

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "A Morning Prayer" ~ Camil Van Hulse

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
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

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.

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ 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.

Anthem

"I Shall Know Him When He Comes"

~ 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

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

§ 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 worshipping 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.

