

**Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.**

**Thank you.**

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

*If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.*

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude - JuBellation

“Hymn to Joy”

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* The dwelling place of God is with humanity.

The Holy One comes among us in glory

**People: We will be God’s people, acknowledging God’s presence with us.**

*Leader:* God is making all things new.

Praise God, all nations!

**People: Great is God’s steadfast love, And God’s faithfulness endures forever.**

*Leader:* Praise God in word and deed.

Praise God in your attitudes and actions.

**People: We rejoice in the opportunity to meet God in the hungry and thirsty, in the stranger and the sufferer.**

*Leader:* God is at work in you,

And God is served through your efforts! Amen.

**People: Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn #251

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

First Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (FWS) #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message

*Holly Lutmer*

Hymn (FWS) #2026

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey; younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.*

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalms 1

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Preacherly” Wisdom for a New Year

*Rev. James Gibbons*

Hymn of Response #707

“Hymn of Promise”

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of your hymnal.*

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

### § Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free*

*so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Meditation

Keli Scott, soloist

“Bethlehem Morning”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth #117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### § Benediction

God is the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and end.

You cannot hide or stray from God’s vision.

God chooses to dwell with us,

And to meet human need through us.

May God us the resources and the will

To live this year as God intends. Amen.

Postlude - JuBellation

“Carol of the Bells”

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

**We welcome and thank Rev. James Gibbons**

**for leading us in worship today**

**while Pastor Cal is on vacation.**

**We thank Rev. Miriam Castro-Rodriguez**

**for assisting with communion today.**

**Christian Education Team is meeting today, noon, in Room 209.**

**All are invited to the FREE 2014 Rockford District Training Event on January 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., at Faith UMC, 1440 S. Walnut St., Freeport, IL.** There are brochures in the Narthex, on the bulletin board outside the church office, and in The Chimes for more information.

**YOUNG ADULTS: Come for Movie Night on January 18th at CSUMC, 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy gourmet food, a good film, and great fellowship for FREE! Please RSVP on Facebook or to Ana Kelsey-Powell (a.kelsey-powell@gmail.com; 773-750-5353) by Thursday, January 16, 5:00 p.m. In the meantime, read “What in God’s Name: A Novel” for our Book Club meeting on Saturday, February 1.



**We welcome you, member or visitor,** as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

**What do you see?** Now that Advent is nearly over, we will learn about our beautiful Moravian star that hangs in our Chancel. This star has been hung here just before Christmas Eve for nearly fifty years to symbolize the Star in the East that the Wise Men followed

to Christ’s birthplace. It remains through the first Sunday of Epiphany.

**Next Sunday, January 12th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There will be an insert in your bulletin next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

**YOUTH: MAD Groups & Pizza party today at 11:30.** Next Sunday, 1/12, we will do the Youth Room Service Project so wear or bring old clothes. Then on January 19, 11:30 a.m., we’ll do a Mystery Field Trip!

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - January 8th**

**Something for every age!**

**5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

• Ministry in the Dining Room

• “Love to Stay” study by Adam Hamilton

• Kids’ Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13

• Rev. Rhoads’ class in the Library - Adults

• Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

**6:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room

\$2.50 per person/\$10 max per family



**An exciting six-week study begins January 8th at 5:30 p.m. and January 12th at 11:15 a.m.** All are invited to participate in reading and discussing Love to Stay by Adam Hamilton at either or both times. Hamilton is the senior pastor at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, and we have used some of his other books, 24 Hours That Changed the World, The Journey, and When Christians Get It Wrong, in discussion groups and worship. Love to Stay will be available for purchase today (\$10) in the Narthex after worship or in the church office during the week. “Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work, and lots of grace.”

Dovetailing with the Love to Stay study, **we will begin the sermon series “5 Things that Will Destroy Your Relationship” next Sunday, January 12th, at our 10:00 a.m. worship.** “Leftovers”, “Expectations”, and “Leaving God Out” are a few of the topics we will be discussing. You won’t want to miss any of these as they will help all of us learn how to get along better with each other.

**All are welcome to come help remove the greens from church next Saturday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m.** Come help us prepare for the season after Epiphany.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Gene & Barb Ferry      **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Doran/Stanis Team      **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Today Epiphany Sunday**  
**01/05** 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East  
11:30 YOUTH: MAD Groups/Pizza Party  
12:00 pm Christian Ed Team in Room 209  
**Mon 01/06** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
9:00 "Focus One" Pastors in the Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**Tue 01/07** 8:00 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  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
6:00 Knitting Group at Franchesco's  
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205  
**Wed 01/08** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
12:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30** **Holy COW! - see announcements**  
6:30 Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal  
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor  
7:00 Praise Band in the Sanctuary  
**Thu 01/09** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
6:30 Chatterbox Supper Group at The Olympic  
**Fri 01/10** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**Sat 01/11** **8:30 am UMM Breakfast at Stockholm Inn**  
**9:00 De-green the Church**  
**Sunday Baptism of Our Lord**  
**01/12** 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center  
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
11:15 "Love to Stay" Study in the Parlor  
11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East  
11:30 YOUTH: Youth Room Service Project  
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
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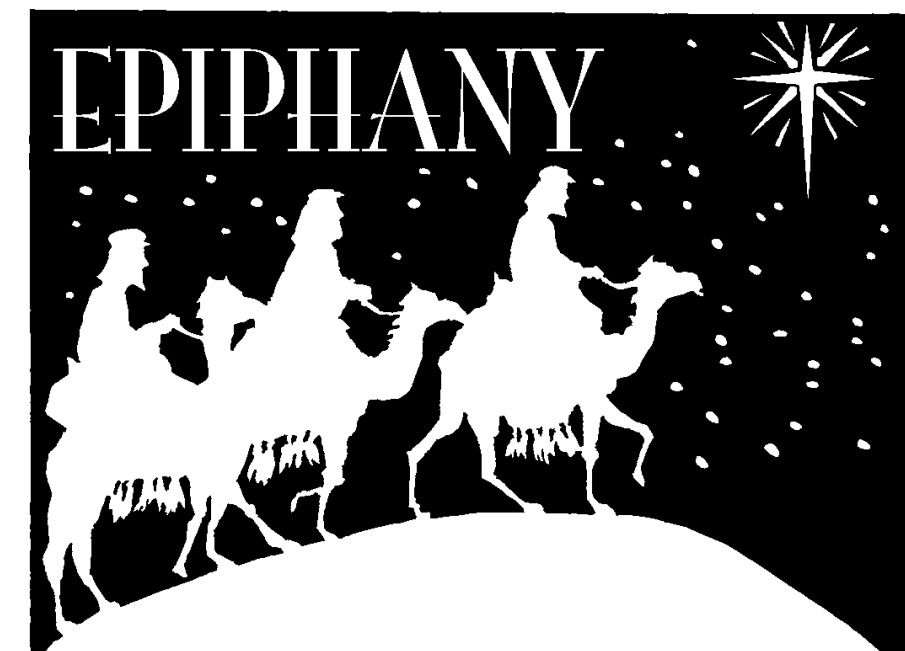
**Communion Special offering** - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



**WELCOME!** January 5, 2014  
*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.

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How did you hear about Court Street? \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_


Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*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 Sunday  
January 5, 2014*