

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude - Children's Choir "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Ringing of the Bell

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

Lighting of the 1st Candle of Hope *Hannah Whitmore & Family*

...Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #196**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 - Old Testament p. 502 Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

Lydia Ludington & Diane Lutmer

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 204 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

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

Sermon

"Anticipating Change"

Ryanne Ludington

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response - Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ~ *Arr. Benjamin Harlan*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "His Eye is On the Sparrow" ~ *Charles Gabriel*

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth TFWS #2008**

"Let All Things Now Living"

§ **Benediction**

Friends, live this week not seeking a sign from God, but being a sign of God to your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, classmates and everyone you encounter along your way. For the sake of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
Amen.

Postlude - Children's Choir

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

*(from the children's cantata Hark, the Herald Angel
to be presented here in its entirety on December 20th.)*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Additional Students helping us in Worship

Liturgists: **Carter Anderson & Hannah Whitmore**

Greeters: **Morgan Whitmore & Rachel Whitmore**

Ushers: **Tegan Ludington & Ella Anderson**

Acolyte: **Hannah Whitmore**

Sound: **Alexander Ludington**

We thank Leah Zahn for sharing her musical gifts with us today.



A Poinsettia has been given...

... in celebration of our 57th wedding anniversary
by Fred & Judy Mehren.

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 whom live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. 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 deliver 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. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 815-965-6518.



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!

Today we are celebrating **United Methodist Student Sunday** and taking a special offering to support students.

The special offering funds scholarships and student loans for qualified and deserving United Methodists. We strengthen our denomination when we help students to pursue their educational goals as they discern God's plans for them.

Today through Thursday, December 24th, poinsettias will be our altar flowers. Worship committee will purchase 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.

Wednesday 30 minute Worship - one & only one this season

December 2 - Noon - Chapel

United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 2nd, 12:30 pm (after worship in the Chapel), in the Dining Room. We would like to honor all of CSUMC's staff and Maya's House staff as our guests. We also want to honor and thank the United Methodist Men, the Wednesday evening study group, and all the other men in the church who so willingly have given of their time and effort to help and support the UMW. They have served lots of food and done tons of dishes. So, this is for all of you – ladies (all of you-UMW & friends), men, and staff who plan to come for dinner: please call (815) 877-2141 **NO LATER THAN TODAY.**

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Dec. 2nd!

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

• **Plan now to participate in a 3-week (short!) study during Advent when we'll learn about the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Christmas!** Meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, for only 1 hour, this will give you a much-needed break from the hurry and scurry of preparations. Books are only \$8 each - get yours in the Narthex today or Church Office during the week.

If you are interested in having your own bazaar table for the United Methodist Women's Bazaar on Sunday, December 6th, please RSVP to (815) 877-2141 no later than Dec. 3rd.

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 decide 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.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Marge Kint **Ushers:** The Sandra Gregory Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Fellowship Hosts:** *Can you help?*

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday First Sunday of Advent/Student Sunday
11/29 **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**
 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**

Mon 11/30 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 12/01 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, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor**
 1:00 pm Jeremiah Development Exec Board in Library
 5:30 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 12/02 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:30 **UMW Mission Team in the Kitchen**
 12:00 pm **30-Minute Worship in the Chapel**
 12:30 **UMW Christmas Lunch in the Dining Room**
 4:00 **Holy COW! -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thu 12/03 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 12/04 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 12/05 **8:30 am** **UMW Brunch Preparation in the Kitchen**
 10:00 **Cantata Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
12/06 **9:00 am** **Lamplighters in Room 209**
 9:00 **Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery**
 9:00 **UMW Bakery, Bazaar, Evergreens Sale**
 10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary - CANTATA**
 11:15 **UMW Brunch, Bakery, Bazaar, greens Sale**
 11:15 **Children's Choir in Choir Room**
 1:00 pm **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets**
 1:00 **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**
 2:00 **Youth Bowling @ Don Carter Lanes**

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 29, 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

Worshipping
While
We
Walk



FIRST SUNDAY OF
Advent

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.

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