

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

Ring of the Bell

Prelude - Praise Band

“Here I Am to Worship”

§ Call to Worship

Leader: When the lost are found,

People: there is joy!

Leader: When hope overcomes despair,

People: there is joy!

Leader: When we seek God’s faithfulness,

People: there is joy!

Leader: Praise God who is present with us through Christ Jesus!

People: Praise God who is present with us through one another!

§ Opening Hymn (FWS) #2173

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer, #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

First Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Hymn (FWS) #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The Young Church Gathers to Worship

James L. Crow

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. Rynne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon “Living to Tell THE STORY” Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response (FWS) #2221, verses 1, 2, 4

“In Unity We Lift Our Song”

Offering Our gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Praise Band

“Shine on Us”

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #187 “Rise, Shine, You People!”

Verse 1: Choir & Congregation

Verse 2: Soprano section of Choir

Verse 3: Choir

Verse 4: Choir & Congregation

§ Benediction

My friends, go into the world:

knowing that it is God who loves us,

Christ who strengthens us,

and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for service.

Go in peace and joy! **Amen.**

Choral Response - Chancel Choir

“Make Us One”

Organ & Trumpet Postlude

“The Prince of Denmark’s March” ~ Jeremiah Clarke

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Sam Campbell, drums, and Mark Nelson, trumpet, for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

Chancel Flowers are given...

..in memory of Leslie Thomas who passed away on 8/17/1987

by the Gwen Thomas bequest.

..in memory of Carm Scott’s birthday on September 13th

by Dave, Keli, Mark Scott & family.

Anyone interested in helping to serve Communion in the upcoming months, please contact Joan Tunnell at tunnellj@comcast.net or at 815-397-6280. You will be able to select your dates and possibly your station. Please consider sharing in this meaningful event.

Rockford District Revival ~ Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m. at Faith UMC, 1440 S. Walnut Ave., Freeport. Message given by Bishop Sally Dyck; dinner at 5:30 p.m. for \$7 per person, \$28 per family of 4 or more.

In 1940 the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established World-wide Communion Sunday. In 1971, the United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate this on Sunday, October 6.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping 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 we will continue the study of the stained glass windows. Behind the center of the balcony to the south, at the highest point of these windows is a trefoil containing

three symbols: a lamb, the palm of a hand, and a dove. John 1:29 says, “Behold the lamb of God.” pointing out Jesus Christ. Above the lamb is an unfurled banner which signifies Christ’s victory over death. The outstretched palm shows the right hand of God the Father extended in blessing. The descending dove stands for the Holy Spirit. Mark 1:10 states that the “Holy Spirit descended like a dove from heaven.”

Interested in membership at Court Street UMC? See Pastor Cal immediately after worship today if you’ve thought you would enjoy joining our church family. We will receive new members next Sunday.

Anyone interested in being an usher during our Sunday worship service should please contact Lorelle (815) 962-6061 for more information. This is a vital service to our congregation and helps our worship run smoothly.

THE STORY Study starts today right after worship and we 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 participate in this group. Please see Lorelle in the parlor if you would like to peruse and/or purchase the book(s).

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social ~ Come for fellowship and ice cream this afternoon as we gather on the lawn at 1719 Arnold Ave. Bring your lawn chair; held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - September 18th

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

• Ministry in the Dining Room

City of Rockford’s Focus Area Rehabilitation Program

• Kids’ Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13

• Rev. Rhoads’ class in the Library - Adults

• Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room

\$2.50 per person/\$10 max per family

The Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be hosting a Progressive Organ Concert on Sunday, September 20, 2013 featuring guild member organists. Featuring 4 different organs at 4 unique venues with a variety of pipe organ literature; free-will offering will be received to go towards the chapter’s scholarship fund. Two of the featured organists are current recipients of scholarships. The location and times for the concert are: 1:30 PM, Court Street United Methodist; 2:15 PM, Emmanuel Episcopal Church; 3:00 PM, Mendelssohn Performing Arts; 3:45 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Bob & Mary-Kay Allen **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Van Driver: Tim Welk
Fellowship Hosts: The Rhoads & Connie Magnuson

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today 17th Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day

09/15 **The Chimes DEADLINE**

8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East
11:30 THE STORY Study in the Parlor
2:00 pm Ice Cream Social at 1719 Arnold Ave.

Mon 09/16 **Methodist Monday**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 5:30 Various committee meetings
 7:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

Tue 09/17

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
 9:00 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 10:00 Image Class in the Library
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209

Wed 09/18

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
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements
 6:00 Sunday School Teachers in the Dining Room
 7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor
7:00 Taizé Worship in the Chapel

Thu 09/19

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
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Fri 09/20

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 10:00 Image Class II in the Library
 5:30 pm Jeremiah Survey Training in the Dining Room
 7:30 Mendelssohn Concert in the Sanctuary

Sat 09/21 10:15 am **Midvale Paper Angel Distribution**

Sunday 18th Sunday after Pentecost

09/22

8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East
 11:30 THE STORY Study in the Parlor
 11:30 "Not a Fan" Study in Room 209 or the Library
 1:30 pm AGO Organ Walk begins at Court Street UMC
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
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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! September 15, 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? _____

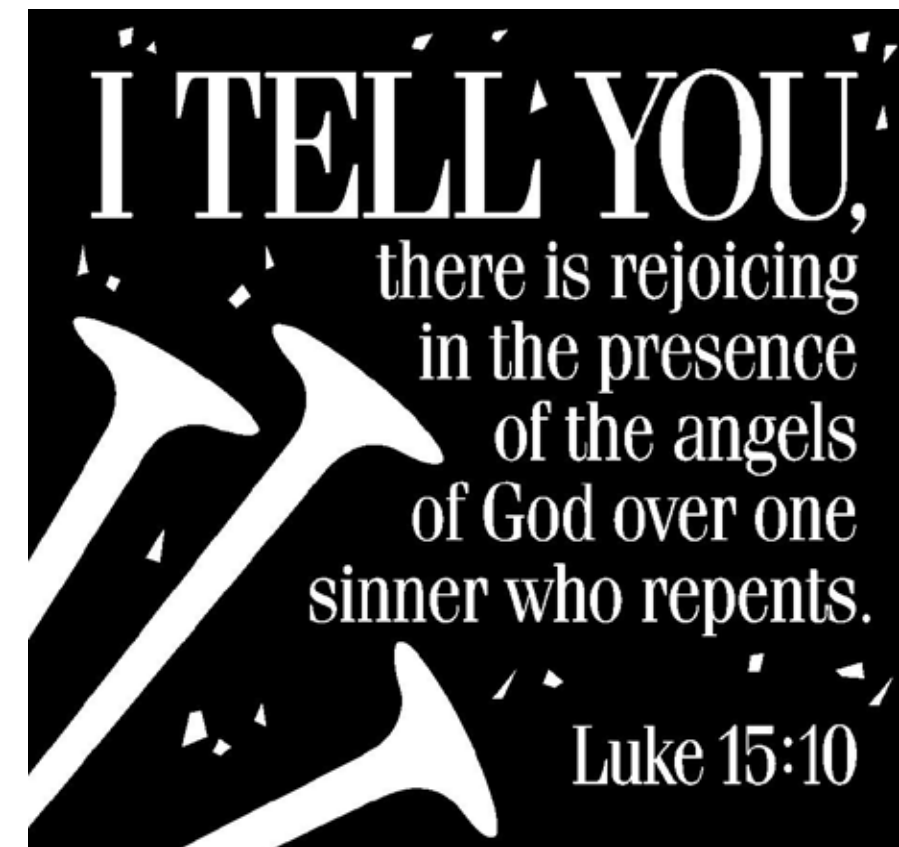
Children:
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Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

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.

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 September 15, 2013