

November 24, 2019
Thanksgiving/Christ the King

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "And Can It Be?" Thomas Campbell/Rick Parks

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner
(We invite members & guests to provide your name & contact information in the attendance pad as it is passed through the row.)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

**Introit Chancel Choir

** Call to Worship

L: Now is the moment of grace.

P: This is the hour of blessing.

L: Today is the day of salvation.

P: Here is the path to new life.

L: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

P: For this is the day God is making.

A: Let us rejoice and give thanks.

**Opening Hymn "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

**Gospel Lesson Luke 23:33-43

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Through Jesus Christ, who suffered our death to bring us to life, and who lives and reigns as Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Response "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH #361

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "He Touched Me" Bill Gaither

** 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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova" Chancel Choir
John Hughes/Mark Hayes

Message "Something for Which to Be Truly Thankful"
Rev. Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" UMH #359

** Taking the Light Into the World


** Benediction

** Choral Response

** Postlude "Victory in Jesus" Eugene M. Bartlett

*A special thank you to Alice Osman, Jackie Foster
and Ann Ledbetter for the beautiful
Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*



Monday 25	PRESCHOOL CLOSED ALL WEEK		
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Church Conference	7:00 pm	Chapel
Tuesday 26	DEADLINE FOR 12/1/19 BULLETIN		
Wednesday 27			
Thursday 28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)	
Friday 29	(Office Closed)		
Saturday 30			
Sunday 1	Sunday School	9:00 am	Preschool through Grade 5, Rm 12 & Grades 6-12, Rm 8
	Fellowship & Coffee	10:00 am	FH 15 A & B
	Worship	10:30 am	Sanctuary

Pastor Andy will be on vacation 11/26 – 12/9

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.**

Grades 6-12 will meet in The Edge, Leader Joyce Smith.

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children under the leadership of Betsy Murray, Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



Faith Community United Methodist Church
"Worship Together, Grow Together, Serve Together"

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Worship Team

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| Ushers | Doug Wickline, Paul Pinkerton,
Wesley Wickline, Ed Stidham |
| Greeters | Bill & Karen Turner |
| Liturgist | Ginny McColaugh |
| Acolytes | A.J. Trent & Devon Bottorff |
| Organist | Carol Stewart |
| Choir Director | Jim McPeek |

Gospel Lesson – Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Next Sermon – Sunday, December 1:

"The Redemption of Scrooge – Part 1 Bah Humbug" Rev. John Guliano

Announcements

Have You Heard About Our Casserole CARE-a-Van?: It's a meal ministry designed to provide food when a need arises—for example, during or after a hospitalization or stay in rehab, during a short term disability, upon the arrival of a new baby, or after a death in the family. Julie Wickline is coordinating this ministry and will be pleased to work with you to create a plan that will work for you. We at FCUMC are a family, and we want to be there for one another. Please don't hesitate to contact Julie at wicklinecasa@aol.com or 937-207-8289 for questions or to provide your email or contact information.

Our Annual Church Conference will be held Monday, November 25 at 6:30pm with Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Roper presiding. The purpose of the annual Church Conference is to set the church's goals for the coming year, elect the officers and committee members who will lead us in reaching those goals, review our membership rolls, and set the pastor's compensation. All professing members of Faith Committee United Methodist Church have both voice and vote at the Church Conference.

Friends and Family Night: We will be kicking off Advent with a special Friends and Family night on Sunday, December 1, 5:00–7:00pm. We will furnish the main course and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will gather at 5:00 for carol singing and dinner will be at 5:30. We will be making Advent crafts following dinner. Please plan on joining us for fun and fellowship as we prepare for the Advent season.

St. Paul's Christmas Tree: Please consider spreading God's love by providing a small gift for St. Paul's after school program. The children will be able to select a Christmas gift for their family members through your generosity. Select an ornament and buy a gift between \$5 and \$10 and return it (unwrapped with the ornament attached) by December 1, 2019 and place under the tree in the narthex. The gift items will be taken to St. Paul's after school program and made available for the children's shopping event.

Mission Outreach: Thank you FCUM for your generosity. Over \$300 was contributed for postage as well as items filling 14 boxes for shipment to our deployed troops. Please remember, if you posted a sign in your yard in regards to the Bazaar, please return it to the church as they will be used next year.

Bazaar: Thank you to all the women who cooked goods for the Baker's Table. It really was full of good food. We kept a tally of all the food sold in the fellowship hall so we do not have a count for each individual section of that room but we know that thanks to you who baked, we had plenty to sell. In fact, some of it barely hit the table before it was sold. Thank you for making it a success. – Virginia

Bazaar: "The Mission/Outreach committee wants to thank the congregation for their donations, volunteer support and participation in our annual Fall Bazaar. We had nearly \$3000 in net proceeds which will be distributed to youth outreach, Bridges of Hope, Henderson Settlement, Fish Food Pantry and Wings of the Morning."

Blue Christmas - A Service of Healing and Hope: Christmas comes every December, whether we are ready or not. Memories of past experiences and the pain of present circumstances can become overwhelming. Once again there will be a Blue Christmas service sponsored by Stephen Ministry on Wednesday evening, December 4th,