

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Changed

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

My heart is captivated by the Spirit of God and the ministry work that we are presently faced with. It brings to mind the mantra or theme for our 2022-2023 ministry year: “Born 2 **Change** (Change) 2 Be Born.” Change means to alter or make something or someone radically different. As disciples of Christ, we’re used to lives of sweeping changes. Paul, in 2 Corinthians, reminds us of the invasive, all-encompassing changes that come with following Christ when he writes, “... *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come*” (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV). Paul is reminding us that once we’re connected to the life-giving love of Jesus Christ, we cease to resemble what we once were. Yet even the incredible changes of our new lives in Christ can become routine over time and as a result lose a bit of its luster. Thank God there’s grace in Jesus. Thank God that, in the words of Paul, through Christ he “*reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation*” (2 Corinthians 5:18, ESV). I pray the song titled “**Changed**” and performed by Tramaine Hawkins inspires you.

Changed

Tramaine Hawkins



A change, has come over me
 He changed my life and now I’m free
 He washed away all my sins, and he made me whole
 He washed me white as snow
 He changed, my life complete, and now I sit
 I sit at his feet
 To do what must be done
 I’ll work and work, until he comes
 A wonderful change has come over me
 Lord you’ve changed my life complete
 I’m so glad you changed me
 To do what must be done
 I’m so glad you changed me
 He changed my walk
 He changed my talk
 He changed my life he even changed my thoughts
 I’m so glad you changed me!



*Grace,
 Pastor Cal*

The

Chimes

The mission of
 Court Street UMC
 is to be a
 welcoming,
 nurturing,
 serving
 community of Christ.



The Chimes

Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Diane Risley
David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

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Lay Leader

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Georgalee George

Worship Chair

Joan Tunnell

Local Missions Chair

Helen Gibbons

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Sue Cram

United Methodist Men

DuWayne Stanis

Jeremiah Ministry Reps

Kay Galloway
Krysta Tilges

JFON Liaison

Kay Galloway



SUNDAY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

09:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

PREK-5 IN THE NURSERY

6-12 GRADES IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE (BASEMENT)

10:00 AM SERVICE

11:15 AM YOUTH CHOIR

12:00 PM LUNCH IN THE YOUTH ROOM

12:30 PM STICKS & PUPPETS

**01:15 PM CONFIRMATION (YOUTH LOUNGE)
(BEGINNING IN OCTOBER)**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

CROP WALK

OCTOBER 16, 2022

GOEBBERT'S FARM

NOVEMBER 2022

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 30, 2022

HOLIDAZE HAPPENING

DECEMBER 2022

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170 YEARS OF COURT STREET

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory...”

John 1:14, NIV



They say that seeing is believing, and art is often about putting into visual form what has only been imagined not actually seen. One example of how the Visual Arts made the Spirit tangible and accessible to the mind and eye includes the influence of former Court Street Pastor Charles R. Goff (1933-1942) upon the artist Warner Sallman, particularly Sallman’s creation of the painting “Head of Christ.”

Created before 1942, Sallman’s “Head of Christ” has become one of the best known images of the imagined “face” of the Master and could be considered a Protestant icon. In the Court Street ar-

chive is a *Rockford Register Star* article from June of 1971 that tells the backstory of the image, relaying how Goff inspired Sallman’s creation during a lecture series at the Chicago Central YMCA. After Goff left Court Street to become pastor of the Chicago Temple in 1942, he finally met Sallman and learned of his impact on the artist’s work. Through this connection, the Chicago Temple came to own a pastel drawn by Sallman himself. As for Court Street, after the fire of 1969 and subsequent reconstruction, Goff gifted our church with a stained glass replica, which still hangs in the Narthex. Like the stained glass work in the Chapel, Court Street’s “Head of Christ” is backlit to beautiful effect (pictured above).

*Rev. Richard A. Wang,
History and Archives*

Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. What is domestic violence? It's not just the degree of a visible sign, like a black eye or bruises from punches, that defines an act of abusive behavior. It is the presence of the behavior itself and the resulting atmosphere of power and control. Abuse and battering is any and all acts that harm, gain, or maintain power and control over another person. Domestic violence has many forms and includes, but is not limited to, physical, emotional, psychological, economic, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation. It is any threatening behavior that holds back an individual's personal power and/or creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

Domestic violence affects both men, women, and children of every race, religion, culture, and status. It is without a doubt that this behavior surpasses all demographics in all areas of our community and communities around the world.

Many private and public organizations have been working hard to bring more evidence based programs and facilities to Rockford and the surrounding communities. In May of 2019, Mayor McNamara announced that the newest facility would be called the Family Peace Center; survivors of domestic violence informed city officials that the name should be warm and welcoming for survivors and their children. The Rockford Family Peace Center is an organization that has a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, and co-located service center that provides services to victims of interpersonal violence, including intimate partner violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder or dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking. Both public and private agencies provide services from one location. The Center's goals are to reduce the number of times victims have to tell their stories, the number of places they must go for help, and to increase access to services, and support victims and their children.



It has been documented and published outcomes show that Family Justice Centers like the Family Peace Center have helped their communities. The statistics show reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased autonomy and empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for families, reduced recantation and minimization of victims when wrapped in services and support, increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, and dramatically increased community support for services to victims and their children.

The Family Peace Center in Rockford is the first Family Justice Center of its kind in Illinois. Through its doors, it has seen over 1,000 survivors in a little over two years. Their goal is not to have anyone fall between the cracks.

Data from February 2022 shows that 4 in 10 crimes committed in Rockford were domestic violence related. These calls are also some of the most dangerous for police to respond to. First responders are trained to ask eleven critical questions of victims by helping victims to immediately call and connect them to a 24/7 hotline for help and shelter if needed. In the last five years, the rate of domestic violence in Rockford rose by 11.6%. New stats from August 2022 shows that for the first seven months of this year violent crimes have fallen by 2%. Unfortunately, property crimes, robberies, and auto theft have increased. We are finding out that we need to reach children at an even younger age for better intervention. More than the majority of juveniles that are arrested for violent offenses either witnessed domestic violence in their homes or were victims themselves.

Another agency that I would like to mention is Remedies Renewing Lives. Remedies is a 24/7 domestic violence shelter. Remedies is a non-profit organization

that helps victims of domestic violence and offers outpatient addiction and mental health services as well as medication assistance treatments. Remedies also provides a safe and supportive environment with critical client centered services to promote healing of individuals and families. It has been helping the community for over 60 years and continues to evolve to help the community.

As a concerned and informed citizen, please continue to pray for our city, our officials, and all victims and survivors as we move forward. The church has a domestic violence committee; please call the office if you would like to learn more and find ways to help.

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact Teresa Field at (815) 298-8138.



• **Liturgist**

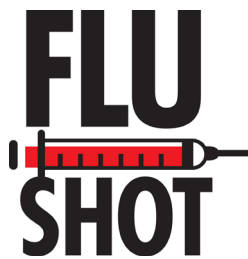
Lead the Call to Worship and read the scripture selections for service along with their calls and responses. Liturgist materials are usually sent out no later than Wednesday. Resources are available in the office to assist you. No need to participate in the opening procession; you may remain at the chair near the podium or join the congregation after the second scripture is read.

Sign up in the Narthex.

• **Video Ministry**

Adults and high school-aged teens are welcome to become camera operators, sound techs, and perform other duties related to the Video Ministry. It's a great way to give back to the church while developing skills.

Contact Krysta Tilges at ktilges@gmail.com if you are interested.



Remember
There will be
no
Flu Shot Clinic
this fall.

If you would like a booster for the upcoming flu season, please make arrangements with your healthcare provider or attain one from a local pharmacy or through the Winnebago County Health Department.



CROP Hunger Walk  October 16, 2022
Riverfront Museum Park @ 1 PM

The Walk supports the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition and Church World Service as both fight to overcome hunger here and around the world. For more information about the event, particularly to join the team, contact Verlette Gorman at (815) 636-0514. To support Court Street's team online, visit events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/timothy-gorman.

2022 GOAL:
\$2,000.⁰⁰

CSUMC Book Club

All are welcome!

**Sunday, October 23rd
@ 2 p.m.**

The Wish
by **Nicholas Sparks**

*Grand Central
Publishing*



Contact Diane Risley for more info at
rishouse@juno.com.

Thank You

My family and I want to thank everyone for the kind words of condolence and the contributions to Court Street United Methodist Church for Truman's Memorial. Also, thank you for the attendance at his funeral. Thank you Pastor Cal and Teresa for your wonderful support during that time.

Sincerely,
Lois Lander

Chatterbox Supper Group

Lino's
5611 E. State Street
Rockford, IL

Thursday, October 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited.

Contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by
noon of the Wednesday before the dinner.



Dorcas Circle

3rd Thursday of the Month — 11:30 AM

October 20 — Stockholm Inn

November 17— Rock Pho'd Asian Fusion Cuisine

No Meetings in December and January

February 16 — Olive Garden

March 16 — HearthRock Café (Benson Stone)

April 20 — JMK Nippon

No Meeting in May



Prairie North Fall 2022 Lay Academy First UMC Freeport, Freeport, IL

Saturday, October 22 (8:30 AM - 5 PM) & Sunday, October 23 (1 - 4:30 PM)

Registration is \$25, includes box lunch on Saturday and snacks, water, and coffee (books purchased separately)

For more information and/or to register go online to:
www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-fall-lay-academy-1

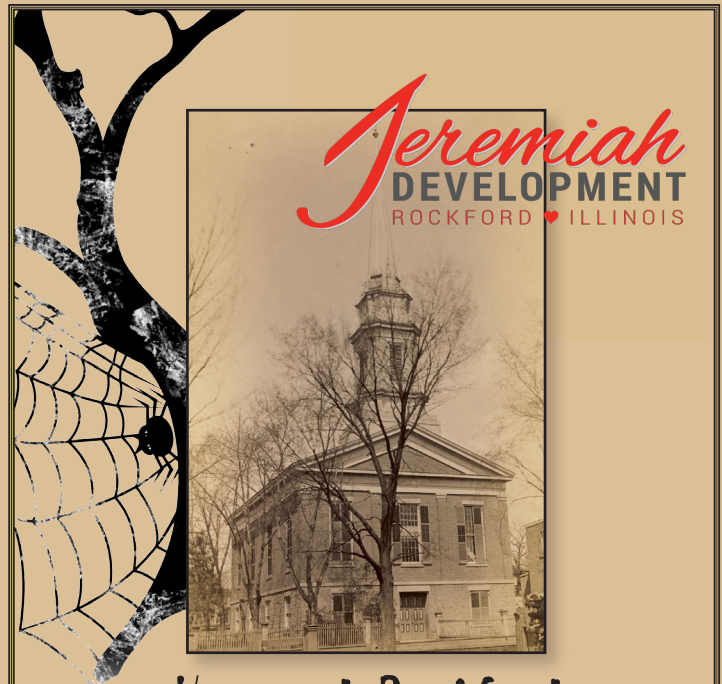


Fun Family Fall Festival

Save the Date
Sunday, October 30, 2022
After service until 1 PM

Food & Fun
Including a Trunk or Treat!

(Please donate bags of wrapped candy to the office.)



Haunted Rockford Movable Trivia Contest



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
2 PM TO 4:30 PM

\$35/ TEAM (MAXIMUM OF 5 PARTICIPANTS)
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

PRIZES FOR THE MOST ANSWERED TRIVIA Qs &
TEAM WITH THE MOST CREATIVE COSTUME

TO REGISTER CONTACT: (815) 627-0001 OR
ADMIN@JEREMIAHDEVELOPMENT.ORG



Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes October 2022
 215 North Court Street
 Rockford, IL 61103-6897

Return Service Requested

Phone: (815) 962-6061 Fax: (815) 962-9754
 www.courtstreetumc.org

October 2, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner
 Liturgist: Cindy Anderson

October 9, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

October 16, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Natalie Urness
 Liturgist: Rev. Richard Wang

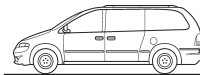
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 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

October 30, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

If you wish to receive The Chimes electronically or to be removed from this mailing, please call the church office at (815) 962-6061 or e-mail Communications@courtstreetumc.org.



Need a Ride to Church?

Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 p.m. on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

Riders must wear a mask, be fully vaccinated, and able to show their vaccine card to the driver if requested.

10/02/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
10/09/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
10/16/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
10/23/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
10/30/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
11/06/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

Court Street United Methodist Church Staff

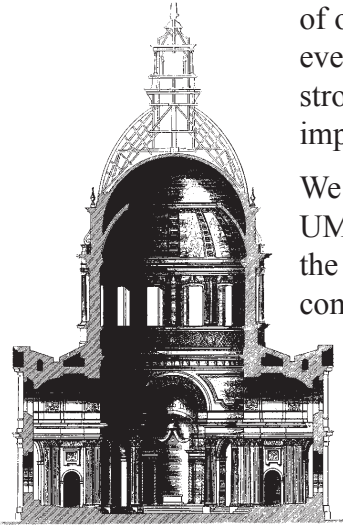
Rev. Calvin Culpepper	Pastor	ext. 220	cculpepper@courtstreetumc.org
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Bert Cromwell	Nursery		
Mike Smith	Maintenance Engineer	ext. 295	Maintenance@courtstreetumc.org

ALL-CHURCH MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 9:00 AM IN THE DINING ROOM

Our thanks to everyone who completed the survey of your thoughts regarding the future of our church. In the September CHIMES, a partial list of responses was included, however, this list did not capture all of the comments or the feelings that were expressed. We strongly feel that all your thoughts need to be shared before decisions are made that will impact our future.

We invite you to attend an All-Church Meeting to talk about where we, Court Street UMC, are today, and to create an action plan. Your church leaders have been talking about the future of CSUMC for many months. It is time to broaden that view. We need YOU to come to the table and join in the discussion. Let's Be on Fire for God!



- What: All Church Meeting
When: Saturday, October 8th, 9AM
Where: Court Street UMC's Dining Room
Why: To Communicate Where CSUMC is Today and Plan for Our Future

As a light breakfast will be served, we ask that you RSVP by calling the church office, emailing the church at communications@courtstreetumc.org, or adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT 10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

During worship we respond to God's love by presenting our pledge of annual financial support to the church. Proceeds to benefit local missions, UWF District & Conference missions, as well as CSUMC designated projects.

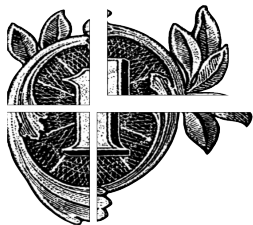
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE

HOW TO HELP YOURSELF TO TAX SAVINGS AND BENEFIT YOUR CHURCH OR OTHER CHARITIES

We have invited Scott Laue of Savant Wealth Management to give us a presentation on how to use our Required Minimum Distributions towards tax breaks for ourselves and benefits for our church. As many of you know, once you hit a "magic age," the government requires you to take out a minimum amount from your IRA (Individual Retirement Account). That age is currently 72 years old (or 70 ½ if you reached 70 ½ before 1/1/2020). Savant is the entity that manages Court Street's Endowment Fund. The presentation is NOT to sell anyone anything or to invest with them but to help us make better informed decisions about how to use our assets in our retirement accounts.

Another aspect that he will be covering is QCD (Qualified Charitable Distributions). A QCD is a monetary contribution up to \$100,000 to a charity or church directly from your IRA by your fund manager. You are never in direct possession of those funds in your personal savings or checking accounts. The charity would have to have a Federal Tax ID number that would have to be supplied to the manager of your IRA.

That is because your fund manager will report your QCD to the IRS so that it will NOT count towards your taxable income for the year you gave it to the charity. You do NOT have to itemize your taxes to get this benefit. Scott will explain all these aspects (and maybe more) in his presentation. He will have paper handouts to go with his Power Point presentation.



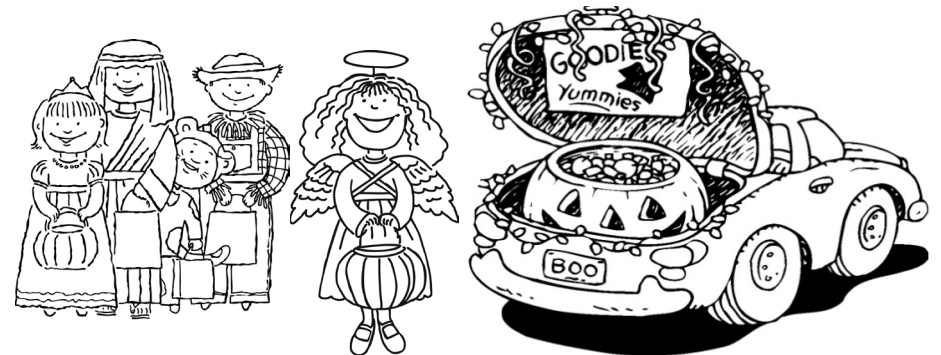
Diane Risley for the Stewardship Committee

Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Lang, Jarrod	1	Hoople, Susan	15
Bailey-Murray, Joan	2	Green, Daniel	16
Johnson, Sharon	2	Wandell, Lorelle	16
West, Natalie	2	Boon, Dan	17
Earlywine, Makayla	4	Field, Teresa	18
Gunderson, David	6	Whitmore, Ken	18
Ingram, Lowell	6	Culpepper, Caleb	19
L'Heureux, Holly	6	Muck, Joanne	19
Whitmore, Steven	8	Voigt, Nick	19
Kalke, Lorraine	10	Mueller, Marcia	20
Schmitt, Judith	10	Whitmore, Jeanann	20
King, Randiann	11	Whitmore, Wyatt	21
Willis, Faye	11	Condon, William	23
Zantow, Charlene	12	Briggs, Kristi	24
Holley, Sarita	13	Brown, Karen	24
Magnuson, Connie	14	Tropp, Grace	28
Olderbak, Michael	14	Weiss, Janet	29

Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Year	Married
Morse, Bethany and Jason	1	2016	6
Bremner, Nathaniel and Anne Marie	4	2014	8
Cromwell, Bert and Scott	9	1982	40
Mann, Michael and Julia Jones	9	2004	18
Mertzenich, Andrew and Cody Skaggs	10	2020	2
Pearson, Linda and Richard	16	1971	51
Monroe, Delbert and Charlene	24	1998	24
Manson, Jean and Michael	30	1982	40
Dodson, Jeanne and DeVon	31	1975	47



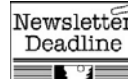





Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Neil Medlar who died on June 26, 2021.



Congratulations to Sarah & Zach Coffey on the birth of their daughter Rynn Coffey on July 13, 2022. Grandma Teresa Field and big sister Remy are also overjoyed with the new arrival.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
 <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime 11:15am Youth Activities</p>	3 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	4 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 3:30pm Thanksgiving Committee 4:00pm Staff Meeting	6 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 10:00am Stewardship Team 1:00pm The Journeymen	7 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	8  <p>ALL-CHURCH MEETING</p> <p>8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30am United Methodist Men Breakfast 9:00am All-Church Meeting</p>
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