

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 "When Morning Guilds the Sky"  
~ arr. Labenske & Tyler

Ringing of the Bell

### § Call to Worship

Call: Hear, O Church, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Response: We shall love the Lord our God**

**with all our heart and soul and strength.**

Call: The Lord calls us to hear and heed God's word.

**Response: We will treasure God's words in our hearts.**

Call: We will teach them to our children.

**Response: We will talk about them when we are at home and away.**

Call: We will meditate on them when we go to bed and when we rise.

**Response: We will keep God's words ever before us.**

Call: God's Word lights our way and makes our paths straight.

**Response: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!**

**Thanks be to God!**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #126

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Prayers of the People

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 284 2 Samuel 11:1-15

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter Response "Fools say in their hearts" Psalm 14

Please follow the screens.

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

Children's Message "Be EXTRAordinary" James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 193 Ephesians 3:14-21

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

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

Sermon "God's Power" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus"

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #152**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" to ELLACOMBE

§ **Benediction** ~ From Ephesians 3:16-19

Go forth from this place supported by the Spirit of God, seeking to do what is right in the sight of the Lord. May you be strengthened in your inner being, and may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith. May you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and may you be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

Postlude

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" ~ arr. Labenske & Tyler

Fellowship in the Narthex

We thank Leah Zahn  
for sharing her musical gifts with us today.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in celebration of our 2nd wedding anniversary

Gary & Darlene Dienhart.

**Thanks to all of you who have signed up to shop, cook and/or serve for the Women and Children's Crisis Center meal on the second Wednesday of each month.** We need volunteers for NOVEMBER 11th. Please sign up in the Narthex by the coffee and counter area. Ask your friends, relatives, neighbors, or other church members who may not have participated in this mission. For help or questions contact Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518.

**Anyone in 1st grade through 8th grade** is invited to come to the **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppet Project** happening at Court Street UMC from August 10th thru the 14th, 9am to 11:30am, with a performance on Sunday, August 16th, at our 10am worship service. Only \$10 per student, you do not have to be a member to participate. Scholarships are available for those who need them.



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!

7/27 **Methodist Monday Reminder:**  
**Bruce & Nancy Shindel**

**Softball team plays Tuesday, July 28, 7pm,**  
**at Loves Park Playground, 5101 Louisa St., LP**  
**We will be playing Grace Lutheran Church.**

**Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship?** Please call Dan Boon, 815-713-0411, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, August 1st, if you need a ride for Sunday, August 2nd.

**Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure?** Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to either of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 8/25/2015 at Court Street United Methodist Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

**Vacation Bible School: Building on Christ ~ One day only,** Saturday, August 1st, we will have a special VBS from 9am to 1pm, including lunch. Free for all children ages 5-12. Registration forms are available in our office.

**2015 Christian Performing Arts Camp & Performance** ~ Calling all students in grades 3-12! Plan now to attend this wonderful week, August 3 - 7, 9am - 2:30pm, of training in the performing arts disciplines including chorus, drama, and prop/costume design, culminating in a musical performance of Christ's parables in the 10am Sunday Worship on August 9th. Clinicians include James L. Crow and Dorothy Paige-Turner. Cost is \$20 per student which includes lunch. Forms are available in the church office.

Looking for a small  
group to help with...

**SCRIP!**

Did you know that each year the SCRIP program raises about \$4,000 for Court Street United Methodist Church? We are looking for a few good men and women to help Court Street by working on SCRIP. If we get a small group of volunteers, we can spread the work around to help keep this program as a successful fund-raiser. If you are interested, please contact Ken Whitmore at (815) 979-8544 or Gene Ferry at (815) 965-6518.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Rob & Lorelle Wandell **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Ushers:** The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**07/26 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Narthex  
**11:30** Christian Ed Meeting in the Youth Lounge  
**2:00 pm** JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor

**Mon 07/27 METHODIST MONDAY**

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**Tue 07/28** 9:00 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  
**6:15 pm** Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.  
**7:00 pm** Softball Game @ Loves Park Playground,  
 5101 Louisa St., LP  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 07/29** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
**7:00 pm** Men's Group at someone's home

**Thu 07/30** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**6:00 pm** Vocal Rehearsal in the Chapel

**Fri 07/31** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 08/01 9:00 am VBS: Building on Christ, on the Lower Level**

**Sunday 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/02 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Narthex

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	Ministers
Calvin Culpepper	Pastor
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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!**

July 26, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

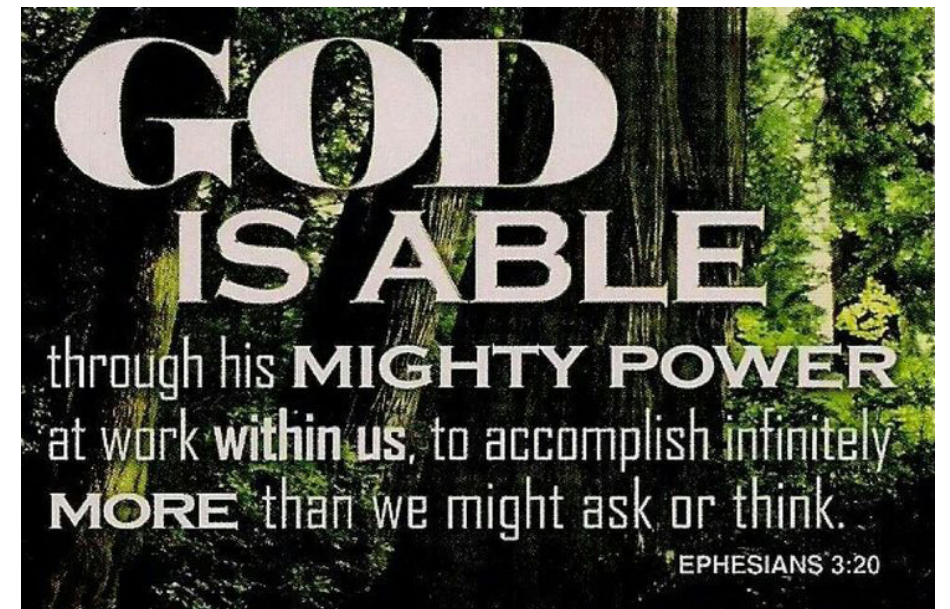
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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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



God's Power

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.

9th Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 26, 2015