

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

Organ Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ~ *W. Hurd*

### § Call to Worship

Leader: We, your people, O God, come seeking your love.

People: **A love more powerful than all our hurts,  
all our pain.**

Leader: A love that meets us where we are  
and calls us to more than we can imagine.

All: **A love that can change our lives forever. Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn #242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

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 Acts 10:34-43

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

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon Series:

"5 Things that Will Destroy Your ~~Marriage~~ Relationships"

"#1 - Leftovers" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response #347 "Spirit Song"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Chancel Choir "I Wonder as I Wander"

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #534, verses 1 & 2  
"Be Still, My Soul"

§ Benediction

As we go forth from this place, having experienced the love of God, let us always and in everything find the strength to put the "U before the I." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Organ Postlude "Postlude on 'Antioch'" ~ *A. Giamanco*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



*Altar Flowers are given...*

...in honor of our 72nd wedding anniversary  
by Bob & Mary-Kay Allen.

**YOUNG ADULTS: Come for Movie Night next Saturday, 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.

**Next Sunday, January 19, we will be taking a special offering for Blankets+.** Through the CWS Blankets+ Program, you provide emergency resources and long-term assistance to help families around the world recover from disaster or displacement. You may make your check out to Court Street UMC with "Blankets" on the memo line.

**Adult & Family Ministries is sponsoring a trip to the Fireside Dinner Theatre to see "Mary Poppins" on Saturday, March 22.** Car pool from the church parking lot at 9:00, arrive at 10:30, lunch at 11:15, show at 1:30. Cost for adults is \$62.95; children \$45.95. Call Jan Marlow at (815) 877-6864 for reservations. February 9 is the last day for reservations.



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

**What do you see?** We learn about our beautiful Moravian star that hung in our Chancel at Christmas. Why do we have a Moravian star instead of a different type? The answer to that question is John Wesley. The Moravians first came to America during the colonial period.

In 1735 they were part of General Oglethorpe's philanthropic venture in Georgia. (Continued next week.)

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

**YOUTH:** TODAY at 11:30 a.m. we will do the Youth Room Service Project. Then on January 19, 11:30 a.m., we'll do a Mystery Field Trip!

### Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - January 15th 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 began January 8th at 5:30 p.m. and starts TODAY 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, in discussion groups and worship. "Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work, and lots of grace." You may order a book through the church office for \$10.

**Deadline for the February newsletter, The Chimes, is Wed. 1/15.**

**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 and on the bulletin board outside the church office for more information.

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 6th at 5:30 for CPR and Defib training.** Gail Strang a certified instructor with the Red Cross will do our course. This will be a short class with a note of completion instead of a long certified class. Everyone is welcome. We especially would like staff, ushers and someone from each group of the church to attend. You could save a life!



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Mike & Peggy Olderbak      **Liturgist:** Verlette Gorman  
**Ushers:** The Doran/Stanis Team      **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Today 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 YOUTH: Youth Room Service Project  
 11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library

**Mon 01/13** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 5:00 SPRC meeting in Room 209  
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor  
 6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

**Tue 01/14** 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  
 9:00 Staff Meeting offsite  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
 5:30 Trustees Meeting in the Library  
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205

**Wed 01/15 Chimes DEADLINE**  
 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
 10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209  
 12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:30 Holy COW! - see announcements**  
 7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor  
**7:00 Taizé Worship in the Chapel**

**Thu 01/16** 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  
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

**Fri 01/17** 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 01/18 6:00 pm YOUNG ADULTS: Movie & Dinner Night in the Youth Center**

**Sunday 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

**01/19** 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  
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MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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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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WELCOME!

January 12, 2014

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

5 Things that Will  
 Destroy  
 Your



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.

Baptism of Our Lord  
 January 12, 2014