## September 8, 2019

\*\* (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Cornerstone" Lari Goss/Elmo Mercer

Announcements

Words of Welcome

Sharing the Peace of Christ

(We invite members & guests to provide your name & contact information in the attendance pad as it is passed through the row.)

Introit

\*\* Call to Worship

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them — they are like the sand.

A: Let us worship God!

\*\*Hymn of Praise "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

Chorus: "I Worship You, Almighty God" (see insert)

Greeting/Prayer of Confession Rev. Andy Wagner

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration (unison)** 

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, you are the stronghold and the refuge of faith, the foundation of hope and the safeguard for all who praise your name. With you we can walk and not stumble, run and not fall, and lie down in safety. We shall fill our days with visions of your lofty splendor, and consider each moment as sacred because of your grace. Amen.

#### **Children's Moments**

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Prayer Hymn** "We Are the Body of Christ" (see insert)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Wonderful Peace" W.G. Cooper/Dick Torrans

\*\* Doxology UMH #95

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

\*\* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Andy Wagner

Anthem Chancel Choir

\*\*Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:17-22

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Sermon** "Together We Find Peace" Rev. John Guliano

\*\*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

\*\* Taking the Light Into the World

\*\* Choral Benediction

\*\* Postlude "The Family of God" Bill Gaither

Altar Flowers are given by Dorothy Montgomery in memory of her husband, Robert; her son, Kent and other loved ones.



Monday	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
9	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday	Worship Design Team	4:30 pm	Pastor John's Office
10	Girl Scout Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A & B
Wednesday	DEADLINE FOR 9/15/19 BULLETIN		
11	Girl Scout Recruitment	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Lydia's Circle	7:00 pm	Parlor
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
12	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Membership Care	12:30 pm	Rm 6
	UMW Planning Committee	1:15 pm	Rm 15 A
	Grief Support	7:00 pm	Parlor
Friday 13			
Saturday 14	UMW Tea	3:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C
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Sunday	Sunday School		Preschool through
15	Grade 5, Rm 12 & Grades 6-12, Rm 8		
	Fellowship & Coffee	10:00 am	FH 15 A & B
	Worship	10:30 am	Sanctuary

#### **Sunday School Studies**

**Explorers** meet in Room 6 Leaders Char Lee & Cheryl Vahle study of **"30 Life Principles" by Charles F. Stanley.** 

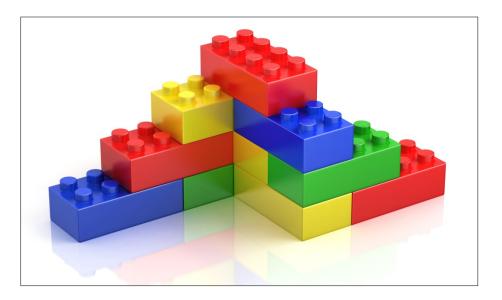
**Double I** meet in 15C Leader Wayne Cook study of "30 Life Principles" by Charles F. Stanley.

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor studying **Denominations Comparison.** 

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library Leader is Chad Mossing will be studying **Didn't See It Coming.** 

**Senior High School** will not be meeting during the summer, class members are joining the ALL ages S.S. class to help the little ones with craft projects.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children under the leadership of Joyce Smith, Betsy Murray and Virginia Pinkerton for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story



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# September 8, 2019

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#### **Worship Team**

Ushers Bill Vahle, Mike Tittle,

Don Wolf, Gary Allen

Greeters Mary Ann Spahr

Liturgist Sandy Pramer

Acolytes Will Mossing & Micah Fleming

# Gospel Lesson – Ephesians 2:17-22

<sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## **Sermon Notes – Together We Find Peace**

When we come together the way God intended, we form the
2. God takes our, by His design and gives us purpose
3. The people of Ephesus,,,,, and, through the challenges of living out their faith in a culture that operated in a vastly different way.
4. "You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow with God's people." Ephesians 2:19
5. Foundational to unity is
6. "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." Ephesians 2:14
7. We find peace inbut it does not mean uniformness or sameness.
8. We find peace both personally and as a body in a with Jesus.

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**Bazaar:** The Mission Committee is beginning to plan for the Bazaar which is Nov 8-9. We will need help in setting up, making ham loaves, baking cookies, pies and advertising, gathering donations and other activities the weekend prior and through the Bazaar. If you are interested in helping with any activities or want more information, please contact Char Lee at 937-974-1002.

**Sunday School Kick Off Breakfast:** Sunday, Sept 8 will be our Sunday school Kick off. We will be serving breakfast from 8:45 until 9:30a.m. We want you all to join us for a breakfast of baked eggs, bacon, breads, cereal and juice. Following breakfast, the children will be dismissed to their class for a short Sunday School. Adults may go to class or stay and visit in the dining area. There will be no coffee time from 10 to 10:30 that day. We will be happy to serve you breakfast.

**Bridges of Hope** homeless shelter in Xenia is in desperate need of water for their guests. Their air conditioning is not yet working and it is very hot at the facility. There is space under the bulletin board in the church entrance where you can leave donations or contact Char Lee at 937-974-1002.

**RENOVATIONS COMING!** Due to renovations in the chapel, narthex, and office area there will be limited access to the church the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the office will open by Thursday of that week. All messages left on the recorder will be addressed and/or forwarded accordingly. If you have activities or programs that week please check with the person in charge as to if or where you will meet. The Trustees thank you for your cooperation.

**Fish Food Pantry** is asking FCUMC to help with the homemade desserts for their fundraiser scheduled for October 4 th. For the month of September they are in need of Salad Dressings: Ranch, Italian, French or 1000 island. They also need flour, sugar, oil to help with baking needs for fresh vegetables that are being collected. For Thanksgiving they will be collecting items the end of September through 11/22/19.

**Attention All Men:** The Men of Faith will be serving a meal at 6:30pm on September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Rm 16B. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be a report by John Sherer on the outcome of the Lakeside Conference that was held in June. Please call Bruce Pickelheimer at 376-2361 if you plan to attend the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend.

Next Sermon - Sunday, September 15: "Together We Experience Love" Rev. John Guliano

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:16-19

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