

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

A New Way



“You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forth I make you hear new things, hidden things which you have not known.

Isaiah 48:6, RSV

Happy new year to our church community and friends! As this new year of ministry begins, let us all give thanks for our part in the ministry of Jesus Christ. It is His church, His mission and

His salvation. Truly, God found us, imperfect as we are, and brought us together so that God’s word could continue to become flesh and dwell among us. Amen!

So what has happened? We have called all members of our community of faith into action and service 2022-2023 ministry year, God’s Future for us. While we continue to cherish the leadership that has been shared over the decades. Thank God, we continue to support missions both locally through our Missions Committee and globally through our United Methodist Apportionment giving.

We have as a congregation come to the place where our youth and children, few as they may be, know they are not only welcomed and cherished but encouraged to lead. We can truthfully say that our young people are not the church of the future, they are today’s church! Our youth have aided in worship and music (Usher, Liturgist, Acolyte, Student Sunday, etc.), reminding us that we are a living church.

We are not a perfect church. Line us up, and we’re all sinners saved by the grace of God. I am certain that as a pastor I have not been able to please everyone. This is simply not possible. Our doors, minds, and hearts are open. Yet, I pray we will continue to challenge each other because Jesus Christ is Lord and we want to be like Jesus!

This past year, 2022, has been a year of transition and transformation, as they all should be. But let us not forget it is ministry with Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit that really counts. Everything else is just window dressing.

Still, it’s a nice window we’re looking through, because you’re the folks who make it happen. I thank God for each of you. Amen!

In the service of Christ,

Pastor Cal

The Churches

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



Lay Leadership

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

Diane Risley
David Risley

Alternate Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

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Staff/Parish Relations Chair

Sue Cram

Finance Chair

Mike Davis

Stewardship Chair

Jeanine Wang

Treasurer

Gene Ferry

Endowment Chair

Mike Davis

Trustee Chair

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United Methodist Men

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Krysta Tilges

JFON Liaison

Kay Galloway



Prairie North Leadership Training

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Faith UMC, Freeport, IL
(1440 S. Walnut Avenue)

\$10 to Participate
(Includes Snacks)

Choose 2 Classes out of 8 Available

Registration @ www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training

Contact Rev. Matthew Mariani with questions at
RevMariani@gmail.com.



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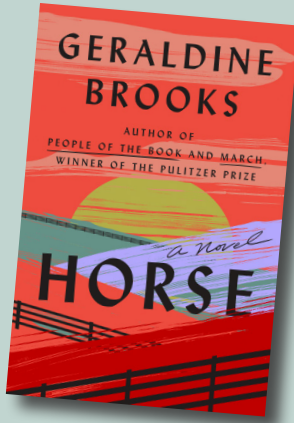
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2023 CSUMC Book Club

January 22
2:00 p.m.

Horse
by Geraldine Brooks
Viking

Perky Heath's Home
4231 Uram Lane



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

Feb. 26

Our Missing Hearts
by Celeste Ng

Mar. 26

The Widows of Malabar Hill
by Sujata Massey

Apr. 23

Hamnet
by Maggie O'Farrell

May 28

Haunted Rockford, Illinois
by Kathy Kresol

Jun. 25

The Return
by Nicholas Sparks



January 2023

Tavern on Clark
755 Clark Drive

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

All ladies are invited.

February	09	Backyard Grill & Bar	6473 N. 2 nd Street	Loves Park
March	09	The Hope & Anchor	5040 N. 2 nd Street	Loves Park
April	13	The Olympic Tavern	2327 N. Main Street	Rockford
May	11	Baker Street Burgers	1603 N. Alpine Road	Rockford
June	08	Lino's	5611 E. State Street	Rockford
July	13	Garrett's	1631 N. Bell School Road	Rockford
August	10	Texas Roadhouse	7240 Walton Street	Rockford
September	14	Fiesta Cancun	631 Highgrove Place	Rockford
October	12	JMK Nippon	2551 N. Perryville Road	Rockford
November	09	Red Lobster	5827 E. State Street	Rockford
December	14	Franchesco's Ristorante	7128 Spring Creek Road	Rockford

Health & Wellness: From our Parish Nurse

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to pray that we all take precautions to stay well this year. I hope the graph below helps to assist you during these winter months. During the past 50 years, immunizations have saved more than a billion lives and prevented countless illnesses and disabilities in the U.S. To stay protected against serious illnesses like COVID, flu, measles, pneumonia, shingles, and whooping cough, adults (like children) need to be current with their immunizations.

In recent years, there have been increased cases and outbreaks of whooping cough in different parts of the country. Whooping cough is a highly contagious dis-











ease that can be serious, even fatal, for infants. Many people who spread whooping cough may not know they have it. It is easily spread through coughing and sneezing. It may appear like a common cold, with a runny nose, congestion, sneezing, and maybe a mild cough and mild fever. But after 1-2 weeks, severe coughing begins. These severe coughing fits can last up to three months in adults. It is a fact that about 50% of infants under the age of 12 months that come down with whooping cough need to be hospitalized. Infants are too young to be fully vaccinated against whooping cough.

Remember, immunity from whooping cough and

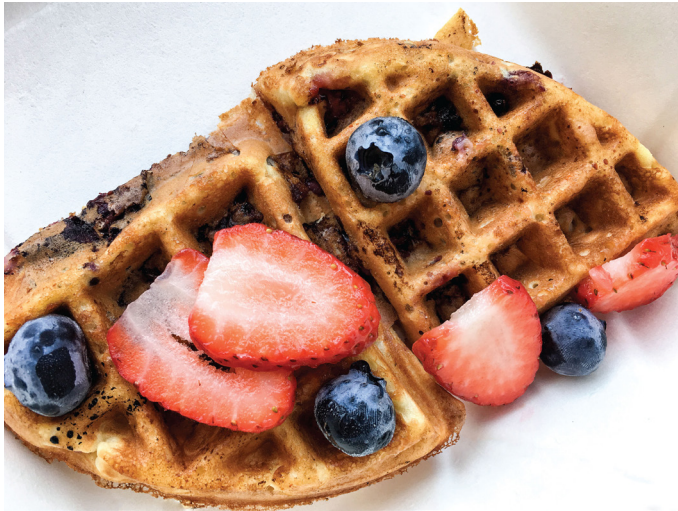
other vaccines fade over time. Adults should get the Tdap vaccine shot every 10 years. The pertussis (whooping cough) part of the vaccine and the Td (tetanus & diphtheria) is the rest of the vaccine. Pregnant women are advised to be vaccinated also.

The Department of Health and Human Services would like 70% of the population in the U.S. to be vaccinated from influenza, but we are far from that. Typically the flu vaccine is 40-60% effective. This year's version of the flu vaccine appears to be effective against this widely circulating strain. It is still not too late to be vaccinated for the flu. Remember, if you think you have the flu let your healthcare provider know right away to see if you are a candidate for Tamiflu to help lessen the duration and symptoms.

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

WebMD		Cold vs. Flu vs. Allergies vs. COVID-19			
SYMPTOMS		COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES	COVID-19** (can range from mild to serious)
	Fever	Rare	High (100-102°). Can last 3-4 days	Never	Common
	Headache	Rare	Intense	Uncommon	Can be present
	General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe	Never	Can be present
	Fatigue, Weakness	Mild	Intense, can last up to 2-3 weeks	Sometimes	Can be present
	Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual (starts early)	Never	Can be present
	Stuffy/Runny Nose	Common	Sometimes	Common	Has been reported
	Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Usual	Has been reported
	Sore Throat	Common	Common	Sometimes	Has been reported
	Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, can become severe	Sometimes	Common
	Shortness of Breath	Rare	Rare	Rare, except for those with allergic asthma	In more serious infection

Worship and Waffles



At the All-Church Meeting held on October 8th, it was suggested by many that *Worship and Waffles* should return after a two-year absence. Yes! It is returning, beginning January 29, 2023. It will continue to be held on the last Sunday of every month at 8 a.m. in the Dining Room. If you have never attended a *Worship and Waffles* event, this special one-hour service consists of hearing Pastor Cal's inspiring words, listening to or singing along with the Praise Team (Krysta Tilges & Ken Whitmore), and enjoying a warm breakfast. This event is a Mission Outreach

Service, where the community is invited to attend so that the Court Street congregation can come and get to know its neighbors. There is no charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated (in addition, donations to help with food costs are needed.).

For this community outreach to be successful, volunteers are needed to assist it. We need a volunteer coordinator, one person who ensures there are volunteers in place to set up, assist with serving breakfast, and clean up. We also need someone to advance projector slides. We have an outside person who will do the cooking. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist in various areas will be placed in the Narthex in early January.

Please consider taking part in this special neighborhood mission project. Let's make this an even bigger success than it was prior to the Pandemic!

The Stewardship Committee



All-Church Meeting
Saturday, January 14th
Dining Room @ 9:00 AM
Planning Our Future Together
Please join us.



In November, the Quilters presented Jeremiah Development with a quilt made using the hand prints from students at Haskell School. Recently, they presented Haskell School with its own banner version of the composition.

Church is Closed



Monday, January 2nd
for New Year's
&
Monday, January 16th
for MLK Jr. Day



"I BELIEVE
that unarmed
TRUTH
and unconditional
LOVE
will have the final word."
—Martin Luther King Jr.

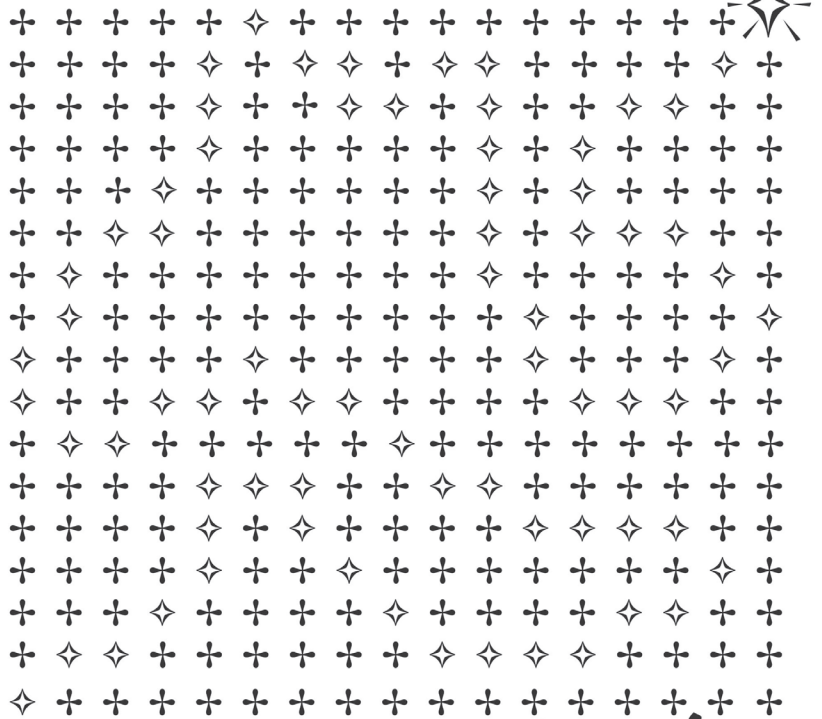
New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1, 2023



Chapel @ 10 AM
No Livestream

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✧ path that leads to baby Jesus.



START



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

N C A K N R I E N F S E

R Y H M R



Church Update – January 2023

Happy New Year! 2023 will be another busy year for Jeremiah Development.

- Our second small engine class has graduated! There were some bumps and learning opportunities during this session, but we are proud to say two students were able to get their engines running and have received their first Briggs and Stratton certification. Thank you to everyone who cooked meals, donated funds, and mentored this fall. We are making plans for our third class starting in March. Stay tuned for more updates.
- LOVE Rockford will be held three times this year. Tentative dates are April, August, and December. Each event will need around 21 volunteers. If you'd like to help, go to our website and sign up at jeremiahdevelopment.org. Volunteers are needed to:
 - Register attendees (3 people)
 - Register vendors and be their contact person during the event (2 person)
 - Set -up for the event (2 people)
 - Knock down after the event (4 people)
 - Distribute food (4 people)
 - Traffic control – parking (2 people)
 - Floaters to fill in where needed (2 people)
 - Greeter/Helper (2 people)
- Goodwill Industries has agreed to sponsor our neighborhood events again this year! This will help fund safety nights, leadership meetings, movies in the park, and any other events we will have for the neighborhood.
- As of this writing, JD is currently working towards a partnership with Molina Health for our newsletter sponsorship and scholarships for our small engine program.
- The board of Jeremiah Development has begun the process of developing a strategic plan for the next few years. We will be meeting with neighbors, volunteers, and others interested in the future of the organization in small focus groups to help guide our planning. If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, please let us know.

Keep an eye on our website, jeremiahdevelopment.org and Facebook page for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Sue Kanthak, Executive Director



Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes January 2023
 215 North Court Street
 Rockford, IL 61103-6897

Return Service Requested

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

January 1, 2023

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

January 8, 2023

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

January 15, 2023

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

January 22, 2023

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

January 29, 2023

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 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.



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.

01/01/23	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
01/08/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
01/15/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
01/22/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
01/29/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
02/05/23	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of
 Patricia Louise Johnson who died on December 8, 2022
 Earl H. Lutzow who died on December 17, 2022

Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Year	Married
Rhoads, Ray and Margaret	26	1964	59

Birthdays






Name	Date	Name	Date
Crawford, Owen	1	Ewald, Elizabeth	17
Liddell, Alex	1	Hutchcroft, Elaine	20
Zeilinger, Phil	1	Kelsey-Powell, Judith	20
Schaub, Matthew K.	2	Mann, Jared	20
Addis, Robert	3	Peters, Judith	20
Walters, John	3	Theisen, Kaye	20
Ludington, Alex	4	Urness, Natalie	20
Hoover, Ruth	5	Eichman, Sally	21
Welk, Ryan	5	(Zyvert) Gallo, Danielle	23
Crow, James	6	Swansbro, Donald	23
Hoople, Allen	6	Rupp, Ashley	26
Tunnell, Stanley	6	Cairnes, Jeannine	28
Norman, Bettye	7	Killingsworth, Jean	28
Wandell, Matthew	7	Ludington, Jeremy	28
Scheffel, Alyssa	10	Paquette, Sarah	28
Strunk, Bryce Christian	10	Bates, Alyssa	29
Cox-Rodgers, Jaxon	12	Fibrow, Lindsey	30
King, Addyson	12	Solchenberger-Wandell, Chelsie	30
Faruqui, Noah	13		
Baker, Ray	14	Armstrong, David	31
Crow, Thomas	14	Vandre, Alex	31
Meligan, Brian	15		



⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
 Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8, NIV

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>  <p>10:00 AM Worship Service in the Chapel</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>CHURCH CLOSED – NEW YEAR'S OBSERVANCE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Exercise Class 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:30 AM UMW Leadership Team 04:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 01:00 PM The Journeymen</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment</p>
<p>8</p> <p>09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 AM Youth Activities</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings</p>	<p>10</p> <p>08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 09:00 AM History & Archives 09:00 AM Quilters 09:30 AM Exercise Class 12:00 PM Nurture & Outreach Committee 05:30 PM Trustees 06:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 07:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 1:00 PM The Journeymen 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 9:00 AM All-Church Meeting</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>CHIMES DEADLINE</p> <p>09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 AM Youth Activities</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>CHURCH CLOSED – MLK JR DAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Exercise Class 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM No IL Wood Turners</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 01:00 PM The Journeymen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 9:00 AM ECHO Ringers Rehearsal</p>
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