

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.

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

Prelude "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier"
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here) ~ Arr. Wayne L. Wold

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

§ Call to Worship ~ Selected verses 1 John 4:7-16

L. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

P. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

L. If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

P. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

L. Let us abide in God.

All: Let us worship God.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #703 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH #752, response 2 Psalm 22:25-31

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Open Doors" *Ryanne Ludington*

"Awesome God"
"Love Your Neighbor"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

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

Epistle Reading - New Testament p. 241 1 John 4:7-21

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Bearing the Fruit of Love!"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Praise to the Lord" ~ Whitehead
Chancel Choir

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #700 "Abide with Me"

§ Benediction
Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so. Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven, that in loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. **Amen.**
Choral "Amen"

"I'm Trading My Sorrows"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

Postlude "Hyfrydol"
(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)
Melody by R.H. Prichard, Arr. R. Vaughan Williams

Facetime by the Big Bell
Please join Bill & Betty Seiter in the Narthex to help them celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of **Dillan Franklin Morse**, born on April 20th. The proud parents are Bethany and Jason Morse. The proud grandparents are Darlene and Gary Dienhart.



Altar Flowers are given...
...in memory of the wedding anniversary of Gwen & Leslie Thomas on 4/26 by the Gwen Thomas bequest.
...in honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Betty Seiter on May 1st by Diane & Bob Lutmer.



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Culver's Share Day (instead of Scoopie Night) - new day and time. TODAY 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.

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 upcoming 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!

A Stewardship Message: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Matthew 6:19-21*

Pick up your copy of the 2018 Court St. UMC Directory Addendum in the Narthex. Please take only one per household. Thank you!

We need all our wonderful bakers to help us again! We will be having our annual Bake Sale along with our Garden Bazaar on May 18 and 19, 2018. Please pick up boxes after church on Sunday, May 6 or May 13, in the Sanctuary Narthex from Betty Seiter or Diane Lutmer. Thank you so much for your help!

TO ALL NEW and SEASONED VOLUNTEERS of OUR GARDEN BAZAAR!!! It's that time of the year! **Help is needed as follows: May 17-Thursday...** in the morning to sort and organize pre-orders. A definite time can't be given as to when the truck will arrive but it usually is around 9:30-10:00. **May 18-Friday...** We need people to set up at 7:30, sell from 9-3, and takedown at 3. **May 19-Saturday...** We need people to set up at 8:00, sell from 9-1 and take down/clean up at 1. Please contact Karen (815-742-4716) or Perky (815-519-7520) if you can help. You can work any portion or length that works for you. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "faithfuls".

Performing Arts Camp ~ July 23 - August 3, 2018 ~ 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 \$75.00 per person, this camp will combine dance, theater, drawing, and more in a Christian setting. 'Once on This Island' will be performed on Sunday, August 5, at 10:00 a.m. Scholarships are available as needed. Please contact the church office: (815) 962-6061 or go to www.courtstreetumc.org for a registration form.

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 29, 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

Greeter: Nancy Doran

Ushers: The Sue Cram Team

Sound Tech: Brian King

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Facetime Hostesses: Geri & Judy

Liturgist: Randiann King

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 04/29 Fifth 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**
 12:00 pm **'Share Day' @ N. Main Culver's**

Mon 04/30 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center

Tue 05/01 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**
 12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room**
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Dining Room
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 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 05/02 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:30 **UMW Mission Team in Room 209**
 1:00 pm **Diabetic Self-Management in Room 209**
 6:00 **Praise Team in the Dining Room**

Thu 05/03 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**
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor

Fri 05/04 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 05/05 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 05/06 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 **Children's Choir & Puppet Rehearsal**
 11:30 **Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center**
 4:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club @ 1012 Mayfair Ct.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God

**Love one another,
 for love comes
 from God.**

1 John 4:7



& 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.

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
 April 29, 2018*