

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

Meditation on Jesus the Very Thought of Thee ~ *Joyce Jones*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* The Lord calls us. Do we hear him?

*People:* Sometimes, when the chaos of the world is quiet,  
and we decide to listen.

*Leader:* And how do we answer God's call?

*People:* We answer as Samuel did,  
"Speak LORD, for your servant is listening."

*Leader:* We worship today seeking to hear  
and answer God's call.

*All:* Here I am, Lord. Hallelujah, Amen

### § Opening Hymn FWS #2051

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

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 Reading - p. 247

I Samuel 3:1-10

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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

Children's Message

"Phone Call from God"

*James L. Crow*

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

"This Little Light of Mine"

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 92

John 1:43-51

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

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

"God Is Calling: Are You Answering?"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Go Ye Into All the World"

~ *Eric Butler*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98

"To God Be the Glory"

§ Benediction

May you hear God's call in the melody of creation.

May you follow God's bidding on all the paths of life.

May you know God's love in all the seasons of the journey.

*Amen.*

*Choral Benediction - "Amen"*

Postlude

Fanfare of Praise

~ *Jason W. Krug*

Facetime by the Big Bell

*Join us as we celebrate the First Birthday of Thomas Crow,  
James Crow's grandson.*

### Memory Verse for This Week

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

*I Samuel 1:10*

**Angel Tree Thank You** ~ Thanks to ALL of you for your financial support, for purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children, and for your prayers. Because of your generosity, gifts were purchased for 55 children from 11 families in our church neighborhood and in the nearby area. Each child received two gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent. In addition, extra funds were left over to provide \$25 or more in grocery gift cards to each family based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those of you who helped organize and deliver the gifts to the families. May God bless you all, for it is in giving that we are richly blessed. We ask that you continue to pray for the incarcerated parents and their families. This year we had some unusually large households where a caregiver was taking care of from 4 to 12 children and/or grandchildren. Quite a challenge and strain on a grandparent or caregiver so gift cards were well received and appreciated. Religious pamphlets were gift wrapped and delivered to the families also. *Barb and Gene Ferry*



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 are taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** Please refer to the bulletin 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 **2018 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.

**If you requested 2018 Offering Envelopes, please check in the Narthex for your name on the batches of envelopes.** If you want envelopes and do not find your name, please contact the Church Office.

**Don't forget to turn in your news for the February 2018 newsletter edition by Monday, January 15th.**

**Church Building is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 15th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day,** except for the Penguin Project Informational Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

CSUMC is pleased to announce the launching of a nationally recognized program called **The Penguin Project.** This project focuses on giving children with developmental disabilities the chance to experience musical theatre in all its glory! The program holds many opportunities for children with and without special needs as they work together to produce a show. An informational meeting will be held Monday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We want to invite anyone in the community who is interested to attend this first informational meeting. Please spread the word about this wonderful ministry opportunity. The Penguin Project of Court Street Methodist Church will make its debut by performing the junior version of THE LION KING Experience. We are looking for young artists (children with special needs) and mentors (children without special needs between the ages of 6 and 21) to be in the show. If you have any questions or want to be involved in any way please do not hesitate to contact us! Call 815-494-5379.

**Start your New Year out right and volunteer to be a Communion server.** Those who have served say that it is a personal, very meaningful event. Please contact Nancy Stanis, 815-988-9601 or Joan Tunnell, 815-397-6280. Thank you.

**The Nurture Committee is still collecting winter Hats, Mittens, and Scarves for Haskell Academy students** during January. The drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank You in advance for the supplies that are needed for the children.

**Join us on Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St., for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé.** All are welcome.

**Blanket Sunday is coming!  
Start saving your dollars to throw in the blanket!**

*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!**

January 14, 2018

*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Barb & Gene Ferry **Acolyte:** Ella Anderson  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club **Liturgist:** Bert Cromwell

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

**Sun 01/14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**  
 9:00 **'Believe' Study in the Parlor**  
 9:30 **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:15 **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**  
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities**

**Mon 01/15 - Church Closed - MLK Jr. Day - except for:**  
 6:00 pm **Penguin Project Info Meeting in Chapel**  
**Chimes DEADLINE**

**Tue 01/16** 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 Winn County Substance Abuse - Dining Room  
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 6:00 **JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room**  
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 01/17** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach in Dining Room**  
 5:30 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center  
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room

**Thu 01/18** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm **The Journeymen in the Parlor**  
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 2:30 YAVO/Haskell in the Gym

**Fri 01/19** 8:30 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 01/20** 10:00 am **NIC & Ad Council in the Building**  
 12:00 pm U R Loved Shoe Distribution

**Sun 01/21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**  
 9:00 **'Believe' Study in the Parlor**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Finance Team in the Library**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities**  
 11:30 **Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room**  
 4:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club @ 4347 Applewood Ln.**

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

*Have with God*  
**Are**  
*God Is Calling You*  
**Answering?**

*& Growing in Love*



*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 after Epiphany*  
*January 14, 2018*