

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Journeying with Jesus

¹³⁻¹⁶ That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

Luke 24:13-16 MSG

He Arose! Hallelujah! Yes, we celebrated Easter, and we are continuing the journey God has put before us. That is where we find two disciples of Jesus on a seven-mile stretch from Jerusalem to Emmaus, according to Luke. Two disciples of Jesus, one named Cleopas and an unnamed other, are walking away from the disaster of Good Friday and the bewilderment of Easter. Luke does not disclose why Emmaus is their destination. Are they fleeing to a hiding place? Do they have family there? Is it simply a significant place where people gather and share the most recent events? The other disciples had decided to lay-low and stay put in Jerusalem, according to other Gospel writers. Yet, these two keep walking, and the risen Lord and Savior, Jesus, joins them on the road.

Jesus comes to them as a stranger who joins them on the way. He is a traveling companion and gets in on their conversation. "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" he asks (v. 17). Cleopas wonders if their fellow traveler has been living like an ostrich with his head in the ground. Cleopas goes on to tell him the story of what happened to Jesus of Nazareth, and their hope about him as "the one to redeem Israel" to his tragic crucifixion and the puzzlement of the empty tomb (vv. 18-24). They had walked with Jesus on many miles, and all that time they thought they were moving toward a promised destination, a different outcome. Now they seemed to be just walking with no real purpose in mind.

As Jesus walks with them on this road to nowhere, he begins to tell them about a longer journey. Starting with the journey of God's people from bondage in Egypt to liberation under Moses to the time of the prophets and all the signs along the way, Jesus walked them through God's plan for his people and his own death and resurrection as both a destination and a new beginning. They invite this stranger to stay with them, and when sitting at table together, they suddenly recognize it's the risen Jesus they've been walking with all along. Jesus disappears, but they start walking back to Jerusalem and into a new future. Emmaus wasn't their finish line after all, just another stop on the journey of following the Lord.

If there's anything the Emmaus Road story teaches us, it's that the disciples of Jesus are at their best when they keep journeying with Jesus. Disciples are willing to journey with Jesus despite the dangers and potential risks they may experience, and they offer hospitality to others who may not yet recognize him. Disciples also know that *they can't walk the journey alone.*

*Grace,
Pastor Cal*

The
Chimes

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The mission of
Court Street UMC
is to be a
welcoming,
nurturing,
serving
community of Christ.



The Chimes

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to Annual Conference**

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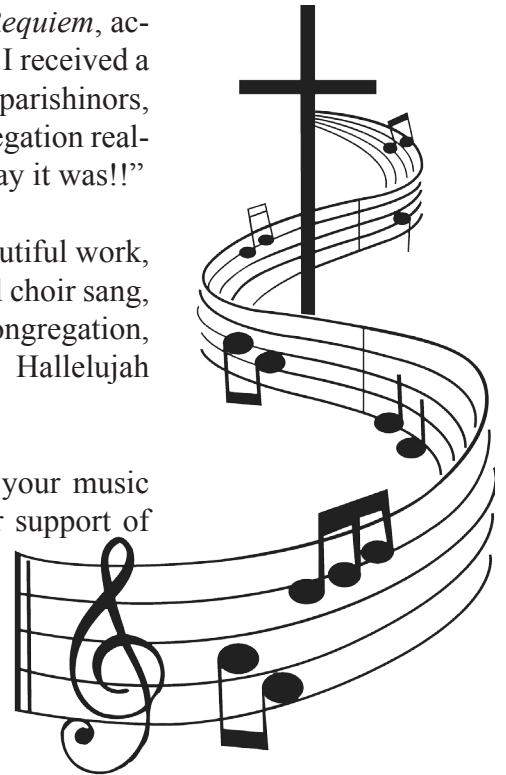
It was great to finally be able to sing a musical work on Palm Sunday. The chancel choir did a good job sharing Fauré's *Requiem*, accompanied by a ten piece orchestra. I received a number of positive comments from parishinors, including one that said, "The congregation really needed this! What a wonderful day it was!!"

On Easter, JuBellation played a beautiful work, both the youth choir and the chancel choir sang, and along with members of the congregation, the chancel choir presented "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.

I am thankful and humbled to be your music director. Thank you for all of your support of this great program!

God bless,

Jack Armstrong,
Director of Music



Memorial Service
for Scott Stanis
Oct. 2, 1961 - Jan. 27, 2022

Saturday, May 7, 2022
Chapel at 11 AM

*Followed by a Luncheon
in the Dining Room*

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170 YEARS OF COURT STREET

Classes, Study Groups, Fellowship Groups, and Growth in Faith

From the earliest days, the Methodist Movement has begun and grown by means of gathering in small groups called *classes*. These, at first, were formed for study of scripture, prayer, and mutual support to grow in faith and living for Christ. Through the years, Sunday school classes for children, youth, and adults have been an essential part of the life of Court Street. Adult groups have not only met for Sunday study but functioned as *fellowship groups*. The *Better Living Class*, which existed past year 2000, had offices and gatherings for support, fellowship, and faithful *Better Living*. Room 209, on the second floor, has the name *Lamplighters* on its door. *Lamplighters* continues to meet for fellowship and mutual support.



Many groups have existed as short-term study, learning, and discussion groups. They have had a variety of focuses: Bible & scripture, book & reading, mission learning, and support of missions. There is a place for each and everyone to join, share in, and even to develop anew.

Rev. Richard A. Wang,
History and Archives



ECHO Ringers Concert

Sunday, June 12th
2:30 PM @ Court Street

Free will offering will benefit Court Street's
Organ Restoration Project.

AGO Cor Cantiamo Concert

Sunday, May 15th
3 PM @ Court Street

Free will offering will benefit AGO
Rockford Chapter.

Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+)

June 5th – 10th
Rockford, IL

Week-long Classes for Adults (19 and older)
in Pipe Organ Instruction
\$275 – Register by May 6th

Visit rockfordago.org/basic-01 for more info.

A MATTER OF BALANCE

MAY 23RD, 27TH, 31ST AND
JUNE 3RD, 6TH, 10TH, 13TH, AND 16TH
9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

I'm planning to hold a Matter of Balance Class in May & June at the church. This eight-session course is sponsored by Lifescape through a grant. Please consider signing up for this informative and active exercising class through the church office.

Here are a couple facts concerning falls:

- About one-third of the senior population over the age of 65 falls each year. Not surprisingly, the percentage grows proportionately with age.
- More than half of the population who are 80 years old will fall at least once every year, but remember the flip side, there is still a strong percentage of seniors over 80 who do not fall in a given year.

In this class you will learn strategies to prevent falls and you will be given a free workbook with loads of tips and resources in fall prevention. In this class we discuss fears of falling and steps to combat fears along with evidence-based exercises to help prevent falls. Each week we will discuss a new topic pertaining to falls and safety and follow the evidence-based program. I will plan to have a guest speaker (physical therapist) to visit the class to teach us new information and how to get up from a fall properly.



Health & Wellness:

From our Parish Nurse

Now I'm going to change gears and discuss how we can help Pastor Cal. An article was given to me recently, and I thought it was worth sharing with you. The article talks about calling the pastor. Most pastors will agree that one of the most frustrating experiences of pastoral care is when a church member in need will not call the pastor. And worse, sometimes, the pastor is then criticized for not making a hospital call or visiting the home. Pastors can do many things, but they cannot read minds. This is why it is important to encourage the homebound to call their pastor in times of need. Are you discouraged and worried? Call the pastor. Tell him or her about your concerns and let them pray for you. Your pastor likes to do this.

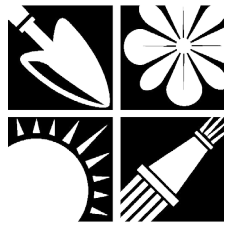
Are you going into the hospital? Please tell your pastor! The pastor considers hospital visitation an important part of pastoral care. Pastors are pastors because they are a channel of grace and support for people in their hour of need. But if pastors do not know about someone's hospital stay, they can't do what God has called them to do. Would you like some company? Pastors don't mind visiting the homebound. In fact, it's part of their job description, and they love to do it.

Perhaps you do not have a particular reason to see the pastor, but nevertheless, you feel it would be good to have some company, and perhaps it has been a while since you visited with the pastor. Put in the call.....

The same goes for the parish nurse; if you would like a visit or have a concern that you think I can assist you with, please give me a call also. Don't think that Pastor Cal or I are too busy or that you don't want to bother us. Those are a couple remarks I have heard in the past. I know Pastor Cal loves what he does, and I can say I'm very blessed working also in pastoral care.....so give us a call.

Teresa Field,
Parish Nurse

May 2022



COURT STREET
GARDEN
BAZAAR

Sidewalk Plant Sale
Friday, May 20th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PICKUP ON
THURSDAY,
MAY 19, 2022
BETWEEN 12 PM & 2 PM

Boxes & Volunteers Needed

Please bring empty boxes to the Chapel Narthex starting May 10th. Please contact me if you can help set up tables and sort the flowers on Thursday, May 19, starting at 9:30 a.m. We usually finish by noon at the latest. Volunteers are also needed to set up, sell flowers, and clean up on Friday. Friday morning setup begins at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to spend several hours or the whole day on Friday. Please let me know by phone, text or email if you can help. Walk-in volunteers are always welcome. My phone number is (779) 200-7192, and my email address is scram132@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continuing support,
Sue Cram

Deborah Circle

Wednesday, May 18th
9:30 a.m. @ Stockholm Inn



Chatterbox Supper Group

Capri Restaurant
313 E. State Street
Rockford, IL

Thursday, May 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited.

Contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653
by noon of the Wednesday before the dinner.

CSUMC Book Club

All are welcome!

May 22nd
@ 2:00 p.m.

*The Last Letter
from Your Lover*
by JoJo Moyes
Penguin



Contact Diane Risley for more info
at rishouse@juno.com.



Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

“Come to the Waters”
October 2–7, 2022

Siena Retreat Center (Racine, WI)

Registration ends July 15th.

\$700/ person (includes single room with bath, meals, and linens)

For more information and to register, visit
umcnic.org/calendar/five-day-academy.

Faculty for the week are Safiyah Fosua, retired professor of Spiritual Formation at Indiana Wesleyan University, and Ray Buckley, Interim Director for the Center of Native Spirituality and Christian Study. Ray's stories are spellbinding, and Safiyah's sense of the spirit within will focus us on our own spiritual journey.

Worship daily, study, share time with others, take time for silence, walk the Labyrinth or along Lake Michigan. Come, rest, and be restored. Be in company with others on the spiritual journey.

Limited scholarships available through Registrar Catiana McKay at (630) 935-3312.

United Women in Faith Summer Picnic

United Methodist Women, now known as United Women in Faith, will meet for a summer picnic at Rock Cut Equestrian Campground. The entrance is located off of North Perryville, past Arby's on Hart Road to the east.

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$10.00 for lunch (includes a sandwich, chips, and cookie)

Sandwich Choices Include:

- Roast Beef and Swiss Cheese
- Turkey and Swiss Cheese
- Turkey, Ranch and Bacon

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

RSVP: By Friday, May 27th to Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561

All women of the church are invited!



Jeremiah DEVELOPMENT ROCKFORD ♥ ILLINOIS



UPDATE FROM SUE KANTHAK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Neighborhood Personal Safety Night

Our 1st quarterly neighborhood empowerment event was held April 12th. Assistant Deputy Chief Joel Givens talked about the importance of knowing your neighbor, and Community Resource Officer Brandon Burke did a presentation on “target hardening” or how to make your place of residence less appealing to criminals. Everyone attending received “screamers,” personal safety devices that make a very loud noise to scare criminals away.



Small Engine Repair Program

Our small engine repair program began April 12th, also! We have 5 students who are helping us dip our toes in the water. We’ll open the classes to more students in the following sessions.

*The church
will be closed for
Memorial Day.*

Monday, May 30th



“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and the one who is wise saves lives.”

Proverbs 11:30, NIV

Congratulations
to this year’s
50 Year Members

Coleen Gilmore

Priscilla ‘Perky’ Heath

Randiann King

Truman & Lois Lander

Virginia Sisney

Sheila Stebbins

Lorraine Yencsik



Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes May 2022
 215 North Court Street
 Rockford, IL 61103-6897

Return Service Requested

Phone: (815) 962-6061 Fax: (815) 962-9754
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May 1, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Dorothy Powell

May 8, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

May 15, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

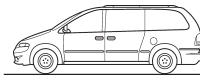
May 22, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

May 29, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 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.

Riders must wear a mask, be fully vaccinated, and able to show their vaccine card to the driver if requested.

05/01/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
05/08/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
05/15/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
05/22/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
05/29/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
06/05/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Anderson, Ella	1	Jackson, Alex	18
Musso, Natalie	1	Grigoletti, Erin	19
Strader, Robert	1	Davis, Janet	20
Lewis, (Nellie) Marie	2	Druce Jones, Jacob Anthony	20
Risley, Samantha Lee	2	Scheffel, Shannon	20
Whelpley, Lizbeth	3	Carlson, Kathleen	22
Liddell, William	5	Eberhart, Emily	22
Strunk, Mikayla Joanne	5	Enderly, Steve	22
Terasaki, Richard	6	Johnson, Rita	23
Whitmore, Sarah	6	Lutmer, Robert	24
Lawnduski, Lawrence	12	West, Charles	24
Heuer, Beth	13	Campbell, Dennis	25
Green, Pamela	14	Zimmerman, Susan	26
Miller, Chuck	14	Ciabatti, Taylor	27
Anderson, Carter	15	Mehren, Fred	27
Barnhart, Norma Lee	15	Whitmore, Hannah	27
Briggs, Jeffrey	15	Woods, Austin Lee	27
Lester, Reid	15	King, Katie	28
Scheffel, Madeline	15	Sisney, Virginia	28
Gillette, Larry	16	Thomas, Megan	28
King, Jimmy	16	Lutmer, Diane	29
Magin, Jeffrey	16	Winter, Jo Ann	29
Seiter, Betty	16	Scanlon, Tricia	30
Culpepper, Calvin	17	Haugen, Taylor	31

Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Year	Married
Briggs, Jeffrey and Kristi	8	2004	18
Whelpley, Lizbeth and Kenneth	17	1986	36
Davis, Janet and Mark	26	2012	10
Wandell, Lorelle and Robert	26	1984	38
Whitmore, Steven and Sarah	30	2003	19

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of:

Lawrence “Larry” Pearson,
who died on December 11, 2021

Caren Barch Canfield,
who died on March 18, 2022



*Let all that you do
be done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14,
NRSV

May 2022



COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell	2 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	3 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Jubellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	4 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:30 AM UMW Leadership Team 11:00 AM Domestic Violence Subcommittee	5 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 1:00 PM The Journeymen	6 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	7  8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 11:00 AM Scott Stanis Memorial Service
8 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell	9 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	10 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 5:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM Jubellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	11 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Worship Committee	12 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 1:00 PM The Journeymen 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group	13 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	14 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast
15  CHIMES DEADLINE 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 3:00 PM AGO Concert - Cor Cantiamo	16 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Administrative Council	17 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Jubellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	18 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:30 AM Deborah Circle at Stockholm Inn 5:30 PM No IL Wood Turners	19 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 12:00 PM Garden Bazaar Preorder Pickup 1:00 PM The Journeymen	 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM – 3 PM Garden Bazaar	21 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
22  HERITAGE SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM CSUMC Book Club	23 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:30 AM A Matter of Balance (Session 1)	24 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Jubellation 6:15 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	25 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	26 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 12:00 PM Jeremiah Exec. Board 1:00 PM Chimes stuffing 1:00 PM The Journeymen	27 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:30 AM A Matter of Balance (Session 2)	28 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
29 5th SUNDAY APPEAL 10:00 AM Worship Service	 MEMORIAL DAY – CHURCH CLOSED	31 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM A Matter of Balance (Session 3) 6:00 PM Jubellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir				