

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 Variations on "Terra Beata" ~ Rudolf Zuiderveld

### § Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

People: Thank you, God, for so many wondrous gifts.

Leader: For our homes and families, for our church and friendship, for food and fellowship.

People: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we say rejoice.

Leader: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus Christ, for love, for belonging and for this time of thanks and praise.

People: We all now rejoice and feast in the gifts and grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

### § Opening Hymn #111 "How Can We Name a Love"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer, #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

§ First Scripture Reading Mark 14:1-9

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

### 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. Rynanne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir, piano "What Shall I Render"

Sermon "The Gift of Giving" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response #408 "The Gift of Love"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory Variations on "O Waly Waly" ~ Janet Linker

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth #561 "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

### § Benediction

May the Lord bless you in the service  
of a world in deep need.

May the Lord give you away, like bread  
to revive the starving, like wine to comfort the sorrowing.

Now go in peace, and be thankful. Amen.

Postlude "Toccata" ~ Kevin J. Sadowski

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Cherly Lemke, organ,  
and Megan Thomas, choir director,  
for sharing their musical gifts with us today  
while Julia is on vacation.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of James Ferguson  
by Leta Gerber.

Our youth will be joining 2nd Con./1st Pres. for their annual Trunk or Treat. We need volunteers to park and decorate their cars in their parking lot on Sunday, October 27th, at 3:30. It will run from 4 to 5:30 pm. Or you may donate bags of peanut/tree nut-free, fun-size candy; please see Ana Kelsey-Powell for more information.

Reserve your place for the Fireside Christmas event on Saturday, November 23rd. We will carpool from church, leaving at 9 am, arrive at the Fireside about 10:30 am, dine at 11:15 am, and see the matinee at 1:30 pm. Pay \$62.95 to Jan Marlow in the narthex to reserve a place.

Consecration Sunday Potluck ~ Bring a dish to share on Sunday, October 27, so we can celebrate God's bounty and gifts to us with a potluck lunch in the dining room following the worship service.



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 we'll study the Narthex windows. The 2nd window from the east features a ship which bears all men alike over a stormy sea toward a single destination, indicating the ecumenical nature of the church. It is followed by another window with a Biblical reference to Christ as the light of the world.

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

If you need SCRIP in the next 2 weeks, please purchase today as Jan Marlow will not be here next Sunday, October 20th. (She will be taking care of the money at CROP Walk.) Or you can always come during office hours and purchase them then.

THE STORY Study is today at 11:45 and we urge anyone who is interested in learning more about God's desire for a relationship with each one of us to participate in this group in the Library.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - October 16  
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Ministry in the Dining Room  
"Senior Scams" by Rockford Service Volunteer 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

Meet God on Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. "Thy will be done" is the theme of our Taizé worship where we will hear scripture, pray, and sing songs. All are welcome.

Find Tim or Verlette Gorman and become a walker or sponsor yourself. We need Walkers and sponsors for the Annual Rockford CROP Hunger Walk on October 20th. Thanks for helping feed the hungry.

Betty Lou Leech will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 19th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the dining room. It will be an open house style and wouldn't be complete without her church family. Please let Geri Ryan (815-877-2141) know by Monday, Oct. 14th.

An open house to celebrate Larry Wakefield's 90th birthday will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19th, in the Wakefield home at 4347 Applewood Lane, Loves Park. No gifts please, just come and have a cookie and make his day!

CSUMC Book Club is meeting TODAY at 4:00 p.m. to discuss "Still Alice." All are welcome at Jan Mace's, 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Jean Killingsworth      **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Doran/Stanis Team      **Sound Tech:** Ashley Welk  
**Van Driver:** Dan Boon      **Fellowship Hostess:** Geri Ryan

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

Today 21st Sunday after Pentecost

**10/13** 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  
**Mon 10/14** 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 Worship Committee in the Parlor  
**Tue 10/15** 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  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209  
**Wed 10/16** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
**9:30 Deborah Circle-Fern Armstrong's, 4202 Schmitt Ln.**  
12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
4:30 Thanksgiving Committee in the Library  
**5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements**  
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor  
**7:00 Taizé worship in the Chapel**  
**Thu 10/17** 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 10/18** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
**Sat 10/19 1:00 pm Betty Leech's 90th Birthday Party - Dining Room**  
**Sunday 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10/20** 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  
1:00 pm CROP Walk registration at Riverfront Museum Park  
**4:00 CSUMC Book Club at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation      *Ministers*  
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Michael Smith      *Maintenance Engineer*  
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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!

October 13, 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



Generous  
Living

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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