

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" ~ J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

***People:* Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.**

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

***All:* Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

Reading from the Psalter UMH #861

Psalm 148

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 201 Colossians 3:12-17

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

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

Hymn UMH #191

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 59 Luke 2:41-52

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

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

Sermon

"When Love Is Found"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #643, verses 1-3

"When Love Is Found"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Two variations on "O Waly Waly"

~ James Biery & Charles Callahan

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #242

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

§ Benediction

Go forth into the world. Go forth, singing of our Savior's birth.

Go forth hopeful and expectant, joyful and triumphant! ***Amen.***

Postlude

Paen on "Joy to the World"

~ David Lasky

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Cheryl Lemke for sharing her musical gifts with us today as James Marck is on vacation.



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!

Please note that Road Ranger will no longer be participating in the scrip program, effective December 31, 2015. However, their cards will be able to be used thru 2/28/16.

Please turn in all 2015 contributions by December 31st.

Thank you!

If you have not yet turned in your 2016 pledge card, you may still do so. If you need a card, please contact the church office. You may mail or bring to the church office, drop it in the offering plate, or give to an usher. Thank you!

How are you worshipping while you walk? Are you enjoying life more? Are you feeling more at peace? We pray that you are experiencing all of that and more. Stick with us! We're all learning how to do this.

The 2016 Altar Flower chart is posted outside the church office on the bulletin board. Sign up now to get your favorite date to honor or memorialize someone you love.

Church Building is closed Friday, January 1st.

We pray that you have a blessed New Year!

NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! until January 6, 2016.

Help de-green the church on Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 9 a.m. All are welcome & needed as we take the decorations down in multiple locations!

In January we will collect "Board Games", new or used. Anything from "Hi Ho Cherry O" to "Clue". During the cold months the kids will have some indoor activities with board games. Some will stay at Haskell and a few might go home with the students. If you have any questions, please ask Barb Ferry or Elizabeth Tarara. Thanks, Court Street, for your continued monthly support of Haskell School. *Nurture & Outreach Committee*

Within the next couple of weeks keep an eye out for a card insert in your bulletin which will tell you how you can help with this year's Midvale Distribution. It is not possible to buy personal needs products with food stamps. Through One Body Collaboratives, formerly Love INC, we will present 30 households at Midvale with a package of various personal need items. We are so blessed at Court Street UMC with generous people who want to help others.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Jan Mace	Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team	Sound Tech: Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Tim Gorman
Fellowship Hosts: Can you help?	

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday First Sunday after Christmas Day

12/27 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Mon 12/28 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 12/29 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
6:00 pm Knitting Group @ Backyard Bar & Grill,
6473 N. 2nd St., Loves Park
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209

Wed 12/30 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 12/31 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 01/01 Church Closed - Happy New Year!

Sat 01/02

Sunday Epiphany Sunday

01/03 9:00 am Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
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Odis Black & Sean Smith	<i>Custodians</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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December 27, 2015

WELCOME!

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.

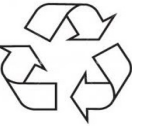
How did you hear about Court Street? _____

Children:

Name _____ age _____ grade _____
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!

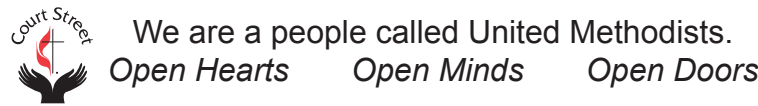


ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Worshipping
While
We
Walk



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2015*