

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 Fugue in F Major ~ J. S. Bach

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #604

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

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

Children's Message Nate Merchant

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

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Nate; younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Rynne.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5

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

People: Thanks be to God.

§ Second Scripture Lesson Mark 1:4-11

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem - Chancel Choir "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Message "New and Improved!" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Symbolic Washing of Sins & Giving of Gifts

"Come to the Water"

"How Firm a Foundation", verse 4, UMH #529

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #605

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

§ Benediction

As people of God, we have been baptized with water and God's own Spirit. Go, therefore, in holiness and joy, remembering who and whose we are and celebrating our life with God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen.*

Postlude Fugue in G minor, "The Little" ~ J. S. Bach

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



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!

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert 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, is doing a blood pressure check for anyone who is interested today in the Narthex, from 9:30 a.m. until worship time, and again immediately after worship service.

Parents & Youth meet today to discuss & plan for fund raising & mission trip. To be held immediately after church, in the Sanctuary.

Christian Education Committee meets today, 11:30 am, Room 209.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - January 14

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

• Ministry

Eric Martindale will speak on how to stay healthy, feel better, and have more energy. Free admission. Everyone is welcome. 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 are available for \$10. Nate Merchant & Teresa Field will co-lead the sessions.

• 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

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: Jay & Perky Heath **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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**

Mon 01/12 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 6:00 pm Worship Committee in the Library

Tue 01/13 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**
5:30 **Trustees Committee in the Library**
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
6:00 **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 01/14 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
5:30 pm **Holy COW! - see announcements**
6:30 **Set up/serve Women's Crisis Center meal**

Thu 01/15 Chimes DEADLINE

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
4:00 pm **Tutoring for K-8 in Room 310**

Fri 01/16 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 01/17

Sunday Human Relations Sunday

01/18 9:00 am Sunday School in Nursery, 310, 309
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary - Lou Ness to speak**
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club @ 4134 Tumbleweed Tr.
 6:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation *Ministers*
 Calvin Culpepper *Pastor*
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 Nate Merchant *Director of Christian Education*
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 Michael Smith *Maintenance Engineer*
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 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! January 11, 2015
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? _____

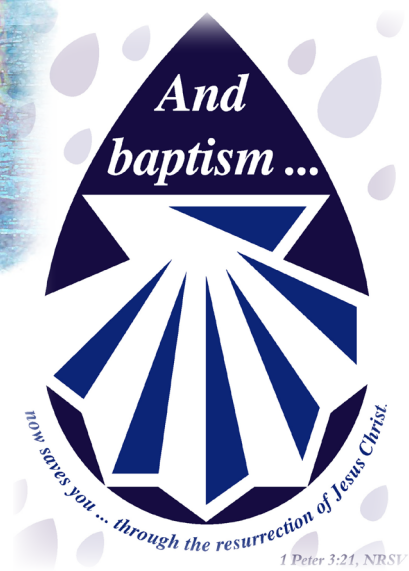
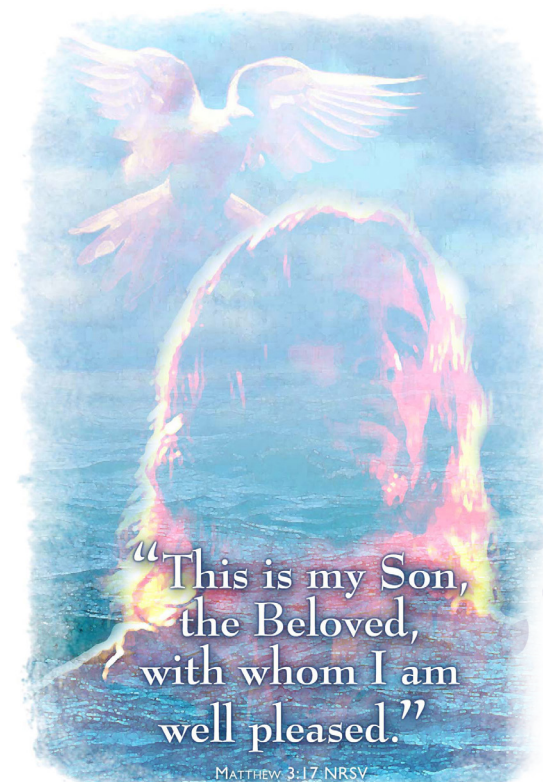
Children:
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
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Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

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.

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
 January 11, 2015