

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Fugue in F Major" ~ J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

LEADER: Do not deny justice to your poor. (Exodus 23:6)

PEOPLE: Give freely and become more wealthy;
be stingy and lose everything. (Proverbs 11:24)

LEADER: O that we would be so rich in you, O Lord,
that the blessings bestowed upon us
would freely flow.

PEOPLE: Touch all in need around us
in the everyday journey of our walk with you.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #75 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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

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

Children's Message James L. Crow
"Peace" ~ Hannah Whitmore

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 29 Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon "Worshiping While We Walk in the Wesleyan Way"
Works of Mercy Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response "Create in Me A Clean Heart"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Lord, Thy Mercy" ~ Praxis Melica

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #355 "Depth of Mercy"

Verse 1: All Verse 4: Women
Verse 2: Women Verse 5: All
Verse 3: Men

§ Benediction

We enter this world of cruel injustice, firm in the promises of
God and passions of the faith, to touch all the less fortunate.
When we "do it" to the least of these, we "do it" to Jesus. Amen.

Postlude "Wir glauben all an einen Gott" ~ J.S. Bach

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Depth of Mercy

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Orlando Gibbons

Neither John nor Charles Wesley ever tired of telling people of all
social classes the simple message of God's mercy and how life could
be changed dramatically simply by accepting and believing this truth.
Despite much persecution from the established church, there were
countless people that responded wherever they preached.

"Depth of Mercy" first appeared in the Wesley Hymnal Hymns and
Sacred Poems, published in 1740. Originally it had thirteen stanzas
and was titled After a Relapse into Sin. This hymn is both Charles
Wesley's spiritual autobiography and his prayer for repentance, accep-
tance and assurance.

Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of our parents,

Lee & Vada Ferry and Harold & Ruby Kaney,
by Barb & Gene Ferry.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed
for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 55 children.
Many of these children live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts
for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in pris-
on. Family members of the children will be contacted to determine
needs. Each child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing
item. You can: 1) Volunteer to distribute angels following any worship
service. 2) Buy gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail). **Do not buy
any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Make a cash donation or a
check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel
Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321
Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shop for gifts. 5) Organize and de-
liver gifts between December 20th and December 24th. 6) Pray for the
prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for Barb
or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representative following the service
in the Narthex starting Nov. 15th. The angels will be on a small green
Christmas tree. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 815-965-6518.



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

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Nov. 18th!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

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



Taizé Worship for November & December is canceled. Please mark
your calendar for January 20th when Taizé Worship returns on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month.

Another earning opportunity for Court Street ~ Do you have a Mobil
gas card from Schnuck's that allows you to get a reduced price per gal-
lon of gasoline? If so, on the back side of the card is an 800 number and
a card number that when called, will prompt you to give the card num-
ber and identify Court Street as an organization to receive a percentage
of the amount you spend on groceries at Schnuck's. Just present your
gas card at checkout. No gas card? Present your photo ID at the cus-
tomer service desk, request a gas card, and you will be given one. By
calling the 800 number, Court Street will benefit from your grocery
shopping at Schnuck's. Any questions? Contact Karen Brown 815 877-
0045. THANK YOU for supporting another income opportunity.

Book Club is Sunday November 22nd (instead of the 15th) at my
house, 4850 Black Oak Trail. We are still doing "I am Malala" and all
are welcome. Diane Risley

Advent is just around the corner, and that means Hanging of the Greens
Day is nearly here. If you are a teen or older, please join us in getting
our church ready for this festive season. We'll begin in the Sanctuary
at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 28. All are welcome to join in the
fun of making our church ready for Christmas!

Evergreen plea!! We are running out of places to cut evergreens for
our swags, centerpieces which we make for the Christmas Bazaar. We
are willing to do the cutting if we can get permission to cut. If you de-
cide to do it yourself, wait until after Thanksgiving so they stay fresh..
just drop them in Schmitt's driveway before December 3rd. Please
contact Perky regarding new location(s) for cutting: 815-654-2956.

Let your neighbors, friends, and strangers know that Thanksgiving
Dinner is being served here from 11 am until 1 pm on November
26th for anyone who wants company or can't afford to fix a dinner for
themselves or their family.

From Sunday, November 29th, through Thursday, December 24th,
poinsettias will be our altar flowers. Worship committee will pur-
chase them. If you would like to donate towards them & memorialize
someone, please donate \$24 & sign up on the altar flower list outside
the church office. We only need 2 memorials each Sunday at the most.
The plants would not be picked up until Dec. 24th.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Don & Joanne Swinson **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Fellowship Hostesses: *Can you help?*

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 25th Sunday after Pentecost/CHIMES Deadline

11/15 9:00 am Lamplighters in Room 209
9:00 Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
11:30 Christian Ed Team Meeting in the Youth Lounge
1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
2:00 Youth to "Mary Poppins" @ Hononegah HS
2:00 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
Mon 11/16 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
6:00 pm Local Missions in Room 109
7:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room
Tue 11/17 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 202 & 209
Wed 11/18 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Deborah Circle @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles
4:00 pm Holy COW! -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thu 11/19 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library
5:00 Thanksgiving Dinner Committee in the Library
Fri 11/20 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
1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 11/21
Sunday Christ the King Sunday

11/22 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 Time/Blood Pressure Ck in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
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 @ 4850 Black Oak Trail

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! November 15, 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

Worshiping
While
We
Walk...
...in the Wesleyan Way



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.

*25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2015*