

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “The Great Adventure” *Puppet Project*

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship - see screens

“Here I Am to Worship” *Puppet Project*

§ Opening Hymn

“Trading My Sorrows”

Puppet Project

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - p. 569

Psalm 119:105-112

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”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children’s Message

“A Nice Bowl of Soup”

“Jesus Loves Me ‘Cause I’m Cool”

Hymn FWS #2026

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Old Testament Lesson - p. 21

Genesis 25:19-34

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

People: Thanks be to God.

“The Good Old Days: Jacob, Esau ”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Circle of Life”

Puppet Project

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth “God Is Bigger Than the Boogie Man”

Puppet Project

§ Benediction

As we go out from here, may we know that we go forth always with God’s comforting and nourishing spirit. May we be guided by the courageous and loving spirit of God. May we be inspired by the caring and compassionate life of our risen Lord. May we be peacemakers in our daily lives — living and sharing peace with everyone. May we be always filled with hope so that our example and influences will be positive and hope-filled. With God’s eternal blessings, go now. **Amen.**

Puppet Project in Review

Postlude

“Peace Like a River”

Puppet Project

Facetime by the Big Bell

**We thank Andrew Mertenich
for sharing his musical gifts with us today!**

Memory Verse for This Week

“Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.”

Psalm 119:111



Altar flowers are given...

... in celebration of our nephew Gabe’s 12th birthday on July 14th
by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

Thanks to all of you who contributed peanut butter to Rock River Valley Food Pantry’s annual peanut butter rally. The goal of 20,000 jars was exceeded! Court Street Church donated 68 jars/100 pounds to help feed Rockford children during the summer months. May God bless you for your generosity.



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!

July 24 - August 4, The Lion King (yes, we have the rights to perform Disney’s ‘The Lion King’ KIDS!) Performing Arts Camp, performances on Sat. August 5, & Sun. August 6. All youth from 1st through 8th grade are invited to participate in our Performing Arts Camp, for two weeks, from Monday through Friday each week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$50.00 per person.

All are invited to a FREE caregiver stress class at Alzheimer’s Association, 1111 S. Alpine Rd., #307, on Tuesday, July 18, 6 - 7:30pm. Please register by calling 815-484-1300. Learn the causes, signs, and symptoms of stress as well as stress-reduction strategies.

Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus’ teaching? Do you really want what he wants? Bestselling author Kyle Idleman reveals that the key to the abundant life Jesus promised lies in embracing His inside-out way of life. Study “The End of Me” with us **on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

MAY WE TAKE YOUR PICTURE? We are creating a supplemental directory to include the pictures and contact information of our newest visitors and members. If you are not in the 2014 directory of our church family, we would love to include you. Please contact Georgalee George (815-877-2978), Gwen Culpepper (815-708-6383), or Jeanine Wang (815-218-1700), for more information, and to arrange a time to meet.

Half-Truths. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. **Study begins Sunday, July 9, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. 3 Books available for \$13.50 each.**

What Joyful Happenings at Court Street UMC do you remember or have you heard about? Please share with us as we celebrate 165 years of ministry with God by writing down any and all good happenings. Then submit by email (lorellewandell@courtstreetumc.org), drop in the offering plate, drop in the box in the Narthex, or mail to the Church Office. We will then share with everyone in some manner.

The next time you get a carry-out tray, please save it and bring it to the church. We need them for a September project.

Save the Dates:

August 13, Backpack Blessing Students, bring your backpack to worship so Pastor Cal may bless them before school starts

August 20, Good Old Days Summer Celebration, Lunch & Ice Cream Social after worship

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!

July 16, 2017

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 _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Barb Adam **Liturgist:** David Daye
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Facetime Hostess: Judy Mehren **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore

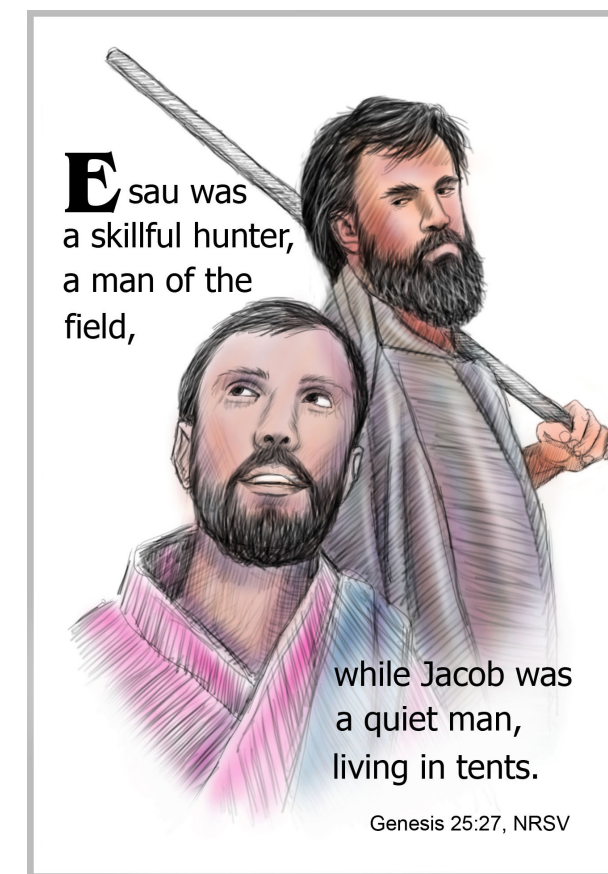
Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 07/16 6th Sunday after Pentecost**
 10:00 am **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:30 **'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor**
- Mon 07/17 METHODIST MONDAY**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
 5:00 **Finance Committee in the Library**
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
 6:00 **Administrative Council in the Dining Room**
- Tue 07/18**
 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**
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
- Wed 07/19**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 pm **Men's Fellowship in someone's home**
- Thu 07/20**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 **"End of Me" Study in the Parlor**
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
- Fri 07/21**
 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
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
- Sat 07/22**
 9:00 am Rockford Rhythm in the Gym
- Sun 07/23 7th Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:30 am **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**
 11:30 **'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor**
 2:00 pm JFON on the 2nd Floor

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Forging
 a *Family* of **Faith**

The Good Old Days



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.

*6th Sunday after Pentecost
 July 16, 2017*