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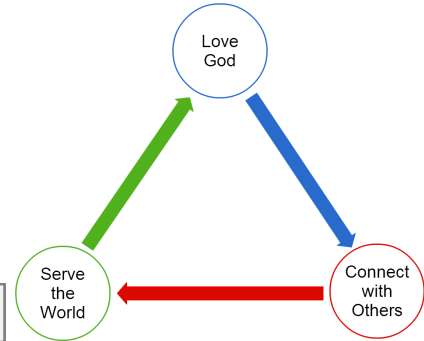
October 2026

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

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

Methodism is a movement. It's not confined to a single building or place; we are reaching out to all people from all backgrounds to let them know that there is something amazing God is offering today. I say this because we must seek opportunities to make a difference in our community. There are many times we feel the church is idling, not moving forward or backward. Despite all our efforts, many feel that there are no more viable means left to grow the body of Christ.

While I admit that creativity is not my forte, I strongly believe we all must give efforts in finding ways we can open dialogue and show them the love from God. We can't wait for people to come to church, that method is no longer effective. Our talents and gifts can be used to meet people where they are. The Holy Spirit inspires us to be creative in all moments of life.

John Wesley was dynamic. He traveled all around England and he was full of energy. This could not have been possible without the Spirit. God is lifting us to continue the journey of faith and bring everyone together for good. I would love to have a conversation with you about how we can fulfill the mission of the church today. I'm always open for discussion and pondering on things that we can do today.

Speaking of being part of our surroundings, there are a lot of events happening in October:

- 1) Village Festival is happening on October 10th and we need your help in organizing the baking sale. See our church announcement for details.
- 2) Deacon Danice will be blessing your pets and animals during the festival. We give thanks to God for the whole creation.
- 3) Indoor Craft and Vendor is happening on October 17.
- 4) Trunk or Treat is happening on October 24th. We need candy donations for the events.

We go out. We make disciples for the transformation of the world. We are not limited by the number of community events, we become part of the community providing more avenues for our neighbors to see Christ through us. There is so much for us to do. We are loving-our-neighbor people. See you at church.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

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Ecclesiastes 3:11: "He has made everything beautiful in its time.



All Saints Sunday



Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday and we will have our traditional bell cross worship service to honor those who have passed away. If you would like the name of your loved one who passed away this year included on the list, please send the name and date of their passing to the secretary by Wednesday, October 21st and we will include them in our listing for the worship service. The person does not have to have been a member of the church to be included on the list. If you want to place a bell on the cross, remember to bring your bell for the worship service.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – "...we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep... the dead in Christ will rise first... and so we will always be with the Lord



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

October 4..... Trunk or Treat Candy Donations Due
October 9..... 1-4 pm Cookie Donations Drop-off
October 10..... 3-7 pm Village Fall Fest /Cookie Sales
2:30 pm Blessing of the Animals
October 13..... 6 pm—Admin Council Meeting
October 24..... 4 pm—Trunk or Treat
October 14 10:15 am Memorial Committee
October 31 9:30 am Scout Clean-up Day

Lord please hear my prayer



Members & Friends

Barbara Anderson
Dave Anderson
Dwight Banks
Glenn Carnine
Pat Gorsuch
Warren Gross
Trudy Hunt
Herman Krunfus
Charlie Schnuckel

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.



Administrative Council

The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 pm.

Fellowship Hosts Needed!

We have resumed fellowship time after worship. We need volunteers to host each Sunday. Coffee and light refreshments are all that are required. All equipment for coffee is available in the kitchen. Cups, plates, napkins and tableware are supplied in the kitchen. For more information and to secure your hosting time, speak with Mary Coulter, Program Coordinator.

Donate with **PayPal**



Scripture Readings

October 4—World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14
Isaiah 55:5-7
Acts 10:1-2

Message: "Who is Cornelius?"

October 11—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 106:1-5
Psalm 37:3-7
James 1:5-8

Message: "Decisions, Decisions"

The following scripture is from the Lectionary

October 18—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Exodus 33:12-33
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



The date for the Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 29th at 12:30 pm. New Milford UMC & Davis Junction UMC will join us here at CVUMC for the meeting.



Finance Committee Report

July Financial Report

Total Revenue	\$10,747.00
Total Expenditures	20,389.62
Net Revenue	-9,642.62

July Extra Expenses

Yearly Maintenance and refrigerant for 6 A/Cs at church
\$1,705.00

Church sprinkler system maintenance
\$653.00

New A/C for parsonage
\$6,050.00

Emergency Fund Balance	\$6,630.65
Parsonage Appeal Balance	\$869.85



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.



Pastor Alex's Cell
520-450-0899

Prayer Shawl Group

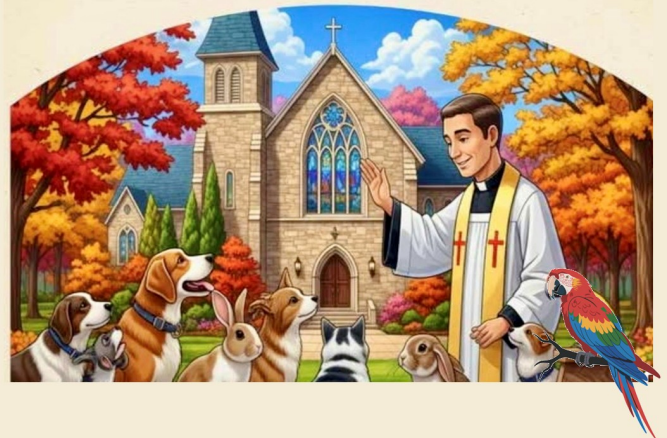


The Prayer Shawl Group will resume their regular Wednesday morning gatherings on October 21st at 10:00 am.

For information about this group and for the name and address of the next host of the meeting, contact Lucy Powell. Telephone or text 815-904-9462 or email Lucy at lpowell530@yahoo.com.

Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small, the Lord our God made them all.



When: October 10, 2026 2:30 pm

Where: Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
112 S. Cherry Street, Cherry Valley, IL 61016

For more information, contact Deacon Danice
Phone: 815-509-9445
Email: danieloveridge@gmail.com



TRUNK or TREAT

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS OF CANDY FOR OUR
TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON OCTOBER 24TH.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL CANDY IS INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.

IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY DONATE CASH
AND WE WILL PURCHASE THE CANDY.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH
NO LATER THAN **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH.**

THANK YOU!

For information,
call Mary Coulter
815-985-2574

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

4 Marybeth Sundberg
5 Charles Voorhies
12 Carol Conderman
13 Erinna Kauffman
Ericka Kauffman
14 Carol Behning
28 Hailee Kerr

ANNIVERSARIES

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



Cherry Valley UMC INDOOR Craft & Vendor Fair OCTOBER 17, 2026 10 AM-1 PM

Reserve your 8' x 8' Space for \$25

Contact Yolanda at

ybeets@comcast.net or 815-742-2138

Voice/text for vendor form.

*This is an accessible event
at Cherry Valley UMC
112 S. Cherry Street
Cherry Valley, IL*



Bakers we need you!



Village Fall Festival: October 10th from 3 to 7 pm



Donations can be dropped
off at the Church Friday
October 9th 1-4 pm at the
main entrance or October
10th 1:30-2:45 at the table
we will have set up.



Mandy Kloefer will be your point person. You can reach her on Facebook, email, or 815-742-0577. She will have coolers available if needed.

Volunteer to serve at the table. A Sign up sheet will be posted in the church.

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.

The core values of the Rockford Rescue Mission are :

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

- *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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



We are well into our collecting for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. We have gotten some great donations from many of you, but we still have some things that would be nice to include in our boxes. Contact Terri Burritt for what items she still needs for the boxes.

Watch the weekly bulletins and emails for the date of our packing party. We will be seeking volunteers to help with the packing of the boxes and for money donations to cover the shipping costs.

Thank you for your support of this project. It means so much to the person receiving the gifts.

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.



SISTERHOOD Women's Retreat

"Be Together, Feel Together, Heal Together, Rise Together"

October 24, 2026

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Cost \$5.00

Pre-register by visiting the web site at fumcbelvidere.org or calling the church office at 815-544-3479. Our Retreat leaders are Linda Lennon, Carla Walter, Pam Rossmiller, Cindy Poulter and Karen Frazer.



Be A Greeter!



Speak to Juanita Barnes about either of these ministries.

Be A Liturgist!



Global Mission

Dear Cherry Valley friends,

From the very beginning of this season of high school construction, life has honestly been incredibly busy and overwhelming. I have been doing my best to take things one step at a time, working hard and trying to take care of each responsibility.

And beyond the school and the church, I also have some responsibilities, including serving the Korean missionary community and local churches. There are simply so many things to do.

Sometimes I miss things. Sometimes my SNS replies are late. Sometimes I do not have as much time as I would like to prepare for my Bible classes and preaching. And yet, when I look back, I can honestly say this: The fact that I have come this far is a miracle of God every single day. But there is one thing that is very clear to me. In the middle of all these responsibilities, challenges, and uncertainties, God has given me something that the world cannot give me—a deep peace in my heart. It is not the peace that comes when there are no problems. It is the peace that comes in the middle of the problems. It is the peace that allows me to say, “God is with me. With God, I can face this. With God, I can do this.”

There are many moments when I feel that I simply cannot handle everything. But somehow, God gives me the strength to take one more step, to face one more challenge, and to keep going. And that is where I experience His peace. Because of that peace, I can smile. I can let go of disappointment more easily. I can let go of upsetting situations without carrying them in my heart. Instead of spending my energy focusing on what went wrong, I find myself asking, “How can we solve this? How can we move forward?”

I am learning to let go of unnecessary things, to forgive and forget people’s mistakes, and to trust God with the things that are beyond my control. Every day, I am learning more deeply what it means to follow His Word and to walk according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. And honestly, it gives me great joy. Not because everything is going well, but because God is with me.

Our contractor once told me, “You seem to be smiling all the time.” If that is how I have appeared to him, I believe that is also God’s grace. It is not because the work is easy. It is not because there are no problems. There are many challenges. But God’s peace is greater than the problems. And when I look at the construction site now, I am amazed at what God is doing.

Just a short time ago, we were looking at an empty site. Now, week by week, we are watching the school rise before our eyes. By next week, we expect to see the superstructure of the buildings rising everywhere.

What a miracle. What a testimony. What a faithful God!

We still have many financial challenges ahead of us. There are still significant needs that must be met. But I believe the God who brought us this far will continue to provide what we need, one step at a time. So today, I simply want to say, Thank You, Lord.

Thank You for Your presence. Thank You for Your peace.

Thank You for Your strength. Thank You for Your guidance.

And thank you for carrying me every single day.

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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Facebook: Young Seon Kim

Kakaotalk: yskim1470

I do not know everything that lies ahead. I do not know how every challenge will be solved. But I know who is walking with me. God is with me. And that is enough. So I will keep going. I will keep trusting. I will keep following the Word and the Spirit. And I will continue to do what He has called me to do—not with fear, but with faith; not with anxiety, but with peace; and not with heaviness, but with joy.

Thank You, Lord, for allowing me to witness what You are doing. May everything I am building—not only this school, but the lives of Tanzanian young people—bring glory to You, my Lord and my God.

Amen



Can you see Pastor Kim's ever present smile? This message is an honest look beneath that smile. Her message is a sermon to all of us. Keep the faith no matter what! God is part of every step. With that knowledge comes peace and joy.

With God's grace we grow together!

*Judy Long,
Your Retired Wycliffe
Missionary*





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	2	3 9:00 am GA
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Messenger items are due on the 15th of each month.

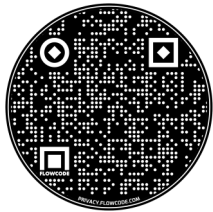


“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” — Hebrews 13:8

Cherry Valley United Methodist Church Upcoming Events	October 10 3pm—7 pm <i>Cookie Sales / Village fest</i>	October 10 <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> 2:30 pm	October 17 <i>Vendor Event</i> 10 am—1 pm	October 24 4:00 PM <i>“Trunk or Treat @Baumann Park</i>



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

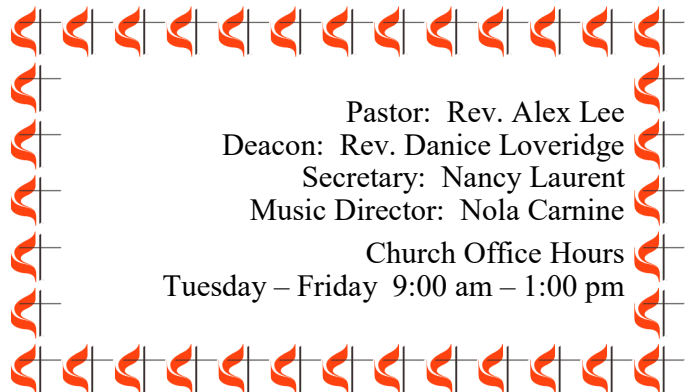
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Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm