

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Fine Arts Camp Participants "The Circle of Life"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, great Spirit, be here with us.

***People:* Fill us with strength and courage.**

Leader: Renew our faith and restore to us confidence and faith.

***People:* Now we worship the living God.**

§ Opening Hymn #514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Psalm 36:1-4, 10-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Young Church Gathers to Worship *James L. Crow*

Backpack Blessing

Hymn (FWS) #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Mr. Jim;

younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 23:1-12

Leader: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

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

Sermon Series: Are You a Fool? (#3 of 3)

"Are You Fooling Others?"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response #444, verses 1, 2, 5

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

Offering Our gifts and Our Selves
Offertory

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

§ Benediction *--St. Thomas Aquinas*

And now, give us, O Lord,
A steadfast heart,
which no unworthy affection may drag downward;
Give us an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out;
Give us an upright heart,
which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Postlude

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

**We thank Megan Thomas
for sharing her musical gifts with us today!**



Altar Flowers are given...
in memory of Leslie Thomas who passed away on 8/17/1987
by Gwen Thomas Bequest.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Ken & Jeanann Whitmore **Liturgist:** Verlette Gorman

Ushers: The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Ashley Welk

Van Driver: Bob Lutner **Fellowship Hosts:** Breakfast Group

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today 13th Sunday after Pentecost

08/18 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209

10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**

11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

11:30 THE STORY Study in the Parlor

Mon 08/19 Methodist Monday

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

1:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

Tue 08/20

8:00 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

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

10:00 Image Class in the Library

10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room

1:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209

Wed 08/21

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

1:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

7:00 Taizé worship in the Chapel

Thu 08/22

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100

1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library

1:00 Early Head Start in Room 100

1:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Fri 08/23

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203

Sat 08/24 Safe Sanctuaries Training at First UMC, Elgin

Sunday 14th Sunday after Pentecost

08/25 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209

10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**

11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

11:30 THE STORY Study in the Parlor

2:30 pm Praise Band at Cherry Valley Days



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

What do you see? As you sit in our beautiful sanctuary, you will notice many symbolic elements. This month, you'll learn more about the beautiful stained glass windows in our Sanctuary.

Looking at the southwest window, you will see Mary Magdalene Anointing Jesus' Feet and Jesus at the Well with a Samaritan Woman. The lower right side of the window depicts Zacchaeus in a Tree and Jesus with the Little Children above him.

All are welcome to come to THE STORY study in the parlor after worship today. Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we discuss "Paul's Final Days" and the need for us to continue to grow more and more.

Grades 6-12 ~ Let's get together and talk, eat, play games, and plan future fun. Come to a picnic at Sinnissippi Park Playground this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Call Holly (815-298-1577) if you need a ride.

Methodist Monday reminder: August 19 Annette Gillette, Dave & Diane Risley

Last chance! Prayerfully consider attending the Safe Sanctuaries Training held Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First UM Church, 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin, IL. The essentials of Safe Sanctuaries will be covered. Safety on the internet and in social media will be explored through some hands-on interactive activities. See the bulletin board outside the church office for forms and more details.

All adults, member or non-member, are welcome in Room 209 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 25th, for Sunday School.

Please note that scrip for Woodman's will not be available for another 2 weeks at least. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Our Praise Band will be performing at Cherry Valley Days on Sunday, August 25th, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Plan now to attend!

Sunday, August 25, we will be taking a special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world.

An opportunity to serve ~ We are in need of more volunteers! Anyone interested in being an usher during our Sunday worship service is welcome to contact the church office for more information. This is a vital service to our congregation and helps our worship run smoothly.

We are getting ready to study the Bible all the way through again and urge anyone who is interested in learning more about the heart of God's story and His desire for a relationship with each one of us to consider participating in this group which will begin Sunday, September 15th, Rally Day.

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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Communion Special offering - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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WELCOME! August 18, 2013
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 _____


If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



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.

*13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2013*