

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Wachtel Auf: Pastorale ~ Wayne Wold

Ringing of the Bell

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

Leader: We have hope that God's Kingdom will be established on Earth even in the midst of life's imperfections because of the presence of Jesus with humanity.

George stands up to Mr. Potter from 'It's a Wonderful Life'

Uncle Billy Rev. Dr. Richard Wang

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Rev. Calvin Culpepper
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 2 Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

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

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

"The Ox and The Donkey - Security Blankets for Jesus"

James L. Crow

Hymn - see screens, vs 1 "This Little Light of Mine"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

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

'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

Please see insert

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2093**

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

§ Benediction

Our time in your presence has revived and refreshed us. Allow this to move us forward into our week with renewed passion for the work of your kingdom. Give us eyes to see where you are working that we may readily join you. **Amen.**

Postlude Savior of the Nation's Come ~ Douglas E. Wagner

Facetime by the Big Bell

A most familiar Advent Tune, Wachtel Auf reminds us of the imminent coming of Christ. During these Advent weeks, the organ preludes immediately preceding our worship service will feature a selection from a suite of pieces based on this tune. These pieces were arranged by Wayne L. Wold, an active Professor, College Organist, and Music Department Chair at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. This second week's selection, the Pastorale, is influenced by the hymn's phrase, "The Watchmen on the Heights are Crying." As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, please enjoy these selections in your moment of meditation.



Altar flowers are given...

...in memory of Jack Diestelmeier
by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

Memory Verse for This Week

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 3:2

Have you begun your Christmas shopping yet? Why not consider Scrip cards for those on your gift list, especially those who are hard to buy for. The current list of Scrip cards, on hand and those usually ordered, is available on the church website (courtstreetumc.org), at the Scrip table, or in the church office. For the complete list, stop at the Scrip table on Sundays. For those who like to go out to eat, consider a restaurant gift card or two. If you choose to order cards it will only take a week or two for them to arrive. Also the \$5 and \$10 cards for Culver's, Beef-a-roo, Backyard Grill, Olympic and Subway make easy stocking stuffers! Please consider Scrip cards whether you are giving them as a gift or using them yourself to purchase gifts or for food needs (Gordon Foods, Valli, Woodmans, Walmart, Sams Club, Pinnon). *The Scrip committee thanks you for your support.*



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.

TODAY is our yearly, and always anticipated, Brunch, Bakery, and Bazaar. The Brunch is only \$6 per adult, \$3.00 for children ages 4-10, and free for children 3 & under. Peruse the bakery & bazaar to find unique gifts for your loved ones. Proceeds benefit the United Methodist Women's Mission Fund.

Come to the final performance of 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' a live performance of the televised special performed by our Fine Arts Saturday Troupe, this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person/Children under 5 free.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 55 children, many of whom live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Each child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing item. You can help us by: 1) Volunteering to distribute angels following any worship service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail). **Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Making a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organizing and delivering gifts between December 17th and December 22nd. 6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for the Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex. For questions, call 815-965-6518.

Best remedy for Holiday Angst is the CHRISTmas Activities planned at CSUMC. These activities are guaranteed to Reduce Your Stress, Refresh Your Spirit, and Renew Your Soul. Come for a **30-Minute Worship on Wednesday, December 13th, at Noon in our Chapel.**

When Christmas Hurts: A Blues Christmas Service; Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 p.m. A chapel service of remembrance of lost loved ones, lost direction, and a promise of help by participating in Christmas instead of avoiding it. Special music and warm holiday refreshment. Bring a friend that might be experiencing a loss this season. Service is meant to uplift spirits, not depress.

Mark your calendar & join us:

Christmas Eve AM Worship - Sun., Dec. 24 - 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Family Worship - Sun., Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Candlelight Service - Sun., Dec. 24 - 9:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Oops! In the rush of Thanksgiving, I forgot to include the offering envelope for our UM Student Offering in our bulletin Dec. 3rd. I will include it in the bulletin next Sunday, December 17th. *Lorelle*

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Margaret & Ray Rhoads **Acolyte:** Ella Anderson
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am UMW Bakery & Bazaar on the Lower Level
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Blood Pressure Check on the Lower Level
 11:15 UMW Bakery, Brunch, Bazaar on the Lower Level
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin
 11:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study in the Parlor
 2:00 pm 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' in the Sanctuary
 3:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study at 5772 Pepper

Mon 12/11
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:30 pm YAVO/Haskell in the Gym
 5:30 Worship Team in the Parlor
 5:30 SPRC in Room 209

Tue 12/12
 8:30 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 Trustees in the Library
 6:00 JuBellation Handbell Choir in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

Wed 12/13
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Rockford Country Club, 2500 Oxford
 12:00 pm 30 Minute Advent Worship in Chapel

Thu 12/14
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 MAYA's House Christmas Party in Dining Room
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor
 2:30 YAVO/Haskell in the Gym
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ Hoffman House, 7550 E. State

Fri 12/15 Chimes DEADLINE
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 Image Class in the Library & Parlor
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 12/16 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

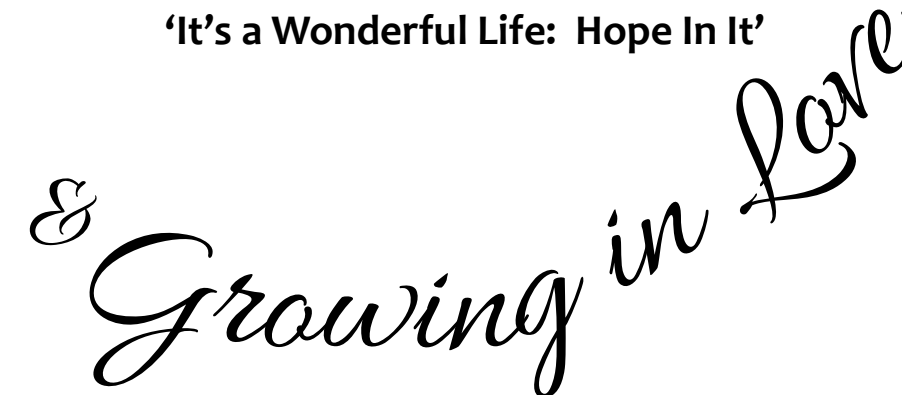
Sun 12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin
 11:30 Christian Ed Team meeting in the Dining Room
 11:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study in the Parlor
 3:30 pm 'Because of Bethlehem' Study at 5772 Pepper

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.*
 Isaiah 11:6

'It's a Wonderful Life: Hope In It'



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.

*2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 10, 2017*

WELCOME!

December 10, 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 _____

A CHARLIE BROWN™ Christmas



By Charles M. Schulz

Based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson

Stage Adaptation by Eric Schaeffer

By Special Arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson

Friday, December 8 - 7:00

Saturday, December 9 - 2:00 & 7:00

Sunday, December 10 - 10:00 & 2:00

Performed by the Court Street UMC FAST - Fine Arts Saturday Troupe

Tickets are \$5 per person • Children under 5 free

A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas

Cast

<i>Charlie Brown</i>	Hanna Holmes
<i>Patty</i>	Ella Anderson
<i>Shermy</i>	Emmanuel Bragori
<i>Snoopy</i>	Carter Anderson
<i>Violet Gray</i>	Addie LeBeau
<i>Schroeder</i>	Alex Ludington
<i>Lucy Van Pelt</i>	Hannah Whitmore
<i>Linus Van Pelt</i>	Jacob Voigt
<i>Pig-Pen</i>	Silas Simmons
<i>Sally Brown</i>	Charlotte Maher
<i>Freida</i>	Morgan Whitmore
<i>Woodstock</i>	Rachel Whitmore
<i>Peppermint Patty</i>	Aubrey Groff
<i>Franklin</i>	Rollins Simmons
<i>Marcie</i>	Peyton Johnson
<i>ReRun Van Pelt</i>	Jeriel Bragori
<i>Eudora</i>	Tseriah L. Simmons
<i>Peggy Jean</i>	Kaylee Bulliner
<i>The Small One</i>	Thomas Crow

Staff

***Director* James L. Crow**
***Musical Director* Jack Armstrong**
***Technical Director* Krysta Tilges**
***Set Artists* Ryanne Ludington,
Dessie Voigt**
***Costume Designer* Bert Cromwell**
***Organist* Andrew Mertzenich**

Thank you to...

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