

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Prologue" ~ Gordon Young

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We gather as a people of faith.

***People:* Knowing we can bring our questions to this haven of safety.**

*Leader:* We gather as a people of faith.

***People:* Seeking to follow the footsteps of Christ.**

*Leader:* We gather as a people of faith.

***People:* Trusting in the goodness of God.**

***All:* We gather as a people of faith: knowing, seeking and trusting. With our doubts and our certainties, let us lift our voices in praise!**

### § Opening Hymn TFWS #2130

"The Summons"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 604

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*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

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 229

James 2:1-17

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

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

Sermon

"LOUD Faith"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #386

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Prelude in D Major" ~ Orlando di Lasso

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

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

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

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

Communion Music

"Panis Angelicus" ~ Cesar Franck

"Variations on Rockingham" ~ Edward Miller

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #438 "Forth in Thy Name"**

§ Benediction

You are loved into life always and forever by the endless grace of God. Go therefore from this place in the love of God for the love of God to be the church of Christ to each person you meet.  
***Amen.***

Postlude

"Benedictus"

~ Gordon Young

Fellowship in the Narthex

Beginning September 15th, the Court Street Computer Lab will be open Tuesdays, 11-1, for adult use and a time to ask general questions about basic computer functions, how to navigate windows 7-10, answers to questions about Web browsing, Facebook, and other social media, programs such as Microsoft Office, and how to download various applications and programs. Also, we will be able to answer questions about Internet security. You may bring in your own laptop or use our computers running Microsoft Windows. Beginning September 13th, the lab will be open on Sundays for youth to use for homework. Homework help will also be available. This will be Sundays from 1-3. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks! *Dessie Voigt*

Please join us immediately after church on Sunday, September 27, 2015 for a "Salads and More" luncheon sponsored by Lydia Circle, Nurture Committee and other church friends. Cost is free will donation to support raising funds for the Imagine No Malaria Project. Thanks for your support and generosity. We are close to our ultimate goal. Come and learn more about our final push to get there!!



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!

**New study to begin September 20th!** Learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe. (You may be surprised.) Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the counter. Be sure to sign up on the correct one as there are 2 days, Sunday and Wednesday, that it is offered. Books are \$8 each and are available today in the Narthex.

**All committees, staff members, etc. who have a report to turn in for our Church Conference: Deadline is this Friday, September 11th.**

**Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship?** Please call Tim Gorman, 815-636-0514, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, September 12th, if you need a ride for Sunday, September 13th.

**All adults should plan now to come to Sunday School** beginning September 13th. Lamplighters will begin meeting that Sunday in Room 209 on the 2nd floor. All are welcome!

**Please join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Dining Room following our Rally Day service on September 13, 2015.** Beverages and ice cream for dessert will be provided. Each family should bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Dishes can be dropped off between 9:00 and 10:00am on Sunday, September 13, in the main kitchen. If your last name begins with A - G, please bring salad or vegetable, H - N please bring a side dish, O - Z please bring a main dish. If you have any questions please contact Ryanne Ludington. We look forward to seeing you on Rally Day!

**Next Sunday, September 13th, 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.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! is coming back September 16!**



**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

- Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults  
*Come join us. We are a friendly group. No prior Bible knowledge is required – just a willingness to be open to the Spirit's leading! It will be an adventure you won't be able to resist talking about.*

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

- Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room \$3.50/person

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

- Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor
- Ministry Program in the Dining Room for the Family

**Join us on Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in our Chapel for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé.** All are welcome to come and enjoy a peaceful time in which you can just sit and listen or participate as you feel moved to do so.

TODAY'S WORSHIP	
<b>Greeter:</b> Sue Cram	<b>Liturgist:</b> Kathy Welk
<b>Ushers:</b> The Davis/Dienhart Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b> Stan Tunnell
<b>Video Tech:</b> Steve Ripley	<b>Van Driver:</b> Bruce Shindel
<b>Fellowship Hostesses:</b> Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren	

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

**Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**09/06 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Narthex

**Mon 09/07 LABOR DAY - Church is Closed**

**Tue 09/08 DEADLINE for ordering Mums & Asters**

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

**Wed 09/09** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**6:30 pm Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal**  
**7:00 Men's Group at someone's home**

**Thu 09/10** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**6:00 pm Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel**  
**6:00 Chatterbox Supper Group @**  
**Red Lobster, 5827 E. State St.**

**Fri 09/11** 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  
 10:00 Money 101 in Room 109  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 09/12 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn,**  
**2420 Charles St.**

**9:00 Mums/Aster pickup in Chapel Narthex**

**Sunday 16th Sunday after Pentecost/RALLY DAY**

**09/13 9:00 am** Mums/Aster pickup in Chapel Narthex  
**9:00** Lamplighters in Room 209  
**9:00** Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery  
**10:00** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Potluck in the Dining Room  
**11:15** Children's Choir in Choir Room  
**1:00 pm** Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East  
**1:00** Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab  
**2:00** Dowel Rod Ministry  
**3:00** Youth Group

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</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!** September 6, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

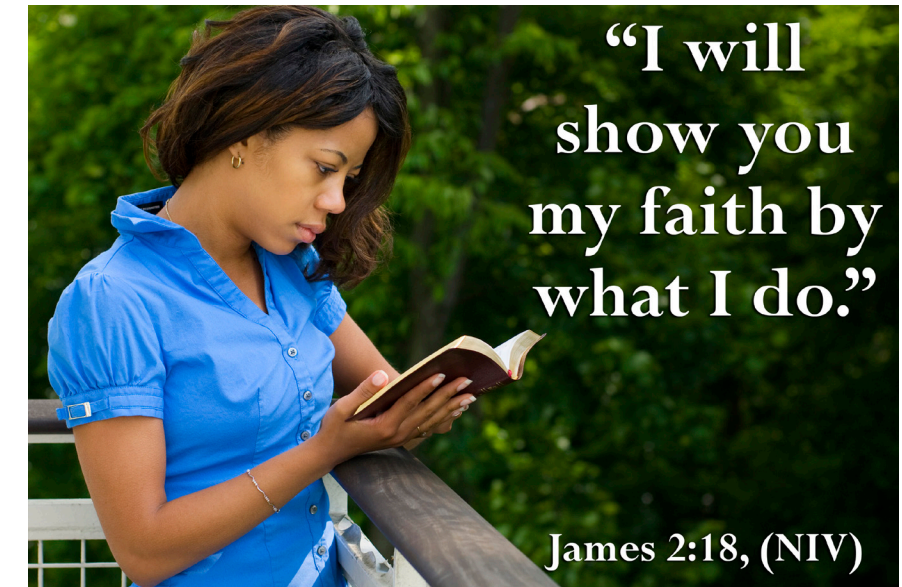
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_


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.

*15th Sunday after Pentecost  
 September 6, 2015*