

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

Prelude "Prelude in A Flat Major" ~ *Gottlieb Muffat*

*Ringing of the Bell*

### § Call to Faith

**We believe God:**

**Is creative and ever-creating.**

**Made us to reflect the divine image.**

**Breathed life into us and sustains our lives moment by moment, day by day.**

**We believe God:**

**Came to us in person, moved into our neighborhoods and our lives.**

**Demonstrated the power of love and the depths of God's love for us in Christ Jesus.**

**Rescued and redeemed humanity once and for all through Christ's death and resurrection.**

**We believe God:**

**Is opening the kingdom of heaven right now by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Chooses revolutionary means of love, truth, compassion and joy to upend the kingdoms of this world.**

**Invites us to follow the ways of Jesus and thereby become active participants in the kingdom's work.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #308

"Thine Be the Glory"

Mission: Imagine NO Malaria

*Gene Ferry*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 120 Acts 3:12-19

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

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

Hymn FWS #2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

*Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Second Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 240 I John 3:1-7

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

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

Sermon

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Speak O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth" ~ *Johann Pachelbel*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH#577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

### § Benediction

May the Good News of Jesus Christ go with us all. May we be light and life to all the world. May the risen Christ go with us and fill us with strength and courage. Share the faith, keep the promise, speak a kind word, share the gospel, and bring peace to the earth. *Amen.*

Postlude

"Fugue in C minor" ~ *J.S. Bach*

### Fellowship Time in the Narthex



Altar flowers are given..

...in loving memory of Sandra Hoke  
by Bob Henbest.

**Come to Culver's on North Main on Monday, May 4th**, to help support our United Methodist Men and our Youth. For anything you purchase between the hours of 5-8 pm that night, a percentage will go to support these two groups. It's a great social time too!

**To all the new and seasoned volunteers of our Garden Bazaar...** We need people on Thursday, May 14, in the morning to help sort and organize pre-orders. On Friday, May 15 we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-3, and take down at 3 pm. On Saturday, May 17, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1 pm. Please contact Perky (815-654-2956) or see me at church if you can help. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "Old Faithfuls!"



**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.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - April 22**

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

- Ministry in the Dining Room

*Mary Hallock, from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Care Program, will be our special guest speaker for Money Smart Week talking about optimizing Medicare plans: Part A and B and other available sections. Learn about Medicare's eligibility, enrollment, the benefits of Original Medicare A and B, and the standardized Medicare supplement insurance plans.*

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

- 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

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

**Adults:** we offer 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 put completed prayer cards in the offering plate during service on Sundays - look for a small purple card! Consider joining us--it will do wonders for your life!

Plan now to attend the **Hot Dog & Potato Bake** right after church on Sunday, April 26th. As indicated by the name, you will get yummy hot dogs and baked potatoes with delicious toppings for a free-will donation. Proceeds will help offset youth camp and mission trip costs.

**Nature Camp @ Camp Reynoldswood: 6/28-7/1 for 4th-8th graders** ~ Deadline for Submitting Registration Forms to Nate: 6/7 - Normal Rate of \$265 Per Camper Applies. Forms available in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings. Contact Nate with any Questions.

**World Malaria Day is Sunday, April 26th** so we will begin our Imagine No Malaria (INM) campaign. In 2013. A child or pregnant women dies every 60 seconds from Malaria. Our Bishop at annual conference in 2013 set a goal of \$1 million in pledges with an anticipated giving of \$100 per person attending service over 3 and now 2 years. Pastor Cal and I pledged \$10,000 from our church with hopes that God would instill a desire to reach the Bishop's goal of \$15,000. Next Sunday, and for the next two years, we will have the opportunity to pledge and contribute with several options. If you want to commit to and work on this campaign, please see me or call me at 815-965-6518. *Project Chairman, Gene Ferry*



TODAY'S WORSHIP	
<b>Greeter:</b> Bess Koehn	<b>Liturgist:</b> Leta Gerber
<b>Ushers:</b> The Sue Cram Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b> Ryan Welk
<b>Video Tech:</b> Steve Ripley	<b>Van Driver:</b> Tim Gorman

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

<b>Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>04/19</b>	8:45 am Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
	9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
	<b>10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary</b>
	<b>11:15 Children's Choir in the Choir Room</b>
	11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
	<b>3:00 pm Youth Group in the Youth Center</b>
	<b>4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail</b>
<b>Mon 04/20</b>	
	8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	<b>5:00 pm Endowment Committee in the Parlor</b>
	<b>5:00 Finance Committee in the Parlor</b>
	<b>6:00 Local Missions in Room 109</b>
	<b>7:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room</b>
<b>Tue 04/21</b>	
	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
	<b>6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room</b>
	<b>7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room</b>
	7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209
<b>Wed 04/22</b>	
	8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
	<b>5:30 pm Holy COW! - see announcements</b>
<b>Thu 04/23</b>	
	8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
	<b>1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library</b>
	<b>6:00 Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary</b>
<b>Fri 04/24</b>	
	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
<b>Sat 04/25 1:00 pm Christian Ed Committee in Youth Lounge</b>	
<b>Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>04/26</b>	8:45 am Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
	9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
	<b>10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary</b>
	<b>11:15 Children's Choir in the Choir Room</b>
	<b>11:15 Hot Dog &amp; Potato Bake in the Dining Room</b>
	2:00 pm JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor
	<b>3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center</b>

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
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Miriam Castro-Rodriguez	<i>Deacon</i>
Nate Merchant	<i>Director of Christian Education</i>
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Abby Logli	<i>Christian Education Intern</i>
Teresa Field	<i>Parish Nurse</i>
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Ryanne Ludington	<i>Nursery Supervisor</i>
Diane Lutmer	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
Verlette Gorman	<i>Church Co-Administrator</i>
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Steven Rogers	<i>Custodian</i>

**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!** April 19, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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!

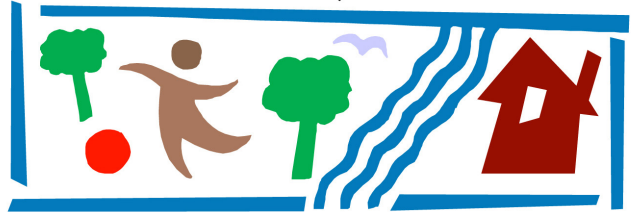


**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



**See what love the  
 Father has given us,  
 that we should be  
 called children of God.**

1 John 3:1, 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.

*3rd Sunday of Easter  
 April 19, 2015*