

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Send It on Down"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppet Project

Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Today is a day of joy.

People: May our eyes be clear to see it.

Leader: Today is a day of meaning.

People: May our minds be open to receive it.

Leader: Today is a day of growth.

All: May we give ourselves wholeheartedly to God.

*-Adapted from Consider This ... Newsletter for Pastors,
Summer 2000, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.*

§ Opening Hymn UMH #145 "Morning Has Broken"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Blessing of the Backpacks - Please follow the screens.
Prayers of the People
"The Lord's Prayer" *Bob Buckardt, Jr.*

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 304 I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalter Response

"Praise for God's Wonderful Works" **Psalm 111**
Please follow the screens.

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message *James L. Crow*
"God Is Bigger than the Boogie Man"

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 194 Ephesians 5:15-20
Leader: This is the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon "God's Pleasure" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Sonntagsmorgen" ~ Mendelssohn
Emily Volz, Megan Ott

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

§ Benediction

May God go with you.

God -

Whose love is as constant as the waves on the shore.

Whose blessing is as faithful as the stars in the night.

Whose joy is as exuberant as the swirling wind.

Whose care is as gentle as an evening prayer. **Amen.**

*-Adapted from SourceBook of Worship Resources
(Canton, Ohio: Communication Resources, Inc, 1994), 220.*

Postlude "The Little" ~ J.S. Bach
James Marck

Fellowship in the Narthex

**We thank Emily Volz, Megan Ott, and Bob Buckardt, Jr.
for sharing their musical gifts with us today.**

2015 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppet Project Participants

Hannah Whitmore	Aubree Webster
Rachel Whitmore	Carter Anderson
Morgan Whitmore	Nicholas Musso
Amari Lambert	Rodrae Lambert
Ella Anderson	Jaquez Lambert
Natalie Musso	

Puppet Helpers

Krysta Tilges Pablo Garcia



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of Leslie Thomas who passed away on 8/17/1987
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.



You are cordially invited to celebrate Barbara Ring's 90th birthday
on Saturday, September 5, 2pm to 4pm, in The Van Sickle Room, Wesley Willows Retirement Center, 4141 N Rockton Ave., Rockford Illinois 61103. No gifts but well wishes and stories are gratefully accepted. Refreshments and desserts will be served.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

8/17 Methodist Monday Reminder: Pastor Cal

**Softball team plays Tuesday, August 18, 7pm, LP2 at Loves Park
Playground, 5101 Louisa St.**

Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship? Please call Bob Lutmer, 815-399-8650, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, August 22nd, if you need a ride for Sunday, August 23rd.

Calling all kids in 4th Grade and older ~ If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please come to a short meeting **after church on August 23rd** in the Sanctuary. Contact Cindy Anderson with questions.

See the insert about our Concert & Dinner coming up August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Don't forget to turn in a reservation for choice of entrée. **Reservation deadline: Tuesday, August 18th.**

Join us at **St. Peter's Cathedral, 1243 N. Church St., on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m.** for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé. An ecumenical service, all are welcome to come and enjoy a peaceful time in which you can just sit and listen or participate as you feel moved to do so.

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Court Street United Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Plan to attend the 4-Church Worship service on Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 a.m., in Court Street UMC's sanctuary, as we worship with our neighbors, Emmanuel Episcopal, 2nd Con/1st Pres, and Shalom. Bring your offering in your CSUMC envelope if you want it to go to CSUMC. Undesignated offering will go to Jeremiah Neighborhood Development.

For Adults only ~ Now that we have your attention, plan now to come to Sunday School beginning September 13th. Lamplighters will begin meeting that Sunday in Room 209 on the 2nd floor. All are welcome!

Need fair trade gifts, coffee or chocolate? Please visit JustGoods, Rockford's Fair Trade store, 201 Seventh Street (corner of First Avenue) affiliated with Rockford Urban Ministries. Hours are 10:00 to 6:00, Monday ~ Saturday. Plenty of parking in back. For more information: 815-965-8903.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Mary Kay & Chuck Allen **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 12th Sunday after Pentecost

08/16 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship in the Narthex

Mon 08/17 METHODIST MONDAY

9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
4:30 pm SPRC in Room 209

Tue 08/18 DEADLINE to RSVP for Emily Volz Concert & Dinner

9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 Quilters in Room 206
9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
9:00 "Ugly Bag" Ladies in Room 205
1:00 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 08/19 9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
1:00 pm 4- Church Planning in Dining Room
6:00 Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal
7:00 Taizé Worship at St. Peter's Cathedral,
1243 N. Church St.
7:00 Men's Group at someone's home

Thu 08/20 9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 08/21 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:00 Image Class in the Library
10:00 Money 101 in Room 109
1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 08/22

Sunday 13th Sunday after Pentecost

08/23 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship in the Narthex
11:30 Christian Ed Committee in Youth Lounge
2:00 pm JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
4:00 Emily Volz Recital
5:00 Benefit Fund Raiser Dinner in Dining Room

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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Communion Special offering - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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WELCOME! August 16, 2015
We're glad you're worshiping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.

I'm a visitor.
 Please note my address change.

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

How did you hear about Court Street? _____

Children:
Name _____ age _____ grade _____
Name _____ age _____ grade _____
Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
E-mail _____

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

God's Pleasure



>Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2015