

§ 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.

Variations on We Three Kings (VI) Star of Wonder ~ *A.J. Mertzénich*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Arise! Shine!

The light you have been waiting for is here!

People: Darkness has been banished!

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth.

People: God's light comes to us all.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this light.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive this light. Amen.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #221 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Mission Moment ~ *Charmel Jacobs*, Church Relations Coordinator
Rockford Rescue Mission

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and inactions. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have shrunk from your glory and shown our smallness of vision. We recognize that in Christ Jesus our light has come, yet so often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore that light. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess our pride and smallness of vision. We have put faith in our own tribes in place of your kingdom. We confess we have failed to reflect your light. But we sulk in the darkness of selfish circles, protecting our interests, insisting on our own way, building our own kingdoms. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Gracious God, forgive our sins, and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

[silence]

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiven in Christ and illumined by your Spirit, O God, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

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

§ Reading from the New Testament *Matthew 2:1-12*

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Seeing Our Way!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "To God Be The Glory" ~ *arr. Smith & Hustad*

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

The communion bread served is gluten-free

so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Music "Let Us Break Bread Together" ~ *Armstrong*

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #249 "There's a Song in the Air"

§ Benediction

Go forth now, continuing to seek God's light, reflecting it to all who walk in darkness. Tell others of God's light in Christ, inviting them to search with you. With your eyes of faith, search for God's work where others see failure; envision hope in places of despair. As you walk through shadows, may they be brightened by God's presence. As you search for God's star, may you find Christ anew. As you look up and down, around and within, may the light of the Holy Spirit bathe you and your world in God's love. **Amen.**

Postlude

Facetime by the Big Bell is cancelled for today.

Please sign up to host one Sunday - instructions are on the counter.



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 2019 Altar Flower chart is posted outside the Church Office on the bulletin board. Sign up now to get your favorite date to honor or to memorialize someone you love.

If you are ever here at Court Street UMC, either for a meeting or volunteering, Monday through Friday, we have permission for you to park at 2nd/1st. That way you may park and not worry about receiving a parking ticket. Just please don't park there on Sundays as they need the space for their own parishioners.

Help Worship Committee take down the church Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 12. We'll begin work at 9:00 a.m. until finished. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PART OF WORSHIP COMMITTEE** to come help. The more people we have, the faster it will go.

Next Sunday, January 13th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

If you requested 2019 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.

Beginning Oil Painting Class - all are welcome! Come to the Art Room (2nd floor, Room 204) on Thursdays, January 24th & 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to an Art Tea on Saturday, January 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 204. Come share plans and ideas, enjoy some tea, and fill in your calendar.

Rockford District Training Event ~ Saturday, February 2, at Faith UMC, 1440 S. Walnut, Freeport, from 8:00 to 12:30. Workshops offered: (Everyone is encouraged to register for two sessions) *Offered during both workshop sessions:* STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (for committee members and pastors); PROPERTY INSURANCE & ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS (for trustees and pastors); GOING GREEN IN YOUR CHURCH (for trustees and all ecologically-minded people); YOUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL FUTURE (for finance and trustee committees); STATISTICAL REPORTS/APPORTIONMENTS (for church administrators, pastors, and finance); MINISTRY WITH THE VULNERABLE (for women, men, study groups, pastors) *These two are offered only once each, at different sessions:* YOUTH LEADER ROUNDTABLE (at 1st workshop slot only) & MISSIONS (at 2nd workshop slot only). **Register by January 26 at: www.umcnic.org/calendar (click on the date of Feb 2)** **For more information, call: 815-561-8285**

Start saving your money for Blanket Sunday, February 3rd.

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 6, 2019

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 **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 01/06 Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex

Mon 01/07 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 01/08 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
3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
5:30 Trustees Team in the Library
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
6:00 Knitting Group Christmas Dinner
@ Franchesco's, 7128 Spring Creek Rd.

6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 01/09 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

10:30 UMW Missions Team in Room 209

11:30 Stewardship Team in the Library

Thu 01/10 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
6:00 Chatterbox Supper Group @ Lino's,
5611 E. State St.

Fri 01/11 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100

1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 01/12 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor

8:30 UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm, 2420 Charles St.

9:00 'De-green' the Sanctuary & Chapel

5:00 pm Choirs Christmas Party @ Wesley Willows

Sun 01/13 Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony W

9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The JOURNEY



AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

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.

Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 2019