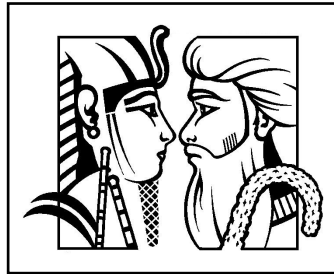


## Stand Firm

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.”

**Exodus 14:13, RSV**



### The Setting...

**V 1–4: FOLLOWING** The children of Israel are following God’s plan and God’s servant Moses. God reveals that Pharaoh will pursue them, believing that they are lost and discouraged in the wilderness. This is God’s plan to overthrow Pharaoh and his army, and teach the Egyptians that He is the Lord. **V 5–9: FICKLE** Pharaoh continues

to break his word. He mobilizes all Egypt’s chariots to pursue the Israelites. They catch up with the Israelites as they camp beside the Red Sea. **V 10–12: FEAR** Faced with the sight of the Egyptians coming after them, the Israelites fear and tell Moses that they should have carried on serving the Egyptians rather than coming to die in the wilderness. Like Pharaoh, they are also fickle, but for a different reason. They are fearful because of their “*lack of trust in God.*” **V 13–14: FIRM** Moses is rock solid in his trust in God. He tells them to **stand firm** and see God’s salvation, which He will accomplish. The Egyptian army will be overthrown because God will fight for His people and give them peace.<sup>1</sup>

Before them was the Red Sea; behind them was the Egyptian army; so that there was no way out for them but “upwards.” Paul writes these words to the church in Corinth; “*7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;*” **2 Corinthians 4:7-9.** In the above selected scripture, Exodus 14:13, Moses directs the people of God to; “*Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today.*” The word “today” references their **yesterday** (past) and their **tomorrow** (future). Moses is reminding them and us that in the midst of our seemingly insurmountable circumstances, we need to remember God’s past blessings and presence as well as God’s plans for our future and a hope.

They decided to give themselves up for lost; as if God’s arm were shortened all of a sudden, and he were not able to work miracles *to-day* as he has *yesterday*, they stress-out and can count upon nothing but *dying in the wilderness*. How naive was their distrust! Did they not see themselves under the guidance and protection of a pillar from heaven? Has God’s almighty power ever failed them? Moses directs them to leave it to God, in a silent expectation of the event: “*Stand firm, and think not to save yourselves either by fighting or fleeing; wait and observe God’s course to take. Compose yourselves, by having confidence in God, and the peaceful prospect of the great salvation God is now about to work for you.*”

*Grace,  
Pastor Cal*

# The Children

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



<sup>1</sup> www.biblegateway.com

# 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 Women in Faith

Sue Cram

### United Methodist Men

DuWayne Stanis

### Jeremiah Ministry Reps

Kay Galloway  
Krysta Tilges

### JFON Liaison

Kay Galloway



Angel Tree Ministry is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 50 children. Many of these children live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs. Each child will receive 2 gifts: one toy and one clothing item. You can help us by:

1. Volunteering to distribute angels following any worship service
2. Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail) **Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel(s)!**
3. Making a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on the memo line and mailing it to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103
4. Shopping for gifts
5. Organizing and delivering gifts between Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>
6. Praying for the prisoners and their families
7. Assisting with the administration of this program

To receive your angel, please look for Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex starting Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The angels will be on a small green Christmas tree. For questions, contact Barb or Gene Ferry at (815) 965-6518



## Court Street UMC Church Conference

Thursday, November 17  
Church Sanctuary @ 6:30 p.m.  
(5:45 p.m. SPRC)

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WRITTEN REPORTS DUE: MONDAY, NOV. 7  
ONLINE REPORTS DUE: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9



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**United Women in Faith Luncheon**  
 Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 12 P.M.

**Guest Speaker**

**Fire Chief Michele Pankow**  
 City of Rockford



All are welcome to attend.

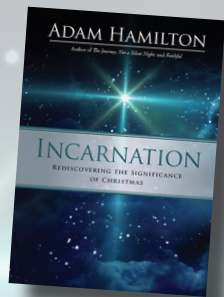
RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020,  
 \$10 per person.

**Advent Special Study**

**Adam Hamilton**

***Incarnation:  
 Rediscovering the  
 Significance of Christmas***

ABINGDON PRESS



4-week study begins **November 27, 2022**

RSVP your copy by **Friday, November 11, 2022.**

**Large-print Paperback Available  
 Price TBD**

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In *Incarnation*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores the meaning of these titles and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Join him and reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today!

**All Saints Sunday**

November 6, 2022

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|--------------------------|------------|
| • Neil Medlar            | 06/26/2021 |
| June B. Cummings         | 11/14/2021 |
| James R. Whitlock        | 11/17/2021 |
| Lisa Rothmeyer           | 11/20/2021 |
| • Amy Viola Schlaf       | 11/27/2021 |
| • Lawrence Pearson       | 12/11/2021 |
| Shirley M. Dommers       | 12/15/2021 |
| • Jean A. Moore          | 12/19/2021 |
| Timothy L. Holley        | 12/24/2021 |
| • Scott William Stanis   | 01/27/2022 |
| • Barbara Jean Ring      | 02/14/2022 |
| Brian Lutzow             | 02/15/2022 |
| • Marilyn Riggs Schmauss | 02/18/2022 |
| Leroy Davis              | 02/21/2022 |
| • Robert Henbest         | 03/17/2022 |
| Caren Barch Canfield     | 03/18/2022 |
| Linda D. Green           | 05/02/2022 |
| • Charlotte Potter       | 05/20/2022 |
| • Nicole Dionne Summons  | 06/05/2022 |
| Betsy Wang               | 06/21/2022 |
| Janet M. Easton          | 06/29/2022 |
| John Richard Grune       | 07/06/2022 |
| • Truman Lander          | 07/30/2022 |
| Ingrid Nieswand          | 09/22/2022 |
| • Bessie Lou Koehn       | 09/26/2022 |
| • Mabelann C. Fisher     | 10/03/2022 |
| Robert Einar Wang        | 10/15/2022 |

... and for others named in our hearts.

• Denotes a member of Court Street UMC

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body."



## Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

One of the health observances for November in America is Diabetes Awareness Month. The year 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin. Before insulin was discovered, people with diabetes did not live long lives. Even though there is no cure yet, people do live productive lives managing their diabetes. Today diabetes is considered an epidemic. It is estimated that 37.3 million people in the U.S. (about 1 in 10) have the disease and 1 in 5 don't even know they have it.

There are two main types of diabetes: Type 1 and Type 2. Also a small percentage of women develop diabetes during pregnancy which is called *gestational diabetes*. The good news is that if you are at risk of Type 2 diabetes you may be able to lower the risk by more than half by making healthy changes. Some of the changes will include:

- **Losing Weight:** Are you more than 20% over your ideal weight? Losing even a few pounds can help you prevent type 2.
- **Making Healthy Food Choices:** Follow simple daily guidelines, like eating fresh vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. Limit fat to 30% or less of your daily calories, and watch your portion sizes. Healthy eating habits can go a long way in preventing diabetes and other health problems.
- **Staying Active:** Regular exercise can help prevent type 2 diabetes. It can also help you lose weight, manage stress, and feel better.

Here is a brief introduction of how insulin works. As we eat our bodies break down the food we eat into simple sugars called *glucose*, which the body uses for energy. *Insulin* is a hormone that your body needs to get glucose from the bloodstream into the cells of the body for energy. Insulin is produced in the organ

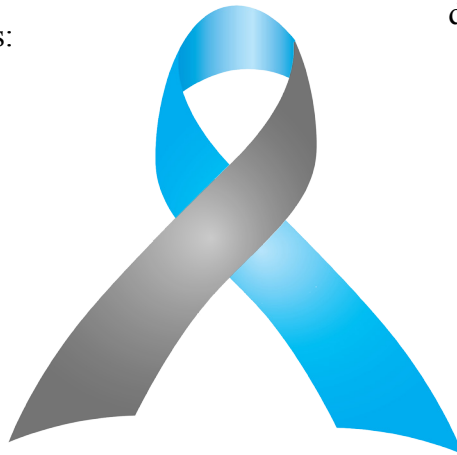
called the *pancreas*. Approximately 90% of all cases of diabetes are type 2. In type 2 the body does not use the hormone insulin properly. The glucose stays circulating in the blood stream and is unable to get into the cells where it is needed for energy. Hyperglycemia is the name for high blood sugar. Some symptoms of hyperglycemia one may notice is frequent urination, increased thirst, and blurry vision. Type 2 is treated with lifestyle changes, oral medications, and or insulin injections. Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children & young adults.

It was previously known as *juvenile diabetes*. Type 1 is caused by the body's autoimmune attack, which kills insulin producing *beta cells* in the pancreas. In type 1 the body does not produce insulin.

Most of us have heard of the A1C blood lab test. This test is a powerhouse of a test and helps you and your healthcare professionals know how you have been managing your health over the past two to three months. This test can be used to identify *prediabetes* and can also be used to diagnose diabetes. The higher the levels, the greater your risk of developing diabetes complications. Most healthcare professionals will test your A1C twice a year and more often if your goals are not being met. This test can show you how your choices and adhering to medication can make a difference in your control of blood sugar readings. This test should be a motivating factor for you in active management of your own care.

I hope this sparks an interest to learn more. Please go to [Diabetes.org](https://www.diabetes.org) or call 1-800-342-2383 for more information and for healthy recipes.

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact Teresa Field at (815) 298-8138.



LOCAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE CHIMES REPORT  
 OCTOBER 11, 2022  
 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

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

LOCAL MISSIONS is pleased to resume our dedication to Rockford Local Mission Work. Regardless of how much or how little money Local Missions has in the LOVE OFFERING ACCOUNT, we are still blessed to be able to donate to our LOCAL organizations. We are well aware of the terrible impact that this COVID experience has had on our world, country, and our community.

Local Missions Committee is beginning this fourth and last quarter of 2022 GRATEFUL. We are grateful because of the faithfulness of our Regular Donors to the Love Offering Account. For those who donate in person on the First Sunday (Communion Sunday), the White Baskets, AND, for those who donate by mail. The church office will CREDIT your account as usual.

How wonderful that we are now able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary. Please DO join us in the sanctuary as you are able. Your caring and extreme generosity is beyond words and WE THANK YOU AGAIN. Please CONTINUE to STAY SAFE AND WELL.

LOVE OFFERING Balance on 10/11/2022 - (\$429.35) (BEFORE the deducted donations below).  
 (Quarterly Donations to the community are made (FROM) THE LOCAL MISSIONS ACCOUNT)

Local Missions Donations to be made by October 31, 2022:

\$ 25.00	Salvation Army (Women's Restorative Justice Program)
\$100.00	Rock River Valley Food Pantry
\$100.00	Jeremiah Development
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\$ 225.00	Total LOCAL MISSIONS Donations October 11, 2022

(Helen Gibbons-Chairperson)



Remember to turn your clocks  
 back before you go to bed on  
 Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



HANGING OF THE GREENS  
 Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# 2022 GUIDE TO HOLIDAY DONATIONS AND



## Thanksgiving DINNER



### TIME

TUE., NOV. 22 – FRI., NOV. 25  
CONTACT BERT CROMWELL AT  
(815) 721-4605



### WINTER WEAR

- HATS
- GLOVES
- MITTENS
- SCARVES
- EAR MUFFS (ALL SIZES)



### MONEY

CASH OR CHECK  
[MEMO: THANKSGIVING DINNER]

TO BE DONATED THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:



### COMMERCIALY MADE PIES

BAKERY FRESH  
(ALL VARIETIES)



### APPLESAUCE

PREPACKAGED  
(3.5 OR 4 OZ. CONTAINERS)



### WATER

BOTTLED

PLEASE DONATE BY 3 PM,  
TUESDAY, NOV. 22

## Hasckell MITTEN TREE

- HATS
- GLOVES
- MITTENS
- SCARVES
- SOCKS
- EAR MUFFS

(CHILDREN'S SIZES)



## LOVE Rockford



### TIME

SECONDFIRST CHURCH  
SAT., DEC. 3 (FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM)  
CONTACT NITRO STARLING AT  
(815) 627-0001



### GENTLY-USED WINTER WEAR

- HATS
- GLOVES
- MITTENS
- SCARVES
- COATS
- EAR MUFFS (CHILDREN'S SIZES)



### NEW BOARD GAMES

CHILD-FRIENDLY



### HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP

PAPER, TAPE, ETC.

PLEASE DONATE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY 3 PM, TUESDAY, NOV. 22 OR  
TO JD'S OFFICE BY MONDAY, NOV. 28

## Jubilee SCARVES

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Every year, The Jubilee Center distributes hundreds of handmade "Jubilee Scarves" on St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6) to those in the area struggling with mental illness and poverty.

Wish to know more about this donation drive? Contact Greg Cox at [gcox@aghllaw.com](mailto:gcox@aghllaw.com).

PLEASE DONATE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY 3 PM, TUESDAY, NOV. 22



# FUNDRAISERS

## ShopWithScrip®

Raking fallen leaves, winterizing your garden and flower beds, getting your snow removal tools and supplies ready, are any of these thoughts on your mind yet?

Don't forget Scrip cards can help you prepare for winter. We have cards from the 3 big home improvement stores (Lowe's, Menards, and The Home Depot). We have cards to help you prepare for upcoming holiday celebrations (Woodman's, Valli, Pinnon's, Target, and Walmart) and, of course, a variety of restaurant cards if you don't plan on cooking! Scrip cards are also great gifts for christmas, birthdays, children away at college, and even graduations that may occur at mid year.

We hope you will include Scrip in your plans. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile program. See you at the Scrip table on Sundays or purchase from the church office on week days.



In addition to purchasing Amazon Scrip cards, you can support the church by shopping with AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)).

When you shop this holiday season through the AmazonSmile website, a percentage of your eligible purchases will generate donations to Court Street. If you're not familiar with AmazonSmile, visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2167042](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2167042) to learn more about the program and how to set Court Street up as your preferred charity.



## CSUMC Book Club

*All are welcome!*

**4288 Uram Lane**

**Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 2 p.m.**

*Olive, Again*

**by Elizabeth Strout**

*Random House*



Contact Diane Risley for more info at [rishouse@juno.com](mailto:rishouse@juno.com).

## Chatterbox Supper Group

**Red Lobster**

**5827 E. State Street  
Rockford, IL**

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**

*All ladies are invited.*

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

**PLEASE NOTE: WE SELL \$25 SCRIP CARDS FOR RED LOBSTER!**



Court Street United Methodist Church  
 The Chimes November 2022  
 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!***

**November 6, 2022**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team  
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson  
 Liturgist: Bill Pittenger

**November 13, 2022**

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

**November 20, 2022**

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

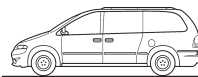
**November 27, 2022**

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

Livestream Techs:

**Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson**

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](mailto: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.

11/06/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
11/13/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
11/20/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
11/27/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
12/04/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
12/11/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444

*Please thank these men for making this ministry work!*

**Court Street United Methodist Church Staff**

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# Court Street United Methodist Church All-Church Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2022  
9:12 a.m.- Noon



## **Mission POSSIBLE!**

“With humans this is impossible, but with GOD all things are possible.”

**Matthew 19:26**

The WORKS OF GOD DISPLAYED IN US!

Pastor Cal read a message about a ship, which when built, has a mission. But if that ship is built in a bottle, the bottleneck is too narrow and the ship is not going anywhere. We need to not be the bottleneck that is causing our ship to not fulfill its mission. We need to ask ourselves: where are we going, what are we doing, and why are we here at this location?

Theme for our ministry year 2022-23: Born 2 Change; Change 2 Be Born. Joan Tunnell, Chair of Administrative Council, narrated slides which showed what we are currently doing.

- **Youth in Leadership** – Liturgists, Ushers, Acolytes, Tech Team, Facetime Hosts
- **Nurture & Outreach** – Methodist Mondays, Hot Chocolate to passersby, Holiday bags to homebound, social time i.e. bowling, Rally Day invites to those not seen attending recently
- **Domestic Violence** – dispersal of information, tour of Peace Center
- **Adult Sunday School** – studying Matthew currently
- **Music groups** – Handbells, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir
- **United Women of Faith** – have speakers, social time, sales to support missions
- **Local Missions** – since March 2022 distributed over \$800 to various organizations
- **Strength & Balance Class** – lead by our Parish Nurse to promote health and wellness
- **Quilters** – using sewing ability to create beautiful quilts and promoting closer relationships
- **Journeyman** – weekly Bible study for men
- **United Methodist Men** – help with manpower for many events, sponsor fund raisers
- **Jeremiah Development** – serving as needed to help improve the neighborhood
- **Thanksgiving Dinner** – distributing food on the holiday for those in need
- **Trustees** – maintaining our physical space

Chair of Stewardship, Jeanine Wang, talked about what brought us to today. Stewardship Committee raised the question: are we being good stewards of our finances, our memorial funds, our building, our resources? Out of this they developed the survey asking the congregation about our Hopes, Dreams, Concerns, Suggestions, and Questions about Court Street UMC. Jeanine recapped the responses they had received and published in the September 2022 Chimes.

Chair of Trustees, DuWayne Stanis, presented what the Trustees had done and the costs for projects completed in 2021 costing \$35,500, and until now in 2022, costing \$12,000. He also presented a list of projects in process with the estimated costs totaling \$223,500, as well as a list of future repairs/replacements.

Church Treasurer, Gene Ferry, presented a summary of Income/Expenses/Net for the years 2017-2021. He gave us a summary of how we have made up the deficit each year as well as our funding coming from the Perry Trust (a

gift from the Perry Sisters, which we will continue to receive each year as long as we remain Court Street UMC). A summary of our Endowment Fund invested at Savant showed that, even though we ended in 2007 with a balance of \$1,603,000, and have withdrawn over \$2,227,000, we currently have a total balance of \$1,060,000, of which we have \$560,000, which we can use for anything. The remaining balance of \$500,000 is in dedicated or restricted funds. The Finance Committee is planning a Capital Improvements Campaign to begin in January 2023.

Jeanine Wang asked for questions of the leadership.

- **What happens to the church building if we decide to sell?** Pastor Cal stated he believed that the proceeds from sale of the building would go to the Conference and they would hold it for us as long as we stay a United Methodist congregation. Rev. Wang stated that there were lawyers in the Conference who would help us figure out how to go about selling and what would happen to the proceeds.
- **Have we completed our mission at this location? Do we stay? Move on?** Any time we say our church is the building it is a mistake. The people are the church – something to consider in our groups.
- **What is the purpose of this meeting?** Brainstorming ideas as to what we can do in and for our future. Come up with an action plan. We know we want to stay together as we are family.

#### Small group discussion results:

- Formalized contract with another local church regarding shared space
- Worship in Chapel periodically
- Rent Chapel to smaller church
- Combine with other churches for social activities
- Set up Blessing Box (outside box of non-perishable foods) for our neighbors
- Set up Urgent Care with OSF at our church
- Fix roof
- Remain a connectional church
- Contact/invite new renters in Trust Building, Talcott, Lofts, etc.
- Invite people personally to help with worthwhile outreach projects
- Need to update Chapel sound/recording, and determine temperature needed to maintain Sanctuary organ if we move our worship to Chapel
- Ask city to buy building and we rent from them
- Desire to stay on west side of city, right here, where there's much need
- Reach out to young men of color
- Advertise in Chicago area as a wedding site
- Rent classrooms to Rock Valley College and Rockford Business College
- Repurpose gym for loft space or something else
- Remove gym altogether and use roof top of 2nd floor for outside events
- Serve breakfast before church for a price
- Bring in Gary Anderson or Justin Fern to advise on building ideas
- Bring building to code to do Preschool/Daycare modeled after Christ UMC
- Do some 'outrageous' activity to engage people
- Do Special Sundays – see attached sheet
- Renew contemporary service, maybe in new format
- Reach out to black pastors' group and collaborate on a project
- Advertise on the outside of church – banners/electronic sign/'projection' on Jefferson St. wall

Communion was served to close meeting.

**Next meeting:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M.

Contact Stewardship Committee with any questions.

Dear Congregation:

Christmas is just around the corner, and it is time to think about poinsettias and wreaths. The UWF will be selling these again, but this year you can make one check to the UMW. All the sales from the poinsettias will go to the youth for their Christian Education Programing. Money for the wreaths and greens will go to the UWF. The poinsettias and wreaths can be picked up on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Chapel Narthex from 1 to 2 p.m. or Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> after church in the Chapel Narthex. If you would like poinsettias or wreaths delivered, please check the box on the order forms. **Please turn order forms in no later than Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> by dropping them into the offering plate.** Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Cram, President



The United Women in Faith are selling Christmas Wreaths. Please complete the order form attached and include a check made payable to UMW. All orders need to be turned into the church by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Wreaths will be available on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, between 1 and 2 p.m., or after church on Sunday or can be scheduled for delivery after 1 p.m. on Saturday.

All wreaths and pots of greens are made from fresh greens, have white-tipped pine cones, matching ribbons and ornaments. Please choose your ornament color below.

	20 inch	24 inch	36 inch	48 inch	<b>Total per/</b>
<b>Color</b>	\$25	\$30	\$50	\$75	<b>Color</b>

<b>RED</b>					
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<b>GOLD</b>					
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<b>SILVER</b>					
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<b>Grand Total for Wreaths</b>	
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10 inch Pot of Greens (\$28 per Pot)	<b>Color</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>RED</b>		
	<b>GOLD</b>		
	<b>SILVER</b>		

<b>Grand Total for Pots of Greens</b>	
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Delivery? (Circle One)

Yes

No






<b>Grand Total for Order Form</b>	
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Official Use Only: Paid: \$	Check No.	Amount Due \$	2022
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## 2022 Poinsettia (and Christmas Cactus) Sale

The youth are selling Poinsettias for the Christmas season. Profits from the sale will go towards their Christian Education Programming in 2023. The plants will be available on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Chapel narthex or for delivery. The plants will be delivered Saturday afternoon starting at 1 p.m. The poinsettias will have foil over the pot and a clear plastic sleeve around them as a weather covering. The cost for one 6-inch pot (1 plant) is \$12.00, for one 7-inch pot (2 plants) is \$22.00, triple plant pots are \$32.00. Please remember to **include your check, made out to United Methodist Women**, with your order and turn it in no later than **Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** by dropping it into the offering plate. *For additional questions please call Sue Cram (779) 200-7192.*

		6 inch   1 Plant \$12.00	7 inch   2 Plants \$22.00	8 inch   3 Plants \$32.00	Total
	<b>Red</b>				
	<b>White</b>				
	<b>Pink</b>				
	<b>Burgundy</b>				
	<b>Red &amp; White Jingle Bells</b>				

		Color	Price	Quantity	Total
	<b>Christmas Cactus</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>		
		<b>Pink</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>		
		<b>Red</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>		

<b>Grand Total</b>	
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 I will pick up my plant(s) on Saturday.

 Please deliver my poinsettia(s) to the address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Official Use Only: Paid \$	Check No.	Amount Due \$	2022
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*Birthdays*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Culpepper, Gwendolyn	2	Stoller, Colleen	19
Smith, Fred	2	Ciabatti, Michael	20
Fisher, Cynthia	3	Druce Jones, JanLynn	20
Heath, Priscilla	4	Marlow, Jan	20
Ingrassia, Patty	4	Baker, Janet	21
Maus, Beverly	4	Johnson, Martha	21
Cromwell, Bert	6	France, Brianne	22
Philbrick, Jack	6	Zimmerman, Robert	22
Barnhart, William	8	Ferry, Barbara	23
Krause, Nancy	9	Ludington, Lydia	23
Nielsen, Laurie	11	Zimmerman, Katherine	23
Anglemire, Helen	12	Kelsey-Powell, Ana	24
Green, Nathan	13	Rollins, Theresa	24
Meyer, JoAnne	14	Lutmer, Brandon	26
Tirado, Lauren	15	Lutmer, Justin	26
Sproule, Nancy	16	Bulliner, Brayden	27
George, Georgalee	19	Kruger, Jeni	30
Stanis, Jeffrey	19		

*Wedding Anniversaries*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Gunderson, Clement and Barbara	25	1961	61
Culpepper, Calvin and Gwendolyn	29	1975	47
Mehren, Fred and Judy	29	1958	64
Davis, Michael and Patricia	30	1963	59



*Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of*



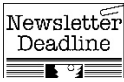





Ingrid Nieswand (Margaret Rhoads's Sister) who died on September 22, 2022

Bessie Lou Koehn who died on September 26, 2022

Mabelann C. Fisher who died on October 3, 2022

Robert Einar Wang (Rev. Wang's Brother) who died on October 15, 2022

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>  8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 12:00pm UWF Luncheon with Michele Pankow as Guest Speaker 4:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 10:00am Stewardship Team 1:00pm The Journeymen	<b>4</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>5</b> 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>6</b>  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15am Youth Activities	<b>7</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>8</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 5:30pm Trustees 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 4:00pm Worship Committee	<b>10</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 1:00pm The Journeymen 6:00pm Chatterbox Supper Group (Red Lobster)	<b>11</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>12</b> 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30am United Methodist Men Breakfast
<b>13</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15am Youth Activities	<b>14</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>15</b>  <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 12:00pm Nurture & Outreach Committee 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm No IL Wood Turners	<b>17</b>  8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 1:00pm The Journeymen 5:45pm SPRC (Church Conference) 6:30pm Church Conference	<b>18</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>19</b> 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>20</b> <b>UWF WREATH &amp; POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15am Youth Activities	<b>21</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 4:00pm Finance Committee 5:00pm Administrative Council	<b>22</b> <b>JUBILEE CENTER DONATIONS DUE</b> <b>LOVE ROCKFORD DONATIONS DUE</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS DUE</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 6:15pm Knitting Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>24</b>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 11:00am Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>25</b>  <b>CHURCH CLOSED - THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE</b>	<b>26</b>  8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 9:00am Hanging of the Greens 1:00pm Pickup for UWF Orders
<b>27</b> <b>ADVENT STUDY BEGINS</b> <b>STUDENT SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15am Pickup for UWF Orders 11:15am Youth Activities 2:00pm CSUMC Book Club	<b>28</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	<b>29</b> 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 12:00pm Mid-Week Advent Service			