

**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 "Rondeau" ~ Henry Purcell

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

People: We are the salt of the earth.

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

People: We are the light of the world.

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments
and the law.

**People: The law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

All: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

**Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

~ By Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution, rev-o-lution.org.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2193, sung 3 times

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 125

Leader: ¹Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

**People: ⁴Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

Leader: ⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

People: Peace be upon Israel!

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 2:1-17

New Testament p. 229

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

"Felt Faith!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

~ Dorsey

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #57, verses 1-4

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

§ Benediction

~ *Franciscan Benediction*

May God bless you with Discomfort ... at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with Anger ... at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with Tears ... to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness ... to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. *Amen.*

Choral Benediction

Postlude

"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks" ~ *J.W. Kerr*

Street Café & Pick up Mum Orders in the Chapel Narthex



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!

TODAY we will be 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.

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.

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 Mertzenich, 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 3 p.m. Golf cost-\$15, pull cart-\$3, riding cart-\$7.50. Dinner following--still looking for the informal restaurant, probably about 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. If golf is rained out, we will still meet for dinner.

The Food Pantry has placed a barrel in the Narthex that will take our donations of peanut butter during the month of September.

Annual flu shots will be given in the parlor after the church service on Sunday, October 7th, from our very dedicated nurse, Karen Brown. Please remember to bring your insurance card with you.

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 wherever we are and wherever we are going. May God richly bless us on our journey. *Nurture and Outreach Committee*

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 9, 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 _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Teresa Field **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Liturgist:** Hannah Whitmore
Van Driver: Bruce Shindel

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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

Mon 09/10 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:30 pm **Worship Team in the Parlor**
 6:00 **Grand Groove Hotel Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

Tue 09/11 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 **Domestic Violence Awareness Team in Library**
 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
 5:30 **Trustee Team in the Library**
 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 09/12 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 09/13 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
 6:00 **Chatterbox Supper @ Backyard Grill & Bar**

Fri 09/14 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 09/15 Chimes DEADLINE
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 09/16 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am **Sunday School in 104, Dining Room, Balcony West, 209**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:30 **Children's Choir & Puppets**
 11:30 **Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room**
 2:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club in the Library**
 3:00 **Grand Groove Hotel Concert in the Sanctuary**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



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.

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day Part 1
 September 9, 2018*