

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

“Be Thou My Vision, Oh God of All Creation” ~ *James Swift*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

***People:* Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love.**

*Leader:* Then declare what you will.

***People:* Reveal what you will, command what you will, demand what you will.**

*~ Based on a prayer by Christina Rossetti, (1830-1894).*

### § Opening Hymn UMH #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

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. 174

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

~ *Rutter*

*Children’s Choir*

**Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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

Children’s Message

“You Have a Message”

*James L. Crow*

*Church World Service Blanket Offering*

**Hymn - see screens, vs 1**

“This Little Light of Mine”

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 35

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Anthem

“Ain’-a That Good News!”

~ *Dawson*

*Chancel Choir*

“God Is Calling: Are You Listening?”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Heart of Worship”

*Praise Team*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #62

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

### § Benediction

We leave this place not as people who have all the answers.

We leave this place not as people who are holier than others.

We leave this place as people who have been shown a grace, a calling, and a Savior who has changed our lives forever.

We’re filled with a joy that’s too great to be kept to ourselves.

Go forth as children of God. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction “Amen”

Postlude

“Postlude”

~ *Arnold Cooke*

### Facetime by the Big Bell

### Memory Verse for This Week

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.”

*Psalms 111:10*



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!

**Blanket Sunday is here! Be ready to throw your money in the blanket!** Last year 2,755 blankets were given out in the US - some even came to Illinois. Each blanket costs only \$10. If you wish to write a check, make it out to CSUMC with ‘blankets’ in the memo.

**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.

**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.

**Waffles & Worship is next Sunday, February 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.** Free-will donation for breakfast. Teresa Field, our Parish Nurse, will be speaking about our heart, physically and spiritually. Communion will also be served. All are welcome!

**Valentine’s Day is coming!** Purchase gift cards from Scrip for those you love and help support the church at the same time. Gift cards for the movies, department stores, and more make gift giving easy. See the people at the table by the big bell in the Narthex to see what’s available.

**The next United Methodist Women’s meeting is a lunch and program in the Church Dining Room on Wednesday, February 7, at noon.** Our speaker will be Deb Gille, and we will be learning about the benefits of “Laughter Yoga”. No experience necessary to participate in this fun experience. If you need a ride to the UMW meeting, please contact Diane Lutmer at 815-978-0092 or Sue Cram at 779-200-7192 by 8 AM Wednesday morning. Please call in your reservation for the lunch to Geri Ryan at 815-877-2141 by 5 PM Sunday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$7 per person.

**Looking for volunteers to help clean more of the kitchen.** If you can help, please meet in the kitchen on Friday, February 9, from 9 to 11 AM. Cleaning supplies and gloves will be provided. Contact Geri Ryan or Sue Cram if you have questions. We appreciate all your help in advance.

**Start answering God’s call by getting closer to Him through Bible study.** Our Lenten Study will be Max Lucado’s ‘He Chose the Nails’. Yes, it may be inconvenient. Yes, it may take some time. But, yes, it is worth it. After all, He chose the nails because He loves you. Books will be available for \$9 each. Join us in study for 5 Sundays beginning Feb. 18 at 11:30 or for 5 Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 at 12:30.

**We need a few seamstresses to make costumes** for the Maundy Thursday service. It’s a real easy pattern. If you can help, please see Mr. Jim.

*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 28, 2018

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Kay Galloway **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Facetime Hostess:** Beverly Maus **Liturgist:** Bill Barnhart

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

**Sun 01/28 4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities**  
 2:00 pm **JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor**

**Mon 01/29** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 11:00 **Stewardship Team in the Library**

**Tue 01/30** 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**  
 11:30 **High School Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel & Choir Room**  
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 **JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room**  
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 01/31** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:00 pm **Praise Team in the Dining Room**

**Thu 02/01** 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  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

**Fri 02/02** 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**  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 02/03** 8:00 am N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center  
 9:00 Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment in Gym

**Sun 02/04 5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 am **Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room**  
 9:00 **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**  
 11:15 **Happy Days Youth Activities**  
 11:30 **Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room**

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

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

*& 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.

*4th Sunday after Epiphany*  
 January 28, 2018