

News from  Court Street United Methodist ChurchThe **Chimes****Dynamic Discipleship!***You can tell what they are by what they do.***Matthew 7:16 (CEV)**

As we contemplate Hope and Change here at Court Street UMC, it's useful to look at the Depression-era propaganda promoting FDR's vision of economic recovery. This 1934 piece produced by MGM extols the virtues of inflation in accelerating economic activity and recovery. The piece ends with FDR's smiling countenance to a spirited rendition of "Happy Days Are Here Again."

So long sad times, go long bad times, we are rid of you at last. Howdy gay times, cloudy gray times, you are now a thing of the past. Happy days are here again, the skies above are clear again, so let's sing a song of cheer again, happy days are here again. Happy times, happy nights, happy days, are here again! "Happy Days Are Here Again" was copyrighted in 1929 by Milton Ager (music) and Jack Yellen (lyrics).

This reminds me of the context in which we find ourselves in and outside the church. The backdrop is very similar to the Great Depression era. I wanted to use this historical context to stimulate some memories with some of our congregants. Those who are of that generation are known as "Survivors." I am sure God used that challenging experience to help sustain the spiritual struggles of CSUMC over the years.

I don't think we can sing the tune "Happy Days Are Here Again" in full volume, but I know it has the potential to spark a hum here and there in some. I would like to add some emphases to its rise by saying thank you! You ask for what? I want to thank you for your increased presence and generosity in our twelve years together. The increase in both areas attributed to your increase in giving to the ministry of CSUMC. I also noticed an increase in your spiritual growth. These are signs of committed and Dynamic Disciples of Christ living out their covenant of faith publicly.

As I said, we have not arrived, and there is still a tremendous amount of prayerful work to be done. But I am so thankful of the journey we have traveled so far and for the journey we have yet to travel together tomorrow.

Grace,
Pastor Cal

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




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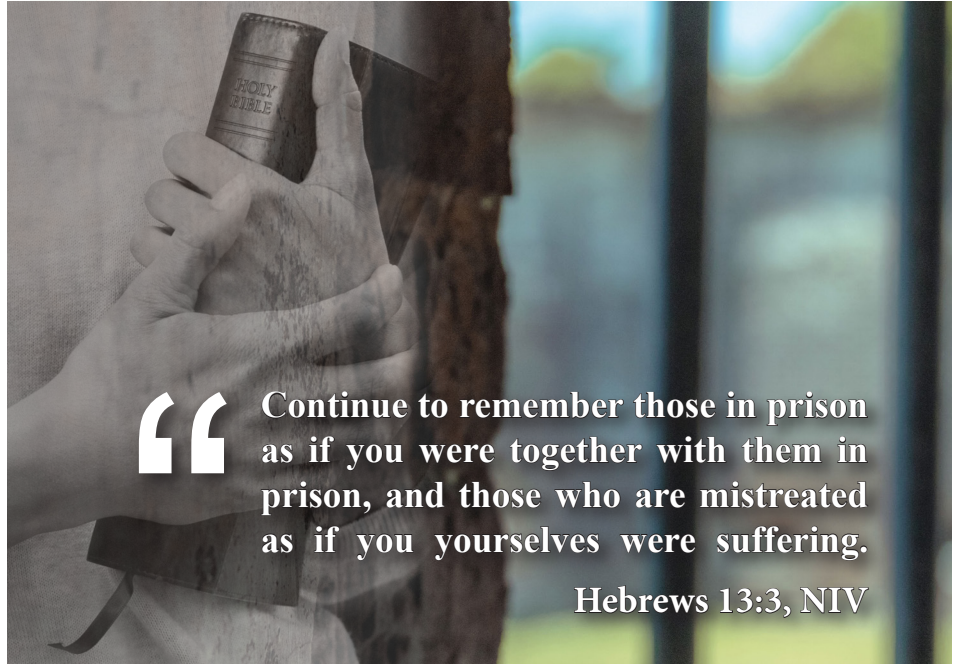
Kay Galloway
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Kay Galloway



United Women in Faith



Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3, NIV

Luncheon Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12 p.m. in the Dining Room

GUEST SPEAKER

LAURA DEVRIES, *SENIOR CHAPLAIN*
ROCKFORD REACHOUT JAIL MINISTRY

PLEASE RSVP TO DONNA DOW AT (815) 963-3020
BY 12 NOON OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.

\$10 PER MEAL

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Alice Gillette's 100th Birthday!



Alice turns 100 on February 27th, and Larry & Annette Gillette would like to invite everyone to a special Facetime on Sunday, February 25th. There will be coffee, yummy cake, and time to celebrate Alice's special birthday with her.



2023 Angel Tree Update:

This year we provided gifts to 48 children in 17 family units. Each child received a toy and a clothing item. Each caregiver received a \$25 Walmart gift card. Thank you to all who purchased and wrapped gifts, helped assemble the gifts by family for delivery, and helped deliver the gifts by Christmas. Also note that the family caregiver received 10 or 20 pounds of potatoes from the Potato Drop by UMM, and they were greatly appreciated.

-Gene and Barb Ferry



Happy Valentine's Day!

We
love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19



WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

12 PM & 6 PM

SANCTUARY

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SANCTUARY @ 12 PM

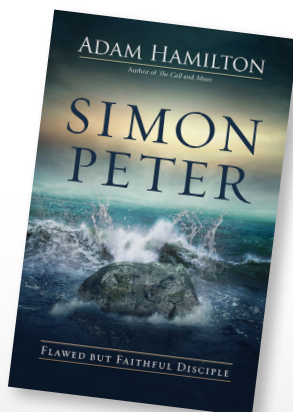
FEBRUARY 21ST & 28TH

MARCH 6TH, 13TH,
20TH, AND 27TH

LENTEN STUDY

*SIMON PETER: FLAWED
BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE*
BY ADAM HAMILTON

STUDY BEGINS
SUNDAY, FEB. 18TH



PARLOR @ 9 AM (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL) &
11 AM (AFTER SERVICE)

Bring cans of soup
(and other pantry items)
on or before
Super Bowl
Sunday.

Place items in donation box
or blue bin in the Narthex.



Rock
River Valley
Pantry

February 2024

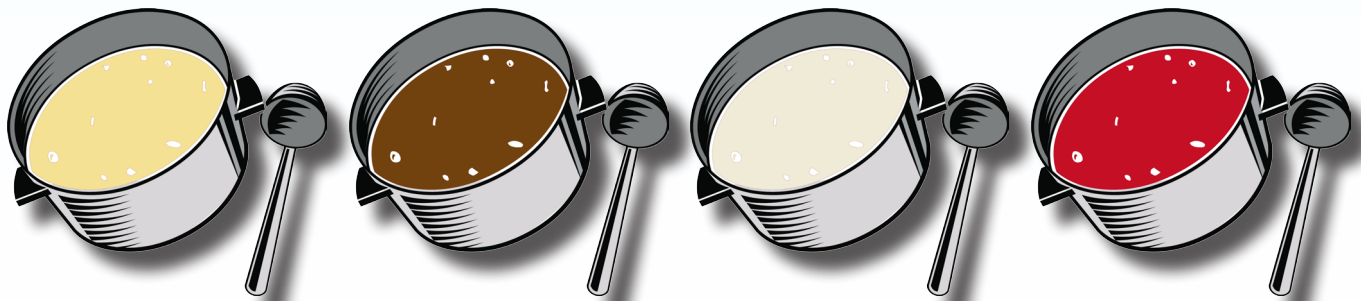
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Four soups will compete for the right to be called this year's champion.

Sunday, February 11, 2024

After Service in the Dining Room

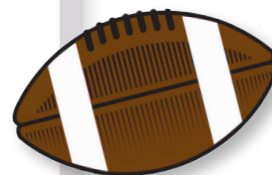
Free-will Offerings Appreciated



Join us Game Day!

You taste. You vote.
You select this year's winner.

Gluten-free options also available.



Court Street United Methodist Church

The Chimes



BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4th

Donations benefit Church
World Service (CWS)



**Chatterbox
Supper
Group**

John's Restaurant & Pizzeria
2914 11th Street, Rockford, IL

Thursday, February 8th @ 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

Last Sunday of the Month
Dining Room at 8 AM

A contemporary-styled service filled
with food and fellowship.

Next Service: Sunday, February 28th

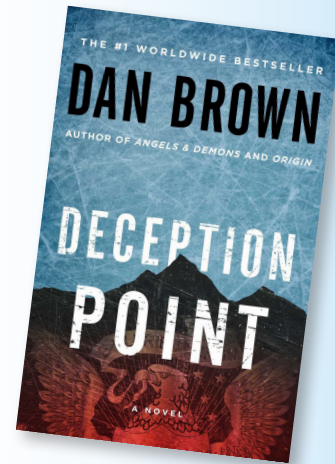
DORCAS CIRCLE



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

11:30 AM @
JMK NIPPON

2024 CSUMC Book Club



February 25 at 2 p.m.

Deception Point
by Dan Brown

Jan Mace's Home
4250 Ahlstrand Drive

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

Health & Wellness: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Viruses are on the rise, so let me explain what RSV is and what all the encouragement to be vaccinated is about. RSV stands for Respiratory Syncytial Virus, which is a common respiratory virus that causes mild cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV. If you are over 60, a vaccine is available. Talk to your provider to see if it's right for you.

Symptoms: People infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6 days after becoming infected. Symptoms of RSV infection usually include:

- **Runny Nose**
- **Decrease in Appetite**
- **Coughing**
- **Sneezing**
- **Fever**
- **Wheezing**

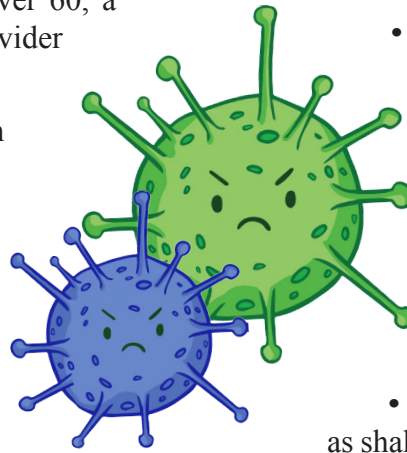
Care: Antiviral medication is NOT routinely recommended to fight this infection. Most RSV infections go away on their own in a week or two. However, RSV can cause severe illness in some people.

- **Manage fever and pain** with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen.
- **Drink enough fluids.** It is important for people with RSV infection to drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration (loss of body fluids). Make sure the color of your urine and frequency is as consistent as when you are feeling well. People can become dehydrated quicker than you think
- **Talk to your healthcare provider.**

RSV can also cause more severe infections, such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia. Healthy adults and infants infected with RSV do not usually need to be hospitalized. But some people with RSV infections, especially older adults and infants younger than 6 months

of age, may need to be hospitalized if they are having trouble breathing or are dehydrated. In the most severe cases, a person may require additional oxygen, breathing treatments, and/or IV fluids.

Reminder: Use Every day Preventative Measures to Limit the Spread of RSV



- **Stay at home when sick.**
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or your shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Avoid touching your face** with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact with others**, such as shaking hands or sharing cups and eating utensils.
- **Clean frequently touched surfaces**, such as doorknobs and mobile devices.

Source: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Division of Viral Diseases

Interesting RSV facts: RSV was identified first in 1956. From reporting positive testing for the virus to the Health & Human Services, they are seeing changes. RSV season onset usually ranges from mid-September to mid-November. RSV peak season usually ranges from late December to mid-February. And RSV season offset usually ranges from mid-April to mid-May. However, the patterns of circulation for RSV and other common viruses have been disrupted since the start of COVID-19 in 2020. Beginning in the southern region of the United States, RSV circulation began to rise in the spring months of 2021 and peak in July. It is too soon to predict when the previous seasonal patterns will return. That is one reason why the department of Health & Human Services state that prevention through vaccine development is a high priority.

Teresa Field, *Parish Nurse*



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 The Chimes February 2024
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Thank you for volunteering!

February 4, 2024

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Diane Risley

February 11, 2024

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

February 18, 2024

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

February 25, 2024

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 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.



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.

02/04/24	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
02/11/24	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
02/18/24	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
02/25/24	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
03/03/24	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

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Birthdays









<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Davis, Michael	1	Justice, Julie	17	Fibrow, Dana	26
Yencsik, Lorraine	1	Adam, Barb	18	Stein, William	26
Damken, Katy Elizabeth	2	Noltemeier, Louise	19	Gillette, Alice	27
Hoople, Nathan	2	Zimmer, Matt	20	King, Rob	27
Mann, Billy	3	McDonald, Okcha	21	Morgan, David	27
Welk, Ashley	3	Armstrong, Tracey	22	Noltemeier, Karl	27
Liddell, Patrick	7	Bremner, Nathaniel	22		
Allen, Charles	11	Earnest, Joshua	23		
Thompson, Stanley Curly	12	Gdowski, Henry	23		
Stanis, DuWayne	15	Morse, Bethany	23		
Welk, Timothy	15	Ripley, Steven	23		
Dyreson-Noble, Doris	16	Mailand, Earle	25		
Hagele, Mason	16	Cram, Susan	26		

Wedding Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Noble, Gary and Doris Dyreson-Noble	14	2015	9
Condon, Martin and Kelly	25	2012	12



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25 08:00 AM Waffles & Worship 08:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 09:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime (Alice Gillette's 100 th Birthday Reception) 11:15 AM Youth Activities 11:15 AM Lenten Study 02:00 PM CSUMC Book Club	26 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings	27 8:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Exercise Class 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal	28  08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 12:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service #2	29  08:30 AM Beautiful Beginnings 10:00 AM UWF Leadership 01:00 PM The Journeymen		