

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Blessed!

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it,

He throws caution to the winds,
giving to the needy in reckless abandon.
His right-living, right-giving ways
never run out, never wear out.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. *He gives you something you can then give away*, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11 (The Message)

Thursday April 22, 2010 the NFL 75th Annual Draft, Ndamukong Suh from the University of Nebraska drafted by the Detroit Lions donated 2 million dollars to the Athletic Department and 6 hundred thousand dollars to the English Department of the University of Nebraska for scholarships; “for someone like him who had very little.” Obviously Ndamukong Suh got the message Paul the Apostle was speaking of in his second letter to the Corinthians. Paul reminds the Corinthians that, “*God gives you something you can then give away.*”

As we, members of the body of Christ at Court Street UMC begin our Capital Improvement Campaign, my prayer is we will truly be a blessing (generous). Andy Stanley in his co-authored book titled *7 Practices of Effective Ministry* wrote, “It is important to know if you are making progress (a difference), therefore you must *clarify the win.*” Bishop Sally Dyck believes a “win” as stated is; “**At least one ministry with the poor.**” If a church has a significant outreach to an integral group in the community that is in need and where people have opportunity to know and make a difference in others’ lives without immediate benefit to themselves and often to the church itself, this brings liveliness. Why? Because it connects with the Gospel values and not self-preservation or worldly values. Because that’s what church is! People like you and me who are blessed, helping those who stand in need!

I see wins when we feed the men and women at Carpenter’s Place. I see wins in the sharing and generosity on Methodist Mondays. I see wins when we serve our Jeremiah Project community. I see wins when we minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the men, women, and children at Waffles and Worship. I see wins when persons who feel disfranchised come to worship with us, and we love them. I see wins when I see women, men, and children of all ages entering our facility for assistance or help and exiting **blessed!**

Count your blessings—name them one by one;
Count your many blessings—see what God hath done. —Oatman

*In the service of Christ,
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

Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Diane Risley
David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Jeanine Wang

Administrative Council Chair

Joan Tunnell

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Finance Chair

Mike Davis

Stewardship Chair

Jeanine Wang

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Gene Ferry

Endowment Chair

Mike Davis

Trustee Chair

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Nurture & Outreach

Georgalee George

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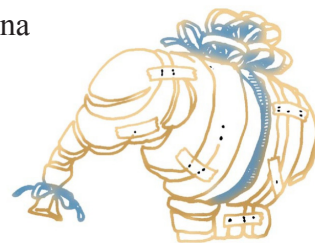
UWF Summer Picnic

**The New Location is the Town Center at
Wesley Willows on June 7.**

Please plan on arriving between 11 to 11:15 a.m. and place your order. Lunch will be on your own. The menu choices include salads, soups and sandwiches. Please proceed to the Club Room for lunch and the program. Games will be played. Please bring a white elephant gift or a gift from a dollar store not exceeding \$1.25. All gifts are to be placed in a brown bag and will be used as our prizes for the games. Please call Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020 if you can attend.

See you on June 7th at Wesley Willows
at the Town Center!

Sue Cram, *President*



CSUMC Book Club

May 21 at 2 p.m.

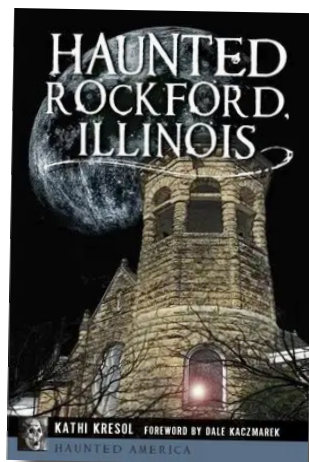
Haunted Rockford,

Illinois

by Kathi Kresol

THE HISTORY PRESS

Dorothy Powell's Home
4288 Uram Lane



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

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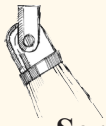
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COURT STREET IN ACTION

Nurture & Outreach

Serving Breakfast @ Carpenter's Place

March 29, 2023

Standing with CP's friendly chef (L-R):
Perky Heath, Jeanine Wang, Barb Ferry,
Joan Tunnell, and Georgalee George

Remember: Methodist Mondays begin in June!

*The church
will be closed for
Memorial Day.*

Monday, May 29th

Pay to all what is due them:
taxes to whom taxes are due,
revenue to whom revenue is due,
respect to whom respect is due,
honor to whom honor is due.

Romans 13:7, NSRVUE

PRESERVE THE PAST, INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Members & Friends:

By now, you will have received the Capital Improvements mailer addressing the three plateaus of the campaign. We are asking those who have significant means, and a commitment to exceed the guidelines, to consider doing just that. Further, we encourage each and every one to think of as many as 5 people who have a heartfelt connection to and for Court Street UMC, so that we may include them in an additional mailing. This may include adult children, past members, family members of leaders and vital members who have loved and served the church and are no longer among us.

Please submit your suggested names and addresses to the church office in writing or via email.

Remember: Pledges are due by May 14th, Consecration Sunday. On that day those pledges received will be blessed in the service. On Sunday, May 21st the campaign results thus far will be announced with a small celebration to follow.

The Capital Improvement Campaign Committee

Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

Question: How to tell if a wound is healing or infected, have you ever wondered?



Your body is set up to start healing as soon as it's cut or injured. But sometimes, for any number of reasons, the body doesn't do exactly what it's supposed to when it's supposed to.

Sometimes a wound takes a long time to heal or gets infected and stops the healing process altogether. It's important to pay attention to the stages of wound healing so you know whether your wound is going in the right direction.

Alyssa Smolen, APRN, is a wound care expert at OSF Health Care who shared how to tell if a wound is healing or infected.

The wound healing process:

- 1. Hemostasis:** The body knows when it's been wounded and focuses on stopping the bleeding first. This process can happen within seconds or minutes of getting a wound. Hemostasis also helps to get the body ready for the second stage of healing.
- 2. Inflammation:** Inflammation is a fancy word for scabbing. After the body has told the wound to stop bleeding, it starts to form a blood clot—the good kind. The blood clots to form a scab, which also acts as a barrier to keep germs and bacteria out of a wound. How long scabs take to heal depends on the type of injury.

- 3. Proliferation:** Once the wound is stabilized, it goes into rebuild mode. The body sends oxygen rich blood cells and collagen to the wound, which helps the body to form new skin. It may look red and raised at this stage.

- 4. Maturation:** Maturation is the stage of healing when a scar softens, flattens, and fades. You will notice your wound looking more like the skin that was once there. During this stage, the body is strengthening the area. Depending on the severity of the wound, maturation may take a year or more to fully complete.

Signs of wound healing:

The healing process can vary depending on the wound. If you notice your cut isn't healing within a month, it's considered a chronic wound, and it's time to talk to your health care provider or wound specialist. Keeping track of your wound and its stage of healing can help you to tell if it's a healing or non-healing wound. Signs of healing include: Scabbing, Swelling, Scarring.

How to heal a wound that won't close:

First, open wounds and wounds that are slow to heal should be looked at by your health care provider. There are many options your provider may suggest, including oral prescription medication to improve blood flow, topical prescriptions to help clear up any infection, wound debridement, hyperbaric oxygen treatments, or therapy to reduce swelling. Wound debridement is a process of removing dead or infected tissue from around a wound. This helps a wound to heal faster and ensures that healthy tissue can grow. "If you have a wound that continuously bleeds or has shown no signs of closing after a day, it's important to talk to a health care provider," Alyssa stated. There are some things you can do to help ensure a wound heals fast and properly. Change wound dressings often, how long you keep a wound covered depends on the injury, but five

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days is a good start. “There’s a misconception that wounds need to be left open to air out, but it’s best to keep wounds covered,” Alyssa stated. Wounds should be cleansed with warm water and a gentle soap. Monitor your wound closely. Use an antiseptic, like rubbing alcohol, on a fresh wound as soon as possible. “Antibiotic ointments such as Neosporin and Bacitracin can be helpful early on to prevent infection but are not appropriate to use on chronic wounds or non-infected wounds,” Alyssa stated. She also stated, “In wound care, we have a simple adage of ‘if it’s wet, dry it, and if it’s dry, wet it.’” If you have seen a provider for your wound, be sure to follow their directions exactly.

Conditions and factors that can heighten the risk of chronic wounds: age, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, poor blood circulation, vascular disease, weakened immune system. When a wound happens, take care of it and seek medical help early for proper care and guidance.

For any further question you can reach out to me at (815) 298-8138.

Teresa Field, *Parish Nurse*



Thank you.

Thank you to our Court Street family. Your cards, kind words, your warm hugs, support, and generosity was unbelievably kind. You were a very important part of Fred’s life, and I thank you for being there for my family and me during this very difficult time.

*God Bless,
Judy Mehren and Family*



Family Movie Night

Friday, May 26 at 6 p.m.

Showing: *Disney’s Strange World*

Families are welcome to come, stay, and enjoy the film, but after the end credits, it will be time for everyone but this year’s confirmands to go home because...

CHURCH LOCK In

Friday, May 26 - Saturday, May 27

...the confirmands will stay at the church overnight as part of a fun Christian Education activity exclusively for them. The Lock In starts with the Family Movie Night and ends with student pickup at 2 p.m. on Saturday.



Graduate Recognition on Children’s Sunday June 11, 2023

Confirmands will be confirmed on June 4th.

Graduates from 5th grade, 8th grade, 12th grade (High School), and college will be recognized. Please submit graduate details (and photos) to the office no later than Tuesday, May 30th.



**BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR
184TH ANNUAL N. IL CONFERENCE**

MIDWEST MISSION PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT ITEMS

- 1 BATH HAND TOWEL
- 1 BATH WASHCLOTH
- 1 [INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED] TOOTHBRUSH
- 1 [INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED] BAR OF SOAP (3-4 oz)
- 1 BOTTLE OF SHAMPOO (12-19 oz)
- 1 BOX OF RESEALABLE PLASTIC BAGS (1 GALLON)
- 1 DEODORANT (2-3 oz) [STICK, PUMP, OR ROLL-ON]
- \$2 TOWARDS TOOTHPASTE AND A RAZOR
- PERSONAL PRAYER CARD

**PLEASE DONATE THESE ITEMS IN THE NARTHEX
FROM NOW UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF JUNE**



**Chatterbox
Supper Group**

**Baker Street Burgers
1603 N. Alpine Road
(Edgebrook Center)**

**Thursday, May 11th @ 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, May 28th
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.

COURT STREET UMC
GARDEN BAZAAR
& BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023
9 AM TO 3 PM

PICK UP PREORDERS 12 PM TO 2 PM
ON THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

GB VOLUNTEERS, CONTACT SUE CRAM
ABOUT DUTIES FOR SET UP AND CLEAN UP

DONATE EMPTY BOXES BEGINNING MAY 15TH

BAKERS, SIGN UP WITH
DIANE LUTMER & BERT CROMWELL



“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

Patsy Fields

Allen Hoople

Jeffrey Magin

Karl & Louise Noltemeier

Donald Terasaki

Miriam Warner

Happy Mother's Day!



May Greetings from the Scrip Committee!

We would like you to keep our selection of Scrip cards in mind for any Springtime events (graduation parties, Mother's Day, etc.) that you may have. 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 (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 United Methodist Church
 The Chimes May 2023
 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!

May 7, 2023

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

May 14, 2023

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

May 21, 2023

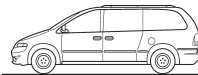
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 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
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 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

May 28, 2023

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

05/07/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
05/14/23	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
05/21/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
05/28/23	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
06/04/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
06/11/23	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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Bill Kint	Maintenance Engineer		Maintenance@courtstreetumc.org

Birthdays

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



Wedding Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Briggs, Jeffrey and Kristi	8	2004	19
Whelpley, Lizbeth and Kenneth	17	1986	37
Davis, Janet and Mark	26	2012	11
Wandell, Lorelle and Robert	26	1984	39
Whitmore, Steven and Sarah	31	2003	20








Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of

Marie Ruth Kant who died on August 13, 2022

Gregory E. Mott who died April 10, 2023

George Roger Dowell who died on April 15, 2023

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	2 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	3 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	4 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 01:00 PM The Journeymen	5 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	6 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
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14  CONSECRATION OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES 09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 AM Youth Activities	15 CHIMES DEADLINE 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Administrative Council	16 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	17 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM No IL Wood Turners	18 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 12:00 PM Garden Bazaar Preorder Pickup 01:00 PM The Journeymen	19   8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM Garden Bazaar & Bake Sale	20 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 9:00 AM ECHO Ringers Rehearsal
21  09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM After-Service Reception 11:15 AM Youth Activities 02:00 PM CSUMC Book Club 04:00 PM "Ring in Spring" Handbell Concert at 2 nd /1 st Church	22 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	23 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Exercise Class 1:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	25 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 01:00 PM The Journeymen	26  CHURCH LOCK IN FOR CONFIRMANDS BEGINS AFTER MOVIE NIGHT 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 6:00 PM Family Movie Night	27 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 2:00 PM Pickup for Church Lock In
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