

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 "Short Contemplation on the Life of Christ" ~ Lani Smith

§ Call to Worship

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

People: And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of isolation.

People: And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

People: And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.

All: As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts to what can be, instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #643

"When Love Is Found"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 127

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

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"

Musical Witness

"Dem Bones"

~ Arr. Audrey Snyder

Children's Choir

§ Reading from the New Testament Mark 12:38-44

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Rich in Faith!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - *Please bring your offering and your pledge card to the front or give to an usher.*

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #165

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

§ Benediction

To the love, grace, and peace of God I commend you and all those you love, wherever they may be. As you go forth from this place remember the generosity of the widow, who gave everything that another might have something. Go and do likewise. **Amen.**

Musical Benediction

Jack Armstrong

Postlude

"America the Beautiful"

~ Lani Smith

Stewardship Lunch in the Dining Room

Please come and let us break bread together



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!

Get your blood pressure checked today in the Narthex before worship by our Parish Nurse, Teresa Field.

TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please see the bulletin insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

TODAY we are celebrating our commitment to the church. It is a day that we pledge to continue our support through our prayers, our service, our presence, and our gifts. It is a day to rejoice in the blessings of the Lord, expressing our gratefulness with joyful hearts. **The Stewardship Team invites you to a luncheon in the Dining Room, following the worship service.** Please come and let us break bread together.

Deadline for submissions to our December 2018 Chimes is Thursday, November 15th.

**Noisy Offering is coming next Sunday, November 18!!
Bring your coins & help support Waffles & Worship**

Welcome to Autumn and Winter, which is not far behind. Here's a friendly reminder for you to consider scrip cards for fall clean up and winterizing needs (Menards, Lowe's, Home Depot, or Walmart/Sam's and Target too). Also, you can be proactive and start purchasing Scrip cards for gifts or your Christmas shopping needs. Come and check out our complete list of Scrip vendors. Ordered cards will be available in 1 to 2 weeks. We are always looking for new customers and appreciate our existing ones. Come see us at the Scrip table!

Now accepting donations of clean, new or lightly used clothing until May 1, 2019, for LOVE ROCKFORD. No shoes, no jewelry, no underwear, please. Padded and/or plastic hangars are also needed, but no wire hangars, please. Items may be left in Room 109 (across from the Office). If you are able to work an hour or two to help sort beginning any time, please call Dorothy Powell (815-963-0728).

It's getting cold and some of the Haskell students could use some help keeping warm this winter! Please bring gloves, mittens, scarfs, or hats to our narthex during the months of November and December. We will deliver a few of the items each week and maybe even into January. Thank you for always caring. *Nurture & Outreach Committee*

Prayerfully consider joining in a small group study of Adam Hamilton's book, "Not a Silent Night," during Advent. The group(s) will decide if they want to do it in 4 or 5 sessions. Also, please consider facilitating a group. Let Pastor Cal or the Church Office know if you are interested. You would meet the group at a time and place of your choosing.

Hang the greens with us on Saturday, November 24, 9:00 a.m.

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: Beverly Maus **Acolyte:** Rachel Whitmore
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 11/11 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Veterans Day
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony W, 209
 9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Consecration Lunch in the Dining Room
 11:30 Youth Lunch/Service/Fun

Mon 11/12 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:30 pm Worship Team in the Parlor

Tue 11/13 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
 11:00 Domestic Violence Awareness Team in Library
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach Team in the Dining Room
 3:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 5:00 Thanksgiving Team in the Parlor
 5:30 Trustee Team in the Library
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 6:00 AGO Presentation in the Parlor
 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 11/14 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St.
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Tavern on Clark, 755 Clark Rd.
 5:30 pm N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center

Thu 11/15 **Chimes DEADLINE for December 2018 "Chimes"**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm **The Journeymen @ 3495 McFarland Rd., #105**

Fri 11/16 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 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

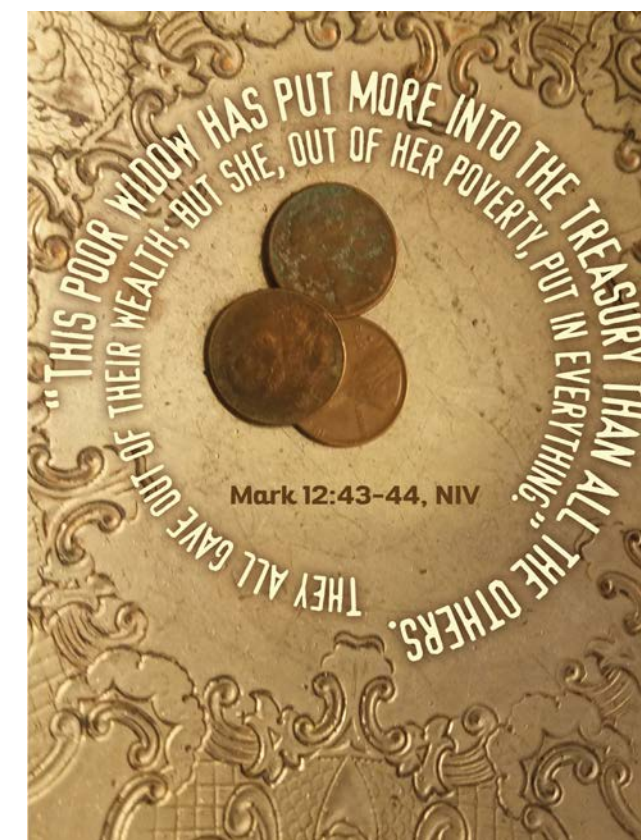
Sat 11/17 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor

Sun 11/18 26th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving Sunday
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony W, 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 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4288 Uram Lane

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.

*25th Sunday after Pentecost/Veterans Day/Consecration Sunday
 November 11, 2018*

WELCOME! November 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 _____