

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Trumpet Tune in D" ~ Brent Spitz

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to service, not for our own good,

***People:* but in spite of ourselves.**

Leader: For when we take the love of God,
meant to be given away, and turn it in toward ourselves,

***People:* it becomes selfishness and self-centered,
a poison which eventually destroys us.**

***ALL:* God's desire is that our souls would choose
the true path of success,
derived from a conscious decision to nurture
and share our God-given gifts with others. Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #704 "Steal Away to Jesus"

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 Reading - p. 332 2 Kings 2:1-12

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Hitting the Wall" *James L. Crow*

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

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 44 Mark 9:2-9

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.

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

"God Is Calling: Are You Transferring?"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "O Clap Your Hands"

Chancel Choir

~ Rutter

§ 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

Go forth in the love of God, shed abroad in your hearts by the Holy Spirit. Go forth more for the needs and concerns of others than for your own interests. Go forth to honor the name of Jesus Christ--ushering in his kingdom for all to see. ***Amen.***

Choral "Amen"

Postlude "Jesus Loves Me" ~ David Willocks

Jack Armstrong, pianist

Andrew Mertzenich, organist

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

"The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge."

Psalm 50:6



Altar flowers are given...

...to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!
from Georgalee George.



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!

Valentine's Day is coming! Purchase gift cards from Scrip for those you love and help support the church at the same time. Gift cards for the movies, department stores, and more make gift giving easy. See the people at the table by the big bell in the Narthex to see what's available.

TODAY we are taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line. Please use the enclosed envelope.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is February 13, 2018, from 5-7pm. Free will donations will be accepted.

Plan now to participate in one of our Ash Wednesday services on February 14th, Valentine's Day, to mark the beginning of Lent. Pastor Cal will distribute ashes in the sign of the cross at noon and again at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." (1 John 3:16 NIV)

Start answering God's call by getting closer to Him through Bible study. Our Lenten Study will be Max Lucado's 'He Chose the Nails'. Yes, it may be inconvenient. Yes, it may take some time. But, yes, it is worth it. After all, He chose the nails because He loves you. Books will be available for \$9 each. Join us in study for 5 Sundays beginning Feb. 18 in the Parlor at 11:30, or for 5 Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 in the Dining Room at 12:30, or for 5 Thursdays beginning Feb. 22, 1:00, at 1812 Meadows Circle, Rockford. All are welcome!

Ever thought of singing in the choir, but just need a little help? Jack Armstrong will be giving free voice lessons Saturday, February 17 & 24, from 1:00 TO 2:00 in the choir room. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED SINGERS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

If you requested 2018 Offering Envelopes, please check in the Narthex for your name on the boxes of envelopes. If you want envelopes and do not find your name, please contact the Church Office.

Join laity and clergy from around the conference for this year's Laity Convocation on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Sycamore UMC. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Junius Dotson who currently serves as the General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries. Cost per person is \$15 - register online at umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation. Break-out sessions include: How do we share our Faith? How do we meet our neighbors? How do we talk about the way forward? How do we 'See All People'?

Deadline for our March newsletter is Thursday, Feb. 15th

During Lent we will be collecting items to donate to Rockford Rescue Mission and The Carpenter's Place. Please contribute only as you are able. There will be a bulletin insert next week with details.

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!

February 11, 2018

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

Greeter: Curly Thompson	Acolyte: Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team	Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Bruce Shindel
Facetime Hosts: Breakfast Club	Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 02/11 Transfiguration Sunday
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 9:30 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
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities
 3:00 pm Harlan Jefferson in Concert - Sanctuary

Mon 02/12
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:00 pm Endowment Team in the Parlor
 6:00 Worship Team in the Parlor

Tue 02/13
 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
 11:30 Local Missions @ WW Town Center/Club Room
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 5:00 Pancake Dinner in the Dining Room
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 5:30 Trustee Team in the Library
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room
 6:45 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 02/14 ASH WEDNESDAY
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 11:00 Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room
 12:00 pm Distribution of Ashes Service in the Chapel
 5:30 Distribution of Ashes Service in the Chapel
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room

Thu 02/15 Chimes DEADLINE
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

Fri 02/16
 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 Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 02/17
 1:00 pm 'Godspell' Auditions in the Chapel
 2:00 Voice Lessons in Choir Room

Sun 02/18 1st Sunday in Lent
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room
 11:30 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Parlor
 3:00 pm 'Godspell' Auditions in the Chapel
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @4850 Black Oak Trail

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God
Are
God Is Calling You
Transferring?

& 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.

Transfiguration Sunday
 February 11, 2018