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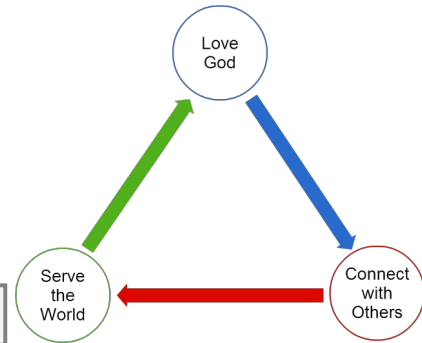
Cherry Valley United Methodist Church

November 2026

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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!

The month of thanksgiving is upon us. It's been a great joy getting to know each one of you and hear stories of your life. We all have stories that are fascinating to say the least, at the same time able to see how God was leading your path and being where you are. I would like to share more about my life and share the goodness of God with you all. My hope is that we all trust in God for our present and future. There is always opportunities to make a positive impact in this world.

This month we reflect on our lives and see that God was continually working on us, in us, and through us. Like the hymn, "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done." Some of you might feel there isn't much to rejoice. Yes, reality hits us hard at times. But, we never lose hope because we are not alone in this journey. No matter what you are facing right now, the Lord is extending God's hands for you to grab on. And you belong to the body of Christ. You are welcome here. We can look forward because we find hope in God and fellow believers.

We are in the stewardship season. We must remember that God placed us here for a purpose. All talents, spiritual gifts, experiences, and knowledge can be used for God's will. We are the laborers of God. The Lord is sending us to the fields. We are serving the church and the community. There is still so much for us to do in Cherry Valley. We can do more than we can imagine because God pours out His grace daily. The third Sunday of this month is our Commitment Sunday. We pledge to share the love of God to everyone around.

A couple of announcements. The Operation Christmas Child packing party is on November 1st. Hopefully you will read this letter before November. Join us in preparing small gifts for the children around the world. I'm excited that we will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. What we do is not much, but we continue to serve the needy. It's on November 21st. Contact the office for more information.

The Church Conference is on November 29. Our District Superintendent will be present to give thanks to God and hear your thoughts. I invite all of you to be present for the gathering.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I pray for a time of blessings with family, relatives, neighbors, friends, and everyone around. We have so much to give thanks for. See you at church.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee
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*Thanksgiving
Blessings*
*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his
love endures forever.*
Chronicles 16:34



Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural Cohort

The next meeting of the NIC/GCORR CRCC Cohort which includes clergy and church leaders will be on December 5, 2026, 10 am – 1 pm at Journey of Hope UMC in Elgin. The session is entitled, “World Celebrations of Christmas.” Church leaders are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Alex.

The cohort exists to strengthen adaptive leadership of Cross-Racial/Cross-cultural (CRCC) clergy in the Northern Illinois Conference by affirming belonging, creating space for theological reflection and navigating cultural awareness and healing. Though a trauma-informed and formational learning environment, the cohort supports CRCC clergy in integrating their lived experience, cultural identity, and theological vocation, fostering both personal healing and sustained leadership in CRCC ministry settings.



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

November 1..... 2 am Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 1..... 10:00 am All Saints Sunday
November 1..... 11:00 am Christmas Child Packing Party
November 10..... 6:00 pm Church Council
November 11..... Veterans Day
November 14..... 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Neds Diner
November 21..... 7:15 am Feed My Starving Children Mission
November 22..... 11:00 am Hanging of the Greens
November 26-27 Thanksgiving Observance Office Closed
November 29 12:30 pm Annual Church Conference



Members & Friends

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

Military Personnel

Sean Conderman
Dan Harter
Wesley Harter

Mission

Pastor Kim & the Next
Generation Ministry

Those Who Mourn

Glenn Carnine Family
Herman Krunfus Family



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, November 10 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.



Scripture Readings

November 1 – All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9
Malachai 3:16-18
2 Corinthians 4:8-10
Message: “God’s Remembrance”

November 8 – 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4
Jeremiah 29:10-14
Romans 8:25-28
Message: “God’s Plan”

November 15 – 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 124
Proverbs 2:6-8
2 Corinthians 7:1
Message: “God’s Promise”

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 100
Psalm 34:17-19
2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Message: “God of All Consolation”

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7
Hymn Sing



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

September Financial Report

Total Revenue	\$11,839.86
Total Expenses	<u>16,411.73</u>
Net Revenue	-4,571.87

Flooring for parsonage \$3,912.81

January - September Financial Report

Total Revenue	\$127,801.51
Total Expenses	<u>127,039.47</u>
Net Revenue	762.04

Thank you for your continued support!



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 meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 am at the home of Pat Eickman. If you need directions to her house, call her at 815-391-0021 or email her at eickman.pat@gmail.com

For information about this group, contact Lucy Powell, Telephone or text 815-904-9462 or email

Lucy at lpowell530@yahoo.com.

ROCKFORD CHORAL UNION

Our 2026 Messiah Performances are at 3:00pm

on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29.

Both performances are at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

920 Third Avenue, Rockford, Illinois





Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry

"Packing Party"

Please join us on November 1st following worship
to pack and pray over the Operation Christmas Child
shoe boxes

Everything will be provided.
It only takes a few minutes
to be a part of this great ministry

Thank You!

Terri Burritt

burritt5@hotmail.com



Attention All Men!

The men of the church are getting together for
breakfast at 8:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month
at Ned's Diner, 2132 US Bus 20, Belvidere. The first
gathering will be on November 14

All men are invited and are encouraged to bring their
male friends, neighbors, and relatives.

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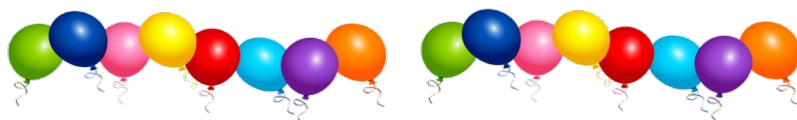
November Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Yolanda Beets
Ray Beets
Hannah Lawrence
- 4 Joseph Dienberg
- 11 Gary Conderman
- 14 Tim Conderman
Angela DeWitt
- 15 Zachary Brown
- 23 Deborah Gross
Pat Newell

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bill & Ann Harned



**FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN**



**CVUMC MISSION OUTING TO
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**
740 Wiley Farm CT., Schaumburg, Illinois

Saturday, November 21st

We will gather at the church @ 7:15 am and carpool to the facility.

We will leave the church at 7:30 am
with return expected to be around 1 to 2 pm

We will pack boxes to be distributed to families.
This project will require standing for 4 or 5 hours.
If you are unable to stand for long periods of time,
it is not recommended that you go on this mission.

Interested persons should contact
Mary Coulter or speak with
Pastor Alex.

Matthew 25:35, 40 – *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

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.



Cherry Valley Memorial Scatter Garden

Overlooking the Kishwaukee River Valley



Our Scatter Garden is a designated area in our historic cemetery for scattering human remains. This garden provides a peaceful and beautiful place for families to remember their loved ones while allowing ashes to be integrated into the natural environment.

The shared memorial provides a place for individuals whose remains have been cast there to have names and dates engraved. A permanent and accessible place to remember, reflect and share with future generations.

History

The Cherry Valley Cemetery was established in the early 1900's by the Poulton family. It is a privately owned cemetery managed and maintained by a group of volunteers appointed by the Winnebago County Board.

Funds are acquired solely by private donations.

A perpetual living fund is held on account to provide for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Scatter Garden

Many people see land as a precious resource. Some people are looking for alternatives to traditional burials. Our garden offers a more economical alternative without having to purchase a burial plot, headstone and burial fees.

A loved one's ashes can be scattered in our memorial garden. Their name, birth/death date will be engraved on our granite marker. This offers a place to memorialize a loved one now and for generations to come.

Our Garden is an alternative. We realize this is not for everyone. If you are interested, please contact us.

Procedure and Policies

- Cherry Valley Cemetery Association must authorize use of the scattering garden
- A licensed funeral director is required to be on site during the scattering of ashes
- Only human remains allowed
- Provide a copy of a crematory permit
- Seasonal charges may be applied
- Daylight hours only
- Ashes to be scattered in designated area only
- No alcohol or drugs allowed in the cemetery

Scatter Garden Fees

Fee of \$600 will memorialize your loved one with name, birthdate and date of death etched into the granite wall a minimum of twice a year.

A portion of the fee will go to the perpetual care fund.

Example:

First Name Initial Last Name
JAN 31, 1950 - DEC 31, 2025

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.



It's Poinsettia Time!

It's time to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and honor your loved ones.

The varieties available are all red, white and marbled pink, which is a variegated pink and white. The cost is \$13.00 per plant, regardless of the variety you choose. Fill out the order form below with the type and number of plants desired, along with your check made out to Cherry Valley United Methodist Church and return it to Juanita Barnes before November 30, 2025.

Deadline: December 7, 2026

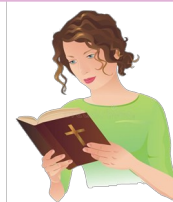
Name of Family Ordering Plant			
In Memory of:			
In Honor of:			
Red poinsettia	#	@ \$13.00	Total amount \$
White poinsettia	#	@ \$13.00	Total amount \$
Marbled poinsettia	#	@ \$13.06	Total amount \$
The poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve.			
Please take your plant (s) home after the candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve.			

Be **A** Greeter!



Speak to Juanita Barnes about either of these ministries.

Be **A** Liturgist!



Thank you to all for your support upon the passing of my husband, Glenn Carnine.

Your presence, your prayers and your expressions of sympathy during this most difficult time means so much to me and my family.

Thank You.

Nola Carnine



Autumn Fest Cookie Sales



The baked goods sale that CVUMC held in conjunction with the Village of Cherry Valley Autumn Fest was very successful. Through your donations, the team was able to raise \$314! Thank you all who donated goods and to all the volunteers who worked the booth.

Special thank you to Mandy Kloefer for all her hard work as the Project Coordinator.



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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Kakaotalk: yskim1470



THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy for the Trunk or Treat event and came out to visit on October 24th. We all had a spooky good time!

Court Street UMC, 215 N. Court Street, Rockford is having a FREE turkey dinner on Thursday, November 26, from 11 am – 1 pm.

It is a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

It is carry-out or drive thru only.

Limit of 2 meals per person.

Additionally, the clothing closet with winter wear is open with free hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, warm socks, new or gently used sweat pants, sweat shirts, and coats.

Please share this with anyone you know who might need this information.

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

November 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship <i>Christmas Child Packing Party</i>	2 10:00 am Bible Study @ New Milford 6:00 Scouts BSAG	3 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	4 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10-11:30 am Clases de Ingles 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6-8 pm Eagle Board of Review (Scouts) 7:00 pm Bible Study @ CVUMC	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	6	7 9:00 am GA
8 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	9 10:00 am Bible Study @ New Milford 6:00 Scouts BSAG	10 6:00 pm Church Council 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10-11:30 am Clases de Ingles 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study @ CVUMC <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 6:00-7:30 pm Clases de Ingles 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13	14 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Ned's Diner 9:00 am GA
15 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	16 6:00 Scouts BSAG	17 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	18 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10-11:30 am Clases de Ingles 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6:00-7:30 pm Clases de Ingles (final session) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	20	21 9:00 am GA <i>Feed My Starving Children Mission Outing</i>
22 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 	23 6:00 Scouts BSAG	24 6:30 pm Scouts BSAB	25 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30 pm Cub Scouts <i>Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed</i> 	27 <i>Thanksgiving Observance Church Office Closed</i> 	28 9:00 am GA
29 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 12:30 pm Annual Conference <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	30 6:00 Scouts BSAG					



Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events

November 22
*Hanging of the
Greens*

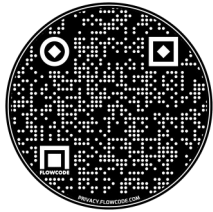
November 21
*Mission Outing
Feed My Starving
Children*

November 26 & 27
*Thanksgiving Observance
Church Office Closed*

November 29
12:30 pm
Annual Conference



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



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

Contact us:

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E-mail: churchinthevalley@comcast.net

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

Pastor: Rev. Alex Lee
Deacon: Rev. Danice Loveridge
Secretary: Nancy Laurent
Music Director: Nola Carnine

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