

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

L: O God, be not far from us,

***P:* For we are your children.**

L: O God, help us to believe,

***P:* For in Christ we live abundantly.**

L: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

***P:* For in you we live and move and have our being.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #731

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH #828

Psalm 105:1-11

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children’s Message

“Cocoa Pebbles: A cereal with transforming powers”

James L. Crow

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

New Testament Reading - p. 196

Philippians 1:21-30

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Becoming in Practice what we are in Position”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” ~ Harold Friedell

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2153**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

§ Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” ~ John Rutter

§ Benediction

May the blessing of our gracious God be upon you and flow from you to bless all those in your life, as you leave this place as Christians for whom living is Christ -- Christ beside us, Christ before us, Christ behind us and Christ in our future, to whom be praise forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Postlude

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.”

Philippians 1:21 (NLT)



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Myrl Fisher’s birthday, 9/25,

by Mabelann Fisher.

The season’s last Food-Fun-Fellowship will be held in the lower level youth lounge and dining room on Thursday, October 5th, starting at 10:00am. Come for the coffee and fellowship first; a variety of games are often played. We serve lunch around noon, with more fellowship to follow.

Annual flu shots will be given in the parlor after the church service on Sunday, October 15th, from our very dedicated nurse, Karen Brown. Please remember to bring your insurance card with you.

This year’s CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 15. One fourth of funds raised will be divided among the ten pantries of the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition. The rest will be used by Church World Service as it seeks to transform communities around the globe. (See its website at cwsglobal.org) You may walk in person or in spirit with thousands of others around America by seeking sponsors using a CROP Hunger Walk envelope or on line at crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil. See Ryanne Ludington for more information.



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!

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 TODAY for it to be included in the church directory addendum.*

Last Sunday to contribute to UMCOR flood buckets. If you purchased any of the items, please place them on the altar. Thank you!

Annual District Revival & 4 Fall Workshops is TODAY 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.

Auditions for the Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) at Court Street United Methodist Church are continuing **next Saturday, September 30th, 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**’.

Don’t miss out on this Spiritual Growth Opportunity! A 30-session study, 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, **every Sunday at 9am in the Parlor.** Did you miss the session this morning? That’s OK - come & join us next Sunday, same time, same place. All are welcome!

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!

Come on Wednesday, October 4, 6pm, on the church lawn for Blessing of our Pets. Bring your pet or a picture of your pet for Pastor Cal to bless. Rain site will be the Chapel Narthex.

165 Chautauqua on Sunday, October 8. This involves Morning Worship and an after-worship Celebration from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. The Celebration will include a light meal (sandwiches and salads) concurrent with a Variety Show consisting of puppets, music, recitation, art, history highlights, movement, and more. You are so strongly encouraged to save the date and plan on participating.

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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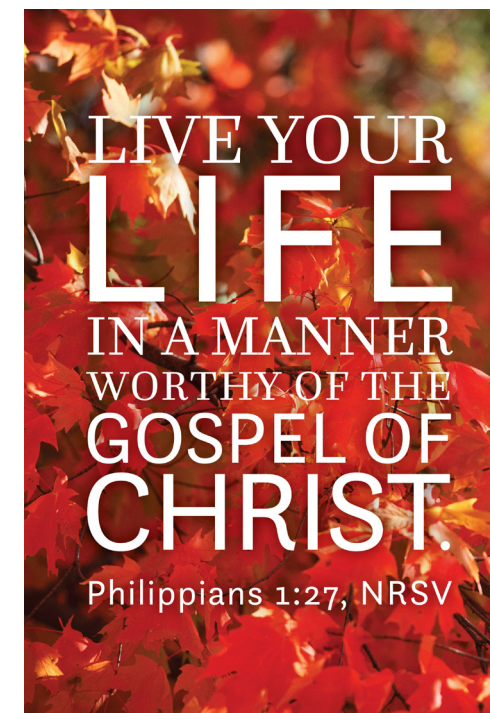
TODAY'S WORSHIP
Greeters: Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart & Bill Barnhart
Liturgist: Randiann King **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel
Facetime Hostesses: Geri Ryan, Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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
Mon 09/25 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:30 pm YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
Tue 09/26 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 Choir Room**
 6:15 **Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**
Wed 09/27 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
Thu 09/28 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm **Chimes stuffing in the Library**
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
Fri 09/29 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 09/30 10:00 am **Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) auditions**
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God



& 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.

*16th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 24, 2017*

WELCOME!

September 24, 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 _____