

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 "Wachet auf" ~ Wayne L. Wold

Lighting of the Advent Candle - First Sunday

Hymn Response UMH #211, verse 1

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Walking toward Bethlehem,

People: Listening every step of the way

Leader: For the sound of our name,

People: For the announcement that we have found favor with God,

Leader: We journey toward Bethlehem,

People: Watching every step of the way

Leader: For a new star in the sky,

People: For guidance in our daily lives.

Leader: Walking toward Bethlehem,

People: Sensing we are not alone,

Leader: Angels are all around us,

People: The prayers of saints surround us,

Leader: We journey toward Bethlehem,

People: Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:

Leader: A simple sign that God loves us still

All: And reason enough to sing God's praise.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Youth Choir

"I Will Follow You"

~ Schram

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"

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Message

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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Chancel Choir

§ 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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #213

"Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

§ Benediction

My friends, as you go forth from this place, remember the Light of the World who is to come. Remember the light of Christ who will show us what a life of love looks like. May the Lord, therefore, bless you, and make your love increase and overflow for each other this day and always. **Amen.**

Choral Response "Just As I Am"

~ Keveren

Postlude

"Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"

~ Hans Klotz

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so,

leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

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!

Today we will be taking a special offering for UM Student Day. Next Sunday, Dec. 8, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.

The Special Advent Study Series with Pastor Cal begins today at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. This year's study will focus on Adam Hamilton's *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*. You may purchase a copy of the book from the Church Office for \$14.

The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library on Monday, December 2. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The 30-Minute Advent Worship begins Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Services will be held at 12 PM in the Chapel. Additional services will be held at the same place at the same time on Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th.

The UMW will be holding a Christmas Luncheon at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 4. The luncheon will begin after the 30-minute Advent Worship. All are invited to attend and sing Christmas Carols as Nancy Shindel provides musical accompaniment. Suggested donation: \$7. Please RSVP with Judy Mehren at (815) 988-6561.

Do you love to bake? The UMW is seeking baked goods to sell at the UMW Bazaar on Sunday, December 8th. We hope that you will join us by baking cookies, bars, breads or other goodies, and donating them to sell. All funds raised will support the ministry of UMW. Please bring your bakery products to the church office by 3PM on Friday, December 6th. If you have questions, please call Jeanine Wang at (815) 218-1700. We thank you for your support!

We are approaching the fall and winter holidays and would like you to keep the scrip cards in mind to give as gifts or to help with your holiday purchases. Come to the Scrip table and view our complete list of cards that can be ordered. Remember your purchases allow us to return profits to support Court Street UM Church programs.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs. Each child will receive 2 gifts: one toy and one clothing item. Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel(s). To learn more about how you can help us, please look for Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representative following today's service in the Narthex, or contact Barb or Gene at (815) 965-6518.

If you ordered Wreaths or Poinsettias or both, they will be available for pickup in the Chapel Narthex on Sunday, December 8th, from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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!

December 1, 2019

We're glad you're worshipping 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: Joanne Muck **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Van Driver:** Jeff Mann
Facetime Hosts: Dessie Voigt and Dustin Urness

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 12/01	8:00 am	Worship and Waffles
	9:00	Sunday School in 104, Balcony West
	9:00	The Seekers/ Round Table, Library
	10:00	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	11:15	Facetime by the Big Bell
	11:30	Advent study series with Pastor Cal, Parlor
	11:30	Youth Choir in the Choir Room
	1:00 pm	Children of Eden Rehearsal
Mon 12/02	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 12/03	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	Busy Bag Ladies in Room 205
	3:30 pm	Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
	5:30	Children of Eden Rehearsal
	6:00	JuBellation in the Sanctuary
	7:00	Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary
	7:00	Grace Awakening in Room 202
Wed 12/04	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	10:30	UMW Team Meeting, Dining Room
	12:00 pm	30-Minute Advent Worship, Chapel
	12:30	UMW Christmas Luncheon, Dining Room
Thu 12/05	8:30 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	10:00	Painting in the Art Room 204
	10:00	Stewardship Team in the Library
	1:00 pm	The Journeymen in the Parlor
	2:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	5:30	Children of Eden Rehearsal
Fri 12/06	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 12/07	8:00 am	Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
	9:00	Children of Eden Rehearsal
	11:00	Puppets & Pizza in Youth Center
	1:00 pm	Christmas Cantata Choir Practice
Sun 12/08	9:00 am	Sunday School in 104, Balcony West, Library
	9:00	Bakery & Bazaar, Dining Room
	10:00	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	11:15	Bakery, Bazaar, & Brunch, Dining Room
	11:30	Advent study series with Pastor Cal, Parlor
	11:30	Youth Choir in the Choir Room
	1:00 pm	Children of Eden Rehearsal

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.

*1st Sunday of Advent/Student Sunday
 December 1, 2019*