

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 "I believe in One God" ~ James D. Kimball

§ Call to Worship

LEADER: Invisible God, give us hearts to see
the things our eyes overlook.

PEOPLE: Open our hearts to feel
the things our hands can't touch.

LEADER: Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice
which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.

PEOPLE: Teach us to know you for what you really are -
not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken,
flowing like a fountain,
bathing the soul and the skin.

ALL: Amen.

~ Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., *Touch Holiness* (New York:
The Pilgrim Press, 1990) 178.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2158 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter UMH #738, response 2 Psalm 1

Reading from James 3:13-4:8a New Testament p. 230

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Be Still My Soul" ~ Arr: Mark Hayes

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Garnering God's Guidance

1) Get Ready

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **Hebrews 12:1-2a**

2) Pray

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways **submit to him**, and he will make your paths straight. **Prov. 3:5-6**

3) Listen

"Pay attention, Job, and **listen to me**; be silent, and I will speak. **Job 33:31**

4) Share

What did you hear?

5) Obey

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I **obey** your word. **Psalms 119:67**

6) Mission Possible!

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are **possible.**" **Matthew 19:26**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #712

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

§ Benediction

May the God whose Word is good news for us open our hearts that we may listen and hear, open our minds that we may appreciate and understand how blessed are we who hear God's Word and do it in the name of the Father, the Son and the Spirit.
Amen.

~ Miriam Therese Winter, *God-With-Us: Resources for Prayer and Praise* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1979), 88.

Choral Response

Postlude Postlude on "Wisdom" ~ Anonymous

Facetime by the Big Bell



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!

The Food Pantry has placed a barrel in the Narthex that will take our donations of peanut butter during September.

Mendelssohn's Organ Walk begins at Court St. UMC TODAY, at 1:30 p.m. No admission; open to the public.

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters ~ A workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association on Wednesday, September 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Holy Family Church, St. Joseph's Room, Lower Level. Open to all, but please RSVP 815-398-4280. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.

The Beginning Oil Painting Class has been cancelled until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience.

It is time we had another **Golf Outing.** We will play 9 holes at the Red Barn in Rockton and will be a 'best ball' event so you don't have to worry if you are a beginner. If you don't play golf and want to just meet us for dinner or come and watch the action, that is great. Red Barn--Golf outing--**Saturday, September 29th**, at 3 p.m. Golf cost-\$15, pull cart-\$3, riding cart-\$7.50. Dinner following at Fibs, 105 W. Main St., Rockton, at 5:30 p.m. If golf is rained out, we will still meet for dinner.

Next Sunday, September 30, we will be taking a special offering, United Voices for Children, to benefit ChildServ, MYSI Corp, and Rosecrance. As a network of child advocates, United Voices for Children keeps the needs of the voiceless, powerless little ones before the church and the community. You may make your check out to CSUMC, with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line. We will have an envelope inserted next week for your convenience.

Annual flu shots will be given in the parlor after the church service on **Sunday, October 7th**, from our very dedicated nurse, Karen Brown. Please remember to bring your insurance card with you.

Court Street's Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, October 28 during our 10 a.m. worship service. SPRC will meet at 9:30 a.m. that morning in the Library. If you are responsible for an online report, you must have it filed by October 14 and submit a copy to the church office. For those of you wishing to submit a written report for the church booklet, the deadline is October 21 to the church office.

Thanks for your positive response to the Prayer Wall located at the Education Entrance. If you have not yet visited it, please do so. Continue to write your prayer requests, words of encouragement or scripture verses. The board will be erased every Monday so new concerns and requests can be offered up in prayer. *Nurture & Outreach*




Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas' birthday, September 20,
by the Gwen Thomas Bequest Fund.

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!

September 23, 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: Lillian Knuckles **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk **Liturgist:** Carter Anderson
Van Driver: Bruce Shindel
Facetime Hostesses: Judy Mehren, Geri Ryan

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/23 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony West, 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 1:30 Mendelssohn Organ Walk BEGINS @ CSUMC

Mon 09/24
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 3:30 pm YAVO in Youth Center & on 3rd Floor

Tue 09/25
 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
 3:00 pm YAVO in Youth Center & on 3rd Floor
 3:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Drive
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 09/26
 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
 3:00 pm YAVO in Youth Center & on 3rd Floor

Thu 09/27
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in Room 109
 1:00 The Journeymen in the Parlor
 1:00 Chimes stuffing in the Library
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 3:00 YAVO in the Youth Center & on 3rd Floor

Fri 09/28
 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
 3:00 YAVO in Youth Center & on 3rd Floor

Sat 09/29
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 9:00 Private Bridal Shower in the Dining Room
 10:00 YAVO on 3rd floor
 3:00 pm Golf Outing at Red Barn Golf, Rockton

Sun 09/30 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony West, 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 2:00 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor


ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The JOURNEY 


But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy & good fruit, impartial & sincere.
 James 3:17

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.

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 September 23, 2018*