

The **chimes****The Perfect Storm**

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Acts 27:12-15, 22 NIV

The Halloween Storm of 1991 left significant damage along the east coast of the United States, primarily in Massachusetts and southern New Jersey. Across seven states, damage totaled over \$200 million (1991 USD). Over a three-day period, the storm lashed the northeastern United States with high waves, causing damage to beachfront properties from North Carolina to Maine. The coastal flooding damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses and closed roads and airports. In addition, high winds left about 38,000 people without power. Andrea Gail sank while returning to Gloucester, her debris washing ashore over the subsequent weeks. The crew of six was presumed killed after a Coast Guard search was unable to find them. The storm and the boat's sinking became the center-piece for Sebastian Junger's best-selling non-fiction book **The Perfect Storm** (1997), which was adapted to a major Hollywood film in 2000 as *The Perfect Storm* starring George Clooney.¹

Holy Week had begun, Palm/Passion Sunday, with an angelic sounding and meaningful message (*What Love Is This?*), Cantata. Combined with the many wonderful Lenten services (*Wednesday midday Lenten Devotion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday*) that lead up to Easter Sunday, I was planning a family funeral service, going over the 2018 income tax bill and other concerns (Life!). I found myself mindfully busy and heart-fully challenged and I thought, this feels like **The Perfect Storm!** Jesus knew we would experience tumultuous times during our living and He weathered the storm so we could reach shore. That is exactly what Paul and the 276 passengers in the narrative found out as they struggled in the storm for more than fourteen days and they all made it to shore, by God's grace, holding on to remnants of the broken ship.

Next time, when seemingly, **The Perfect Storm** arises in your life, remember these words:

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like **drops of blood** falling to the ground. **Luke 22:44**

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. **John 19:30**

Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**" She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). **John 20:16**

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "**I have seen the Lord!**" **John 20:18a**

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1991_Perfect_Storm

The Chimes

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Storm continued

“Christ is risen!” “He has risen indeed!”

Easter reminds us that, neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Grace,
Pastor Cal*

2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE DONATIONS



Bishop's Appeal will go toward the Northern Illinois Conference Outdoor & Retreat Ministries, which operates two camps and retreat centers, one in Dixon, Illinois and one in Williams Bay, Wisconsin (read elsewhere in this issue for more information). Please put 'Bishop's Appeal' on the memo line of your checks.



District Mission Challenge

Dignity Kits for the Midwest Distribution Center

Rockford District is to collect 2,000 of each item:

Boxes of 1 Gallon Sealable Plastic Bags
Bar Soap (3-4 oz.)

Whatever we collect in May, Pastor Cal will take June 2nd to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

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Women of the Church

The United Methodist Women invite all women of the church to a luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st, in the Court Street dining room. A delicious meal will be served, followed by our guest speaker. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Calvin Culpepper, will share about the Rockford Police Department's chaplain division.

As a volunteer chaplain for the city, Rev. Culpepper will share about the various experiences which he has encountered. In this role, he may be called upon to deliver an invocation at public meetings, help a family grieve a suicide or homicide, or lend an ear to an officer or firefighter struggling with a tragedy.

Please join us at noon, for a time of good food and fellowship, and to become more aware of the Chaplaincy program. *Friends and family are welcome to join us. Cost is \$7 per person.*

Please call Judy Mehren at 815-988-6561 by April 28th to make your reservations.



Deborah Circle

Wed. - **May 15** - 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Nancy Doran
2212 Midway Dr.

Dorcas Circle

Wed. - **May 15** - 11:30 a.m.
Fiesta Tequila
1060 W. Riverside Blvd.



Thurs. - May 9 - 6:00 p.m.

JMK Nippon

2551 N. Perryville

All ladies are invited.

If you wish to come, please let Marie Lewis know, (815) 885-3916, so she can reserve a table big enough for all of us.



Sat. - May 11 - 8:30 a.m.
Stockholm Inn
2420 Charles St.
All men are welcome!



Haskell Donations for May

We are still collecting any outdoor equipment that you think the students would enjoy. Some thoughts are--outdoor chalk, Frisbees, any kind of balls, bubbles and jump ropes.

The kids and teachers appreciate all that you do. Last week we delivered the many activity books to Haskell that you donated during February and March. Thank you!!

Nurture/Outreach Committee



Waffles & Worship

Sunday - May 5 - 8:00 a.m.

Dining Room

Breakfast for a Free-will Donation then stay for Worship. Communion is offered.



Together they have raised a family and built a lasting marriage



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Years



2019

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THEIR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT AN OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

MIDWAY VILLAGE - LAKEVIEW ROOM
6799 GUILFORD RD,
ROCKFORD, IL

1:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Please, no gifts

Enjoy this poem
by our newest member!

When I was young,
life seemed to be so much fun.

Now that I'm old,
the world seems so cold.

Sometimes I stop and wonder,
just why I was (we were) put here.

Just know this for sure,
I always keep Jesus near.

My "higher power" is not a god
of wrath or fear,
She's a being with real feeling,
compassion and fashion.

I only pray with gratitude,
not with mirth, or attitude.

Please, God, show me the way.
I don't know what else to say.

Derick Parker (dsp)



Wednesday

May 22

6:00 p.m.

Church Lawn

(Chapel Narthex if Rain)

**Worship at Rock Cut
Sunday - June 2**

10:00 a.m. Worship

Puri Crest Shelter

Rock Cut State Park

Potluck after Worship

Bring:

**a dish to share
your own table service
your own beverage
a lawn chair**



**Don't miss out on
Share Day!**

Culver's

Riverside & N. Main

Sunday - May 19

11 am - 2 pm

*Proceeds to
benefit our
United Methodist Men
&
CSUMC Youth*



We are seeking volunteers to assist in the upcoming event of LOVE Rockford. This wonderful event takes many hands to insure its success. At LOVE Rockford 2018, nearly 500 residents attended, and benefited by having an opportunity to connect with health and provid-

LOVE Rockford is Coming!

ers.

If you are available **THURSDAY mornings, between 10-noon**, please come to the gym at Second-First Church to help sort and fold clothing. Court Street's clothing has now joined the clothing, so we no longer need assistance at Court Street.

If you would like to experience the joy of LOVE Rockford, please **join**

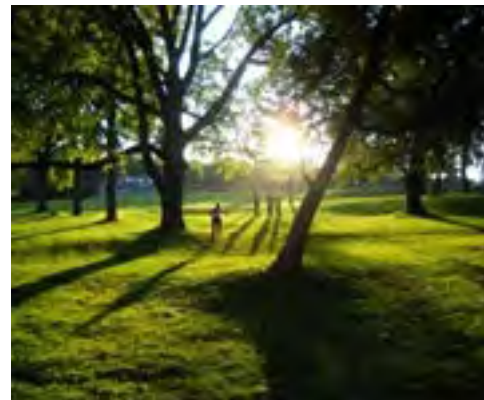
us on the day of the event, Saturday, May 11th. You may choose your own hours, morning and/or afternoon. It's simple to register! Just go to loverockfordil.org, and click on the VOLUNTEER tab.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration!

The LOVE Rockford Team



NIC Outdoor & Retreat Ministries



The Northern Illinois Conference currently has two retreat centers for individuals, families and congregations to utilize for recreation, relaxation, and rejuvenation.

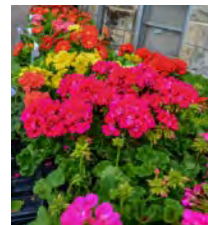
- 1) Reynoldswood Christian Camp & Retreat Center, located on the west edge of Dixon, IL, is on 170 acres of sprawling woods and meadows. Reynoldswood can sleep up to 200 guests in beds in various cabins and lodges.
- 2) Wesley Woods Retreat Center sits on seventeen acres, with 500 linear lake-front feet on the north shore of Lake Geneva. It has 7 year-round lodges, and 12 summer cabins, and boasts pontoon rides, archery, and team building activities.

The money raised for the Bishop's Appeal will be utilized to further enrich the lives of young and old, alike. The goals are to:

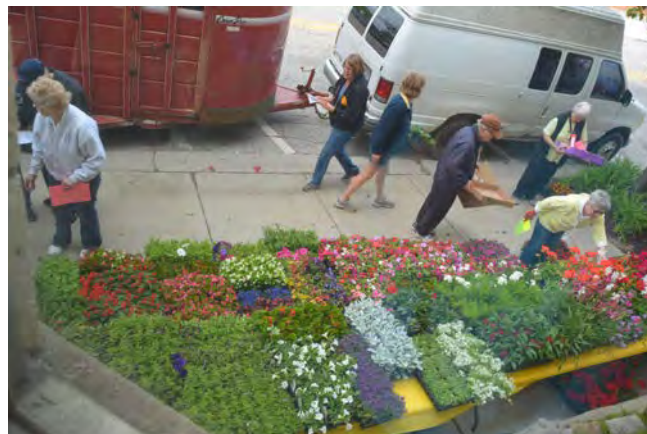
- 1) Create two urban summer programs, and provide opportunities to children and youth who otherwise may not financially be able to attend camp.
- 2) Launch a new Rockford District Camp
- 3) Develop two weekend "winter camps" for a mid-year rejuvenation.
- 4) Revisit and expand earlier efforts with weekend Restorative Justice and Social Justice Retreats.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this Appeal. Throughout the month of May, we will be seeking funding for this worthy cause. Contributions may be sent to the church office, or placed in the Sunday offering plate. Please write "Bishop's Appeal" in the memo line.

Garden Bazaar 2019 is coming May 17 & 18
Don't forget to pick up your pre-orders & browse for more!



To all the New and Seasoned Volunteers of our Garden Bazaar!!! Help is needed: May 16 - Thursday.. in the morning to sort and organize the pre-orders. A definite time can't be given as to when the truck will arrive but it usually is around 9:30-10:00. May 17 - Friday..We need people at 7:30 to set up, from 9-3 to help sell, and at 3 to take down. May18..Saturday...We need people to set up at 7:30, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1. Please contact Perky (815-519-7520) or Karen (815-742-4716) if you can help.



Help!! Please bring empty boxes for our Garden Bazaar on Thursday, May 16.
We need them to carry orders/purchases. Thank you!



May 19
Becoming
by Michele Obama

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that

CSUMC Book Club 2019
4:00 p.m.

families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare.

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her

disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

June 23
America's First Daughter
by Stephanie Dray
at Dorothy Powell's

September 15
The President is Missing
by James Patterson
& Bill Clinton
at Jan's

Health & Wellness *From our Parish Nurse...*

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Strokes strike fast-you should too! Any of the following events listed in the article should have one calling 911 to seek immediate help at a hospital.

The symptoms of a stroke are: sudden trouble speaking or sudden confusion, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, numbness, dizziness, loss of balance, one-sided weakness, or a sudden severe headache with no known cause. There are two kinds of strokes: ischemic-which is caused by a blockage of a blood vessel supplying blood flow to the brain, and hemorrhagic-bleeding into or around the brain. Brain cells start to die within seconds without proper blood flow and oxygen.

Today, people have a much better chance of a recovery from a stroke compared to five years ago. Effective treatments are successful by new procedures.

An important factor that we need to better understand and can control is TIME. Call 911 or get to the hospital. Don't wait to call the doctors office. Someone having a stroke may not realize it, so others may need to step in to help. Remember a stroke causes an injury to the brain which affects the rest of the body.

The third leading cause of death in the United States today is still strokes, and complications from strokes are the leading cause of serious long term disability. Health care expenses are rocketing, related to these disabilities; that is why acting on TIME is critical. Strokes

can be preventable and treatable. Major risk factors are sustained elevated blood pressure, heart disease, A-fib, diabetes, smoking, elevated cholesterol levels, being over weight, and family history. Many of the risk factors can be managed or completely changed with proper care. However, many people are not motivated to get these risk factors under better control.

Let's talk about elevated blood pressure or hypertension, as a major risk factor that can be better controlled. One of the first steps to improving your blood pressure is to find the reason for the elevation. Listed next are changes you can make to manage your elevated blood pressure:

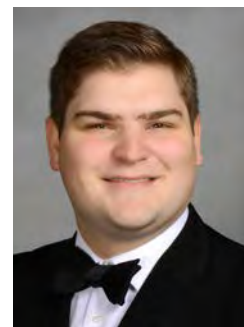
1. Eat a well-balanced diet that is low in salt. Aim to eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, skinless poultry and fish, nuts, legumes, and non-tropical vegetable oils. Limit saturated and trans fats, sodium, red meats, sweets and sugary drinks.
2. Limit alcohol. Limiting alcohol consumption can also help prevent high blood pressure.
3. Enjoy regular physical activity. Walking helps control high blood pressure and it can also help manage your weight, strengthen your heart, and lower your stress level.
4. Quit smoking. Smoking is the most important preventable cause of premature death in the United States. For your overall health and to reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, avoid all forms of tobacco as well as secondhand smoke.

5. Work with your primary care provider and be honest with how you follow their advice.

Managing blood pressure is a life long commitment. You may have to take medication for the rest of your life. There is new research coming into better focus concerning high blood pressure with the possible connection between uncontrolled blood pressure and dementia. New studies are showing links with hypertension, especially in midlife, to an increased risk for dementia later in life. Scientists are working to learn more about these connections.

It is important to remember we have control of our health and lifestyle choices that can help prevent strokes. Let's help encourage each other.

Teresa Field
Parish Nurse



Hear **Andrew J. Mertzzenich**,
our organist, in concert
on Saturday, May 25.

Admission is free
Free-will Donation will be taken

Proceeds to benefit
Court Street UMC's
Sanctuary Organ Renovation Project



Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes May 2019
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Thank you for volunteering!

May 5, 2019

10:00 Greeter: Beverly Maus
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte: Ella Anderson
Liturgist: *Help please!*
Facetime Hosts: Barb & Gene Ferry

May 12, 2019

10:00 Greeter: Dorothy Powell
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte: Carter Anderson
Liturgist: *Help please!*
Facetime Hosts: Breakfast Club

May 19, 2019

10:00 Greeters: Fred & Judy Mehren
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore
Liturgist: Carter Anderson
Facetime Hostess: Dessie Voigt

May 26, 2019

10:00 Greeter: Beverly Maus
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Acolyte: Rachel Whitmore
Liturgist: *Help please!*
Facetime Hostesses: Judy Mehren, Sue Cram

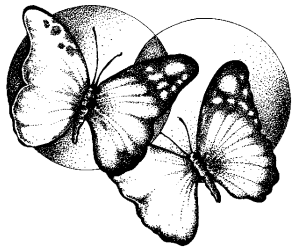
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Need a Ride to Church?
Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 pm on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

05/05/19	Bob Lutmer	815-399-8650
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05/26/19	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
06/02/19	Bob Lutmer	815-399-8650

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Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of:

Rex O. Moore who died on April 1, 2019.

Brian L. King who died on April 11, 2019.

Donald A. Lutmer, brother of Bob, who died on April 17, 2019.



MAY


Anniversaries

Name	Date	Year	Married
Seiter, William Jr. & Betty	1	1948	71
Briggs, Jeffrey & Kristi	8	2004	15
Whelpley, Lizbeth & Kenneth	17	1986	33
Davis, Janet & Mark	26	2012	7
Wandell, Lorelle & Robert	26	1984	35
Whitmore, Steven & Sarah	30	2003	16

Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Anderson, Ella	1	Heuer, Beth	13	Grigoletti, Erin	19	Mehren, Fred	27
Musso, Natalie	1	Green, Pamela	14	Davis, Janet	20	Whitmore, Hannah	27
Strader, Robert	1	Miller, Chuck	14	Druce Jones, Jacob	20	Woods, Austin Lee	27
Lewis, Marie	2	Anderson, Carter	15	Scheffel, Shannon	20	King, Katie	28
Risley, Samantha Lee	2	Barnhart, Norma Lee	15	Carlson, Kathleen	22	Sisney, Virginia	28
Welk, Kathryn	2	Briggs, Jeffrey	15	Eberhart, Emily	22	Thomas, Megan	28
Whelpley, Lizbeth	3	Lester, Reid	15	Enderly, Steve	22	Lutmer, Diane	29
Heath, Jay	4	Scheffel, Madeline	15	Johnson, Rita	23	Winter, Jo Ann	29
Bidwell, Brayden	5	Gillette, Larry	16	Lutmer, Robert	24	Scanlon, Tricia	30
Liddell, William	5	King, Jimmy	16	West, Charles	24	Whelpley, Hannah	30
Strunk, Mikayla Joanne	5	Magin, Jeffrey	16	Campbell, Dennis	25	Conklin, David	31
Terasaki, Richard	6	Seiter, Betty	16	King, Elizabeth	26	Haugen, Taylor	31
Whitmore, Sarah	6	Culpepper, Calvin	17	Zimmerman, Susan	26		
Lawnduski, Lawrence	12	Jackson, Alex	18	Ciabatti, Taylor	27		

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Court Street United Methodist Church			1 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start 10:30 AM UMW Leadership Team 12:00 PM UMW Luncheon	2 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Stewardship 1:00 PM The Journeymen	3 8:30 AM MAYA's House 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	4 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 11:00 AM Confirmation Meeting
5 8:00 AM Waffles & Worship 9:00 AM Lamplighters 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Facetime by the Big Bell 11:30 AM Christian Ed Team 11:30 AM Youth Choir & Puppets	6 8:30 AM MAYA's House	7 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Council Choraleers 6:00 PM JuBellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grace Awakening	8 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start	9 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group	10 8:30 AM MAYA's House 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	11 LOVE ROCKFORD 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast
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19 HERITAGE SUNDAY 9:00 AM Lamplighters 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM SHARE DAY @ Culver's 4:00 PM CSUMC Book Club	20 8:30 AM MAYA's House 4:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Administrative Council	21 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:00 AM "Busy Bag Ladies" 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Winn Cty Substance Abuse Coalition 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM JuBellation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grace Awakening	22 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start 6:00 PM PET BLESSING	23 8:30 AM MAYA's House 9:30 AM Head Start 12:00 PM Jeremiah Exec Board 1:00 PM Chimes stuffing 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start	24 8:30 AM MAYA's House 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	25 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3:00 PM POPS ORGAN CONCERT
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