

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

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

Ringing of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ~ J.S. Bach

§ Call to Worship

L: Sing out! Sing out with joy to the God who gives us strength!

C: Shout out! Shout loud praises to the Lord our God!

L: Let us listen carefully for the Word,

C: and let us be willing to follow where God leads.

L: Let us be guided by God's counsel,

ALL: and let us walk in the ways of the Holy One.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #644 "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Pastoral Prayer

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 45:1-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

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

Reading from James 1:17-27 New Testament p. 229

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

"Selective Hearing, Divine Service"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Baptism of Dillan Franklin Morse - *Please refer to your insert.*

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Fantasy on 'Holy Manna' "

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

Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

§ Benediction

People of God, be beautiful. Love well and serve all. Speak gently and listen carefully. Let the mind of Christ be ever guiding you so that your lives may bring glory to God. Go now, and do the work of God. In the name of God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude "Trio IV for one manual" ~ *Josef Rheinberger*

Facetime by the Big Bell

Dear Congregation,

When you enter the Education Door of the church, you will see a newly constructed PRAYER WALL. The purpose of the wall is for the congregation and our neighbors to offer up a prayer request, to write a positive message, or to quote a favorite scripture verse. Our intention is to spread God's love and to support each other whoever we are and wherever we are going. May God richly bless us on our journey.

Nurture and Outreach Committee



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

The Chancel Choir will begin with its first fall rehearsal on Tuesday, September 4th, from 7:00 to 8:30 in the choir room. Ages 14 & up. The handbell choir, **JuBellation**, will start up Tuesday, September 4th, from 6:00 to 7:00 in the choir room. 6th grade through Adult. The **Children's Choir** will start up on Sunday, September 16th, after the 10:00 service for a half hour rehearsal in the choir room. Age 4 through 7th grade. There will be an ice cream party for the first children's choir, so it would be a great time to invite friends to the rehearsal.

Next Sunday, September 9th, 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.

The third performance in Court Street's Summer Concert Series is by The Grand Groove Hotel, which includes former members of the Rockford Area Music Industry's Hall of Fame group, Moonlight Jazz Orchestra. Come next Sunday, September 16, at 3:00 p.m. to help benefit our Sanctuary Organ Project. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. You may purchase tickets from Andrew Mertenich, in the office, or online. Child care will be available.



A second Art Tea, sharing and planning meeting, is set for Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 10 AM, in the Art Room, #204, and we hope you will come join us. **A beginning oil painting class** will begin on Thursday, Sept. 20th, 10-11:30am. It will continue as a class for 4 sessions, same day of the week and time. Please direct questions to Rev. Dick Wang, djwang1990@yahoo.com; 815-218-1699 or see Beverly Maus.

It is time we had another **Golf Outing for Court Streeters** and their families. We will play 9 holes at the Red Barn in Rockton and will be a 'best ball' event so you don't have to worry if you are a beginner. If you don't play golf and want to just meet us for dinner or come and watch the action, that is great. Red Barn--Golf outing--**Saturday, September 29th**, at 3pm. Golf cost-\$15, pull cart-\$3, riding cart-\$7.50. Dinner following--still looking for the informal restaurant, probably about 5:30 or 6:00pm. If golf is rained out, we will still meet for dinner.

The Food Pantry has brought a barrel that will take our donations of peanut butter during the month of September. They had a big drive this summer for peanut butter for the kids to have food while on school vacation and it was very successful, but they still need more. This is the one protein food that is given out the most often to families a bit short of food. Thank You! *Nurture & Outreach and Local Missions Committees*

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

Greeter: Donna Dow	Acolyte: Ella Anderson
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team	Video: Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk	Liturgist: Randiann King
Van Driver: Dan Boon	Facetime Hostess: Geri Ryan

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/02 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell

Mon 09/03 LABOR DAY - Church is Closed

Tue 09/04
 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
 3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 09/05
 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

Thu 09/06
 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 09/07
 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 09/08
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 8:30 UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 09/09 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Street Café
 12:00 pm Scoopie Day @ Culver's, N. Main & Riverside
 12:00 Private Bridal Shower in the Dining Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God



**BE QUICK
 TO LISTEN,
 SLOW
 TO SPEAK,
 SLOW TO
 ANGER.**

James 1:19, NRSV

& 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.

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 September 2, 2018*

WELCOME!

September 2, 2018

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 _____