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 "Christ Unser Herr Zum Jordan Kam" *James Boulanger*

§ Call to Worship

~ Based on Psalm 29

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due God's name.

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor. Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

People: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise

to the God of glory, strength and peace.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Remember Your Baptism" James L. Crow

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

§ Reading from Mark 1:1-11

New Testament p. 34

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Jesus is Baptized" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "All Good Gifts"

ertory "All Good Gifts" ~ Schwartz

Andrew Mertzenich, Robert Strader, vocalists

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

§ Benediction

As people of God, we have been baptized with water and God's own Spirit. Go, therefore, in holiness and joy, remembering who and whose we are and celebrating our life with God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen*.

Postlude "Children of the Heavenly Father" ~ John Behnke

Facetime by the Big Bell

We thank Robert Strader and Andrew Mertzenich for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

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.

Puppet Project ~ **August 6 - 10, 2018** ~ Our Puppet Project is open to youth from 1st through 8th grade, held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$30.00 per person, this camp is designed to teach you how to use a puppet and more. Performance will be on Sunday, August 12, 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.

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

A Stewardship Message: "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4

TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our **Apportionment.** There is an insert in this bulletin to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Are you interested in reading the scriptures and leading the call to worship on a Sunday of your convenience? William Barnhart is willing to walk you through the "steps" so that you are comfortable doing it. Plan on meeting him in the front of the sanctuary TODAY after worship for a short training session.

Methodist Monday Reminder July 9 - Risleys & Gillettes

Please note: The deadline for turning information in to the Church Office for the following Sunday's worship service is Wednesday noon. This allows us time to get answers if we have questions and to plan on how to get it done efficiently along with our other work. Thank you for your help.

Court Street UMC's first Summer Organ Concert is on Sunday, July 15, at Noon, featuring Gregory Gyllsdorff, Organist and Choir Master at Trinity Episcopal in Aurora. Free admission. There will be a free-will Offering with proceeds to benefit Court Street's Sanctuary Organ Project.

Are you interested in attending Kiwanis Brat Days on Friday, July 20th, or Saturday, July 21st? Please see Marie Lewis or call her (815-885-3916) to get tickets in advance for only \$6 each.

Come CELEBRATE at an Open House in honor of Charlene Dull-Monroe's 90th birthday on Sunday, July 22, 1-4 p.m., at the home of Lanna Raley, 5321 Browns Beach Road. Please RSVP by July 15th to Lannaraley58@att.net or call 815-494-4276. Please no gifts or money - just a card and your good wishes. Hosted by son, Bob Dull, and daughter, Lanna Raley, and families.

Come play in the dirt! Every Saturday, weather permitting, a group of 10-15 people work the Community Garden from 9 am to noon at 2nd/1st. Often we mentor clients from Stepping Stones, Harbor House and the Jubilee Center as they help us pull weeds, plant seeds, and enjoy some time in the sun. Equipment and water is provided. Jeremiah Garden provides access to free, fresh vegetables for those in need.

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! July 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 arade age grade Name age grade Name age Street State City (w) Phone (h) E-mail

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore **Greeter:** Kay Pang Liturgist: William Barnhart **Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk Facetime Hosts: Breakfast Club Van Driver: Bob Lutmer

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 07/08 7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**

Liturgist Training in the Sanctuary 11:15 3:00 pm Royal Family Kids Delivery from Camp

Mon 07/09 METHODIST MONDAY

8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103 5:30 pm Worship Team in the Parlor

Tue 07/10 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

> 9:00 **Ouilters in Room 206**

9:00 **History & Archives in Room 201** 9:00 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205

Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room 10:30

5:30 pm YAVO on 3rd floor

6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center

Grace Awakening in Room 202 7:00

Wed 07/11 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

> 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

12:00 pm Stewardship Team in the Library **Praise Team in the Dining Room** 6:00

Thu 07/12 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Early Head Start in Room 100 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor

YAVO on 3rd floor 5.30

6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ Rathskeller, 1132 Auburn

Fri 07/13 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

> 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100 IMAGE Class in the Library 10:00 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 07/14 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor

> UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles 8:30

10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor

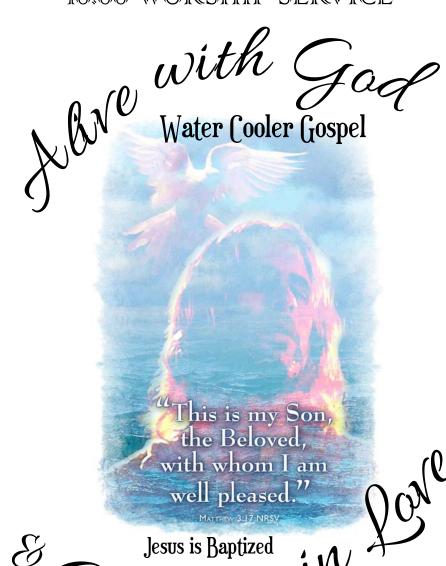
Sun 07/15 7th Sunday after Pentecost - CHIMES DEADLINE

10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Facetime by the Big Bell

12:00 pm Gregory Gyllsdorf Organ Concert in Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE





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.

> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 8, 2018