

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Meditation from *Thais* ~ *J. Massenet*

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 UMH #139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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. 672

Isaiah 43:1-7

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. 60

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

Hymn of Response UMH #393

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sermon

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

“Getting Ready to Get Ready: Empowered!”

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “To Thee, Our God, We Fly” ~ *William Croft*

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #252 (Sung to ELLACOMBE)
“When Jesus Came to Jordan”**

§ Benediction

~ *Ephesians 1:17-19a*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know Him clearly.
May God enlighten your innermost vision that you may know
the great hope to which He has called you, the wealth of His
glorious heritage to be distributed among the members of the
church, and the immeasurable scope of His power in us who
believe. *Amen.*

Postlude - Chancel Choir “Set the Sun Dancing!” ~ *Helen Kemp*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



The Altar Flowers are...

...dedicated to the service of God

by Leta Gerber.

Jeremiah Development Annual Meeting Announcement

On Thursday, February 11th, Jeremiah Development will have its Annual Meeting. Each of our founding churches is invited to this gathering where we discuss the Annual Report as well as elect new members to the Board of Directors and say goodbye to those leaving our ranks. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet the leaders of our neighborhood organization and share your hopes and dreams with them. The meeting is held at Second First Church and begins at 5:30. The regular business meeting will follow the Annual Meeting and visitors are welcome to attend that as well.



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!

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

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.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Jan. 13th!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

• Rev. Rhoads’ class in the Library - Adults

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

• Men’s Fellowship Group in the Parlor



Next Sunday, January 17th, we will celebrate Human Relations Day, when we recognize the right of all God’s children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other. We will take a special offering to help support persons working in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, which gives teenagers a chance to succeed.

We are collecting “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*

Calling all church leaders! Learn how to be effective serving in your church by attending free training presented by our Rockford District of the Northern Illinois Conference on Saturday, January 30, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm, Faith UMC, 1440 S. Walnut, Freeport. Our own Rev. Dr. Wang will be presenting a workshop on History & Archives. Other topics are: 1) SPRC - from A to Z, 2) So You’re Going on a Mission Trip, 3) Without a Vision the People Perish, and 4) Trustees. You will have a chance to attend 2 workshops as well as hear from our District Superintendent, Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford. Registration deadline is Jan. 25th. Pamphlets are on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CSUMC Book Club will meet Sunday, January 17th, 4:00 p.m., at Betty Doran’s, 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, to discuss “Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule” by Jennifer Chiaverini. All are welcome to join us!

CWS Blanket Sunday is coming soon!

Save your \$\$\$\$\$\$ to throw in the blanket!

TODAY'S WORSHIP	
Greeter: Sue Cram	Liturgist: Verlette Gorman
Ushers: The Davis Team	Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Bob Lutmer
Fellowship Hosts: Breakfast Club	

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
01/10 9:00 am Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
 9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
 1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
 1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
 2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry
 3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center
 3:00 Confirmation Class in the Youth Center

Mon 01/11 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 4:30 pm SPRC in Room 209
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor

Tue 01/12 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
 11:00 Adult Computers, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
 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 Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 01/13 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room
 4:00 Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
 6:30 Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal

Thu 01/14 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 pm Chatterbox Supper Group, Lone Star, 6690 E. State
 6:00 Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel

Fri 01/15 Chimes DEADLINE
 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 01/16
Sunday 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
01/17 9:00 am Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
 9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
 11:30 Christian Education Committee in Youth Lounge
 1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
 1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
 2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry
 3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center
 3:00 Confirmation Class in the Youth Center
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4134 Tumbleweed Tr., LP

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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! January 10, 2016

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

Worshiping
While
We
Walk



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.

*Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
January 10, 2016*