

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

Piano Prelude "A Meditation" ~ C. Debussy

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

**People:** And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.

*Leader:* As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

**People:** And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.

*Leader:* As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

**People:** And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.

**All:** As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

### § Opening Hymn #428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

*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"

Children's Message

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

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey;  
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:38-48

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

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

Anthem - Chancel Choir Women

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Sermon

"Do No Harm!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response #440, verses 1, 2, 3, 5

"Let There Be Light"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - JuBellation

"Here I Am, Lord"

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth (FWS) #2169

"God, How Can We Forgive"

§ Benediction

May you go into the world from this place, renewed in your faith and filled with hope to share God's gift of love as it has been so graciously shared with you. **Amen.**

*Benediction Response*

JuBellation & Chancel Choir Women

"Peace"

Organ Postlude

"Folk March" ~ E. Hill

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Jared Slothower, piano,  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today.



*Altar Flowers are given...*

...in memory of my sister, Billee,  
by Georgalee George.

Hear ye, hear ye! Announcing the first-ever **St. Patrick's Day Youth Ministry Fundraiser!** Please fill out the order form, found in your bulletin, and return in the offering plate or to the church office by Thursday, March 13, for your traditional (and non-traditional) tasty treats. Thank you for your continued support!



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

**Calling all 5th - 12th graders!** We will meet today at 11:30 a.m. for Play Day! Then next Sunday, March 2, we will do "Leaning into Lent" from 11:30 - 2:00; lunch will be served, no cost.

Join other young adults for "Leaning into Lent", a one-day retreat Saturday, March 1st, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at CSUMC! During this retreat we will explore spiritual practices to help us grow as we enter the holy season of Lent. Participants will be provided with individual devotional materials, interactive workshops, and personal reflection time. The \$20 fee covers the cost of food and retreat materials. **Registration and fees are due TODAY.** Contact Ana Kelsey-Powell for more details.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - Feb. 26  
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

- Ministry in the Dining Room  
*The FASTER Scale—from The Genesis Process by Michael Dye. A model of relapse presented in the form of a behavior scale. Its purpose is relapse awareness for accountability partners. Led by David Armstrong.*
- 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-Dining Room \$2.50/person; \$10 max/family

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

- Praise Band in the Sanctuary

March 2014 issues of **Our Daily Bread** and **Upper Room** are now available in the Narthex.

**Fat Tuesday** ~ Help support our youth mission trips by attending the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on March 4, 5:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. For a free-will donation enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and more. Please consider donating pancake mix, eggs, milk, juice and/or money if you are unable to attend.

**Study "God's Gift of Life" with us during Lent.** Books are available in the office for only \$6. You may study it on your own or on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Room beginning March 12

**The Rockford Area Christian Ministries is bringing the production of "A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement" by the Basement Church Ladies to our area.** This hit musical/comedy will be presented on April 8, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Belvidere Community Center. Tickets are on sale already, and when they are gone that's it; so decide NOW if you are interested. Cost is \$22.50 per person. Call Jan Marlow or stop at the Scrip table in the Narthex A.S.A.P. Checks may be made out to the Rockford Area Christian Ministries.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Marjorie Kint & Tami Ruenger **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Stanis Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

Today 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

02/23 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 "Love to Stay" Study in the Parlor  
**11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
**11:30 Youth Group: Play Day**  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library  
**2:00 pm JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor**  
**Mon 02/24** 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  
 5:00 SPRC in Room 209  
 6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205  
**Tue 02/25** 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  
 10:30 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 Room 205  
**Wed 02/26** 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  
**Thu 02/27** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**Fri 02/28** 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  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
**Sat 03/01 10:00 am Young Adults: Spiritual Retreat**  
**Sunday Transfiguration Sunday**  
**03/02** 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' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
**11:30 Youth Group: "Leaning into Lent" for youth**  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library

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!** February 23, 2014  
 We're glad you're worshiping 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.

7th Sunday after Epiphany  
 February 23, 2014