

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship ~ Based on Ephesians 2:1-10

L: Jesus Christ gave his life so that we may know him.

C: God's love knows no limits!

L: Our sins only lead us toward chaos and death.

C: But God's mercy is greater than our sins!

L: God offers us hope in Christ instead of vain living.

C: Through God's forgiving grace we are saved.

L: It is through faith and faith alone
that we receive God's rich gift.

All: To God be the glory!

We accept God's gift with thanks and praise!

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2234 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading UMH #135 Exodus 15 excerpts

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Cheerios: Good Goes Round" *James L. Crow*

Hymn - see screens, vs 1 "This Little Light of Mine"

Excerpt from 'The Gospel of John'
by Unbroken Bones, Kelsey Cratty

"A Matter of Life and Death!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory - Chancel Choir

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" ~ Dale Wood

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98 "To God Be the Glory"

§ Benediction

From the days of Moses in the wilderness, to Jesus' final walk through Jerusalem, to our postmodern lives today, God's desire for us has been and remains the same: that we might respond to the grace and love of God in faith. Go, therefore, this week to live out the love that Christ demonstrated for us in his life and death. **Amen.**

Postlude

Facetime by the Big Bell

Please join us as we celebrate

Larry & Annette Gillette's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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

Memory Verse for This Week

"God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world,
but to save the world through him."

John 3:17 (NLT)



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas's birthday, September 20,
by Gwen Thomas Memorial Fund.

...in celebration of our 20th Wedding Anniversary, 9/20,
by Roger & Cindy Anderson.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION ?

Have you moved, or had a change in your contact information, since the 2013 church directory was published? The opportunity to share your new address, phone number(s), and email address with other members of our church family is NOW! Please email your current contact information to LorelleWandell@courtstreetumc.org. If you do not have email, please call the church office or place your information in the Sunday offering plates. *We will need to have your response by Sunday, September 24th for it to be included in the church directory addendum.*



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!

The Gospel of John by Unbroken Bones ~ Join us for a full-length, spoken-word drama of the Gospel of John. Blending training in theatre arts and passion for the Gospel, they aim to entertain and inspire. This high-energy performance is an engaging way to experience the Scripture. 'Teaser' will be at our 10am worship service TODAY with the full performance at **2pm**. One of the founders of Unbroken Bones, Kelsey Cratty, is from Rockford!

Don't miss out on this Spiritual Growth Opportunity! A 30-session study, Believe, by Randy Frazer is grounded in Scripture and a spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. **Began TODAY at 9am in the Parlor.** Did you miss the first session this morning? That's OK - come & join us next Sunday, same time, same place. All are welcome!

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be here at CSUMC TOMORROW. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle or text the word 'circle' to 797979.

Auditions for the Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) at Court Street United Methodist Church will be **next Saturday, September 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.,** and sign up for an 11-week Saturday program, usually 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each Saturday beginning September 30, which will produce 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'.

Annual District Revival & 4 Fall Workshops will be Sunday, September 24, at Faith UMC, Freeport. WORKSHOPS 2:30-3:45 with CELEBRATION at 4:00 pm. Mission teams are encouraged to come share your testimony! Check out the flyers posted in the Narthex, hallway, and elevator.

Pancakes & Praise resumes Sunday, October 1st, at 8am, happening monthly through May 2018. Join us for Pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, & more in the Dining Room at 8:00 a.m. - all for a free-will donation. Then stay for 9:00 Praise in the Chapel. Geared especially for those who like a more modern flavor of worshipping God - open to all!

Save the date: Wednesday, October 4, 6pm, on the church lawn for Blessing of our Pets

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 17, 2017

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 _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Carol Johnson, Martin Leonard

Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan

Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer

Facetime Hostesses: Geri Ryan, Judy Mehren

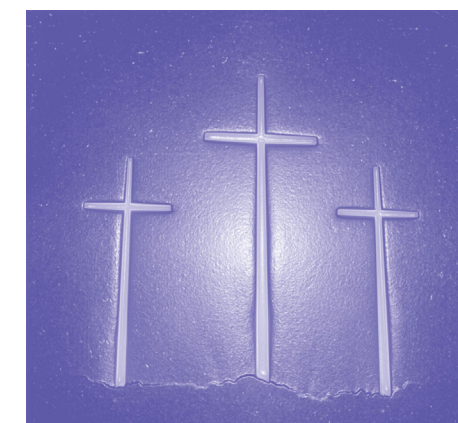
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Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/17 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**
 9:00 **'Believe' Study in the Parlor**
 9:00 **Youth Gathering-Room 104 & Balcony West**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities begin**
 2:00 pm **'The Gospel of John' by Unbroken Bones in the Sanctuary**
 4:00 **CSUMC Book Club in the Library**
Mon 09/18 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 8:30 **Lifeline Screening in the Dining Room**
 12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach in the Youth Center**
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
 6:30 **SPRC in the Library**
 7:00 **Church Conference in the Chapel**
Tue 09/19 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**
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 **JuBellation Handbell Choir in the Choir Room**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**
Wed 09/20 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 **Deborah Circle @ 2212 Midway Dr.**
 5:30 N IL Woodturners in the Youth Center
Thu 09/21 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 pm YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
Fri 09/22 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
Sat 09/23 10:00 am **Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) auditions**
Sun 09/24 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**
 9:00 **'Believe' Study in the Parlor**
 9:00 **Youth Gathering-Room 104 & Balcony West**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities begin**
 2:00 pm **Youth Group**
 2:00 JFON Rockford Clinic on the 2nd Floor

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God



For **God** did not

send his **Son** into the

world to condemn

the world, but to **save**

the world through **him**.

JOHN 3:17, NIV

& Growing in Love



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.

15th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 17, 2017