

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** The journey through Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is February 18<sup>th</sup> this year. We will begin the journey on the right foot with a service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. The youth in confirmation will be sharing their faith statements

**LENTEN STUDY:** Has the scripture on Sunday morning ever started you thinking? Have you felt like you wanted to look at it more closely? Well, this is your chance. During Lent (Beginning Feb. 25) we are going to be looking at "Servant Stories." We will be focusing on great stories of servants in the Bible in hopes that they will show us how we serve the Lord more effectively. On Wednesday (6:30) and Thursdays (10:00) we will continue the conversation. I hope you will come along on the adventure.

**LENTEN OFFERING:** The offering will be used to support VBS. At VBS we convey the importance of God's love to the children who may only be in church one week a year. Thank you in joining us on this mission to make disciples.

**CONNECT YOUR HEART TO GOD!**

Join us in finding ways to connect YOUR heart to God. xpress urself opens at 2:15pm. Dinner from 5:00pm- 6:00pm. Contact Susan @ 287.0690 for tickets by 3:40pm. \$3/youth & \$6/adult. 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth fellowship time. xpress urself will close at 8:15pm. Join us, bring a friend, meet new friends, see old friends and have an awesome time!!!

**PAPER RECYCLING!!!** Many of you know our Paper Recycling has gone through some transitions over the last year. We are back on track!!! Our new paper dumpster has arrived from Royal Oak Recycling. We now are going to use the paper retriever dumpster in the northwest/far left corner of the parking lot for paper. The Waste Management dumpster will be moved near the garage and it will be used for church recycling items only. The youth will begin getting compensated per ton for the paper in the Paper Retriever Dumpster again! This money goes towards our ongoing service work in Xenia and beyond. Thanks for your support and patience!

**30 HOUR FAMINE** Our Youth Group will be participating and raising money and awareness for global poverty. Make it your fight with World Vision. For each \$35 we collect, a child in Kenya will be cared for and fed for one month. Will you help feed the children? We will fast from 1pm on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> until 7pm on Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. Youth are going to stay at Faith Community from 8pm Friday until 8pm on Saturday. Juice and water will be available for those who are fasting. Dinner will be served at 7pm on Saturday for all participants. We will be using a game of survival TRIBE Ethiopia from World Vision to learn about hunger and how many in the world face its dangers every day. Support us in our efforts! You can write a check to World Vision and put it in the offering plate or cash can be put in an envelope noted World Vision. Donations can also be made online through our Team Page <http://youth.worldvision.org/team/fcum>. **Thanks for your support!**

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2015 – CHATTANOOGA, TN** July 26<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, \$175 per person with scholarships available – We have 9 youth spots...first come first served. Deposit of \$50 and paperwork due ASAP to hold your spot. Paperwork located in the FH information bins. Contact Susan for more information.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** The Men of Faith will be meeting on the third Monday of each month in 2015. Meetings will be held in room #6. Start time is 6:30 pm and a meal will be served. The program will start at 7:00 pm. WE WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 16th. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program. The speaker will update us on The CLEFT plans and opportunities. Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food for the meal. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 16th.

**THE PRISCILLA CIRCLE** invites all women to attend the Women's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast begins at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015. This year we will hear how some members have been led to a closer relationship with Christ through prayer followed by their favorite hymn shared in a sing-along. Tickets will be available for a reasonable donation at church before and after services and at Common Cup beginning February 22.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The 2015 hunt will be on Easter, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Why do I bring this up now... CANDY and EGGS of course! We will have containers out February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> in the Welcome Area and Community Center. That way the bunny helpers can work, work, work to get ready for the big day!

**FAITH COMMUNITY WILL HOST ANOTHER BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, February 23, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Please help your community and others in the Miami Valley by donating blood. If you cannot donate for whatever reason, invite a relative or friend to stop by and give to help save lives. To make an appointment, go to [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com) or call John Ford at 372-6641. For planning purposes we will also host drives on Jun 15 and Oct 12, 2015 Thank you for helping to save lives!

**VBS:** It is time for our first 2015 VBS meeting! The meeting will take place on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in room 4 at 6:30 pm. The theme this year is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". We will explore the creation of the world.

**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Guidelines and application forms for FCUM's Educational Assistance are available in the community center, narthex and church office. This year assistance will be offered to graduating high school seniors who are contemplating entering a college or technical school in the fall of 2015 as well as to upper classmen currently enrolled in college. These forms must be completed and returned to the church office by April 15, 2015 deadline.

**LADIES ONLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a new Bible Study titled "*When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*" by Beth Moore will begin. If you are looking for a Sunday school class that uses video lessons, has open class discussions and includes workbook assignments, then this is the class for you! Meet with the ladies in room 7 and make some new friends.

**THE TIME IS NOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE WHAT THEY DO IN CHURCH?** Needed people who like to sew, knit and crochet. We have a lot of projects to do to help the youth in their bazaar in November. This year, instead of waiting till Sept/Oct we are planning out the projects that the kids can sell. We need people who are willing to do basic projects. You do not have to be great to help out. Of course, if you are – that is great. Please let Ann Wolf know what you can do. Knit, sew or crochet and she will get you started. There will be very little cost to you, the great majority of materials will be provided. Thanks to all who think they might be able to help us. Winter is still long, if you are stuck in the house, have something fun to do.

**CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING WEEK**

**Monday, February 16th**

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, February 17th**

10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Common Cup Meal Prep	Kit
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32782	15 A, B
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting	Rm 6

**Wednesday, February 18th**

10:00 am	Deadline for 2-22-15 bulletin	
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Preparations for Common Cup	
4:50 pm – 5:35 pm	Youth/Agape Handbell Choir	Music Room
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Common Cup Dinner	FCC
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Rooms
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal-Adult	Music Room
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Kid's Club	
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary, Nursery

**Thursday, February 19th**

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Thursday Bible Study	Parlor
6:30 pm -7:00 pm	spirit.fire meeting	Adult Library

**Friday, February 20th**

**Saturday, February 21st**

**2-08-15 Offering \$9,271.30**  
**Weekly needed \$11,050.00**

**SERMON NOTES**

February 15, 2015  
"A Voice in the Cloud"  
Mark 9:2-9

How would you summarize the scripture for today in your own words?

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Where do Peter, James, and John hear God's voice coming from?

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What are some other examples in the Bible where God speaks from a cloud?

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Why would God speak from a cloud?

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What did God say?

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How do you listen for God's voice?

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Who is Jesus to you?

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How do you stay focused on Jesus?

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Is there a mountain that you will be coming down from this week?

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What will you do differently this week because of this scripture?



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**thank you for celebrating with us this morning.**

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interested in a more traditional approach to worship? next week check out our traditional service in the sanctuary.

stay up to date and get calendar info with our weekly communitE email. just send a note to pastor brad at [bgolson@aol.com](mailto:bgolson@aol.com).