

December 1, 2019

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. by Cindy Berry

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: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

L: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

P: Our feet are standing with your gates, O Jerusalem. Peace be within your walls.

A: Let us Worship God!

**Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196
Chorus "I Exalt Thee" (see insert)

Greeting

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon Rev. John Guliano

Prayer of Praise and Adoration (unison)

The day is coming, O Lord, when people will say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that you may teach us your ways and we may walk in your paths. As swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." In anticipation of the shalom Christ brings to all people we come now before your throne of grace to give our praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Virginia & Paul Pinkerton

Response "Crown Him King of Kings" (see insert)

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.

Response "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" G.F. Handel

** 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. John Guliano

Anthem "On This Day" Greg Gilpin

** Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-16

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Redemption of Scrooge"
"Part One: "Bah-Humbug" Rev. John Guliano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Musical Setting B Page 18

**Closing Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

** Taking the Light Into the World

** Benediction

** Choral Benediction

** Postlude "Emmanuel" Bob McGee/Carol

*Altar Flowers are given by
Virginia & Paul Pinkerton in celebration of
Julie Wickline's 50th birthday on Dec. 2.*

Monday 2	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 3	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C, 16 A
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 4	DEADLINE FOR 12/08/19 BULLETIN		
	Breakfast with Santa	9:00 am	FCC & Kitchen
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Blue Christmas Service	6:30 pm	Chapel
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 5	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	UMW Meeting	1:15 pm	Rm 15A
Friday 6	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 7			
Sunday 8	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 through 12/9

Sunday School Studies

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

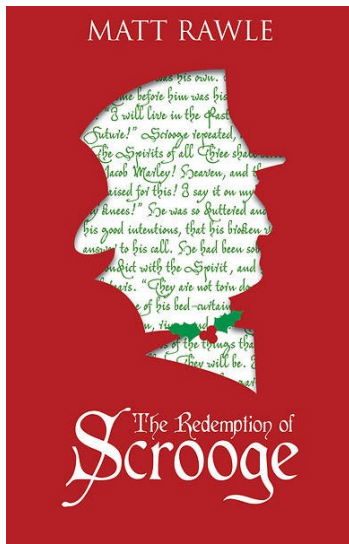
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"30 Life Principles" by Charles F. Stanley.**

Open Doors meet in Parlor studying **The Wonder of Christmas by Ed Robb & Rob Renfro.**

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.



Gospel Lesson – Matthew 20:1-16 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

²⁰ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Faith Community United Methodist Church

“Worship Together, Grow Together, Serve Together”

December 1, 2019

We welcome Rev. John Guliano as our guest preacher today.

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Worship Team

Ushers	Ed Stidham, Robert Smith, Rick Smith, Dick Strous, Jim Osburn
Greeters	FCUM College Crew
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing & Morgan Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Jim McPeck

Announcements

Let's Celebrate!: We will be having a reception for Pastor Andy and Lora on Sunday, December 15, following the worship service. Please come and relay your best wishes to them. Cards and or gift cards can be given if desired.

The Community Christmas Concert Band will present its annual concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Both sacred and secular music will be performed. There is no admission fee but donations for the purchase of new music will be accepted. The concert will last about one hour. Come join us for an opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

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 2 at noon and the gifts will be taken to St. Paul's that afternoon.

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, at 6:30 in the chapel. This will be a time of quiet music, reflection, and prayer. During this service, there will be an acknowledgment that this is not a season of joy for everyone. We invite reflection on the pain, the loneliness, the sadness we may be feeling. Our hope is that you will find healing and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Consider coming and even inviting someone you know who is struggling to continue on despite having feelings that don't match the outward festivity of the season.

Lost & Found: We found two jackets in the narthex - a size medium charcoal gray ladies jacket and an XL18-20 slate and light gray with blue trim men's jacket, if they are yours; we have them in the office.

Let's Keep It Clean: The Trustees request your help and cooperation keeping the Narthex and Sanctuary clean and free of stains. Please do not bring food or drinks other than water from the Fellowship Time, Sunday School classes or outside the church into the Narthex or Sanctuary. We have already had to clean up some spills. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.