

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Rondeau" from Pathetique Sonata
~ L.V. Beethoven

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We are to God like precious coins,

People: Worth searching for when one is lost.

Leader: We are to God like precious sheep,

**People: Worth seeking out when we wander
from God's fold.**

**All: Come, Good Shepherd among us;
find us as we worship you.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #568 "Christ for the World We Sing"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #746

Psalm 14:1-7

Hymn FWS #2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"Isn't Life Grand?"

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Get to Know Luke

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 78

Luke 15:1-10

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem for Rally Day - Chancel Choir

"Arise, O Christian People"

~ Arr. Bob Burroughs

A Life of Faith:

The Journey of Faith is one of Failure and Forgiveness.

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

In Remembrance

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"ITALIAN HYMN"

~ Homer Whitford

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2170

"God Made from One Blood"

§ Benediction

Rejoice with Jesus and the angels that you have been found,
basking in the light of God's love and grace. Go in peace,
knowing that you belong to the Good Shepherd, who will never
stop looking out for you. **Amen.**

Postlude

"Russian Dance" from "Petrouchka" ~ Igor Stravinsky

Facetime by the Big Bell

Please note that the Prelude and the Postlude

are preview performances of

the Family Concert & Dinner on Sunday, September 18, at 4PM

See the RSVP insert for more information.

A tithe is a one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to give thanks. The Stewardship Committee is asking you to take the time to calculate the monetary sum of which you are receiving into your household. Next, determine the amount of a weekly tithe. On Sunday, September 25th, we are inviting you to present the weekly tithe for the offering plate. The Stewardship Committee's intent is to dedicate September 25th, as a celebration of all that God has provided. At the same time, we pray that for us, as individuals, to gain a sense of how a tithe affects us – both financially and spiritually!

Homecoming 2016: A Great Gathering of the Lord's People Gather together at the Table, *Renew* old friendships, *Make* new friends, *View* our partnership in Downtown Rockford revitalization. You are invited for refreshments in the Parlor at 8:30, Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:00, and a lunch at 11:30. You will not go away hungry!



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!

Believe by Randy Frazee is grounded in Scripture, and a spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. On **Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**, taught by Pastor Cal; anyone can join.

TODAY we will be taking a special offering 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.

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social ~ Come for fellowship and free ice cream today from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as we gather on the lawn at 1404 Thoren Lane, Rockford. Bring your lawn chair.

**Holy COW! (Church On Wednesday) begins September 14!!
4:00 - Ray Rhoads' Class (Library)**

To say it is quite trite – change is everywhere. What about theology? Well, it's changing too...too fast, too often and too much for many persons. So, then, let's examine our theology. That is what the Wednesday class is all about – examining, discussing and questioning theological beliefs.

The first read, appropriately, is Predicament of Belief: Science, Philosophy, Faith, written by Phil Clayton and Steven Knapp. Within its 150 pages you'll encounter a seven-course intellectual feast – tasty and palatable but digestible! You'll be nourished – but no fat or sugar!

After digesting Predicament we move on to the main meal - The Understanding of Christian Faith, Schubert Ogden. He will guide us as we consider seven major articles of belief. You'll be well fed.

You are cordially invited – remember there are no prerequisites! Come as you are – eagerly inquiring about your faith!

5:30 - Dinner by Diane (Dining Room) \$3.50/person

6:00 - Mens' Fellowship (Parlor)

Join us on Friday, September 16th, 6:30 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St., for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé. All are welcome to come, by the glow of candlelight, and enter the warmth of God's embrace.

Annual District Revival & Fall Workshops on Sunday, September 25, at Faith UMC, Freeport. WORKSHOPS 2:30-3:45: 1) Tell the Story —Media Equipment, 2) Tell the Story —Using Social Media, 3) Tell the Story —Using Media in Worship, and 4) Tell the Story —A Website for your Church. REVIVAL & CELEBRATION at 4:00 pm. Our service together will showcase a cardboard testimony. Please come ready to share one way the Gospel is being communicated to the world in your location! Register today for this FREE event at: www.umcnic.org/RockfordRevival2016.

Turn over to check the calendar on the back for additional events.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Donna Dow **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel
Acolyte: Tegan Ludington **Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/11 17th Sunday after Pentecost/RALLY DAY!!

9:00 am 'Believe' Study begins in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School: Pre-K through Grade 5 in 104,
 Grades 6-12 in Balcony West

9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in Room 209

9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex

10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell

11:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex

11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room

12:00 pm MUSIC & YOUTH OPEN HOUSE

4:00 Ice Cream Social @ 1404 Thoren Lane

Mon 09/12 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library

11:30 Local Missions at Wesley Willows

4:30 pm SPRC in Room 209

6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor

Tue 09/13 8:30 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

2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307

5:00 Finance Committee in the Parlor

5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel

5:30 Trustees in the Library

6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room

7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

Wed 09/14 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

4:00 pm Holy COW! -- **see announcements**

6:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor

Thu 09/15 **Chimes DEADLINE**

8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307

2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 09/16 8:30 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

7:00 Worship in the Spirit of Taizé, Our Savior's Lutheran,
 3300 Rural St.

Sat 09/17

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11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room

11:30 Christian Ed Committee in the Dining Room

12:30 pm Dowel Rod Ministry in the Sanctuary

1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

2:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.

4:00 Family Concert & Dinner in Sanctuary & Dining Room

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

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WELCOME!

September 11, 2016

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

Forging

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Family of Faith



RALLY DAY

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.

Rally Day/17th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 11, 2016