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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude ~ Camil Van Hulse "A Morning Prayer"

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God instructs us to be joyful always.

People: We pray continually in spite of mounting odds.

Leader: We give thanks in all circumstances.

People: We trust God's will for us even amid uncertainty.

Leader: We put on the armor of faith and love. People: The hope of salvation is our helmet.

Leader: The Lord has heard our cries.

ALL: We stand firm in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from all that God desires to give us.

Opening Hymn UMH #152

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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 #840, response 3 Psalm 119

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

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

James L. Crow Children's Message

"Halle, Halleluja" **Hymn FWS #2026**

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 81 Luke 18:1-8

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"I Shall Know Him When He Comes" Anthem ~ Wagner

> "Persevering Prayer" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves Offertory

"Forest Green"

~ Richard I. Purvis

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

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

§ Benediction ~ St. Patrick

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us. Amen.

Postlude "Alla Marcia" ~ Henry Coleman

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar Flowers are given... ..in celebration of Lorelle Wandell's birthday by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

Memory Verse for This Week

Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

~ Ephesians 4:15

Just as Scrip was available in preparing your lawn and garden last spring, please purchase Home Depot, Lowes, and Menards as well as Target, for getting your home and garden ready for fall and winter. Consider Mobil and Shell for any upcoming trips you may take. Any and all purchases benefit Court Street and is used to support our ministries. A big thank you to those of you who are already scrip customers! Also, remember that gift cards make great Christmas presents, and it is not too early to begin ordering them from Scrip.



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

CROP Walk is happening TODAY. Join us as a walker or as a financial supporter. The more walkers the more fun we have. We will meet at the Discovery Center to check in at 1pm, and step off at 2pm for our 4 mile hike north around the symbol and back to the Discovery Center. If you want to sign up to walk, please contact Ryanne Ludington for forms and instructions. See Tim or Verlette Gorman if you are interested in donating.

Holy COW! (Church On Wednesday) October 19th

4:00 - Ray Rhoads' Class (Library)

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

6:00 - Mens' Fellowship (Parlor)

Join us on Friday, October 21st, 6:30 p.m., in Court Street's Chapel 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.

Because we realize how blessed we are, we are consecrating our gifts back to God on Sunday, October 23rd, and celebrating with a potluck lunch after worship. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun! Table service and beverages will be provided. Bring your pledge card!

Monday, October 24th, is Share Night (better known to us as Scoopie Night) at Culver's on N. Main, 5 to 8 pm. Proceeds benefit our United Methodist Men and Youth. Donate even more to the church by buying Culver's cards from our Scrip table by the big bell.

Join us for Hallelujah Harvest on Saturday, October 29th, 4-6pm, the Lower Level. Includes barbeque! Everyone welcome!

We will be collaborating with 2nd/1st again for Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 30th, from 4-6pm. You can help us out by donating candy and/or new or gently used elementary level books.

We do not have the scheduling flexibility we used to have for meetings. If you want to schedule an evening meeting in the building within a month's time, you need to check with the office or Derek Coffman to see if someone will be here to unlock/lock and unset/set the alarm.

2016 Church Conference is Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m., with SPRC meeting at 9 a.m. in the Library.

Let's have a good turnout for the Winnebago County Health Department. As a service to us, they will offer flu vaccines on Sunday, November 6th, after worship, from 11:00am - 12:30pm. They will have the high dose for people over the age of sixty-five and the regular dose, as well as the preservative free. Remember to bring your Medicare and supplemental insurance card with you. Without insurance, the cost would be \$39.00 for regular / \$62.00 for the high dose.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell **Greeters:** Gary & Doris Noble Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team Sound Tech: Brian Meligan Van Driver: Bruce Shindel **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Tegan Ludington

Facetime Hostesses: Judy Mehren & Geri Ryan

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 10/16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor 9:00 Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 in 104 6-12 in Balcony West 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in Room 209 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary** 10:00 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room 11:15 11:30 **Christian Ed Committee in the Dining Room** 1:00 pm CROP Walk @ Riverfront Museum CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail Mon 10/17 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103 6:00 pm Administrative Council in the Dining Room 7:00 Jeremiah/Love Rockford in the Library **Tue 10/18** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103 **Ouilters in Room 206** 9:00 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201 9:00 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205 10:30 **Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307** 2:30 pm 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel **JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room** 6:00 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209 7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room** MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103 Wed 10/19 8:30 am 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 5762 Jackies Dr. Dorcas Circle @ Mary's Market, 4431 E. State St. 11:30 4:00 pm Holy COW! -- **see announcements** N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center 5:30 Thu 10/20 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 5:30 Thanksgiving Committee in the Library Fri 10/21 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 Worship in the Spirit of Taizé in the Chapel 6:30 Sat 10/22 Sun 10/23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Consecration Sunday 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 in 104 6-12 in Balcony West 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in Room 209 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary** 10:00 Facetime by the Big Bell 11:15 11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Sanctuary** 12:30 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302 1:15 2:00 JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor

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! October 16, 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 grade Name grade age grade Name age Street Zip City_ State (w) Phone (h) 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.

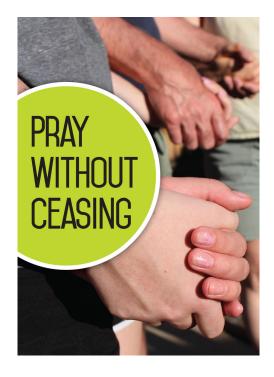


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We are a people called United Methodists. Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

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

> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016