

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

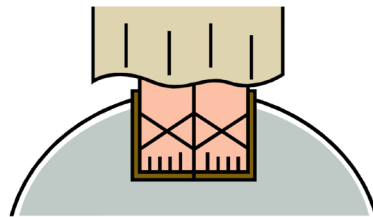
## Becoming

God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could **become** the righteousness of God.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (CEB)**

It became evident to me one day, that all of creation is **“becoming”** what God intended it to be. However, so many of us struggle with becoming, and we forget that each day from the moment we are born we are becoming a toddler, teenager, young adult, adult, sibling, friend, neighbor, citizen, student, employee, spouse, parent, you get the picture. The changes, challenges, and associated transitions are numerous.

I believe Paul the Apostle was reminding the folk (community of believers) at Corinth that their struggles to become “good-Christians” was not a work that they could achieve on their own. Paul knew that some of their efforts were futile at best and becoming the righteousness of God has been made possible by God through Jesus. I wish we could “get it” as individuals and collectively as communities of faith because we waste so much time and energy getting it wrong. My siblings in Christ, as we continue this journey of **“becoming”** together, I would like to share with you a couple of quotes by the renowned author “anonymous;”



*The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are.”*

*“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”*

Paul challenges us to acknowledge our need to change or become something different due to our incomplete state (sin); *“God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake”*. This is the beginning of cooperating with God's Spirit, our Comforter, Advocate, Helper, and Teacher. Yes, all rolled up in one dynamic entity, God's Holy Spirit is all the power we need to participate and cooperate in our **‘becoming’** the righteousness of God. Lastly, I believe Paul affirms the second quote by “anonymous” with these words found in Philippians 3; *“<sup>12</sup> It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. <sup>14</sup> The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, and if anyone thinks differently, God will reveal it to him or her. <sup>16</sup> Only let's live in a way that is consistent with whatever level we have reached.”* Praise God!

*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.



Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate  
to Annual Conference**

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David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate  
to Annual Conference**

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Krysta Tilges

**JFON Liaison**

Kay Galloway

## TRUSTEE REPORT TIM GORMAN, CHAIR JULY 2023



### Recently completed projects:

#### February

New roof installed over the gymnasium, (includes uninstalling and removing the main air handler for the sanctuary and reinstalling it after the roofing was completed).

#### March

Installed Water Treatment System for Boilers and Chillers. This system will improve the service life of the components in our heating and cooling systems. Includes monthly service call to adjust Ph levels in the closed system to prevent corrosion and filters to collect and remove particulates from the system.

#### May/June

- Ventilator in the Handicap entrance was replaced.
- Chapel storefront replaced: doors to the street and surrounding glass panes replaced with double pane low E glass.
- Chiller & Heat Exchanger located on third floor replaced. This unit provides chilled water for air conditioning to air handlers located throughout the education wing.

### Upcoming projects:

- Heating/Cooling Coil for Air handler in Daycare, expected to be installed by the end of June
- Replace compressor for chapel air handler.
- Repair and painting water-damaged plaster, dry wall, masonry and ceiling tile in the chair lift entrance.
- Plaster repairs and painting for the East wall of the sanctuary and the ceiling over the landing outside of balcony west entrance
- Water damage in third floor hallway.

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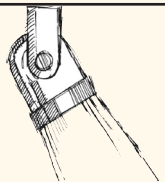
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## GARDEN BAZAAR & BAKE SALE UPDATE

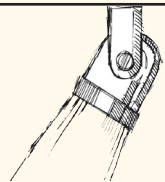
Karen and I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the 2023 Garden Bazaar and Bake Sale a success. Thanks to all the volunteers who purchased flowers, sold flowers, baked and sold goodies for the bake sale, helped with the set up, take down, and helped with flower deliveries. THANK YOU. We made a profit of \$3,500, which will go towards the Capital Campaign for building repairs.

Sue Cram  
Karen Brown



## COURT STREET IN ACTION

Just some of the things our congregation has been up to recently.



Confirmation Sunday, June 4



Methodist Monday, June 12



Blessing of the Pets,  
Wednesday, June 14



## Health & Wellness: Everything Under The Sun About Skin & Melanoma



Let's face it, we can all improve when it comes to taking care of ourselves. That includes protecting one of the most vital and largest organs: the skin. And that means all of us, with all different skin colors.

It's that time of year when people are heading outdoors for several reasons: sporting activities, vacations, gardening, and working outside jobs. But under the brilliant sun rays lurks a potential danger, especially to men, skin cancer, more specifically melanoma. According to the American Cancer Society more than 97,000 new melanomas will be diagnosed this year (58,120 in men and 39,490 in women).

"Men are more likely to develop skin cancer, in fact, twice as likely to develop melanoma over time because of several different reasons, whether that's related to the type of job that they do because men tend to work outdoors more often," stated Ben Guth, a nurse practitioner for OSF HealthCare. "It can be education related, where men aren't taught what to look for when it comes to signs and symptoms of skin cancer. And finally, they just don't use sunscreen when they go outside, which is very protective when it comes to sunburns and developing skin cancer in the future."

There are other factors. Some research suggests that women's sun-damaged skin seems to heal better than men's. And men tend to have thicker skin, which makes it more susceptible to UV damage, which can lead to melanoma. The good news: if caught early, melanoma and most skin cancers are highly curable. The problem, however, is most skin cancers don't have symptoms until it reaches the later stages. So that makes it even more important to take care of our skin and know what to look for.

It starts with education: "We educate on the importance of sunscreen, applying it every two hours, especially when outside. The American Academy of Dermatologists recommend using at least SPF of 30 and that being a broad spectrum and even water-resistant, depending on the type of work or activity you're doing outside."

When applying sunscreen, don't forget to lotion or spray around the ears, behind the neck and top of the scalp, especially men who are balding. Ask your partner for a hand to get to those hard-to-reach spots. While not everyone is a fan of using sunscreens, there are other ways to keep your skin protected this summer, Guth states, "If you don't like sunscreens or the greasy feel on your skin try wearing long sleeve shirts and pants. Wearing a big hat, whether that's a baseball cap or a wide-brimmed hat with sunglasses." Sun exposure is most intense between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Guth recommends having annual skin checks, especially if you've had lesions in the past or had skin cancer in the past and had them removed. He also stated that if something doesn't look or feel right, talk to your primary care provider or dermatologist about your concerns. Don't wait, and don't forget to use protection even on cloudy days. Now go out enjoy the outdoors and remember those sunglasses too!

Teresa Field, *Parish Nurse*



July 2023



# ROCKIN' ROCKFORD REVIVAL 2023

...revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you!  
*Psalm 85:6*

**Monday through Friday, August 7 – August 11**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary**

**Different Speaker & Special Music from Guest Musicians Each Night**  
**FREE Admission & Activities for Kids!**

## **Monday, August 7**

Pastor John Dirkse (Redeemer Church)  
Music: Redeemer Church Praise Team

## **Tuesday, August 8**

Pastor Evan Savage (Grass Roots Church)  
Music: Grass Roots Church Praise Team

## **Wednesday, August 9**

Pastor Christopher Druce Jones  
(Christ the Carpenter UMC)  
Music: Dorothy Paige Turner

## **Thursday, August 10**

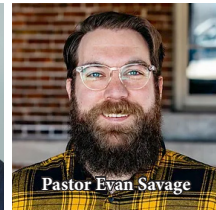
Music: The Alleluia Quartet

## **Friday, August 11**

Pastor Calvin Culpepper (Court Street UMC)  
Music: Waffles & Worship Praise Team  
Music: Bridgeview Church of God Choir



Pastor John Dirkse



Pastor Evan Savage



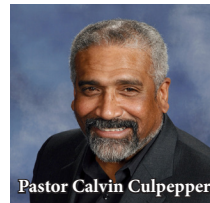
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Dorothy Paige Turner



The Alleluia Quartet



Pastor Calvin Culpepper



The Bridgeview Church of God Choir

**Free-will Donations to Benefit Waffles & Worship and Jeremiah Development**

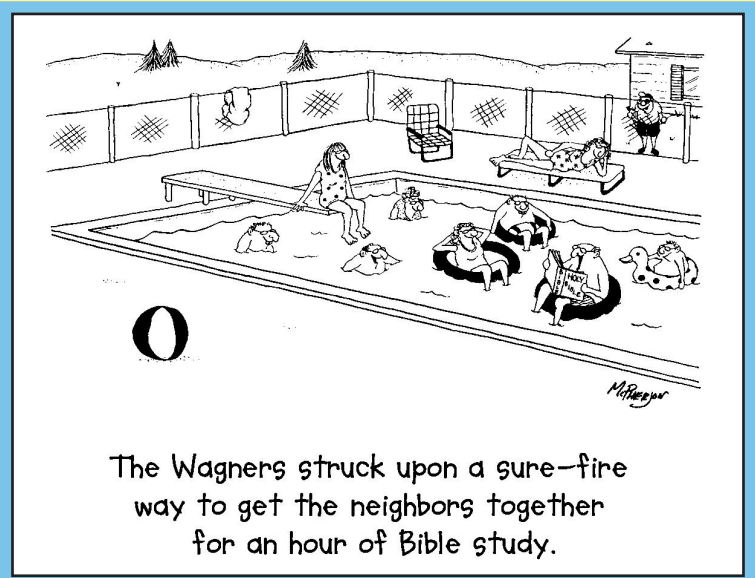
*Waffles & Worship is an outreach ministry of Court Street United Methodist Church.  
Jeremiah Development supports the Coronado Haskell Neighborhood and the greater Rockford area by  
facilitating access to services and programs for its residents.*

## Church World Service (CWS) Summary of 2022 Shipping Report

Thanks to generous donors like the congregation at Court Street UMC, CWS is able to provide much needed aid and resources to people around the world. In addition to blankets, they provide school supplies, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies essential for disaster relief. Here are CWS's totals for 2022:

- 45,570 School Kits**
- 7,843 Baby Kits & Welcome Backpacks**
- 108,390 Hygiene Kits**
- 6,605 Cleanup Buckets**
- 59,910 Blankets**

NOTE: We hold an annual donation drive for CWS called Blanket Sunday every February (pictured above). CWS also benefits from donations raised for the CROP Hunger Walk held in October.



**Garrett's Restaurant & Bar**  
**1631 N. Bell School Road**

Thursday, July 13<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.



## Waffles & Worship

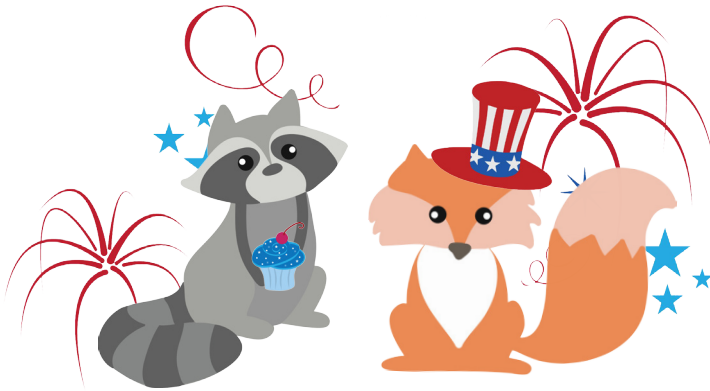
**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dining Room at 8 AM**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Many hands make light work, and Waffles & Worship needs folks to work in the kitchen and dining room from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., particularly with after-service cleanup.



July 2023



### July Greetings from the Scrip Committee!

We would like you to keep our selection of SCRIP cards in mind for any summer events you may have planned (like July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations). Also, we have cards for home improvement and yard work: Lowe's, Menards, The Home Depot. Please stop by our table, and one of us will be pleased to assist you in purchasing gift cards to meet your needs for groceries, restaurants, gasoline, movies, and more! If you have never purchased one of our gift cards, check us out to see what we have. Thank you for helping us to help meet the church's needs.

See you on Sunday, or you can stop by the office and pick up or order cards.

*Court Street  
Bowling Social*

*Strike!*



***Don Carter Lanes***  
**4007 E. State Street**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\$11/PERSON TO BOWL**

**12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (CHECK-IN)**

**12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (BOWLING)**

**Don't bowl? Come buy lunch and watch  
others perform on the lanes.  
Bring your friends too!**

**You will be able to sign up in the Narthex soon  
and pick your partners for that day.**

 United Women in Faith  Christ United Methodist Church  
4509 Highcrest Road  
Rockford, IL

**TA DA! A Celebration of Quilts  
and Fabric Creations**

Thursday, June 29, 2023  
9:30 AM (Door #2)

Share your projects; enjoy refreshments;  
buy a gift.

**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**

The church  
will be  
closed on  
Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and  
Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>



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

**Return Service Requested**

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**July 2, 2023**

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

**July 9, 2023**

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

**July 16, 2023**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team  
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Lili Breson  
 Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell

**July 23, 2023**

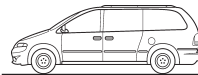
10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team  
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner  
 Liturgist: *Volunteer welcome.*

**July 30, 2023**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team  
 Sound Tech: Ryan 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.

07/02/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
07/09/23	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
07/16/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
07/23/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
07/30/23	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
08/06/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444

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

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*Birthdays*




*Wedding Anniversaries*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Tilges, Krysta	3	Justice, Sharon	14	Doran, William and Betty	2	1955	68
Risley, Michelle	5	Doran, Betty	16	Crawford, Douglas and Marcie	7	2001	22
Walters, Rae Ann	5	Risley, David	19	Risley, David and Diane	10	1971	52
Grigoletti-Kurokawa, Luke	6	Risley, Peter	21	Dienhart, Darlene and Gary	27	2013	10
Lundberg, Dominic	6	Sisney, Amanda	21				
Neville, Joyce	6	Voigt, Jacob	21				
Bragori, Jeriel	7	Shindel, Bruce	22				
Briggs, Austin	7	Druce Jones, Christian	23				
Miller, Jereve	7	Gunderson, Clement	23				
Rodriguez, Misael	7	Davis, Joyce	24				
Van Alstyne, Gerald	7	Froeber, Brittany	26				
Makeever, Matthew	9	Froeber, Kirstie	26				
Willis, Daisy	10	Olderbak, Addison	26				
Zantow, Steven	10	Lindmark, Craig	28				
Wong, Tso Ying	11	Ludington, Erin	29				
Condon, Aiden	12	Gunderson, Barbara	31				
Condon, Thomas	12						
Henbest, Melinda	12						
Toalson, Noah Ewald	12						
Whelpley, Kenneth	12						
Crawford, Delaney	13						
Olderbak, Peggy	13						
Arp, Gabriel	14						

*Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of*  
 Donald Weiss who died on May 7, 2023  
 Lola M. Gustafson who died on June 10, 2023  
 Wilfred Jordan, Helen & Rev. Jim Gibbon's son-in-law



## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:15 AM</b> Facetime by the Big Bell	<b>3</b>  CHURCH CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE	<b>4</b>  CHURCH CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY	<b>5</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Stewardship Team <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment <b>8:30 AM</b> United Methodist Men Breakfast
<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:15 AM</b> Facetime by the Big Bell	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>9:30 AM</b> Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Trustees	<b>12</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Worship Committee	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen <b>6:00 PM</b> Chatterbox Supper Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>16</b>   <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:15 AM</b> Facetime by the Big Bell <b>12:00 PM</b> Check in for Bowling Social <b>12:30 PM</b> Summer Bowling Social @ Don Carter Lanes	<b>17</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Finance Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Administrative Council	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>9:30 AM</b> Exercise Class	<b>19</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> No IL Wood Turners	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
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