

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

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

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship

Prelude "Duke Street" ~ John Hatton, art. Wilbur Held

§ Call to Worship ~ adapted from I John

The Word that gives life was from the beginning.

This is the One our message is about.

Alleluia! Easter People, let us sing!

Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen,
And our hands touched this Word.

Alleluia! Easter People, let us sing!

The One who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we
are witnesses to what we have seen. We share with you so you
may share in this life with us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter People, let us sing!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalms 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there God ordained the blessing,
the blessing of life forevermore. *R*

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Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Is Jesus a Cubs Fan?" Diane Lutmer

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

Reading - New Testament p. 120 Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"The Church as the Face of God"

Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "I'll Fly Away" ~ arr. Courtney

Chancel Choir

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #318 "Christ Is Alive"

§ Benediction

Choral "Amen"

Postlude "An Exultant Alleluia" ~ Lani Smith

Facetime by the Big Bell

We thank Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart
for bringing God's message to us today
while Pastor Cal is on vacation.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of Bethel Tunnell by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

Culver's Share Day (instead of Scoopie Night) - new day and time.
Sunday, April 29th, from 12 (noon) - 3 PM. Come to Culver's on
N. Main and have some delicious food and treats as well as a delightful
social time with your friends. All funds raised will be split between our
United Methodist Men and our Youth Programs. To earn even more
funds for our church, purchase Culver's cards from our Scrip program.

**On April 22nd, 1:30 p.m., we will be doing spring cleaning of the
community garden at SecondFirst and getting the plots ready to
plant!** Come play in the dirt with us! Come for a few minutes or for the
whole afternoon. Our wish list includes: A composter, plants (vegeta-
ble, perennials, and pollinators), seeds of the same, soil, stakes, signs
and/or funds to help us purchase these items. Checks can be made out
to Jeremiah Development with Garden fund written on the memo line.



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in wor-
shipping God this morning. We are all one family. 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 see the insert to help you understand the
importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC
with "Apportionment" on the memo line & use the enclosed envelope.

Scrip shopping isn't one size fits all - we understand that sometimes
you need to make big purchases, or just give a small "thank you." We
are here to help you meet those needs. And of course Scrip cards can
be used as gifts themselves or for you to purchase items for upcom-
ing events such as confirmations, graduations, and birthdays. Lowes,
Menards, Home Depot, Target and Walmart cards are always available
for your spring gardening needs. Hope to see you soon at the Scrip
table before or after church!

**Sunday, April 15, we will take a special offering for Native Amer-
ican Ministries.** Our annual conference keeps 50% of the receipts to
develop and strengthen Native American Ministries within the confer-
ence. The rest provides scholarships for Native Americans attending
United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by
the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. Please make
your check out to CSUMC with 'Native American' in the memo.

Jeremiah Development, along with many community partners, is host-
ing **the second LOVE ROCKFORD event, on April 28, 2018, from
10AM – 2PM.** Congregations, businesses, community agencies and
volunteers will be working together to reach out to the underserved.
During our LOVE ROCKFORD day, residents will have the opportu-
nity to be linked with a variety of counseling and housing services, and
get blood pressure checks, hearing and vision tests, while the young
may opt for face painting or other children's activities. Hungry stom-
achs will be met with a free lunch, and a box of food will be available
to take home. **If you are interested in volunteering or donating to
LOVE ROCKFORD, please contact Melissa at loverockfordil@
gmail.com.** Your contribution and time will be responsibly utilized to
lift the hearts and lives of our fellow residents.

**Heart Solutions will be offering a CPR & AED (Automated Ex-
ternal Defibrillator) educational class on Tuesday, April 17th from
noon to 2pm,** without the completion card for a discounted rate of
\$30.00. If anyone would need to have the certification card, which is
valid for two years, the cost changes to \$55.00, which is still at a sig-
nificant discounted rate. Please call the church office at 815-962-6061
by April 10th to register. We need a maximum of twelve people to host
this event. A light lunch will be provided.

A Stewardship Message: "Command them to do good, to be rich in
good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they
will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming
age so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

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!

April 8, 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 _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Jay & Perky Heath	Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team	Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Tim Gorman
Facetime Hosts: Breakfast Club	Liturgist: Bill Barnhart

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 04/08 2nd Sunday of Easter
 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
 5:00 pm 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Mon 04/09
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 5:30 Worship Team in the Parlor
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Tue 04/10
 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
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 5:30 Trustee Team in the Library
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room
 6:00 Recovery from Life 2 in the Youth Center
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 04/11
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Thu 04/12
 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
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ 2583 N. Mulford Rd.

Fri 04/13
 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 04/14
 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ 2420 Charles St.
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 pm 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sun 04/15 Third Sunday of Easter
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 UMW Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center
 4:00 pm CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Love with God

All
the
Believers
were one
in Heart



and Mind.

Acts 4:32

& 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.

Second Sunday of Easter
 April 8, 2018