

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 Aria: "O Lord, whose mercies" ~ G.F. Handel

Choral Introit "We Walk by Faith"

§ **Call to Worship** (from www.worshipcalls.blogspot.com)

Leader: God loved the world so much...

People: How much?

Leader: Enough to send Jesus into the world to save everyone.

People: Enough that we never need to earn God's love, only receive it.

Leader: Enough that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

People: Christ takes our sins with him to the cross.

Leader: As we gaze at his cross,
Jesus makes us fall in love with God.

All: Thanks be to God! Let us worship God!

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #430**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

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 *Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2072, refrain "Amen, Amen"

Second Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon Series: Walking by Faith

#4 God Given Grace

Lorelle Wandell

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #365, verses 1, 4

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Anthem

"Have Mercy on Me, O God"

§ **Doxology #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #355** "Depth of Mercy"

§ **Benediction** *2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Message)*

May the amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ,
the extravagant love of God,
the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,
be with all of you. **Amen.**

Postlude "Fughetta a Quattro" ~ Camil Van Hulse

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Today's Seder Plate Item: Horseradish,

Abby Logli, bearer

Horseradish is another bitter herb
representing the suffering of the Jews in Egypt.

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please see the insert "Why We Apportion" to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Dorcas Circle will attend the Chapel Noon Worship Service followed by the Luncheon (free-will donation) in the Dining Room on Wednesday, March 18. Then everyone is invited to stay for their program featuring Teresa Field, our parish nurse.

Next Sunday, March 22, we will take a special offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover costs of doing business. UMCOR is not subsidized by the United Methodist World Service Fund or apportionment funds, so without your gifts, UMCOR could not guarantee that 100% of all other funds raised will be used for a specific cause. Please make your check out to CSUMC with "One Great Hour" in the memo.



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!

Youth Group meets every Sunday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Youth Center. You won't want to miss out on anything so plan on coming this afternoon.

All are invited for a 30 minute worship service on Wednesday, March 18th, at noon in the Chapel as we take a breather for meditation and introspection during this season of Lent. It will then be followed at 12:30 with a luncheon in the dining room for a free-will donation. The luncheon will feature a soup that is referenced in the noon service to further connect what we read & hear with what we taste & see. Both worship & lunch will occur every Wednesday during Lent.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - March 18 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.



• Ministry in the Dining Room

Join in the small group study of "Bread & Broth" by Cynthia E. Cowen where we will reflect on how and why Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ are important to our understanding of Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome! If you wish to purchase a book, it is available in the church office for only \$10.

• 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

Come worship and pray in the spirit of Taizé on Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm in the Chapel. A peaceful, contemplative service, this worship consists of singing uncomplicated repetitive songs, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. You will find peace here. All are welcome!

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

Adults, we will now be offering a Time of Prayer every Sunday morning starting at 8:45am in the Parlor. If you have any needs you'd like us to pray about, please let us know. You can put completed prayer cards in the offering plate during service on Sundays - look for a small purple card! Or you can call our office and talk to Nate about your prayer request. Please consider joining us!

Fill Easter baskets with their favorite gift cards from Scrip and support the church while you're at it. When you purchase gift cards through the Scrip program, a percentage is returned to the church while you get full value of the gift card. Over 100 vendors are offered through this program. See Jan Marlow in the Narthex or come to the church office during the week. Deadline for ordering to receive in time for Easter: March 22.

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!

March 15, 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:

Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Marjorie Kint	Liturgist: Randiann King
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team	Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Bob Lutmer
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren	

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent - Chimes DEADLINE

03/15	8:45 am	Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
	9:15	Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
	9:00	Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
	10:00	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:15	Children's Choir in the Choir Room
	11:15	Fellowship Time in the Narthex
	11:15	Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
	11:30	Christian Ed Committee in Youth Lounge
	3:00 pm	Youth Group in the Youth Center
	4:00	CSUMC Book Club @ 4347 Applewood Ln.
Mon 03/16	8:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 03/17	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	"Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205
	10:30	Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
	5:30 pm	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 03/18	8:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Deborah Circle @ 1339 Sandy Point Dr.
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
	12:00 pm	Dorcas Circle at Noon Worship in the Chapel
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	12:30	Lunch in the Dining Room
	5:30	Holy COW! - see announcements
	7:00	Worship in the Spirit of Taizé in the Chapel
Thu 03/19	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
	6:00	Praise Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Fri 03/20	8:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	10:00	Early Head Start in Room 100
	10:30	Image Class in the Library
	1:30 pm	Early Head Start in Room 100
Sat 03/21		
Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent		
03/22	8:45 am	Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
	9:00	Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
	10:00	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:15	Children's Choir in the Choir Room
	11:15	Fellowship Time in the Narthex
	3:00 pm	Youth Group in the Youth Center

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.

*4th Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2015*