

§ 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 Thank-You Presentation
Council Choraleers
Dorothy Paige-Turner, Director

§ Call to Worship

Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before,

People: You are welcomed by Christ here.

Leader: For those who have been turned away,

People: Christ is opening the door for you.

Leader: For those who have been forgotten,

People: God cannot forget you, for God made you.

Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.

People: You are God's beloved.

We welcome each other in the name of Christ.

Amen.

~ Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 #772 Psalm 37:1-11

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"

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Seeds of the Resurrection!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "O Clap Your Hands" ~ Rutter

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

§ Benediction ~ Duck and Tirabassi, 243.

God sends you forth from the gathered church to be ambassadors for Christ. God looks for anyone who will lift instead of lean, help instead of hinder. Go to claim a corner of the world for God and may God's Spirit go with you and abide with you.

Amen.

Choral Response "Christ Be With Me" ~ Keveren

Postlude "O Store Gud" ~ Robert Hobby

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so,

leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell

Join us for the 1st Annual 'Night in Italy' Fundraiser for Jeremiah Development. The evening includes Cocktail Hour, Italian Dining "Under the Stars", Silent Auction, Trivia Contest, and Photo Booth complete with gondola and Italian backdrop! Come for a festive night of friendship, fine food and fun! Tickets: \$45 each, 2 for \$80, or \$300 for a table of 8. Tickets available online at JeremiahDevelopment.org, at the door, from Court Street's Church Office, or Joan Tunnell. Proceeds go to Jeremiah Development, NFP to help support LOVE Rockford, Jeremiah Garden, and programs to build a strong neighborhood in the near west-side downtown area of Rockford.



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!

For February and March we are asking for **donations of activity books and word search books** to give to Haskell Academy students. These are very inexpensive at the Dollar Stores. It is hoped that we will get enough that some of the students can take them home to share with their families. Thanks, Court Street, for helping us fulfill this need. Please leave the books in the container in the Narthex. *Nurture & Outreach*

Prayerfully consider joining in a small group study of Mike Slaughter's book, "Made for a Miracle," during Lent. Also, please consider facilitating a group. Let the Church Office know if you are interested - you would meet the group at a time and place of your choosing. Whether you participate or facilitate, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Pastor Cal will be leading a group on Sundays at 11:30 in the Church Parlor. Books available for \$14 and other meeting times are being determined.

Come to Court Street's Mardi Gras Cabaret on Friday, MARCH 1, at 6:00 p.m. An evening of Court Street members and guests, musical and theatrical performances, games, and the GREAT GRILLED CHEESE GRILL-OFF. Dig out your purple, gold, and green clothing, don a mask, beads, and any glitzy jewelry, and join us in the Church Dining Room. Free-will offering will be taken.

Set aside Tuesday, MARCH 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER. In keeping with fun tradition, we will serve pancakes and play games the night before ASH WEDNESDAY. Pancake flour, eggs, milk, butter, liquid shortening, and monetary contributions for sausage will be accepted before the day. Please check the signup sheet in the Narthex.

A much needed service to the church, **the office utilizes volunteers** to answer the phone, take care of people dropping in, sort the mail, proof publications, etc. Some days it's very busy, other days it's rather boring. You may bring a book to read to help keep yourself occupied during the 'down' times. *Call the Church Office (815) 962-6061 if you are interested in volunteering for Wednesdays!*

The United Methodist Women continues to organize, prepare, and serve funeral/memorial service luncheons at the request of families who have lost a loved one. We appreciate help from anyone in the congregation. If you can bake a cake, help with setup, decorate tables, serve food, wash dishes, or help with cleanup, please let us know, and we will add your name to our list. You can choose what you would like to do and you do not need to help at every funeral. For more information or to signup, please call Diane Risley at 815-964-2226 or Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518.

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

Greeters: Barb & Gene Ferry **Acolyte:** Kaylee Bulliner
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Brian King **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Van Driver: Dan Boon **Facetime:** Judy Mehren, Sue Cram

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 02/24 7th Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

Mon 02/25 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 02/26 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 Busy Bag Ladies in Room 205
 3:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 6:00 pm JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 02/27 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 11:00 Stewardship Team in the Library

Thu 02/28 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in Room 209
 1:00 The Journeymen in the Parlor
 1:00 Chimes stuffing in the Library
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 03/01 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 Mardi Gras Cabaret in the Dining Room

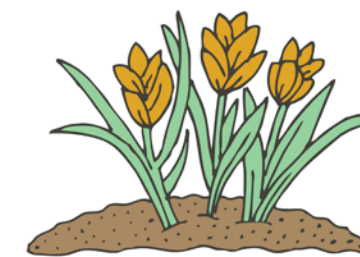
Sat 03/02 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 8:00 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center

Sun 03/03 7th Sunday after Epiphany
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
 9:00 Sunday School - 104, Dining Room
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Youth Choir in the Choir Room
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



WHAT IS **SOWN** IS PERISHABLE; WHAT IS **RAISED** IS IMPERISHABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:42

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.

*7th Sunday after Epiphany
 February 24, 2019*

WELCOME! February 24, 2019
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 _____