

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Love with God



& Growing in Love

Welcome Home 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.

*Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018*



Easter Flowers

In memory of **Marjorie Anderson** and **Charles Dow** by Roger, Cindy, Carter, & Ella Anderson.

In memory of my husband, **Allen**, and my son, **Tom** by Helen Anglemire.

In memory of **John D. Armstrong** and **our parents** by Fern Armstrong.

In memory of **Alex Riofredo** and **Mary Ellen Cromwell** by Bert & Scott Cromwell.

In honor of **Parker James Geary**, **Carson Amelia Geary**, and **Thomas James Crow** by Grandpa Jim.

In memory of our parents, **Anne & Ottie Neumann** and **James Davis**, by Janet & Mark Davis.

In honor of our new great grand-daughter, **Ellinor Rose Finlayson**, by Betty & Bill Doran.

In memory of **Edward T. Doran** by Nancy Doran.

In memory of **Charles Dow** and **Marjorie Anderson** by Donna Dow.

In memory of our parents, **Ruby & Harold Kaney**, and **Vada & Lee Ferry, Sr.**, by Barb & Gene Ferry.

In memory of **Clark, Gordon & Ruth Galloway**, and **Frances Goss** by Kay Galloway.

In honor of our maintenance staff, **Derek, Ryan, Luke**, and **Mike** - thanks for keeping us clean and safe - by Georgalee George.

In memory of **Annette's parents** and **Larry's Dad** by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In memory of niece, **Valerie Lynn Ostic**, and brother, **Carl H. Ostic**, and in honor of **Lorelle & Robert Wandell & family**, by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

In memory of Clement's sister, **Carol Gunderson**, by Barbara & Clement Gunderson.

In honor of **our 46th Wedding Anniversary** by Randiann & Brian King.

In loving memory of our son, **Kraig Kint**, and our parents, **Bill & Eleanor Ades** and **King & Ida Kint** by Karl & Marge Kint & family.

In memory of **Arne Larson** by Marilyn Larson.

By Diane & Bob Lutmer.

In memory of **William Mace** by Jan Mace & family.

In memory of **Vic McCauley** and daughter, **Vicki Lawrence**, by Lois McCauley.

In memory of **Sherry Mehren Blascoe** and **Trafari**, for the gift of life, by Fred & Judy Mehren.

By Nancy & Edmond Mertzenich.

In memory of **Ruth Monroe**, **Harland Dull**, and son, **Bill**, by Delbert & Charlene Monroe.

In memory of **John & Tiny Strom** and **Glenn & Vernice Palmer** by Glenn, Gail & Greg Palmer.

In memory of **Alexander Rhoads** by Margaret & Ray Rhoads.

In memory of **Charles Risley**, and **Earl, Polly**, and **John Hurd** by Diane & Dave Risley.

In memory of **Dorothy Loehr**, **Bill & Ella Shindel**, and **Sharon Hauch**, and in honor of **Calvin & Gwen Culpepper** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In memory **Bill & Bess Stanis** and **Casper & Violet Hammel** by DuWayne & Nancy Stanis.

In memory of **Jack & Toni Diestelmeier** and **Bethel & Opal Tunnell** and in honor of **Melissa, Kayla, Malachi, Tashiana, and Kaiden DeLeon** by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

In honor of **our family** by Rob & Lorelle Wandell.

In honor of **our families** by Jeanine & Rev. Dr. Richard Wang.

In memory of **Elizabeth & Paul Wollstadt** and **Alah & George Lang** by Judy & Loyd Wollstadt.

In memory of parents, **John & Mary Boyer**, and brother, **Lt. Lewis Boyer**, by Susan Zimmerman.

In honor of **Rev. Culpepper** for the light he has brought into my life this past year.

Chancel Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Dr. Allen Pang and Steven Pang by Susan Pang & family.

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Allegro ~ *Henry Purcel*

Mark Nelson Brass Quartet

Die Bankelsangerlieder ~ *Anonymous*

March from Dramica per musica ~ *J.S. Bach*

Jesu meine Freude ~ *J.S. Bach*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ~ *Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

JuBellation Choir

§ Call to Worship

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Leader: Praise God, for He has guided us through the night.

***People:* God is always with us - as close as by our side.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad! Even our physical bodies have hope.

***People:* For God will not leave us in death - just as He has not left his Son in the tomb.**

Leader: This morning we light the Christ Candle to remind us that in Christ is life and that life is the light for all people. The light has pierced the darkness and the darkness can never overtake the light - the one true Light which is found in Jesus Christ. (*Christ Candle is lit.*)

Leader: Let us pray.

***All:* O God, we give you praise, honor, and glory for bringing us new life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in knowing that we will rise from death like Christ and, in so doing, will live eternally with you. Amen.**

§ Processional Hymn UMH #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #839, response 2

Psalm 118:14-29

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel” ~ *Roger Emerson*

“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful” ~ *Arr Ziegenhals*

Children’s Choir

Hymn FWS #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message

“Knock, knock. Who’s there? No one.”

James L. Crow

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

§ Second Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 114

John 20:1-18

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

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

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - *Please use the insert.*

Today we give thanks for Peggy Guyer and Chuck Miller, and celebrate their new life in the family of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &
RECEPTION of MEMBERS into LOCAL CONGREGATION

Peggy A. Guyer

Charles Miller

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Hymn UMH #154, verses 1, 4, 6

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Verse 1: All

Verse 4: Choir only

Verse 6: All

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Music

Hymn UMH #620

“One Bread, One Body”

Hymn UMH #618

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

“Hungry Feast” ~ setting: David Cherwien

Andrew Mertzenich

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #308**

“Thine Be the Glory”

As we sing this hymn, please come forward to stand with the choir

if you wish to join in singing “The Hallelujah Chorus.”

§ **Benediction**

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Therefore, go in the power of this risen Christ to work, live, love and serve, for the resurrection has changed everything. You have nothing to fear. You are never alone. Sin and death will not have the final word. We are more than conquerors through him who loves us, who gave his life for us and who now sits at God’s right hand interceding on our behalf. Go in peace, for Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

Prelude to a New Life in Christ

“The Hallelujah Chorus”

~ G.F. Handel

Postlude

Vruechten (This Joyful Eastertide)

~ Arr. Keith Kolander



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Next Sunday, April 8th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

Scrip shopping isn't one size fits all - we understand that sometimes you need to make big purchases, or just give a small “thank you.” We are here to help you meet those needs. And of course Scrip cards can be used as gifts themselves or for you to purchase items for upcoming events such as confirmations, graduations, and birthdays. Lowes, Menards, Home Depot, Target and Walmart cards are always available for your spring gardening needs. Hope to see you soon at the Scrip table before or after church!

Jeremiah Development, along with many community partners, is hosting **the second LOVE ROCKFORD event, on April 28, 2018, from 10AM – 2PM.** Congregations, businesses, community agencies and volunteers will be working together to reach out to the underserved. During our LOVE ROCKFORD day, residents will have the opportunity to be linked with a variety of counseling and housing services, and get blood pressure checks, hearing and vision tests, while the young may opt for face painting or other children's activities. Hungry stomachs will be met with a free lunch, and a box of food will be available to take home. **If you are interested in volunteering or donating to LOVE ROCKFORD, please contact Melissa at loverockfordil@gmail.com.** Your contribution and time will be responsibly utilized to lift the hearts and lives of our fellow residents.

Heart Solutions will be offering a CPR & AED (Automated External Defibrillator) educational class on Tuesday, April 17th from noon to 2pm. A workbook will be handed out to take home. Training video's and mannequins will also be used, however, the mannequins do not have to be used if someone has physical limitations. Since many of the parishioners are retired and no longer need a two year certification card, Heart Solutions, is offering this full training course without the completion card for a discounted rate of \$30.00. If anyone would need to have the certification card which is valid for two years the cost changes to \$55.00, which is still at a significant discounted rate. Please call the church office at 815-962-6061 by April 10th to register. We need a maximum of twelve people to host this event. A light lunch will be provided.

Save the dates:

April 8 - 10am - Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart preaches

April 15 - 10am - Rev. Dr. Richard Wang preaches

April 20 & 21 - 7:30pm - 'Godspell' - \$5 admission

April 22 - 2pm - 'Godspell' - \$5 admission

A Stewardship Message: “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6: 18-19

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 04/01 Easter Sunday

- 6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Chapel**
- 7:00 Easter Breakfast in the Dining Room**
- 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**
- 10:00 Resurrection Service in the Sanctuary**

Mon 04/02 CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 04/03 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
- 1:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in the Library
- 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
- 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
- 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202
- 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**

Wed 04/04 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

- 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
- 10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team in the Dining Room**

Thu 04/05 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**
- 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

Fri 04/06 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 04/07 10:00 am YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 04/08 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 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**

We thank the following people for enhancing our worship:

Children's Choir

Chancel Choir

JuBellation Handbell Choir

Mark Nelson Brass Quartet

Trumpet

Matt Aukes

Ray Aukes

Trombone

Tim Perian

Pete DiCaro

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music*

Andrew Mertzenich, *Organist*

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Donna Dow

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Acolyte: Hannah Whitmore

***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.*

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation

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Baptized unto the Lord
and
Received into Membership

Peggy A. Guyer
Charles Miller



April 1, 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church
215 N. Court St. - Rockford, IL 61103

Rev. Calvin Culpepper, Pastor

Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Reception into Membership

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are included into God's mighty acts of salvation,

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION of Candidates for Baptism

Peggy A. Guyer

Charles Miller

RENUNCIATION of Sin and Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses Peggy & Chuck:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin? ***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives
you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves? ***I do.***

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ offers
to people of all ages, nations, and races? ***I do.***

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member
of Christ's holy church and serve
as Christ's representative in the world? ***I will.***

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,

reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Peggy and Chuck now before you in your care?

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.***

***We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.***

***We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.***

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father? ***I believe in God.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? ***I believe in Jesus Christ.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? ***I believe in the Holy Spirit.***

THANKSGIVING Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the
ark through water, and after the flood
you set in the clouds a rainbow, as a sign of your promise.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb,
baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit.

Jesus called disciples to share in the baptism
of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare God's works to the nations, His glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and these people who receive it,
to wash away their sin, and receive clothes of righteousness
throughout their life,
that dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in Christ's final victory.

***All praise to You, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

BAPTISM

(Peggy, Chuck) I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

RECEPTION into THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Pastor addresses both candidates:

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? ***I will.***

RECEPTION into COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST

The Pastor addresses both candidates:

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness? ***I will.***

WELCOME from the Congregation

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries
of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.