

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Ambassadors

²⁰ We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20, Living Bible

Being a brand **ambassador** doesn't mean that you're an accredited diplomat sent by a foreign country. Taking on a brand **ambassador** role means that you were hired to **represent a brand in a positive light**, and by doing so you help raise brand awareness and provide consumers with a **memorable face-to-face experience**. I know that the traditional thought or definition we are more familiar with is, "an accredited diplomat sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign country," *Webster dictionary*. The apostle Paul discusses the ministry of reconciliation, and he uses the term 'ambassadors' for Christ: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making His appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, NIV

The small group that I have been traveling with during Lent, in *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton, shares how we testify or witness to something we "love." Adam expresses the benefit we obtain when we share our feelings, "...about a person, place, or thing we love, enjoy, or find meaning. All of which is also true when it comes to our faith. As we talk about our faith, our experiences of God's love, of Christ's presence in our lives, of being a part of a church, of new insights into faith, or of the impact our faith has on our lives, we find our faith in Christ actually deepens and becomes more real to us. This is why the fifth of our essential spiritual practices is sharing, testifying, or bearing witness to our faith. When we share our faith, others come to see and follow Christ's light."¹ We are the lights of Christ, due to the impression and mark made on our lives by Christ the true light.

Lastly, Adam states that "...most people who choose to follow Jesus do so because of the positive witness of Christians through whom they experienced love and from whom they heard a compelling witness and example of what it means to be a Christian."² I whole-heartedly encourage us all to embody the image of God in us, and reflect the light of Christ in all we say and do. If we dare to live out the call on our lives and share all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we will **represent Christ in a positive light, and people we encounter will have a memorable face-to-face experience**.

*Grace,
Pastor Cal*

¹ *The Walk* p.114

² *The Walk* p.118

The Chimes

Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Diane Risley
David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Jeanine Wang

Administrative Council Chair

Joan Tunnell

Staff/Parish Relations Chair

Sue Cram

Finance Chair

Mike Davis

Stewardship Chair

Jeanine Wang

Treasurer

Gene Ferry

Endowment Chair

Mike Davis

Trustee Chair

DuWayne Stanis

Lay Leader

Georgalee George

Nurture & Outreach

Georgalee George

Worship Chair

Joan Tunnell

Local Missions Chair

Helen Gibbons

Christian Education Chair

Diane Lutmer

Arts Committee Chair

Richard Wang

United Methodist Women

Sue Cram

United Methodist Men

DuWayne Stanis

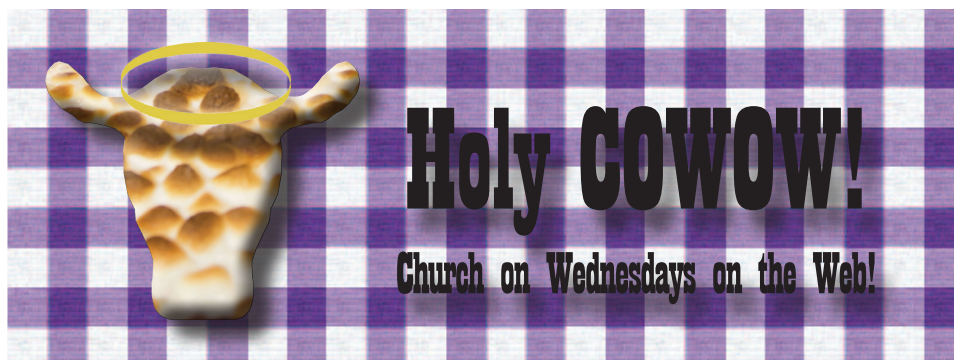
Jeremiah Ministry Rep

Joan Tunnell

JFON Liaison

Kay Galloway

PLEASE NOTE: All dates and times for events in this newsletter are tentative. We will update the congregation through Facebook, the church's website, and e-blast if and when changes take place to the upcoming schedule. Until then, stay healthy.



Next Episode: Wednesday, Apr. 28th @ 5 p.m.

Garden Bazaar 2021

To guarantee the availability of your selection, please order in advance by Monday, April 19th, otherwise the plant sale will take place for one day only, Friday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, May 13th, between noon and 2 p.m. If you would like to have your plants delivered, please include it on the order sheets; orders must be prepaid for delivery. Please share the order forms, which are available at the church office, with friends and family so we can have another successful year.



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April 2021

Greetings Court Street friends,

I would like to thank our church friends for all the support, cards and phone calls while waiting for my body to heal. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are greatly appreciated. The one thing we have missed terribly, this past year has been seeing our Court Street friends. Hopefully by the time I am healed, church will be resuming and we will be able to see one another.

I would also like to thank the church staff and volunteers who have put together the virtual services. Fred and I have enjoyed them, and they have helped us feel still connected to the church.

As I sit and reflect on my blessings, Court Street United Methodist Church and its people is one of my biggest blessings.

Stay Safe and God Bless!

Judy Mehren



Spring is coming and that means Easter and Mother's Day are too! It's not too soon to think about purchasing Pinnon, Woodman's, Target or Walmart cards for these special days. As restaurants

are opening up, keep in mind we have gift cards for any special outings you might plan. Culver's, Beef-a-roo, Subway are always on hand too. Have you begun thinking of your garden yet? We have Lowe's, Menards and Home Depot cards for any items for your lawn and gardening needs. Scrip cards are available for purchase in the church office during office hours. You may also download and print the order form on the Court Street website and bring it in or mail your order to the church office during the week. We hope you will include Scrip in your plans!

With thanks for your support,
The Scrip Committee

April CSUMC Book Club 2021

April 25, 2021 @ 4 p.m.
Contact Dorothy Powell
for more information.
hiogolfer@comcast.net



The Next Girl
by Carla Kovach
Bookouture

Happy Birthday to
Ray Rhoads on his
90th birthday April 29.
Best wishes and
good health for days
and years to come!



Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

I'm going to be writing about two health updates this month. The first is that April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD.). It exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. NHDD is an initiative to encourage patients to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be. Each of us is encouraged to consider our personal quality of life indicators and end-of-life care preferences. You may also want to talk this over with your priest or clergy.

If you have yet to complete your IL Short Form Power of Attorney for Healthcare paperwork, or if you would like to make changes to your current document, it does not require a trip to your attorney. Your Faith Community Nurse can help you complete that document in about an hour. If you already identified your health care surrogate(s) or agent(s), but would like to complete the discussion record, the FCN can also be helpful with that.

Check out more information at:

www.theconversationproject.org
www.fivewishes.org
www.aarp.org
www.medlineplus.gov
www.nia.nih.gov
www.mayoclinic.gov
www.nhpco.org for free pdf of advance directives for each state.

April is oral cancer awareness month. Oral cancer refers to cancers of the mouth, while pharyngeal cancers

refer to cancers of the pharynx, or back of the throat. Your dental professionals are often the first line of defense. Be sure to talk about this with your dentist and hygienist at every check-up.

The death rate (mortality) remains high at around 43% five years after a diagnosis. This is partly due to the fact that few cases are diagnosed early. This treatable cancer causes needless deaths due to late diagnosis- we need support the work on prevention and early diagnosis. Some causes are having the Human Papilloma virus (HPV), tobacco- smoked or smokeless tobacco,

Smokeless tobacco causes more cancers of the mouth, throat, and esophagus. Alcohol- combining tobacco with alcohol greatly increases the risk of having oral cancer. Sun exposure increases risk of lip cancer. Most oral cancer victims are aged 40 and above.

To lower your risk stop using all forms of tobacco. Drink alcohol moderately, and never combine alcohol with tobacco use. Use spf sunscreen on your lips. Also, remember to brush and floss your teeth regularly. Visit your dentist every six months and more if needed. Signs of early detection are: difficulty chewing or swallowing, difficulty moving your jaw or tongue, numbness of the tongue or other areas in the mouth, pain in one ear, unaccompanied by hearing loss, a sore, lump, or other irritation in your mouth lip, or in your throat. Early detection is still the best way to lower the risk of oral and pharyngeal cancers.

Teresa Field,
Parish Nurse



A wonderful life can only happen because of a wonderful church family. Thanks to all of you for making my day **Really** special. Thanks for the cards, gifts and all the new memories.

– Alice Gillette

LOCAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE CHIMES REPORT
MARCH 15, 2021
FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Members: Helen GIBBONS-Chairperson, Joanne DILL, Barbara FERRY,
Kay GALLOWAY, Annette GILLETTE, Margaret RHOADS, Susan ZIMMERMAN

LOCAL MISSIONS is HOPEFUL that the impact this COVID experience has had on our world, country and local community MAY come to an end this year. Local Missions Committee is ending this first quarter of 2021 GRATEFUL. We are grateful because of COURT STREET'S FAITHFUL DONORS. We have been saddened by not being able to worship together. However, we are so very GRATEFUL AGAIN for the faithful contributors of OUR church. Your caring and extreme generosity is BEYOND OUR WORDS TO THANK YOU. Please continue to MAIL IN your donations to the LOVE OFFERING ACCOUNT. The church office will CREDIT your church account as usual.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH. With God's Blessing, we shall be able to worship together in church whenever it is deemed safe.

LOVE OFFERING Balance on December 31, 2020 (\$838.00)

LOCAL MISSIONS Balance December 31, 2020 (BEFORE the deducted donations below (\$1,622.35)

Donations to be made March, 2021:

\$ 25.00	Boys and Girls Club of Rockford
\$ 50.00	Carpenter's Place
\$ 25.00	CASA Winnebago County Court-Appointed Special Advocate For Children
\$ 25.00	Childrens Home and Aid
\$ 25.00	Goldie B. Floberg Center (children, teens and adults with special needs)
\$ 50.00	Life Scape Community Services (Meals-On-Wheels)
\$ 50.00	Shelter Care Ministries (The Jubilee Center - Meals)
\$ 25.00	Miss Carly's (Home-Based Charity) Carly Rice and Jacob Rush
\$ 25.00	RAMP (Children & Adults With Disabilities)
\$ 25.00	REMEDIES (Renewing Lives – Domestic Violence)
\$ 25.00	Rockford MELD
\$ 25.00	Rockford Rescue Mission (Pitney Place for Women)
\$ 25.00	Rock House Kids
\$ 100.00	Rock River Valley Food Pantry
\$ 50.00	Veteran's Drop-in-Center

\$ 550 .00 Total LOCAL MISSIONS Donations in March, 2021

(Helen Gibbons-Chairperson)

Musical Notes

Music has always played a very important part in our church services at Court Street, especially during Lent. This article will feature some of the better-known hymns that we have sung throughout the years, and will give a little background about the composers, the lyrics, or the hymn tunes. Though we can't be together yet, reading these articles may take you back to a time when you did sing these with our congregation, and felt their impact on your life.

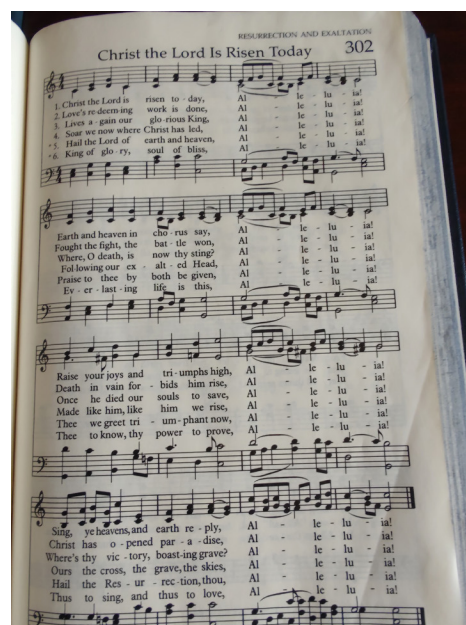
This information comes from *Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal* by Carlton R. Young, published in 1993 and *101 Hymn Stories* by Kenneth W. Osbeck, published in 1982.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross p. 298 United Methodist Hymnal Words: Isaac Watts Music: Hamburg

Theologian Matthew Arnold has labeled this hymn as the greatest hymn in the English language. Isaac Watts wrote this hymn for use at a communion service that he conducted, and was originally titled *Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ*. It is especially appropriate for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, joining Jesus' final meal, passion, and death and celebrating His sacrificial redemption of humankind.

Isaac Watts is often referred to as the father of English hymnody, and one of his early concerns was the terrible state to which congregational singing had degenerated in most English-speaking churches. It often consisted of slow, ponderous Psalms in which each line was first read by a deacon followed by the droning of the congregation. As he complained about this to his father, his father told him to write something better. By that evening's service, he had written his first hymn, which was received enthusiastically. For two years, Watts wrote a new hymn every Sunday, many of which are in our hymnal today.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Words: Charles Wesley



p. 302 United Methodist Hymnal Music: Lyra Davidica

One year after Charles Wesley's dramatic Aldersgate conversion experience, he wrote this hymn for the first service in the chapel of the Foundry Meeting House in 1739. It was originally titled *Hymn for Easter Day* and consisted of eleven four-line stanzas. The joyous "Alleluia" at the end of each line was not written by Wesley but was added by some editor to make the text fit the tune. The composer of the music has never been identified.

April 2021



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday

March 28th
10:00 a.m.
Online



Maundy Thursday

The Living Last Supper
by Ruth E. Schram
April 1st
5:00 p.m.
Online



Good Friday

April 2nd
12:00 p.m.
Online



Easter Celebration

April 4th
10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary & Online

Be a Life Saver ...
Donate Blood!



Holy Family Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Monday, May 3rd

1:00 pm — 7:00 pm

RRVBC set-up inside at
4401 Highcrest Rd., Rockford

For a time to donate
call the Parish Office at
815-398-4280
or scan the QR code.



*Fact: 1 in 3 people will need a blood transfusion
in their lifetime. Please consider helping
a patient in need ...*

Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcomed
and accommodated as scheduling allows.

*Please bring a photo ID.
Be sure to have plenty to eat & drink
before you donate.*

Rock River Valley

BLOOD CENTER

Straight From the Heart



*The church office
will be closed*

Monday, April 5th



Court Street United Methodist Church
The Chimes April 2021
215 North Court Street
Rockford, IL 61103-6897

Return Service Requested

Phone: (815) 962-6061 Fax: (815) 962-9754
www.courtstreetumc.org

Thank you for volunteering!

April 4, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte:
Liturgist: Cindy Anderson

April 11, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte:
Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

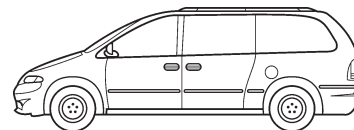
April 18, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte:
Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

April 25, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte:
Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

If you wish to receive The Chimes electronically
or to be removed from this mailing,
please call the church office at (815) 962-6061
or e-mail: Communications@courtstreetumc.org.



*The Ride to Church Program
has been suspended
until further notice.*

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Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Stanicek, Kathleen	1	Powell, Dorothy	12	Morse, Dillan	20	Henbest, Robert	27
Toalson, Kirby	1	Rodgers, Danielle	12	Crawford, Boden	21	Mott, Gregory	27
Mertzenich, Andrew	2	Miller, Amanda	13	Crow, Andrew	22	Fulton, Carrie	28
Woods, Cindy	2	Armstrong, Fern	14	Zantow, Marvin	22	Mott, Sarah Ann	28
Ryan, Geri	3	Woods, Heidi Ann	15	Justice, Gordon	24	Deleon, Melissa	29
Smith, Destini	3	Froeber, Brianne	16	Weiss, Donald	24	Ferry, Eugene	29
Culpepper, Cambron	4	Jones, Christine	18	Crahan, Caryl	25	Johnson, Bruce	29
Scheffel, Jeremy	5	Tunnell, Joan	18	Swenson, Karen	25	Rhoads, Ray	29
Nelson, Sally	6	Enderly, Steven	19	Kant, Marie	26	Wang, Jeanine	29
Regnier, Michele	6	Pearson, Lawrence	19	King, Brandt	26	Palmer, Gregory	30
Mann, Stephanie	8	Pearson, Michael	19	Parke, Amanda	26		
Armstrong, Eve	9	Shindel, Nancy	19	Bulliner, Kaylee	27		
Whitmore, Rachel	9	Tropp, Jason	19	Diodan, Fernande	27		

Anniversaries

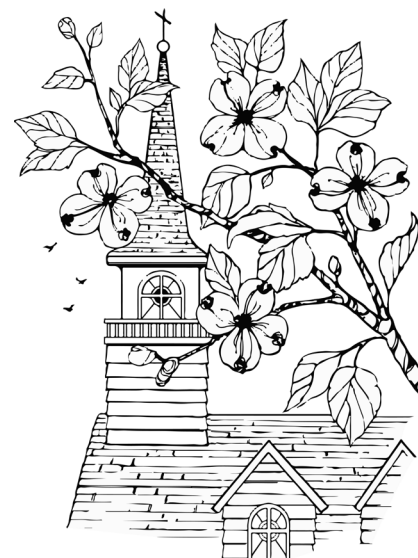
Name	Date	Year	Married
Rupp, Paul and Ashley	21	2012	9
Justice, Gordon and Julie	27	1957	64

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of:

Richard J. Sarles who died February 17, 2021





Joy A. Rittmeyer who died March 13, 2021

Elizabeth A. King who died March 16, 2021



April 2021

All activities and events on this calendar are tentative.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Court Street United Methodist Church</i></p>				<p>1</p>  <p>9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 1:00 PM The Journeymen 5:00 PM Living Last Supper Service</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>10:00 AM Head Start 12:00 PM Good Friday Service 1:30 PM Head Start</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start</p>	<p>15</p> <p>CHIMES DEADLINE</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM The Journeymen</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>GARDEN BAZAAR ORDER DEADLINE</p> <p>4:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Administrative Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM UMW Leadership 3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 5:30 PM No IL Wood Turners</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Jeremiah Exec. Board 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM CSUMC Book Club</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:15 PM Knitting Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 5:00 PM Holy COWOW!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM The Journeymen</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start</p>	