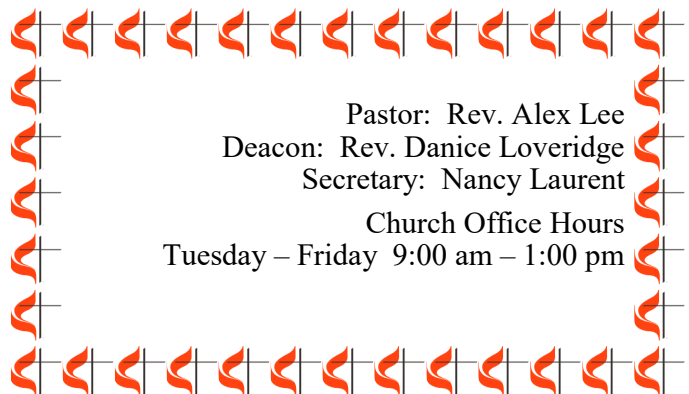
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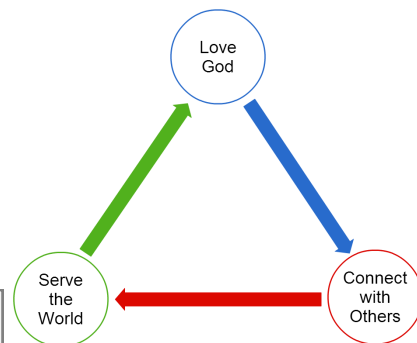
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Psalms 32:12 (KJV)

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



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Our focus at this time is on school supply items that are currently on sale all over the area in most stores. We need pens, pencils, blunt end scissors, crayons, colored pencils, markers and journals. If we start collecting now, we will be able to collect season appropriate items as we approach the send date in November. If you need further information, please speak with Terri Burritt or email her at burritt5@hotmail.com

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Financial Report for April

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Deuteronomy 6:5-0
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Loving God"

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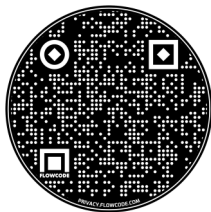
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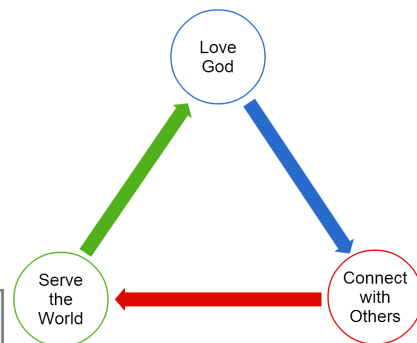
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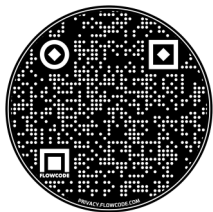
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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

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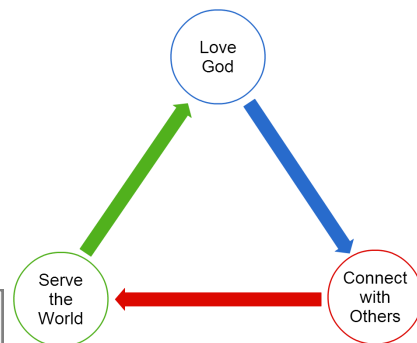
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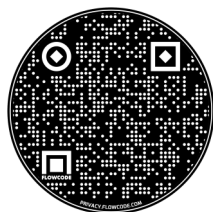
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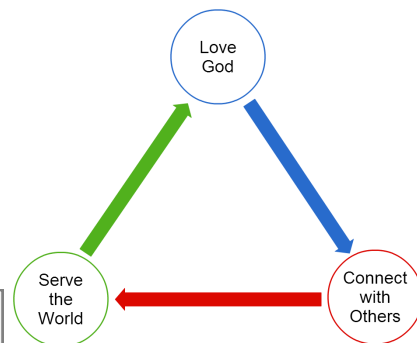
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Speak to
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Check out the CVUMC complimentary CareNotes available for you or someone you care about.

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.

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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 :

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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.

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The following is an excerpt from the most newsletter from Missionary Young Seon Kim

Grace and peace to you. Greetings!

Recently, I returned to Tanzania after a two-week visit to the United States. As I unpacked and settled back in, I found myself reflecting not only on the past two weeks but also on all that God has done throughout the first half of 2026. "God is faithful." That is the central message I want to share with you. From January until now, so many things have happened, and I could not help but see God at work every day. Of course, there were difficult moments and many challenges. Yet the faithful Lord has never once disappointed me. Even this morning, through Proverbs 3:5-6, God reminded me to trust Him and hold on to His promises and walk in obedience with faith and hope. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will use the stories in this letter to encourage you to live boldly by faith in the midst of the world, because we believe in the faithful God.

The 2026 NIC Bishop's Appeal for a GMSS High School Vision One of the main reasons I attended the 187th Northern Illinois Annual Conference was because the 2026 Bishop Appeal invited all churches to support the construction of a GMSS High School as well as Central conference educational funds. It was a great honor to share what God is doing in Tanzania on the second day of the conference. The offering collected was smaller than I had hoped. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that God will provide the remaining \$245,000 needed for this project through His amazing ways. On the opening day, Bishop Dan shared the message, "Hope never fails." Those words also reflect my own testimony. Through the construction of GMSS itself during COVID-19 pandemic, I have already experienced that God's mission belongs to God. He is the One who accomplishes it. During my presentation, I shared my hope that I will return to the conference in two years to testify about how God built the high school and how students are pursuing their God-given dreams through higher education. So rather than feeling discouraged, I returned to Tanzania eager to see how God will provide. I praise the Lord who will faithfully lead the way.

Email: yskim1023@gmail.com KakaoTalk ID: Tanzania.GMSS.1470 (new ID) Phone/WhatsApp: +255657438955 Facebook ID: Young Seon Kim (For the latest updates, please follow my Facebook page.) Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

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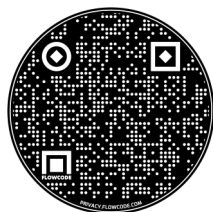
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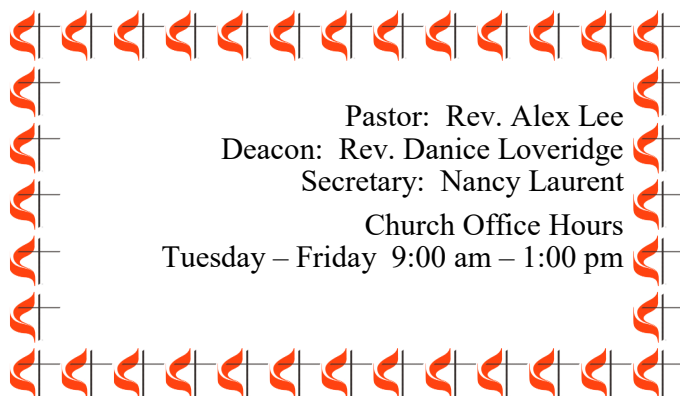
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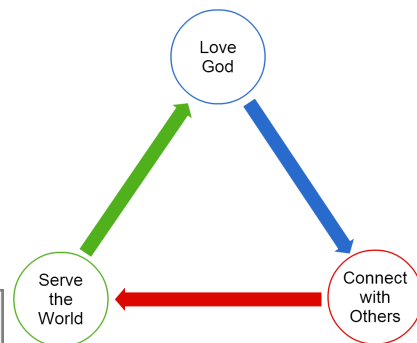
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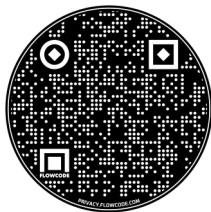
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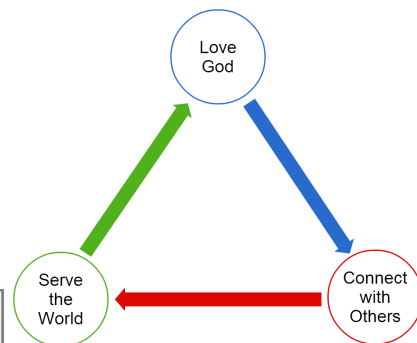
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Finance Committee Report

Financial Report for April

Total Revenue	\$13,782.24
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Financial Report for May

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(\$5,530 for Parsonage included in Total Revenue)	
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Scripture Readings

July 5—6th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-8
Deuteronomy 6:5-10
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Loving God"

The following readings are from the lectionary

July 12—7th Sunday of Pentecost

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- 5 Heather Kerr
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- 11 Herman Krunfus
- 27 Derek Dwyer

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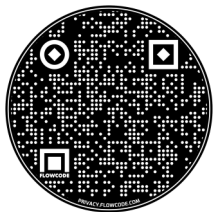
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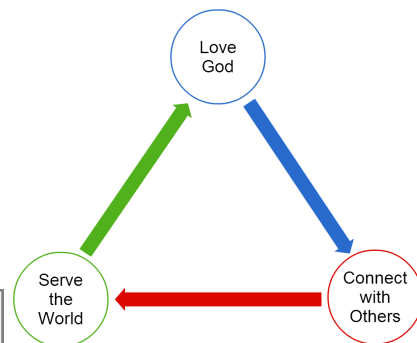
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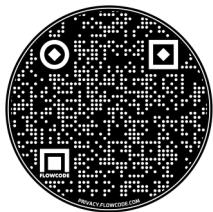
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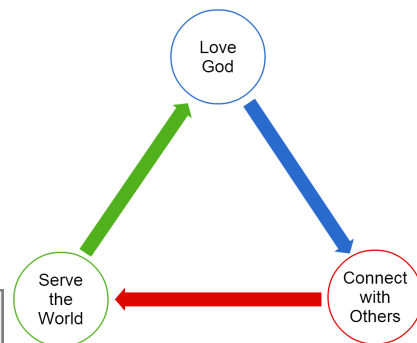
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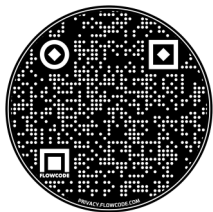
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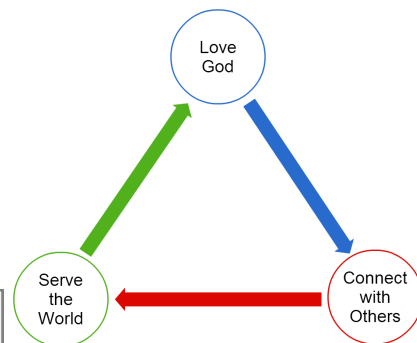
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The following is an excerpt from the most newsletter from Missionary Young Seon Kim

Grace and peace to you. Greetings!

Recently, I returned to Tanzania after a two-week visit to the United States. As I unpacked and settled back in, I found myself reflecting not only on the past two weeks but also on all that God has done throughout the first half of 2026. "God is faithful." That is the central message I want to share with you. From January until now, so many things have happened, and I could not help but see God at work every day. Of course, there were difficult moments and many challenges. Yet the faithful Lord has never once disappointed me. Even this morning, through Proverbs 3:5-6, God reminded me to trust Him and hold on to His promises and walk in obedience with faith and hope. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will use the stories in this letter to encourage you to live boldly by faith in the midst of the world, because we believe in the faithful God.

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Email: yskim1023@gmail.com KakaoTalk ID: Tanzania.GMSS.1470 (new ID) Phone/WhatsApp: +255657438955 Facebook ID: Young Seon Kim (For the latest updates, please follow my Facebook page.) Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

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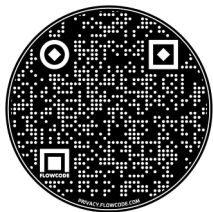
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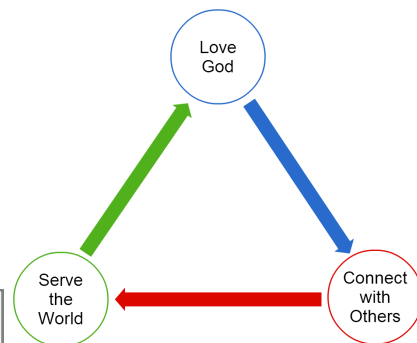
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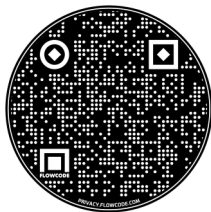
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Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

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: _____

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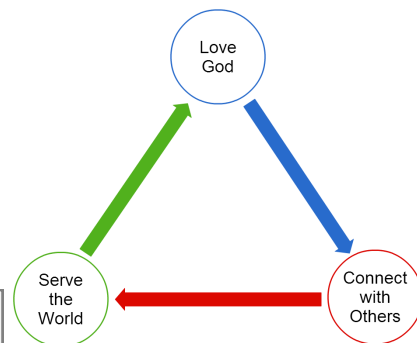
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Pastor's E-mail: qq4ever@gmail.com

Rev. Danice Loveridge, Deacon
Email: danice.loveridge@gmail.com
Cell phone: 815-509-9445

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

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I'm honored and excited to serve as the pastor of the Cherry Valley and New Milford church beginning this month. Ji Young and I are filled with joy as we anticipate joining the ministry of a congregation that is vital to the community. We will continue to grow in faith and grace. God is with us, always.

I began licensed/ordained ministry from the Evangelical Church Alliance in 2011. I served a church in Sierra Vista until 2018. Then I served the South Suburban Korean UMC until I received my license from the conference in 2021. I've served at the Harvard UMC the last five years, the town famous for the Milk Days, and now I'm moving to this area which I'm very familiar with.

I love sharing the word of God, exploring the Scripture together, and reaching out to the community. I want to build a relationship rooted in faith and love of God. I hope we can continually make a difference to our surroundings.

We have two children, one in middle school and the other one in high school. They will be transferring to the Rockford School District and I ask your prayers as they begin their new school year in a new environment. I'm sure they'll do well, yet prayers always help. It takes a while to get to know each other. I'm sure we will find a way to work wonderfully together and be filled with enthusiasm in being the witness of the love of God. To those who say there is no hope in the world, we can be the reflection of Jesus in their lives. We pray people find hope when they see our words and deeds. God's love makes a difference in everyone's life.

I will be participating in the 4th of July parade and helping with the VBS. I'm excited to be part of your community beginning this month.

I invite you to join me in prayer for this transition. I'm committed to learning from your experiences, listening to your hopes and dreams, and leading with a heart open to guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I want to meet you all, especially on Sunday services. God is good, all the time.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

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*"Blessed is the Nation
whose God is the
Lord."*

Psalm 32:12 (KJV)

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



We have begun our annual participation in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry.

Our focus at this time is on school supply items that are currently on sale all over the area in most stores. We need pens, pencils, blunt end scissors, crayons, colored pencils, markers and journals. If we start collecting now, we will be able to collect season appropriate items as we approach the send date in November. If you need further information, please speak with Terri Burritt or email her at burritt5@hotmail.com

Visit the website at sumaratinspurse.org to learn more about Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Work Crew



A special thank you to the crew who worked to get the church and the parsonage ready for the transition of Pastors. There was a lot of work that needed to be done and there were some snags along the way, but they were dealt with and everything is under control. Thank you!

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

July 1 Pastor Alex Lee and Family arrive
July 4 12 noon Village Parade
July 14 6:00 pm Church Council
July 17 5:30 pm-8:30 pm VBS Opening Session
July 18 12:30 pm-3:30 pm VBS 2nd Day Session
July 19 9:45 am -11:00 am VBS Closing Session



Members & Friends

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

Military Personnel

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

Financial Report for April

Total Revenue	\$13,782.24
Total Expenditures.	12,500.86
Net Revenue	1,281.38

Financial Report for May

Total Revenue.	\$19,519.50
(\$5,530 for Parsonage included in Total Revenue)	
Total Expenditures	12,156.29
Net Revenue	7,363.21



Thank you for your faithful support of the church.

Donate with **PayPal**



Scripture Readings

July 5—6th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-8
Deuteronomy 6:5-0
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "Loving God"

The following readings are from the lectionary

July 12—7th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 119:105-112
Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19—8th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26—9th Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11
Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Pastor Alex's Office Hours:
Wednesdays—9:30—noon
Thursdays—9:30—noon
Monday & Tuesday
Work from home
Friday is day off



Pastor Alex will still be
available for calls on days when not in the office.



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520-450-0899



The 4th of July Parade is one of our best opportunities to let the community know about our [VBS program](#).

It is a **whole church event** and all are welcome to walk in the parade with the VBS Crew.

We will be handing out packets of information about our program and our church. Speak with Deb Gross to see how you can join in the fun!

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Pastor Mark's
final Children's
message in which
he brought his dog
for the
children to
visit with.
Pictured is Ellie
Robinson with
Nimrod.
(Registered Name:
Firebirds Hastam
Optimus Nimrod)

The Next Administrative Board will meet on July 14th @ 6:00 pm.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Ryan & Natalie Herold
24 Michael & Dawn Maffioli



Thank you to all for your thoughts, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery and subsequent convalescence. I appreciated the cards and messages from so many of you. You have made me feel like so much a part of your family and I am sure that my healing and good health is due in a great part to your prayers for me. Thank you so much.

Nancy Laurent
Secretary



The **Sinnissippi Quilters Guild** (which award-winning local quilter **Barb Clucas** is heavily involved with) held their biennial **Parade of Quilts** show earlier this spring. The event took place May 2–3, 2026, at the ISC Sports Center in nearby Loves Park, IL, featuring over 300 quilts and a special Route 66 Centennial exhibit.

Sinnissippi Quilters Guild: You can connect with **Barb Clucas** and the guild directly. They hold regular monthly meetings (on the first Thursday of the month) at the Grace United Methodist Church in Rockford, IL, which are great for viewing trunks shows, learning new techniques, and finding out about smaller, regional exhibits.



Best of Show. The woman on the left, Barb Clucas, pieced and appliquéd this quilt. The woman on the right, Coleen O'Kane, did the amazing quilting on this quilt. Zoom in to look at the micro-stippling.

Be A Greeter!



Speak to
Juanita
Barnes
about either
of these
ministries.

Be A Liturgist!



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.



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.

HAYDAY!

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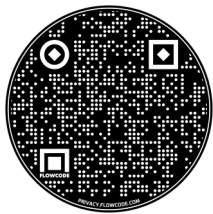
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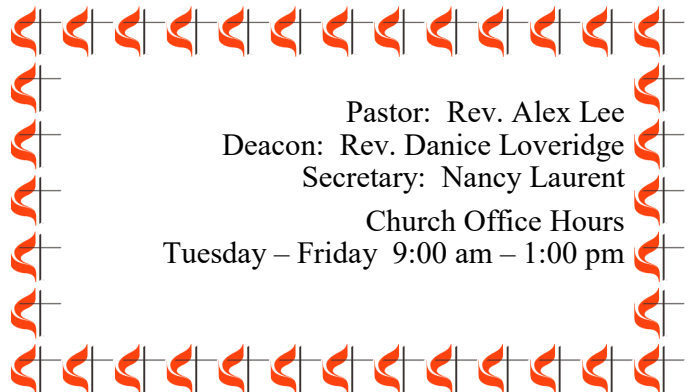
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