

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*LEADER:* We praise God who gave us life.

*PEOPLE:* In our rejoicing, there is God.

*LEADER:* In our grief, there is God.

*PEOPLE:* In anguish and deliverance alike, we praise.

*LEADER:* In darkness and light we affirm our faith.

*PEOPLE:* Therefore we bow our heads in reverence,

*ALL:* Before the Eternal God of life, the Holy One,

**blesed be God. Amen.**

*--Adapted from The Gates of Prayer*

*(New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975), 620.*

### § Opening Hymn - see screens "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - p. 517

Psalm 45:10-17

*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"**

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026

**"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"**

Old Testament Lesson - p. 20

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn - see screens

**"Amazing Love"**

**"The Good Old Days: Isaac, Rebekah"**

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - *Please use the insert.*

Today we give thanks for Doris Noble, and celebrate her new life in the family of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &  
into the LOCAL CONGREGATION

Lillian Knuckles

Doris Noble

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth - see screens

**"Just a Closer Walk"**

### § Benediction

As members of Christ's body, put love above all else. Do not love in word or speech only; love also in deed and truth. May your relationships with each other be symbols of God's relationship to you. All praise be to the God of love! **Amen.**

Postlude

### Facetime by the Big Bell

**We thank Bruce Poulter and Linda Lennon  
for sharing their musical gifts with us today!**

### Memory Verse for This Week

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Matthew 25:28-30*



*Altar flowers are given...*

*...in memory of Dorothy Loehr*

*by Nancy & Bruce Shindel.*

*...in memory of my father, Frank Ryan, on his 4th of July birthday  
by Geri Ryan.*

**Saturday, July 15 - Auditions for 'The Lion King KIDS' will be held at 10 a.m.** Parts are open for youth from Kindergarten to 9th Grade. Potential cast members will sing, dance, and read a selection from the show. You may prepare a song to show your vocal range.

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



**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!

**Don't forget Puppet Project Camp starts tomorrow.**

Our Puppet Project is open to youth from 1st through 8th grade. To be held Monday through Friday, **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily, except for Tuesday, the 11th, when we hope to leave church at 7am to travel to Hinsdale for a puppet show.** Only \$25.00 per person.

**Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus' teaching? Do you really want what he wants?** Bestselling author Kyle Idleman reveals that the key to the abundant life Jesus promised lies in embracing His inside-out way of life. Study "The End of Me" with us **on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

**MAY WE TAKE YOUR PICTURE?** We are creating a supplemental directory to include the pictures and contact information of our newest visitors and members. If you are not in the 2014 directory of our church family, we would love to include you. Please contact Georgalee George (815-877-2978), Gwen Culpepper (815-708-6383), or Jeanine Wang (815-218-1700), for more information, and to arrange a time to meet.

**Half-Truths. They are simple phrases.** They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. **Study begins Sunday, July 9, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. 4 Books available for \$13.50 each.**

**What Joyful Happenings at Court Street UMC do you remember or have you heard about?** Please share with us as we celebrate 165 years of ministry with God by writing down any and all good happenings. Then submit by email ([lorellewandell@courtstreetumc.org](mailto:lorellewandell@courtstreetumc.org)), drop in the offering plate, drop in the box in the Narthex, or mail to the Church Office. We will then share with everyone in some manner.

**The next time you get a carry-out tray, please save it and bring it to the church.** We need them for a September project.

### **Save the Dates:**

**July 24 - August 4, The Lion King (yes, we have the rights to perform Disney's 'The Lion King' KIDS!) Performing Arts Camp,** performances on Sat. August 5, & Sun. August 6. All youth from 1st through 8th grade are invited to participate in our Performing Arts Camp, for two weeks, from Monday through Friday each week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$50.00 per person.

**August 13, Backpack Blessing** Students, bring your backpack to worship so Pastor Cal may bless them before school starts

**August 20, Good Old Days Summer Celebration,** Lunch & Ice Cream Social after worship

*Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.*

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**WELCOME!**

July 9, 2017

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Nancy Doran **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club **Acolyte:** Martin Leonard

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

**Sun 07/09 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 am **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:30 **'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor**

**Mon 07/10 METHODIST MONDAY**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 **Puppet Project Camp-all over the bldg**  
 11:00 **Stewardship Committee in the Library**  
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 6:00 **Worship Committee in the Parlor**

**Tue 07/11**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 **Puppet Project Camp-all over the bldg**  
 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**  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 1:00 Jeremiah Board Meeting in the Library  
 5:30 **Trustee Committee in the Library**  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209

**Wed 07/12**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 **Puppet Project Camp-all over the bldg**  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:00 pm **Men's Fellowship in someone's home**

**Thu 07/13**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 **Puppet Project Camp-all over the bldg**  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 **"End of Me" Study in the Parlor**  
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 6:00 **Chatterbox Supper @ Der Rathskeller, 1132 Auburn St.**

**Fri 07/14**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 **Puppet Project Camp-all over the bldg**  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 07/15 Chimes DEADLINE**

**Sun 07/16 6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 am **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:30 **'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor**

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

**F**orging  
 a *Family* of **Faith**

**The Good Old Days**



*Rebekah watering the camels of Abraham's servant*



*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.

*5th Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 9, 2017*