

Order of Worship – 11:00 Service

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry, Greene/Tornquist

WORDS OF WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We invite all members and guests to provide your name, address, and telephone number on the attendance pads that are at the end of each pew.)

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

spirit.fire

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: into all the dark and dreary places of this world.**

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: into hearts that are broken and lives that are shattered.**

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: into sinful souls - my own included.**

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: bring to repentance all nations of the world.**

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: fulfill your promise of reconciliation.**

L: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

**P: bring your healing love to all.**

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"What Child Is This"

Hymnal #219

OPENING PRAYER

**All: Lights on trees and houses, tastes and smells that come only once a year, smiles and greetings that appear on unexpected faces, carols floating in the air. Dear Lord, the world around me changes this time of year. We try so hard to surround ourselves with comforting sights and sounds. As Christmas approaches, help me to remember that, with all the beauties of the season, the fullest sign of Christmas is to make peace with my enemy, to include the stranger, and to allow others to see your love in me. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Luke 1:46-55

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

The Horney Family

SERMON "Serving with Song: What Child Is This?"

Pastor Rick Tettau

**DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF COMMON CUP:** As we get closer to winter weather we would like to remind you that Faith Community UMC will close on the days that the Xenia Community Schools close due to inclement weather. If there is no school due to bad weather on a Wednesday, then we will not have Common Cup. If weather becomes inclement during the day on Wednesday, please watch your local news stations for evening cancellations. We will do the best we can at communicating with you through the winter season. Let's hope the weather does not present unsafe conditions for our staff, volunteers, and guests. Be safe.

**THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND** will present a program of Christmas Music today at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary at Faith community UMC. The band is under the direction of Glen Shaw. This group is made up of musicians from all over the Miami Valley area. The program will consist of both sacred and secular music and will last approximately one hour. Admission is free, but donations for the purchase of new music are accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Don't forget to bring your donation for the **FISH FOOD PANTRY**. The pantry relies on your generous giving. We need non-perishable food items and paper products. In the Narthex there is a container for you to leave your donations.

**DID YOU KNOW?** That Pastor Brad sends out a Weekly CommunitE e-mail? If you would like to receive it, send a note to [bgolson@aol.com](mailto:bgolson@aol.com).



**CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING WEEK**

**Monday, December 15th**

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Men of Faith	Rm 6
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Priscilla Circle	Parlor
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts	15 C

**Tuesday, December 16th**

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Dorcas Circle	Parlor
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32782	15 B, C
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	God & Family	Rm 11
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	God & Me	Rm 12
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Leadership Team	Rm 6

**Wednesday, December 17th**

10:00 am	Deadline for 12-21-14 bulletin	
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth	FCC, Kit, Youth Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Raising Hope	Parlor
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary, Nursery

**Thursday, December 18th**

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Thursday Bible Study	Parlor
11:00 am – 7:00 pm	Toward Independence Dinner	FCC, Kit
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	spirit.fire meeting	Adult library

**Friday, December 19th**

**Saturday, December 20th**

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Toward Independence Program	FCC
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Ushers (11:00)	Rick Smith, Rob Smith, Edward Stidham, Dick Strous
Greeters (11:00)	Scott & Carol Jenkins
Liturgist (11:00)	Scott Jenkins
Acolytes	Ciara Horney & Riley Shaw
Chancel Choir Director	Mark Manley
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Choir Director	James McPeck
Children's Choir Director	Jennifer Burgess

**12-07-14 Offering \$13,876.05**

**Weekly needed \$10,419.00**

**SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Frieda C. Steen by her children George & Carolyn Knight, Mel & Myrna Fuller, Kenny & Pat Schenck and given by Peter and Ingrid Stephan in celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday of their grandson, Trent Kapfhammer and praising God for all their grandchildren

**CONNECT YOUR HEART TO GOD!**

Join us in finding ways to connect YOUR heart to God. xpress urself opens at 2:15pm. **We will meet on December 17<sup>th</sup> even though there is no Common Cup. Bring a \$3 donation for dinner. Xpress urself closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**CONFIRMATION 2015**

Are you in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older and are interested in what it means to be a member of Faith Community Church? Confirmation may be just for you! Starting in mid/late January, we will be having a series of classes that speaks to making that commitment. Watch for more details...Contact Susan if you are interested. We are also looking for Mentors. If you might be interested, be in touch with Susan.

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED OUR 2014 FALL BAZAAR**

With your help we were able to earn over \$2500 this year towards our 2015 Youth Mission Trip. We appreciate your continued support!

**DINE OUT @ BOB EVANS**

All day today, Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a fundraiser at Bob Evans in Xenia. Bring a flyer to Bob Evans, hand it in when you pay and the youth will get 15% back to help fund their mission work in Xenia and beyond! Flyers located in the FH information bins.

**YOUTH OUTING: SCENE75**

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am-2:30pm. We will head to Scene75 and play a game of lasertag and one go cart race as well as \$5 of Scene75 money. COST \$15 per person. Paperwork and money due to Susan by Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Limited Space Available. Paperwork located in FH info bins.

**ADVENT OFFERING FOR LOCAL MISSIONS:** This year the Advent and Christmas Offering will go to support local missions. There are people in need all over the world, including Xenia. This year we will focus on those in need in our own backyard. The groups that the special offering will support will include: Community Action Partnership (CAP), FISH, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and the Red Cross. Please give generously.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2015** are available for pick up in the Narthex through, Sunday December 28th. Any envelopes not picked up by December 30th will have to be mailed at a cost of \$2.00 per box. When picking up your envelopes, if you see a name of someone that you know who will not be able to pick them up and you will be seeing them, it will be a cost saving to the church if you could deliver them. It would be appreciated if everyone would use the envelopes with their contribution number so that proper credit can be given when processing in the computer system. An envelope has to be made up when the numbered envelope is not used. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this process.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Men of Faith which will be on December 15th. The meeting will be in room #6. Start time is 6:30 PM and a meal will be served. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program where we will be singing Christmas Carols and then moving to the Chapel to take part in Communion. Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 15th.

**YOUNG SPIRITS SS CLASS WILL SPONSOR WOMEN AT RISK JEWELRY** this Sunday. Purchases can be made in Fellowship Hall across from the donuts before and after our combined service today. Sales support women who have been rescued out of Human Trafficking. It provides a place to live and an opportunity to work at making these beautiful creations!

**HOLIDAY HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE:** To give our dedicated volunteers some much deserved time off, the church office will close at noon Wednesday December 24, 2014, and will reopen Monday January 5, 2015. If you need anything from the staff many of them will be working during this week, but irregular hours. We will be checking the outside mail slot, voice mail and email during this week. If you need to get into the church, please call the church to set up an appointment. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

**\*\* (Indicates please stand if able)**

Children's Musical *Away in a Manger* – Musical by Rhonda Frazier  
 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain".....John W. Work, Jr.  
 "Wonderful Counselor".....Traditional  
 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy".....Traditional  
**"Silent Night".....Joseph Mohr & Franz Grüber**  
 "Away in a Manger.....James R. Murray  
 "The Angel's Song".....Dean Deihl  
**"Angels We Have Heard on High".....Traditional French Carol**  
**"Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....John M. Neale**  
 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"(*Reprise*).....John W. Work, Jr.

**\*Bold print indicates congregational singing.  
 (Words on back of bulletin)**

Faith Community Children's Choir:

Moria Ackenhausen	Chesney Kenney	Mollie Steen
Connor Burgess	Olivia Kenney	Parker Vietor
Isaiah Christian	Tristan Kenney	Jamarius Vinson
Maria Christian	Katie Mossing	Nyesha Vinson
Nate Fellie	Molly Mossing	Cole White
Micah Fleming	William Mossing	Grayson White
Morgan Fleming	Carly Peters	Knox White
Emma Johnson	Grace Smith	Benny Wolf
Cameron Kenney	Maggie Steen	Paulina Wolf

Youth Readers:

Luisa Christian	Michaela Skaggs
Carolyn Engle	Reese Skaggs
Alexandra Fellie	Millie Steen
Kimberly Johnson	Isabel Tettau
Doug McKinley	Wesley Wickline

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The ushers will receive our morning offering to support the many vital ministries through Faith Community. The second Sunday of each month is a Coins for Missions Sunday. Your coins will help support Xenia FISH Food Pantry, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), Xenia; The Xenia Caring Place, St. Paul UMC Outreach, Dayton.)

OFFERTORY "The Little Drummer Boy" Davis,Simeone,Onorati/Ham

\*\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal #95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymnal #230

\*\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*\*BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE "What Child Is This?" arr. Norman Johnson

"Silent Night"

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
 'Round yon virgin mother and child.  
 Holy infant so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Angels we have heard on high  
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply,  
 Echo back their joyous strains.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
 Him whose birth the angels sing.  
 Come, adore on bended knee  
 Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

**Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
 Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is  
 born today!  
 Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
 Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
 Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was  
 born for this!  
 He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed forever  
 more.  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ  
 was born to save!  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**



# 3rd Sunday of Advent

Faith Community United Methodist  
*Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation  
 of the world*

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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 Bradford G Olson

ASSOCIATE:  
 Deacon Rick Tettau

COMBINED WORSHIP BULLETIN

**Sunday December 14, 2014**

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 - 11:00 AM Social Time in F Hall A & B

11:00 AM spiritfire in Community Center

11:00 AM Children's Church Room 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30 AM

Karen Mossing Preschool Room 5

Julie Wickline K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Room 12

Jerry Johnson 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Room 11

Virginia Pinkerton Susan Fellie Combined Youth Room 8

Adult Explorers Class Room 6

Adult Double I F Hall 15 C

Adult Open Doors Room 1

Adult Friends and Followers Room 3

**Adult**

**Young Spirits Revisited**

**Room 4**

**Women**

**Ladies Only**

**Room 7**

**Nursery care is available during all services in Room 2**

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