

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Laughter

Our mouths were filled with **laughter**, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

Psalm 126:2, NIV

Psalm 126 is a song of joy after the people of Israel’s return from Babylonian captivity. It seems too good to be true that they were returning to Jerusalem, the city of peace. It was like a dream; they couldn’t believe it. And because of that experience they wanted to give testimony to the world of their God’s faithfulness and love.

The human dilemma is that we spend a lot of time probing in the dark, hoping to find a light that will reveal the meaning of life, or a lantern that will light our way. What we need is a Savior, the Light of the World, to come to us and reveal the truth, and perhaps to remind us that the treasure we’ve been seeking isn’t the true treasure after all. Clearly the writer of Psalm 126 feels that God’s love for the people of God has been restored; once again, the love of God as revealed through God’s faithfulness has been demonstrated, and this act is ultimate evidence that God has not abandoned them, but rather loves them, is committed to them and indeed is among them.

Today in our world of polluted politics, unjust discrimination, and a plethora of controversial issues at all levels of our communal life together, we need to be seeking the joy and laughter God avails to us when we ask, seek, and knock at the altar of grace and mercy. As we enter into the season of Pentecost, Jesus offers us the necessary resource to seize those precious moments of laughter and joy: the Holy Spirit!

I pray you will be blessed by Maria Shriver’s reflection on the subject: “Laughter is a gift we give ourselves. Make sure you keep including it in your life, no matter how old you get, no matter how much your knees and your back hurt. Laughing at yourself changes how you physically feel. The power of laughter heals, rejuvenates, rests our spirits, and brightens our outlook. Don’t let it slip away.”¹

“*Dear God*, thank you for the joy I have in my life. Thank you for the gift of laughter, how it lightens my heart. Help me to be a messenger of joy for others, and help me to laugh at myself. Amen.”²

*Grace,
Pastor Cal*

The mission of
Court Street UMC

is to be a
welcoming,
nurturing,
serving

community of Christ.



¹ *I've Been Thinking*, Maria Shriver

² *I've Been Thinking*, Maria Shriver

The Chimes

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Kay Galloway



Thanks to all who remembered my 90th!
The avalanche of greetings was astonishing and unexpected!!

Rev. Ray Rhoads

“The universe is a communion of subjects,
not a collection of objects.”

Thomas Berry



NIC Fill the Truck Mission Challenge: May 15th – July 1st

Help Us Reach and Beat the Conference Goals

6,000 Pounds and \$1,000!

MMDC Top Needs

Personal Dignity Kit (Needed Items)

- Toothpaste— 2.5 oz. or larger
- Wash Cloths (Bath)
- Hand Towels (Bath)



Layette Kit (Needed Items)

- Onesies
- Donation of \$2 for Diaper Cream
- Cloth Diaper (Sewing instructions are on [website](#))
- Receiving Blanket— 28" by 28" or 32" by 32" (store bought or handmade)



Homecare Kit (Needed Items)

- Liquid Laundry Detergent—32-64 oz.
- Dish Soap—16-34 oz.
- Liquid Household Cleaner—16-40 oz. (NO Sprays)



Student Kit (Needed Items)

- Box 12 Colored Pencils
- Rulers



Cloth Face Mask

- Cotton or tightly woven wool, or viscose/rayon. Also rope elastic or ribbon.

Flannel Fabric

- Donate by the yard
- No camouflage, hand prints, foot prints, or paw prints on fabric

If you want to assemble full kits, info is located on our website under "Kits, Projects, and Patterns."

Items listed here are our greatest needs.



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June 2021



UMW Summer Picnic

United Methodist Women will meet for a summer picnic at Aldersgate Church Shelter on N. Rockton Avenue on the west side of the street.

- Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
- Time: 12:00 Noon
- Cost: \$10.50 for a box lunch which includes a sandwich, chips, cookie
or
\$11.50 for a box lunch which includes salad, bread, cookie

Water will be provided.
Lunches are from Mary's Market.
Pay at the event.

RSVP: By Friday, June 11, 2021 to Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561

All women of the church are invited!



United Methodist Women mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th to hear Christian Award Winning Speaker, Jane Rubietta. She will deliver a 50-minute presentation entitled "Worry Less, So You Can Live More." We will meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. A free will offering will be taken.

Please join us and bring a friend.

Happy Father's Day



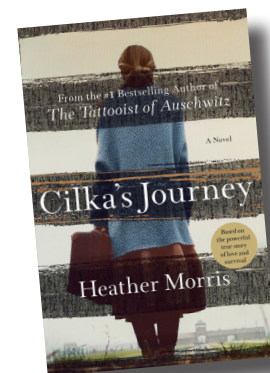
June 20, 2021

June CSUMC Book Club 2021

Contact Dorothy Powell for more information at hiogolfer@comcast.net.

The book club will not meet in July & August.

June 20, 2021 @ 4 p.m.



Cilka's Journey
by Heather Morris
St. Martin's Press

Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

June is National Safety Month. Including myself, many members of the church have grandchildren/great grandchildren who will be visiting them this summer. Childproofing your home may need to be addressed once again. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

What are the highest risk areas for injury and accidents in our homes? According to the CDC, most accidents happen where there is water. The bathroom, kitchen, swimming pools, or hot tubs are places where young children should never be left unattended. Where there is heat or a flame, such as in the kitchen, by the fireplace, or at an outside grill, is another high risk area. Be aware of toxic substances under the kitchen sink and in the laundry room (detergent pods) or where you may keep cleaning products. Protect potential unsafe areas by using safety locks or protective knob covers when loved ones are visiting. Kitchen counter tops or easily reached cabinets without a safety device where you may keep your medications are another high risk area. In a purse, where medications may be kept, is often a place that is overlooked. Keep coin batteries or “button batteries” and any devices that contain them like hearing aid batteries out of the reach of children; they can be fatal if swallowed. A garage or garden shed is also a place to be checked for safety. Keep sharp tools and chemicals stored properly and out of reach. Be aware of areas where falls can happen like stairs, slippery floors, high windows, or tipping furniture. Use anchors to prevent furniture like TVs, ranges, or dressers from tipping over. One child is treated every 30 minutes for a TV related injury according to the American Academy of Pediatrics study.

Devices to keep loved ones safe:

1. Safety latches and locks for cabinets to help prevent poisonings and other injuries
2. Outlet covers
3. Corner and edge bumpers to help prevent injuries from falls against sharp edges on walls,

furniture, and fireplaces

4. Knob covers, which snap over door knobs, or door locks to prevent young children from opening doors
5. Use cordless window coverings to prevent strangulation. Dangling pull cords or blinds that have an inner cord for raising the slats of the blind can be very hazardous
6. Use smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. Make sure to check them regularly (every month) and change the batteries yearly. Remember you can't smell smoke when you are sleeping
7. Use a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm to prevent CO poisoning



Be prepared:

1. Keep a watchful eye on infants and children at all times.
2. Learn first-aid, including CPR.
3. Keep important phone numbers in an easy to find location.
4. Practice with your loved ones a fire escape plan and where to meet outside of your home.
5. Be prepared for tornados and have a plan in place.

FYI: Local drop off sites for expired or unused medications:

- Winnebago County Health Department, 555 N. Court St. Rockford
- Walgreens on Charles, 2323 Charles St. Rockford
- Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, 650 W. State St, Rockford
- OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, 5666 E. State St. Rockford
- Cherry Valley Police Department, 806 E. State St. Cherry Valley
- Front lobby of Swedish American Hospital on E. State St.

Teresa Field,
Parish Nurse

Dear Friends:

It has and continues to be a sincere pleasure to share music with you each week. Even though we are encouraged to “sing in our hearts” during these trying times, rather than risk spreading the coronavirus, I sincerely look forward to the day when we can, once again, stand up, stand up for Jesus and lift every voice and sing.



In the meantime, I have asked for some space in the Chimes to provide you some thoughts and ponderings of the hymns that we will have each week during the upcoming month. Unfortunately, I don't have enough space to get everything in, but Hymns bring Christian teaching into believers' hearts and unite us in ways not simply explained. Thus, as we gather at the table, this information, I hope, will give you a new appreciation for and a new way of looking at our ancient musical heritage. More importantly, when we can sing together again, it will only add to our ability to give all glory, laud, and honor to our redeemer king and share that praise with all people that on earth do dwell.

With that, let us lift high the cross, and look forward to seeing each other in the pews and online soon; yesterday, today, and forever.

Always and Sincerely,
Andrew J. Mertenich, *Organist*

May 30, 2021 (Trinity Sunday)

Opening Hymn: **Holy, Holy, Holy**
Tune: *Nicea*

It is uncommon when researching hymns to find one included in just about every hymnal written with an almost universally similar text. And yet, this is the case with Reginald Heber's, “Holy! Holy! Holy!” first published in 1826. The few variations that are found reside in versions sung by non-trinitarian churches (e.g. the latter-day saints churches). Heber wrote the hymn specifically for Trinity Sunday, which we celebrate today, May 30, 2021.

The name of the Tune, *Nicea*, subscribes to an equally majestic story. In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia (today, western Turkey) to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a testament passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of the creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity. This tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Reginald Heber's text, is also titled *Nicea* in recognition of the text, which evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and calls upon all creation – humans, saints, angels, and all living things to: “Praise the triune God, three-in-one!”

June 6, 2021

Opening Hymn: **Lord of the Dance**
Tune: *Simple Gifts*

The Tune is a Shaker song composed around 1848 and was composed around the idea of dancing. There are two conflicting narratives of Shaker origin as to the composer of the song. One account attributes the song to a “Negro spirit” heard at Canterbury, New Hampshire, which would make the song a “gift song” received by a Shaker from the spirit world. Alternatively, and more widely accepted, the song's composer is said to be Joseph Brackett (1797–1882) of Alfred, Maine. A lifelong resident of the state, he first joined the Shakers at Gorham when his father's farm helped to form the nucleus of a new Shaker settlement.

The Lord of the Dance lyrics were written by Sydney Carter, an English songwriter, in 1963. The song follows the idea of the traditional English festive song “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”, which tells the gospel story in the first-person voice of Jesus of Nazareth with the device of portraying Jesus' life and mission as a dance. In writing the lyrics to “Lord of the Dance”, Carter was inspired partly by Jesus, but also by a statue of the Hindu deity Shiva which sat on his desk.

He later stated, “I did not think the churches would like it at all. I thought many people would find it pretty far flown, probably heretical and anyway dubiously Christian. But in fact, people did sing it and, unknown to me, it touched a chord.”

June 13, 2021

Opening Hymn: **Children of the Heavenly Father**

Tune: *Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*

The text, written by Lina Sandell and translated by Ernst William Olson, is used commonly for baptisms and funerals among Scandinavian Lutherans. The hymn presents singers with an earnest and soothing portrait of the paternal relationship betwixt God and the children of earth. The hymnist begins by proclaiming the affinity that results from the action God takes through baptism, where he gathers his children safely into His bosom. Sandell also emphasizes that the incarnation of Christ results in human beings holding a special position in God’s creation: neither “nestling bird, nor star in heaven” experiences this level of intimacy with their creator. Indeed, God’s actions are driven by his “loving purpose” and his relentless compassionate desire to preserve the faithful and keep them “pure and holy” so that they may live in the Kingdom and serve God in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

June 20, 2021

Opening Hymn: **This is My Father’s World**

Tune: *Terra Beata*

Point of fact, this was the first hymn tune I learned to play on the organ. Nevertheless, in ancient times, people believed that as the planets revolved in the universe, they made music or harmony. This is the belief Maltbie Babcock refers to in the line, “and round me rings the music of the spheres.” Though this belief has since been disproven, we know that objects in space do in fact emit sounds. Even more amazing, the ocean is also making noises at its very lowest and darkest depths - sounds which scientists are still unable to identify. The whole universe is singing a song of its creation, revealing something to us about the God who created it. But, the text also indicates that all is not entirely right with the world. Creation is fallen and broken. Yet, it also still belongs to God. We are thus charged to listen attentively

ly to the voice of God in His world – from the heights of space to the depths of the ocean - and witness how He restores it, listening for our own calling to be stewards of Creation.

Terra Beata, Latin for “beautiful world” was originally a traditional English folk tune; and was arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard for Babcock’s text.

June 27, 2021

Closing Hymn: **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Tune: *St. Anne*

This hymn text is one of the finest examples of the genius of Isaac Watts, one of the most renowned hymn text writers of all time. Considered one of the finest paraphrases, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” expresses a strong note of assurance, promise, and hope in the LORD as recorded in the first part of Psalm 90. It should be noted that the rest of the psalm has a recurring theme of lament and sorrow. Nonetheless, Watts wrote the paraphrase in nine stanzas around 1714 and first published the text in his *Psalms of David* (1719). The first line, originally “Our God, our help ... ,” was changed to “O God, our help... “by John Wesley.

The tune, alternatively, though no firm documentation exists, was probably composed by William Croft. Croft was born in 1677. After gaining education in music, in 1700 he was admitted a Gentleman Extraordinary of the Chapel Boyd. It was during this time that he served as organist at St. Anne’s Church in Soho, London, England.¹ In 1709 he was elected organist of Westminster Abbey. A very large number of Croft’s compositions remain.

The tune became a setting for “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (published in 1861), and the two have been inseparable ever since.

¹ It is worth noting that hymn tunes are often named after the places where they are composed or a place that is important to the composer. Modern hymn writers, myself included, continue this tradition.



It's exciting to see the music program start once again with Jubellation, the bell choir. On Sunday, June 6 the bell choir will be playing in church! The ringers are working hard on two numbers to play for the service. I am thankful to all the people who have given of their time and talent through the last year + of COVID.

That's part of what makes Court Street such a special place – all of the time and effort put in by the ringers and singers.

By the time this is received, you will have had the opportunity to hear Andrew Ashley sing for us. Andrew is a student at Rockford University and works with Timm Adams as his instructor. Timm has also joined us and shared his musical talents when we were recording services. Thanks also to Krysta Tilges for all of the time and effort she has put into recording and televising our services. The chancel choir did two virtual recordings thanks to Krysta! It's exciting to be your music director.

May the peace of God be with you all!

Jack Armstrong

**May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday**



June 13, 2021

Children's Day Sunday Service

Children of Court Street will be taking part in the 10:00 Worship Service. Consider writing a note or giving a small treat to the children of Court Street on that date. We will have 12 children participating; Let's celebrate and encourage the future of CSUMC.



July 4, 2021

Kick off your 4th of July Celebration with a Red, White, and Blue worship experience. Weather permitting, the service will be held outside the church in the parking lot across the street. After the service, a box lunch will be served. Reservations and prepayment of \$8.00 will be needed. There will be entertainment and children's activities. A reservation form will be available soon.

Bring a friend.



August 17, 2021

Shine 2021 A Children's Fine Arts Experience will be held. Plans are tentative about time, place and cost due to CDC guidelines.



Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes June 2021
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June 6, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

June 13, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

June 20, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

June 27, 2021

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 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.

Need a Ride to Church?

Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 p.m, on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

All riders must be fully vaccinated, and they should have their vaccine card available to show the driver if requested.

Masks will be required while riders are in the van.

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Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of:
Margaret Sharp (Brown) Abels who died April 12, 2021
Betty J. Wandell who died April 30, 2021

Anniversaries



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Fulton, Carrie and Josh	1	2013	8	Hagele, Carolyn and Eric	22	2013	8
Johnson, Brian and Martha	3	1978	43	Tunnell, Stanley and Joan	23	1972	49
Lander, Truman and Lois	4	1949	72	Stanis, DuWayne and Nancy	25	1960	61
Swansbro, Donald and Charlene	4	1964	57	Philbrick, Jack and Jamalynn	28	1959	62
Brown, Sara and Matthew	10	2004	17	Gibbons, James and Helen	29	1974	47
Wang, Richard and Jeanine	17	1990	31	Lutmer, Robert and Diane	30	1979	42

Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fulton, Ella	2	Whipple, Robert	14	Miller, Nicholas	24
Manson, Jean	2	Wollstadt, Loyd	17	Druce Jones, Dillon	26
Eichelberger, Dennis	3	Rodriguez, Manuel	18	Thies, Charlie	27
Adam, Barbara	6	Bragori, Emmanuel	18	Gibbons, Helen	27
Deleon, Kaiden	6	Hubly, Patricia	18	Noble, Gary	28
Kahe, Nathacha	6	Miller, June	18	Gilmore, Colleen	29
Koehn, Bess	7	Monroe, Delbert	18	Galloway, Kay	29
Livingston, Katelyn	7	Pang, Catherine	19	Gerber, Nicole	29
Voigt, Dessie	7	Lipphardt, Emma Jean	21	Hardy, Janie	29
Hoople, Erin	9	Jackson, Tammy	21	Sernas, Paul	30
Ciabatti, Jacob Ryan	12	Scanlon, Hunter	22	Paulson, Cristina	
Groene, Larry	13	Doran, Nancy	22		
	14	Liddell, Karen	23		



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 AM Head Start 10:30 AM UMW Leadership Team	3 9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start	4 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	5 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 1:00 PM Musical Recital	
6 10:00 AM Worship Service		8 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Trustees	9 9:30 AM Head Start 5:30 PM Worship Committee	10 9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Painting Class 1:00 PM The Journeymen 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group	11 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	12 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast	
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