

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 "Finlandia" ~ J. Wayne Kerr

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Here we have come as people of faith

People: To celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Here we have come to follow the Prince of Peace and

People: To celebrate a life lived with compassion and forgiveness.

Leader: Here we have come to live in a hurting world and

People: To witness to a new way of living that celebrates the power of God's love.

Leader: Here we have come to proclaim the hope of new life, and

People: To partner with God in creating a new world of justice and shalom.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #547 "O Church of God, United"

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 #746 Psalm 14

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Noisy Offering
Children's Message "Second Chance" *James L. Crow*

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

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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.

"Only the Qualified Need to Apply!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Peace Like a River" ~Courtney/Red

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #361
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

§ Benediction

Let us live the Good News: care for the sick and suffering, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, struggle against injustice, care for the earth.

Let us tell the Good News: this world is not God-forsaken, abandoned to futility and destruction. God has not failed: This world will become the realm of God. **Amen.**

Choral Response "Deep Peace" ~ Sexton

Postlude "Sonata in G" ~ Scarlatti, edited by Wayne L. Wold
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



Altar Flowers are given...
...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas' birthday, September 20,
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Fund.

Be aware that one of our city ordinances says, concerning the municipal lot across the street: "When signs are erected in each municipal parking lot giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than two hours at any time, in any parking space, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except Sundays and public holidays.....Parking in a different space within a given lot shall not constitute the start of a new and separate two-hour period."



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!

Noisy Offering is TODAY!!
Give your coins & help support Worship & Waffles

Join us at Rock Cut Park for fun family time TODAY from Noon until 3:00 p.m. We will be canoeing, hanging out, and having lunch. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for your family and come enjoy the afternoon with us!

Deadline for the October Chimes is TODAY!

Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) continues next Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ages: K-18. Be a part of 'Children of Eden Jr.' Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings. Cost: \$30; scholarships are available. Performance will be Sunday, December 15th.

Puppet & Pizza Project continues next Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Practice how to effectively 'operate' puppets to enhance our worship experience and have pizza afterwards. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings. Cost: FREE. We will perform in worship service on Sunday morning every couple of months.

Interfaith Open Houses of Worship is next Sunday, September 22, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Begin at 1:30 p.m., Temple Beth El, 1203 Comanche Drive then at 3:00 p.m. drive to the Muslim Community Center, 5921 Darlene Dr. For more info call RUM (815) 964-7111.

Diabetes Self Management Program will be taught by Teresa Field (our Parish Nurse) and Sue Scott, both OSF Parish Nurses, at Holy Family starting Wednesday, September 25th, from 9:00-11:30am and every Wednesday in October, for a total of six sessions. Learn practical skills and techniques to manage your diabetes and build self-confidence. The class is a free through Lifescape. Please call Teresa at (815) 298-8138 to pre-register.

Rockford District United Methodist Women Fall Meeting ~ We will meet Saturday, September 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Bethel UMC, Shannon, Illinois, for worship, for our annual business meeting, and to hear Deb Foust speak on 'Economic Inequality: How Do We Create Success for Families in Transition?' Fall Mission Project items to be collected at this meeting: toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, tissues, deodorant, head lice kits, and shampoo to be given to homeless students and their families. Cost to attend: \$12. Registration deadline is Sept. 23. See Joanne Muck for registration form/information.

All Church Conference reports are due online and/or in the Church Office by Monday, October 7. If you're not sure if you need to do a report, please contact the Church Office. Those committees who have online reports to submit are: SPRC, Finance, and Trustees.

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: Jan Mace **Acolyte:** Rachel Whitmore
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Liturgist:** Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart
Van Driver: Jeff Mann **Facetime Hostesses:** Barb Ferry, Perky Flynn

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/15 14th Sunday after Pentecost/Chimes DEADLINE
 9:00 am Sunday School in 104, Balcony West, Narthex
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Youth Choir in the Choir Room
 12:00 pm Family Day at Rock Cut

Mon 09/16 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 09/17 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 pm Staff Meeting in the Staff Conference Room
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation in the Choir Room
 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal in the Dining Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 09/18 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ 1339 Sandypoint Dr.
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Greenfire, 6795 E. Riverside
 4:00 pm SPRC in the Library
 5:30 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center

Thu 09/19 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 Painting in the Art Room, 204
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor

Fri 09/20 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 Beautiful Beginnings in the Gym
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 09/21 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 9:00 FAST (Fine Arts Saturday Troupe)
 11:00 Puppets & Pizza in Youth Center

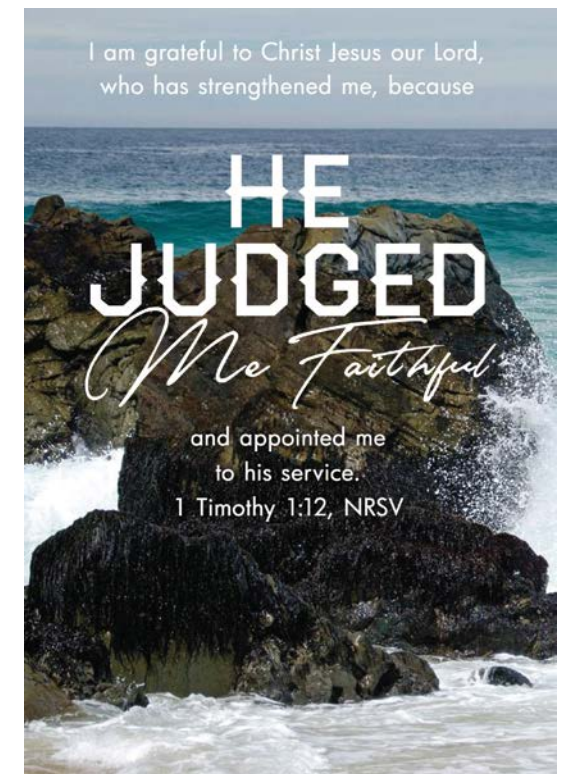
Sun 09/22 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am Sunday School in 104, Balcony West, Narthex
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Youth Choir in the Choir Room
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 15, 2019

WELCOME! September 15, 2019
 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 _____