

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude

“We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” ~ *Dietrich Buxtehude*

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

§ **Call to Worship** ~ *From Psalm 34:1-8*

**All: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.**

*Leader:* Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**All: I will glory in the LORD;**

**let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

*Leader:* Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**All: Glorify the LORD with me;**

**let us exalt his name together.**

*Leader:* Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me;**

**he delivered me from all my fears.**

*Leader:* Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**All: Those who look to him are radiant;**

**their faces are never covered with shame.**

*Leader:* Taste and see that the Lord is good!

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #159** “Lift High the Cross”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 230 James 3:1-12

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hymn FWS #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message “Home Tweet Home” *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 43 Mark 8:27-38

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon “To Tell the Truth” *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #415 “Take Up Thy Cross”

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - *Please use the insert.*

Today we give thanks for Colleen Stoller and celebrate her new life in the family of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Colleen Stoller

RECEPTION of MEMBERS into LOCAL CONGREGATION

Colleen Stoller Brian Meligan Cristina Paulson

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Litany” ~ *Franz Schubert*

§ **Doxology #94** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #664  
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

§ Benediction

Almighty God, giver of wisdom, peace and power: Grant as we leave your church today our thinking may partake of your wisdom, our speaking may exemplify your peace and truth, and our deciding may serve the purposes of your power at work among us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

~ *Caryl Micklem and Roger Tomes, eds., As Good As Your Word (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Publishing, 1975), 125.*

Choral Postlude “Run With the Light of Christ” ~ *Karen Kirner*

**Rally Day Potluck in the Dining Room, Lower Level**

If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for Michael Smith, our former Mechanical Engineer, please make your check out to Court Street UMC with “M Smith Love Gift” in the memo line. You may put it in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the church office. Mike was a dedicated employee for seven years here--we will miss him.

Please join us immediately after church on Sunday, September 27, 2015, for a “Salads and More” luncheon sponsored by Lydia Circle, Nurture Committee and other church friends. Cost is free-will donation to support raising funds for the Imagine No Malaria Project. Thanks for your support and generosity. We are close to our ultimate goal. Come and learn more about our final push to get there!!



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!

We will take a special offering TODAY to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

Please join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Dining Room following our Rally Day worship service TODAY. Beverages and ice cream for dessert will be provided. Each family should bring their own table service and a dish to pass.

Beginning September 15th, the Court Street Computer Lab will be open Tuesdays, 11-1, for adult use and a time to ask general questions about basic computer functions, how to navigate windows 7-10, answers to questions about Web browsing, Facebook, and other social media, programs such as Microsoft Office, and how to download various applications and programs. Also, we will be able to answer questions about Internet security. You may bring in your own laptop or use our computers running Microsoft Windows. Beginning September 13th, the lab will be open on Sundays for youth to use for homework. Homework help will also be available. This will be Sundays from 1-3. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks! *Dessie Voigt*

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! is coming back Sept. 16!  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

• Rev. Rhoads’ class in the Library - Adults

*Come join us. We are a friendly group. No prior Bible knowledge is required – just a willingness to be open to the Spirit’s leading! It will be an adventure you won’t be able to resist talking about.*

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

• Men’s Fellowship Group in the Parlor

• Ministry Program in the Dining Room for the Family

Join us on Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in our Chapel for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé. 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.

Need a ride to next Sunday’s Worship? Please call Bob Lutmer, 815-399-8650, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, September 19th, if you need a ride for Sunday, September 20th.

All adults are welcome to come to Sunday School next Sunday, September 20th. We will meet in Room 209 on the 2nd floor.

New study begins September 20th! Learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the counter. Be sure to sign up on the correct one as there are 2 days, Sunday at 11:30 a.m., and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., that it is offered. Books are \$8 each and are available in the Narthex.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Bill & Betty Seiter      **Liturgist:** Karen Brown  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Sunday 16th Sunday after Pentecost/RALLY DAY**  
**09/13**    **9:00 am**    Mums/Aster pickup in Chapel Narthex  
**9:00**      **Lamplighters in Room 209**  
**9:00**      **Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery**  
**10:00**     **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:15**     **Potluck in the Dining Room**  
**11:15**     **Children's Choir in Choir Room**  
**1:00 pm**   **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
**1:00**      **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**  
**2:00**      **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center**  
**3:00**      **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**

**Mon 09/14**    **9:00 am**    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
**5:00 pm**    SPRC in Room 209  
**6:00**      Worship Committee at Joan Tunnell's, 4515 Manheim Rd.

**Tue 09/15**   **Chimes DEADLINE**  
**9:00 am**    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  
**10:30**     Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
**11:00**     **Adult Computers in Computer Lab, 2nd Floor**  
**5:30 pm**    Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
**6:00**      **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**  
**7:00**      **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
**7:00**      Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 09/16**    **9:00 am**    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
**9:30**      Early Head Start in Room 100  
**4:00 pm**    **Holy COW! begins -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**6:00**      **Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel**  
**7:00**      **Taizé Service in the Chapel**

**Thu 09/17**    **9:00 am**    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 09/18**    **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  
**6:00**      Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Sat 09/19**    **2:30 pm**    Wedding in the Sanctuary

**Sunday 17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**09/20**    **9:00 am**    **Lamplighters in Room 209**  
**9:00**      **Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery**  
**9:15**      **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**  
**10:00**     **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:15**     **Fellowship in the Narthex**  
**11:15**     **Children's Choir in Choir Room**  
**11:30**     **John Wesley Study in the Parlor**  
**11:30**     **Christian Ed Meeting in Youth Lounge**  
**1:00 pm**   **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
**1:00**      **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**  
**2:00**      **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center**  
**3:00**      **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**  
**4:00**      **CSUMC Book Club @ 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, LP**

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!**      September 13, 2015  
*We're glad you're worshipping 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



MARK 8:29, NIV

*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.

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day  
 September 13, 2015

*Baptized unto the Lord*  
**Colleen Stoller**  
*Child of God*

*Received into Membership*  
**Colleen Stoller**  
**Brian W. Meligan**  
**Cristina L. Paulson**



**September 13, 2015**

Court Street United Methodist Church  
215 N. Court St. - Rockford, IL 61103

Rev. Calvin Culpepper, Pastor

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Reception into Membership

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are included into God's mighty acts of salvation,

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION of Candidate for Baptism

Colleen Stoller

**RENUNCIATION of Sin and Profession of Faith**

*The pastor addresses Colleen:*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin? ***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives  
you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves? ***I do.***

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ offers  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? ***I do.***

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain a faithful member  
of Christ's holy church and serve  
as Christ's representative in the world? ***I will.***

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin

and your commitment to Christ?     ***We do.***

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and life and include Susan now before you in your care?

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.***

***We will surround Colleen with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that she may grow in her trust of God,  
and be found faithful in her service to others.***

***We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.***

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?   ***I believe in God.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?     ***I believe in Jesus Christ.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?   ***I believe in the Holy Spirit.***

## **THANKSGIVING Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the  
ark through water, and after the flood  
you set in the clouds a rainbow, as a sign of your promise.

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.***

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb,  
baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit.

Jesus called disciples to share in the baptism  
of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

***Declare God's works to the nations, His glory among all the people.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
to bless this gift of water and this woman who receives it,  
to wash away her sin, and receive clothes of righteousness  
throughout her life,  
that dying and being raised with Christ,  
she may share in Christ's final victory.

***All praise to You, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

## BAPTISM

Colleen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

## RECEPTION into THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The Pastor addresses Colleen:*

As a member of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? ***I will.***

## RECEPTION into COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST

*The Pastor addresses Colleen, Brian, & Cristina:*

As members of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,  
your service, and your witness? ***I will.***

## WELCOME from the Congregation

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries  
of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,  
our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.