

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.

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

Prelude "He" ~ Arr. J.M. Stevens

### § Call to Worship

L: God's gift of praise comes to those with ears to hear

**P: The joyful shouts of children,**

L: The wishful dreams of young people,

**P: The persistent hopes of the middle-aged,**

L: And the prophetic visions of the old.

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #145 "Morning Has Broken"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #750, response 1 Psalm 19

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message Rianne Ludington

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

Reading from James 3:1-12 New Testament p. 230

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

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

Musical Witness

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" ~ Arr. Mark Hayes

"Tamed Tongue!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Baptism of Kaylee Marie Bulliner & Brayden Alexander Bulliner

*Please refer to your insert*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Lord, Hear My Humble Prayer" ~ Arr. J.M. Stevens

### § Doxology UMH #94

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #528, verses 1-4

**"Nearer, My God, to Thee"**

### § Benediction

Almighty God, giver of wisdom, peace and power: Grant as we leave your church today our thinking may partake of your wisdom, our speaking may exemplify your peace and truth, and our deciding may serve the purposes of your power at work among us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

~ Caryl Micklem and Roger Tomes, eds., *As Good As Your Word* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Publishing, 1975), 125.

Choral 'Amen'

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" ~ Arr. Michael Ware

### Facetime by the Big Bell

**We thank Steve West and Lorelle Wandell  
for sharing their musical gifts with us today.**

**Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters** ~ A workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association on Wednesday, September 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Holy Family Church, St. Joseph's Room, Lower Level. Open to all, but please RSVP 815-398-4280. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease.

**Mendelssohn's Organ Walk begins at Court St. UMC Sunday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m.** No admission; open to the public.

**Dear Congregation,** Thanks for your positive response to the Prayer Wall located at the Education Entrance. If you have not yet visited it, please do so. Continue to write your prayer requests, words of encouragement or scripture verses. The board will be erased every Monday so new concerns and requests can be offered up in prayer. Blessings to all of you. *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 **Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals TODAY after the 10:00 service for a half hour rehearsal in the choir room. Age 4 through 7th grade with Mr. Jack.

**Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets** rehearsals begin TODAY at Noon in Room 302. Grades 1 through 8 with Ms. Krysta.

**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 **this afternoon, at 3:00 p.m.** to help benefit our Sanctuary Organ Project. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Child care will be available.

**Deborah Circle** meets Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 a.m., at Joanne Muck's, 1812 Meadow Circle.

**Dorcas Circle** meets Wednesday, September 19, 11:30 a.m., at Judy Mehren's, 1803 Claremont Rd.

**A second Art Tea**, sharing and planning meeting, is set for Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 10 a.m., in the Art Room, #204, and we hope you will come join us. **A beginning oil painting class** will begin on Thursday, Sept. 20th, 10-11:30 a.m. 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 at Fibs, 105 W. Main St., Rockton, at 5:30 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.

**Court Street's Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, October 28 during our 10 a.m. worship service.** SPRC will meet at 9:30 a.m. that morning in the Library. If you are responsible for an online report, you must have it filed by October 14 and submit a copy to the church office. For those of you wishing to submit a written report for the church booklet, the deadline is October 21 to the church office.

*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 16, 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**

<b>Greeter:</b> Joanne Muck	<b>Acolyte:</b> Hannah Whitmore
<b>Ushers:</b> The Sue Cram Team	<b>Video:</b> Steve Ripley
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Stan Tunnell	<b>Liturgist:</b> Bill Barnhart
<b>Van Driver:</b> Tim Gorman	<b>Facetime Hosts:</b> Breakfast Club

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Sun 09/16 17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Rm, Balcony West, 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302  
 2:00 CSUMC Book Club in the Library  
 3:00 Grand Groove Hotel Concert in the Sanctuary

**Mon 09/17**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 4:00 pm Finance Team in the Library  
 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

**Tue 09/18**  
 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 Winn Cty Substance Abuse Coalition - Dining Room  
 1:00 pm Lay Leadership Team in the Library  
 3:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 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 09/19**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 1812 Meadow Circle  
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ 1803 Claremont Rd.  
 5:30 pm N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center

**Thu 09/20**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Beginning Oil Painting in Room 204  
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor

**Fri 09/21**  
 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

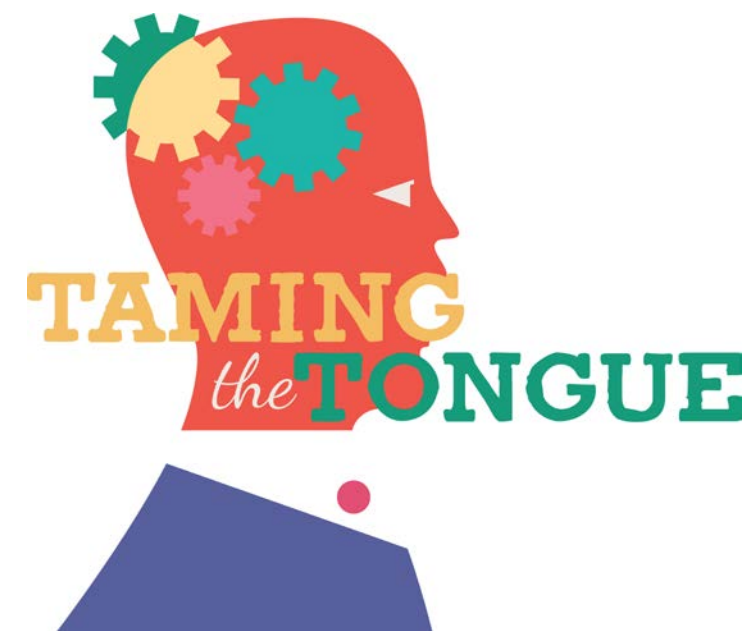
**Sat 09/22**  
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
 10:00 Art Group in Room 204  
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

**Sun 09/23 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Rm, Balcony West, 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302  
 1:30 Mendelssohn Organ Walk BEGINS @ CSUMC

**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.

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day Part 2  
 September 16, 2018*