

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

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle, Peace

*Roger Anderson, Georgalee George,
Michelle Regnier, Dick Scott*

§ **Opening Hymn #196** “Come, Thou Long-Expected 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem - Chancel Choir

“Come, O Come to Us, We Pray”

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

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

Sermon “Looking for the Unexpected”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response #500, verses 1, 2, 4

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory-Christina Lewis, soloist

“Breath of Heaven”

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth #200**

“Tell Out, My Soul”

§ **Benediction**

Be alert! Stay on your guard! Despite the headlines of our daily news, the presence of Jesus Christ in the world is evident, if we will only look and listen to the signs of his coming.

Go into your world this week to deliver the good news that Christ is with us! **Amen.**

Choral Response

“Advent Benediction”

Piano Postlude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ~ *arr. Mark Hayes*

Everyone is invited to the UMW’s

Bakery, Bazaar, & Evergreen Sale

Brunch in the Dining Room:

Adults - \$6, Children 4-10 - \$3, Children 3 & under - free

*Altar
Flowers*

are given...

*...in Joyful anticipation of
the coming of our Messiah
by Tim & Verlette Gorman.*

**Deadline for the next CSUMC newsletter, The Chimes, is
next Sunday, December 15!**

Today we will take a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert in your bulletin to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line and put in the enclosed envelope.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)!
December 11**



5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

• Ministry in the Dining Room

“Christmas is Not Your Birthday” by Michael Slaughter

• 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

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.??

• **Caroling in the neighborhood** - treats afterwards at church
children must be accompanied by an adult



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

What do you see? This month we’ll focus on the Heraldry of the Apostles. As you are sitting in the Sanctuary facing the altar, you will notice the large wooden screens to the left and to the right of the Chancel, covering the organ pipes. Beginning on the right screen

closest to the altar is the shield of Peter whose crossed keys represent his confession and the Lord’s gift to him of the keys of the kingdom. Andrew is shown by a cross in the shape of an X, signifying his death on this type of cross while preaching in Greece. James is depicted by three scallop shells, the symbol of pilgrimage, which stands for his zeal and missionary spirit.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 50 children, many of whom live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. You can help us by: 1) Volunteering to distribute angels following any worship service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each). Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel. 3) Making a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organizing and delivering gifts between December 15th and December 23rd. 6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for an Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at (815) 965-6518.

Give your extra, new Christmas cards to our Jail Ministries for the inmates to use. Place in the box so marked in the Narthex. If you are able to, place a stamp on the envelope(s) to help even more.

Don’t forget to pick up mittens, hats, scarves for our mitten tree in the Narthex. These will be distributed to neighborhood school children.

Pick up your free advent booklet “What is Christmas All About?” in the Narthex to help you in your spiritual journey in understanding God’s love for you. May it give you encouragement, comfort, and joy!

Last Sunday to buy Scrip in time for Christmas gifts and to help supply our Emergency Scrip cards for those in need. Smaller denominations are now available while supplies last: \$5 for Barnes & Noble and Pizza Hut; \$10 for Target and Walmart; not to mention those that are always available on our Scrip sheet. See Jan Marlow in the Narthex or come to the Church Office during the week.

**Keep your insert “Christmas at Court Street 2013”
so you can participate in all of our Christmas activities & services.
Invite your friends & neighbors, too!**

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Marie Lewis **Liturgist:** Karen Brown
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
Van Driver: Bob Lutmer

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today 2nd Sunday of Advent
12/08 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
9:00 **UMW Christmas Bazaar**
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**
11:15 **UMW Christmas Brunch & Bazaar**
11:15 **Children's Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**
Mon 12/09 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
6:30 Safe Sanctuaries Committee in the Library
Tue 12/10 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
2:00 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
5:30 Trustees Committee in the Library
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 12/11 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**
6:30 **Caroling in the Neighborhood**
6:30 **Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal**
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor
Thu 12/12 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
6:00 Chatterbox Supper at Franchesco's
7128 Spring Creek Rd.
Fri 12/13 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
6:00 pm Anderson/Chesney Rehearsal in the Chapel
Sat 12/14 **8:30 am UMM at Stockholm Inn????**
10:00 **Cantata Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**
4:00 pm **Anderson/Chesney Wedding in the Chapel**
Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent - CHIMES DEADLINE
12/15 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary - Cantata**
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
11:45 "THE STORY" Study in the Library
12:00 pm Schade Family Christmas Party in Dining Room
????? Sticks Rehearsal with Ms. Ryanne

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation *Ministers*
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Michael Smith *Maintenance Engineer*
Steven Rogers *Custodian*

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! December 8, 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? _____

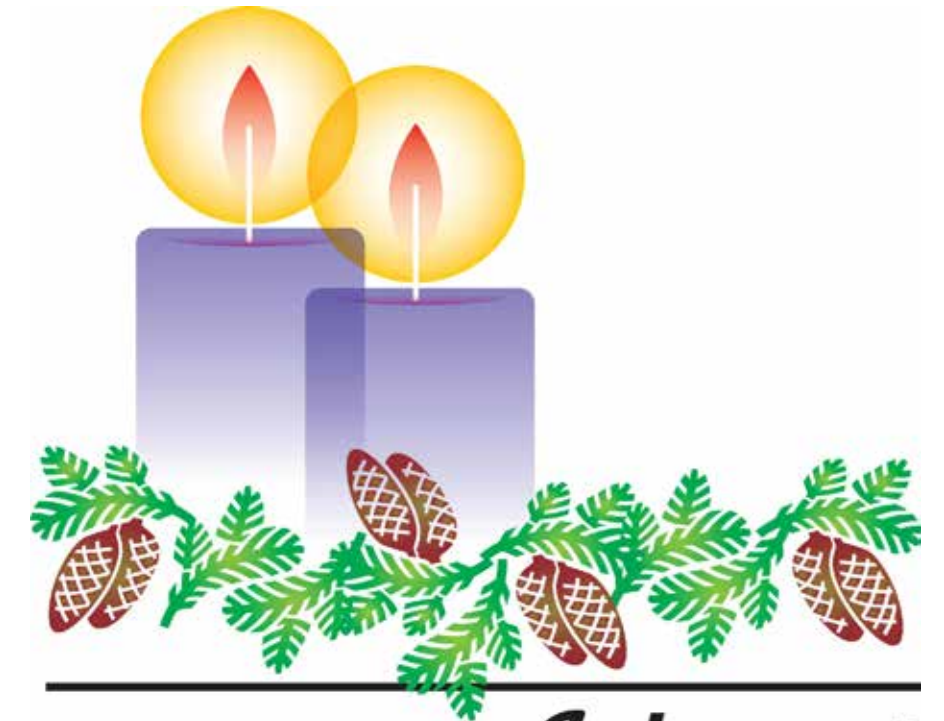
Children:
Name _____ age _____ grade _____
Name _____ age _____ grade _____
Name _____ age _____ grade _____

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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.

*Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013*