

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 - Jared Slothower, soloist "I Wonder As I Wander"

§ Call to Worship ~ Adapted from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord will protect us and guide us.

People: **Let us gladly offer ourselves before our God
with shouts of joy;
let us sing praises to the Lord, our God.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message Nate Merchant

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

Parents: There is no Children's Church today;
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. RYANNE.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem - JuBellation "O How Joyfully"

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

Anthem - Chancel Choir with Cameron Geckeler, soloist
"Seeking the King"

Sermon "More Than Meets the Eye" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

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

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

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

Communion Meditation - Leah Zahn, violin "Sweet By and By"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #254 "We Three Kings"

§ Benediction

May we now go out into the world,
sharing the light and love of Jesus Christ.
May God's Spirit keep us focused
on the light that shines brightly with hope and abundance.
May we be nourished in God's light,
so that we will be a guide and blessing to all we meet. **Amen.**

Postlude "Prelude and Exultation" ~ Craig Phillips

**All are invited to the Lower Level Dining Room for
the continuing celebration of Julia Schade Armstrong
and her ministry to Court Street UMC.**

We thank the following musicians for sharing their gifts with us:

Chancel Choir

JuBellation

Brass Quintet:

Trumpets: Mark Nelson, Mark Baldin

French Horn: Becky Asher

Trombone: Carey Sheley

Bass Trombone: Pete DiCaro

Timpani: Sam Campbell

Violin: Leah Zahn

Soloists: Jared Slothower and Cameron Geckeler

We thank Rev. Miriam Castro-Rodriguez
for assisting with communion today.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of my daughter, Deborah, by Nancy Doran.



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!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - January 7

Note: NO Kids' Choir or Praise Band this week

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

• Ministry

On 1/7 & 1/14 we will have nationally-traveled guest speakers who are passionate about medicine, health, and faith, kickstarting our 2015 Holy COW! ministry season. Starting, 1/21, join us as we venture into Rick Warren's 'The Daniel Plan,' a group study where we will help encourage everyone to make lasting and healthy lifestyle changes while growing in Christ. The seminars are free. If you wish to have the book, 'The Daniel Plan,' they will be available in January for \$10. Nate Merchant & Teresa Field will co-lead the sessions.

• 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

Don't forget to help de-green the church Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.

Next Sunday, January 11th, 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.

Our Parish Nurse, Teresa Field, will be doing a blood pressure check for anyone who is interested on Sunday, January 11th, in the Narthex, from 9:30 a.m. until worship time, and again immediately after worship service.

Parents & Youth meeting next Sunday, January 11th, to discuss & plan for fund raising & mission trip. To be held immediately after church? at 6:00 p.m.? See Nate to find out for sure.

Thanks to all of you who helped prepare and/or serve a meal at the Women's and Children's Crisis Center this past year. **Please consider signing up for 2015** on the sheet in the Narthex next to the coffee. We prepare and serve the meal the second Wednesday of each month. Ask your church committee or group members, your family, your neighbors, your friends or Barb Ferry (815-965-6518) who will gladly help you.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out with our programs during 2014. Because of you, we were able to accomplish many great things in 2014. I pray that you will continue to help Court Street UMC accomplish our ministry in 2015. If anyone is willing to help with Sunday School, Youth Group, or Children's Activities, please contact me, Nate Merchant.

Please note the calendar on the reverse side for more events.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Michael & Peggy Olderbak **Liturgist:** James Crow
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan, Jeanine Wang, Keli Scott

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Epiphany Sunday

01/04 9:00 am Sunday School in Nursery, 310, 309
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**
11:15 **Fellowship Time in the Dining Room**

Mon 01/05 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:00 pm SPRC in Room 209

Tue 01/06 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
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
4:00 pm Tutoring for K-8 in Room 310
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 01/07 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
 10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209
 4:30 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in Room 109
5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements

Thu 01/08 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
4:00 Tutoring for K-8 in Room 310
6:00 Chatterbox Supper at Hope & Anchor,
5040 N. 2nd St.

Fri 01/09 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 01/10 **8:30 am UM Men's Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn,**
2420 Charles St.
9:00 De-green the Sanctuary & Chapel

Sunday Baptism of Our Lord

01/11 9:00 am Sunday School in Nursery, 310, 309
 9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship & Blood Pressure Check - Narthex
11:30 Christian Ed Committee in Room 209

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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| The Congregation | <i>Ministers</i> |
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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! January 4, 2015
 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:

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| 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

**May all kings
 fall down before him,
 all nations give
 him service.**



Psalm 72:11, NRSV

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.

Epiphany Sunday
 January 4, 2015