## from Court Street United Methodist Church

Questions?

What do you want me to do for you? (Matt 20:32)



Why did Jesus ask questions?

- To set the context for learning
- To focus attention on something significant
- To promote self-examination
- To show an interest in others

Questions, among other things, give others the opportunity to learn, think, grow, and share.

Questions give us the opportunity to answer lovingly and carefully, knowing that our words may have eternal consequences. Honest questions can lead to faith-building answers.

Dave Gibbons in his book titled "the Monkey and the Fish" states that; **Questions, Instead of Answers, Will Guide Us.** Dave has a grid of questions that guides him in ministry, which are questions that become answers. These three questions are lights that guide us home:

- 1. Where is Nazareth? Can anything good come from Nazareth? Nathanael asked this question of his brother Philip about Jesus. (John 1:46) Can anything good come from the west side of the river? In other words, where are the most needy and marginalized? Those who are different from us (socially, financially, racially, etc...). Where should we be?
- 2. *What Is My Pain?* And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:2b-4) Some people can't always relate to our successes but most people can relate to our pain or suffering. It supersedes those entities that so easily divide us (politics, culture, gender, economics, etc...). **How are we reaching the hurting?**
- 3. What Is in My Hand? Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. (Exodus 4:2) God gave Moses "Mission Possible" and Moses thought God had said "Mission Impossible." Moses hadn't figured in the "God factor" and he was more focused on what he didn't have than on what he did have. The staff he had, rendered in the service of God, becomes "Super Staff." Have we surrendered to God what we have in our hands?

It's not so much about the answers as it is about the questions!

Grace, Pastor Cal

I he The mission of Court Street UMC ourt Street is to be a welcoming,

nurturing,

serving community of Christ.

News

## The Chimes

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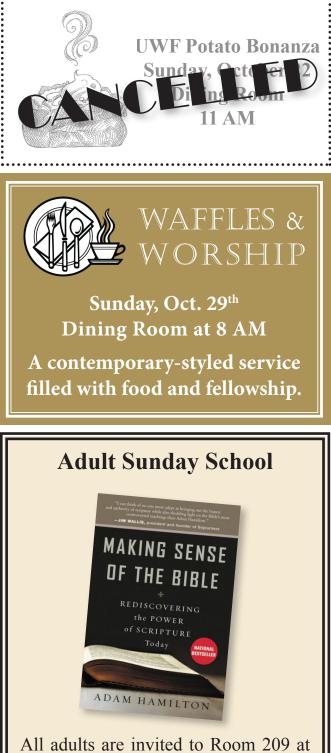
> JFON Liaison Kay Galloway



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All adults are invited to Room 209 at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings for fellowship and lively discussion. We are currently studying the book *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Plus, we have coffee. ©



### Health & Wellness: Domestic Violence Awareness

**Ctober is National Domestic Violence Awareness month.** What is domestic violence? It's not just the degree of a visible sign, like a black eye or bruises from punches, that defines an act of abusive behavior. It is the presence of the behavior itself and the resulting atmosphere of power and control. Abuse and battering are all acts that harm, gain, or maintain power and control over another person. Domestic violence has many forms and includes, but is not limited to, physical, emotional, psychological, economic, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation. It is any threatening behavior that holds back an individual's personal power and/or creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

Domestic violence affects both men, women, and children of every race, religion, culture, and status. It is without a doubt that this behavior surpasses all demographics in all areas of our community and communities around the world.

Many private and public organizations have been working hard to bring more evidence-based programs and facilities to Rockford and the surrounding communities. In May of 2019, Mayor McNamara announced that the newest facility would be called the Family Peace Center: survivors of domestic violence informed city officials that the name should be warm and welcoming for survivors and their children. The Rockford Peace Center is an organization that has a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, and co-located service center that provides services to victims of interpersonal violence, including intimate partner violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder or dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking. Both public and private agencies provide services from one location. The center's goals are to reduce the number of places people must go for help, increase access to service, and support victims and their children.

It has been documented, and published outcomes show that Family Peace Centers like the Family Peace Center in Rockford have helped their communities. The statistics show reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased autonomy and empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for families, reduced recantation, and minimization of victims when wrapped in services and support, increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, and dramatically increased community support for services to victims and their children.

The Family Peace Center in Rockford is the first Family Justice Center of its kind in Illinois. One of their goals is not to have anyone fall between the cracks.

Domestic violence calls to the police department are some of the most dangerous for police to respond to. First responders are trained to ask eleven critical questions of victims by helping victims to immediately call and connect them to a 24/7 hotline for help and shelter if needed. We are finding out that our society needs to reach children at an even younger age to help them make better choices and to not become involved in crime. Statistics show roughly 70% of juveniles are arrested for violent offenses either witnessed domestic violence in their homes or were victims themselves.

Since July of 2020, when the Family Peace Center opened its doors, they have seen approximately 1,700 clients. To date, violent crime that has been reported as domestic violence in nature has risen by 8.1% from 35.5% in 2022 to 43.6% in 2023. Even though the numbers are high, the hope is that more people are reporting to officials and seeking help to break the cycle.

Another agency that I would like to mention is Remedies Renewing Lives. Remedies is a non-profit organization that helps victims of domestic violence and offers outpatient addiction and mental health services as well as medication assistance treatments. Remedies also provides a safe and supportive environment with critical client centered services to promote healing of individuals and families. It has been helping the community for over 60 years and continues to evolve to help the community.

As a concerned and informed citizen, please continue to pray for our city, our officials, and all victims and survivors as we move forward. The church has a domestic violence committee; all are welcome to attend their monthly meetings. Please call the office if you would like to learn more and find ways to help.



A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE AND AFTER-SERVICE MARCH FOR AWARENESS

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8, NRSVUE



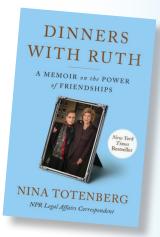


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 1 PM @ RIVERFRONT MUSEUM PARK 711 N. MAIN STREET

Proceeds primarily benefit Church World Service (CWS), who distributes funds throughout the world in an effort to alleviate hunger. Contact Tim or Verlette Gorman to learn how you can support Court Street's team or visit <u>events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/</u> <u>court-street-united-methodist-church</u>.

> COURT STREET'S GOAL: \$1,500 ROCKFORD AREA GOAL: \$45,000

## **CSUMC Book Club**



October 22 at 2 p.m.

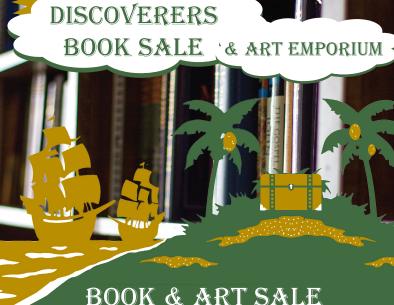
Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg SIMON & SCHUSTER

Perky Heath's Home 4231 Uram Lane

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



## The Chinnes



Saturday, October 7 — Tuesday, October 10

Youth Center – Lower Level

Saturday, October 7	10 AM - 12 PM
Sunday, October 8	11 AM - 12 PM
Monday, October 9	10 AM - 2 PM
Tuesday, October 10	10 AM - 2 PM

Come and discover time-worn treasures and unique art as we offer a selection of used books and artwork for sale.



# Celebrating this year's Saints on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Please submit the names of your loved ones along with the date of their passing and a photo (optional) to the office by Thursday, <u>October</u>  $26^{\text{th}}$ .

# Christmas is on the Horizon

## **Jubilee** Center

If you knit, crochet, or even work with felt, the Jubilee Center would be grateful for donations of your handmade scarves. Please donate before Thanksgiving because each scarf has to have a tag sewn onto it, and the distribution of the donations is on St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>).

## LOVE Rockford

Jeremiah Development has the final LOVE Rockford of the year slated for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held at SecondFirst Church. They would be grateful for winter clothing donations, so keep an eye out in the Narthex for their donation box.

## **Angel Tree**

Angel Tree is a prison ministry that assists incarcerated parents who cannot provide Christmas presents for their children. You would serve as a proxy, buying gift items for an assigned child (angel) or family (of angels). Participation is a great way for you to spread Christmas cheer; look for Gene and Barb Ferry's table in the Narthex in November.

## October Greetings from the Scrip Committee!



#### What to do this fall?

I think of road trips to see the fall colors. I think of warm beverages to keep me warm. I think of planning for Christmas gifts for loved ones. I think of enjoying a meal out with friends to have a good time. I think of fall cleanup and outdoor decorations.

## How can we, the Scrip Committee, assist in these plans?

We have gas cards for those road trips: Mobil, Shell, BP, and Circle K. We have grocery cards: Woodmans, Valli Produce, and Pinnon. For warm beverages, we have Starbucks and Dunkin'. We have restaurant gift cards a plenty that are either on hand or available to order that make easy presents. We also have plenty of local restaurant gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts (The Olympic Tavern and Backyard Grill & Bar). We have cards for Walmart, Target, Lowe's, The Home Depot, and Menards to help with winter preparations and gift giving. We hope to see you at the Scrip table soon!

Best regards, *The Scrip Comittee* 



## JMK Nippon 2551 N. Perryville Road Rockford, IL

Thursday, October 12<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.

VOLUNTEER FOR SHIFTS TUE., NOV. 21 – FRI., NOV. 24 CONTACT BERT CROMWELL AT (815) 721-4605

OR

#### **DONATE MONEY**

#### **DONATE WINTER WEAR**

HATS

SCARVES

**HOW CAN YOU** 

HELP?

GLOVES

**THANKSGIVING** 

DINNER

- EAR MUFFS
- MITTENS
- SOCKS

#### DONATE FOODSTUFFS (WEEK OF EVENT)

BOTTLES OF WATER FRESH, COMMERCIALY-BAKED PIES 3.5 OR 4 OZ. CONTAINERS OF APPLESAUCE Court Street United Methodist Church The Chimes October 2023 215 North Court Street Rockford, IL 61103-6897

#### Return Service Requested

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

#### October 1, 2023

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team Sound Tech: Ryan Welk Video Tech: Steve Ripley Acolyte: Ella Anderson Liturgist: Andrew Crow

#### October 8, 2023

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell Video Tech: Steve Ripley Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner Liturgist: Andrew Crow

#### October 15, 2023

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team Sound Tech: Tim Welk Video Tech: Steve Ripley Acolyte: Lili Breson Liturgist: Andrew Crow

#### October 22, 2023

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team Sound Tech: Ryan Welk Video Tech: Steve Ripley Acolyte: Ella Anderson Liturgist: Andrew Crow

#### October 29, 2023

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

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Rev. Calvin Culpepper Ryanne Ludington James L. Crow Krysta Tilges Jack Armstrong Andrew Mertzenich Teresa Field Verlette Gorman Tiffany Wilken Bert Cromwell Bill Kint If you wish to receive <u>The Chimes</u> 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.

10/01/23	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
10/08/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
10/15/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
10/22/23	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
10/29/23	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
11/05/23	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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### **Birthdays**

### Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Name	Date
Lang, Jarrod	1	Olderbak, Michael	14
Bailey-Murray, Joan	2	Hoople, Susan	15
Johnson, Sharon	2	Green, Daniel	16
West, Natalie	2	Wandell, Lorelle	16
Earlywine, Makayla	4	Boon, Dan	17
Breson, Liliana	5	Field, Teresa	18
Gunderson, David	6	Whitmore, Ken	18
Ingram, Lowell	6	Culpepper, Caleb	19
L'Heureux, Holly	6	Muck, Joanne	19
Whitmore, Steven	8	Voigt, Nick	19
Kalke, Lorraine	10	Mueller, Marcia	20
Schmitt, Judith	10	Whitmore, Jeanann	20
King, Randiann	11	Whitmore, Wyatt	21
Willis, Faye	11	Condon, William	23
Zantow, Charlene	12	Briggs, Kristi	24
Holley, Sarita	13	Brown, Karen	24
Magnuson, Connie	14	Tropp, Grace	28

### Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of

Vivian Loretta Esterbrook who died on August 17, 2023, Charlene K. Swansbro who died on August 19, 2023, and Donald L. Swansbro who died on August 28, 2023

<u>Name</u> D	ate	Year	Married
Morse, Bethany and Jason	1	2016	5 7
Bremner, Nathaniel and Anne Marie	4	2014	4 9
Cromwell, Bert and Scott	9	1982	2 41
Mann, Michael and Julia Jones	9	2004	4 19
Mertzenich, Andrew and Cody Skagg	s 10	2020	) 3
Pearson, Linda and Richard	16	1971	52
Manson, Jean and Michael	30	1982	2 41
Dodson, Jeanne and DeVon	31	1975	5 48



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Domestic Color WMARKESS MOVIN 08:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 AM Youth Activities 11:30 AM Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness	<b>2</b> 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	3 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 09:00 AM History & Archives 09:00 AM Quilters 09:30 AM Exercise Class 06:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal	4 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:30 AM UWF Leadership Team 04:00 PM Staff Meeting	5 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 01:00 PM The Journeymen	6	7 Used Book Sole 08:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 10:00 AM Discoverers Book Sale and Art Emporium
8 MARVEST 08:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Discoverers Book Sale 11:15 AM Hallelujah Harvest (Fall Festival)	9 Used Block Sole 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:00 AM Discoverers Book Sale	10 Ixed Book Sole 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 09:00 AM History & Archives 09:00 AM Quilters 09:30 AM Exercise Class 10:00 AM Discoverers Book Sale 05:30 PM Trustees 06:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 04:00 PM Worship Committee	12 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 01:00 PM The Journeymen 06:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group (JMK Nippon)	13	<b>14</b> 08:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 08:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast (Stockholm Inn)
15 CHIMES DEADLINE 08:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Pastor Appreciation Reception 11:15 AM Youth Activities 01:00 PM CROP Hunger Walk	16 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 04:30 PM Finance Committee 05:00 PM Administrative Council	17 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 09:00 AM History & Archives 09:00 AM Quilters 09:30 AM Exercise Class 11:00 AM Domestic Violence Subcommittee 12:00 PM Nurture & Outreach Committee 06:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal	18 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 04:00 PM Staff Meeting 05:30 PM No IL Wood Turners	19 08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 11:30 AM Dorcas Circle - Longhorn Steakhouse 01:00 PM The Journeymen	20	21 08:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
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