

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

Choral Introit "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Welcome & Sign Attendance Pad

### § Call to Worship *-Dwight Vogel*

*Leader:* Our light has filled our lives,  
but we have not shared it with others.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Leader:* You have marked us as your own in baptism,  
but we have not lived as your faithful people.

**People: Christ, have mercy on us.**

*Leader:* You have called us to be a light to the nations,  
but we have hidden our light under a bushel.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Leader:* Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit  
so that we may live out our baptism  
as your new creation, forgiven and made whole  
by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH # 383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles *Nate Merchant*

*Parents: There will be no Children's Church today  
so that the children may participate in the worship service.*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:13-16

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

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

Sermon "Yahweh" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of your hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Chancel Choir "Run With the Light of Christ"

Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free  
so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Hymn - on the screens "Table of Plenty"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH # 585

"This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light . . .

2. Everywhere I go . . .

3. Jesus gave it to me . . .

4. This little light . . .

§ Benediction

Let us go forth as the meek of the earth and the poor in spirit;  
as those who, mourning, have been comforted; as those who,  
hungering for righteousness, have been filled; as peacemakers,  
and place-makers — giving in our lives, a place for the king-  
dom of God. Amen.

Postlude

*Ice Cream Fellowship in the Dining Room - all are welcome!*

**You are invited to catch up on what's going on in contemporary religion** – Rev. Rhoads 'Holy COW!' class meets on Wednesday in the Library at 5.30 P. M. You are welcome to participate – there are no prerequisites. We are all learners. Our topic is 'Updating Jesus'. We will watch videos that bring us up to date in what's happening in biblical scholarship. Noted scholars make a short video presentation and discussion follows with questions and sharing. Again, you are welcome without any pre-conditions. Hope to see you on Wednesday!



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

**Next Sunday, September 14th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There

will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

**Adult & Family Ministries will not meet today, but will meet next Sunday, September 14, after worship, in the Parlor.**

**Buy Culver's SCRIP today to help Court Street twice as much!** Tomorrow is Scoopie Night at Culver's on North Main. For anything you purchase between the hours of 5-8 pm tomorrow, a percentage will go to support our United Methodist Men (UMM). If you buy a \$5 card from Jan in the Narthex, 10% of THAT comes to Court Street also.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! is coming back  
September 10!**



**5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

• Ministry in the Dining Room

*A representative from Humana Health Care is speaking on Medicare plans. He will be here to help us understand what each plan entails and how we can go about optimizing our plans to meet our needs. This will be a great start to our Holy Cow Ministries year!*

• 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 \$3/person; \$10 max/family

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

• Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor

• Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Seven exciting Small Group Studies** are available now for you to sign up and learn. Please see the display and sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Choices: "Here After," "Beyond the Broken Heart," "When Work & Family Collide," "Greater," "New Testament for Everyone," "I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old," and "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore."

Do you value the deep and abiding friendships that blossom from Christian relationships? Then our new **Amity Ministry needs YOU!** Utilizing strategies from existing programs such as Stephen's and Barnabas, Amity will focus on the development of intra-congregational relationships to help the most vulnerable among us. Amity Ministry trainings will be offered in a day-long format with periodic refresher courses. The first training is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 – 2:30.** A light breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided. Please see Ana Kelsey-Powell with any questions and register with the church office ASAP.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Lois McCauley      **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk  
**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

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

**Sunday 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**09/07** 9:00 am Sunday School in the Nursery, 310, 309, & Narthex  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
11:15 Ice Cream Fellowship in the Dining Room  
5:30 pm Finance Committee @ 1608 Homewood Dr.  
6:00 Youth Event - Movie Night in the Youth Center

**Mon 09/08** 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 Scoopie Night @ Culver's on N. Main**  
**6:00 Worship Committee in the Library**  
6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205  
**7:00 Beyond the Broken Heart @ 2303 Canary Dr.**

**Tue 09/09** 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  
12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room  
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
4:15 SPRC in Room 209  
**5:00 Mario Wii/Build Own Pizza - Youth Center**  
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 Room 205 & 209

**Wed 09/10** 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  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements**  
**6:30 Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal**  
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor

**Thu 09/11** 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  
10:00 Tutoring Internship Info Meeting in the Library  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
6:00 Chatterbox Supper Group @ 6655 E. State St.

**Fri 09/12** 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  
10:00 Image Class in the Library

**Sat 09/13 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ 2420 Charles St.**  
**Sunday 14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**09/14** 9:00 am Sunday School in the Nursery, 310, 309, & Narthex  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
11:30 Adult & Family Committee in the Parlor  
1:00 pm Tutoring Internship Info Meeting 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!**      September 7, 2014  
*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



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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