

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

Organ Prelude Elegy on "Behold a Host" ~ D. Wood

Choral Introit "Father, We Have Heard You Calling"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We are here to acknowledge God, remember who we are, and whose we are.

People: **May God inspire our praise, enliven our prayers, and move our hearts.**

Leader: May God confront and challenge us.

ALL: **O God, teach us to worship in Spirit and truth.**

§ Opening Hymn #178, verses 1-4 "Hope of the World"

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 2:1-7

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem - Chancel Choir with Piano "Great Is Your Name"

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

The Young Church Gathers to Worship James L. Crow
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Leader: You are being given God's Holy Word.

Children: **What will we do with it?**

Leader: You will read, listen, learn, and love God.

Children: **It looks so long and hardly has any pictures.**

Leader: **But the stories are fantastic.**

Children: **What are they about?**

Leader: Giants being conquered with a slingshot, a boat that was at sea for forty days and nights, a man-eating whale.

Children: **That's awesome.**

Leader: Yes, God is awesome. Read the book and your life can become awesome.

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 Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Sermon "Smooth Operator" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response #354, verses 1, 2 "I Surrender All"

Reception of New Member

Reaffirmation of Faith - Anna Kelsey Powell

The United Methodist Hymnal, page 35

Pastor: Members of the household of God,
I commend Ana to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Congregational Response:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Offering Our gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Cameron Geckeler, soloist

"Angels"

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #438 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

§ Benediction

Our time of worship is over and the work of worship is just beginning. The week before you, you will never have again.

Use your time wisely then to bring the love, grace and peace of God to each person you meet in the days ahead. **Amen.**

Postlude "Recessional" ~ R. Powell

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

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.



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. Left of the trefoil is a representation of the world with a cross on top. John Wesley said, "The world is my parish." When asked why he did not confine his preaching to churches. This symbol also indicates that the Methodist Church is a part of the world of Christian churches.

LADIES!!! Julia Schade is getting married in October. We are going to have a shower for her on Sunday September 29 at 12:00, noon, in the dining room. Julia and David are asking for money to help rebuild their porch (which is literally falling apart) for wedding gifts. However, I have persuaded them to register for some "fun" gifts for the shower. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. So feel free to give a gift or just come wish Julia a long, wonderful life with David. Ladies only please.

THE STORY Study starts today at 11:45 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.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - September 25th 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Ministry in the Dining Room
- "Medication Use and Safety for those over 60"
- 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 this afternoon. Free-will offering will be received to go towards the chapter's scholarship fund. The location and times for the concert: 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.

870 MILLION? What does the number 870 Million have to do with the Rockford CROP Hunger Walk? Find someone in our congregation who is walking October 20th and ask her or him. Better still find Tim or Verlette Gorman and become a walker or sponsor yourself. Hundreds will walk to fight hunger both here -- the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition receives 25% of monies raised -- and the world. We need Walkers and sponsors for the Annual Rockford CROP Hunger Walk on October 20th. Thanks for helping feed the hungry.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Mike & Peggy Olderbak **Liturgist:** Kathy Welk
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Ashley Welk
Van Driver: Bruce Shindel **Fellowship Hosts:** ????????????

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today 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
11:15 "Not a Fan" Study in the Parlor
11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library
1:30 pm AGO Organ Walk begins at Court Street UMC
4:00 CSUMC Book Club at 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, LP

Mon 09/23 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
6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

Tue 09/24 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
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
6:15 Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209

Wed 09/25 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
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor
7:00 Praise Band in the Sanctuary

Thu 09/26 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 Early Head Start in Room 100
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Fri 09/27 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

Sat 09/28
Sunday 19th Sunday after Pentecost
09/29 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
11:15 "Not a Fan" Study in the Parlor
11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library
12:00 pm Bridal Shower for Julia in the Dining Room
4:00 Clergy Interfaith Group in the Chapel

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	Ministers
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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 22, 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



DOLLARS
& SENSE

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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost
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