

December 29, 2019

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "March of the Kings" Carl Simone

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: Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news? God, who created all things, has come to earth.

P: We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem. We have seen evidence that God is with us.

L: Have you allowed God to reign in your life? Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

P: We have noticed the generous travelers from the east. They inspire in us a willingness to share.

L: God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity. Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

P: We have been afraid to trust God completely. Yet we want to respond to God's dreams for us.

A: Let us Worship God!

**Opening Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH #254

**Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Arise upon us, holy God, and let your glory appear over us today. Come in the brightness of your dawn to bring light to all the nations of earth. Gather us together in such harmony that we may discern your will for us and be led in your ways. Fill us with that radiant joy that allows us to reflect your goodness. Let all people praise you, O God. Let our praise resound through all the world. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "There's a Song in the Air" UMH #249

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 "There's a Song in the Air"
Karl Harrington/Cindy Berry

** 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

Special Music "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Men's Quartet:
Rev. Andy Wagner, John Sherer, Wayne Cook, & Glen Shaw

Message "Who Has the Lead?" Rev. Andy Wagner

** Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH #251

** Taking the Light into the World

** Benediction

** Choral Response

** Postlude Toccata on "Adeste Fideles" David H. Hegarty

*Let us go into the New Year 2020 with FAITH in God, HOPE
for peace on earth, and LOVE for all people*

& JANUARY

Monday 30	PRESCHOOL CLOSED ALL WEEK		
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 31	DEADLINE FOR 1/5/20 BULLETIN		
Wednesday 1	 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Office Closed)		
Thursday 2	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	SPRC – Staff Party	6:00 pm	FH A-C
Friday 3	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 4			
Sunday 5	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

Sunday School Studies

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

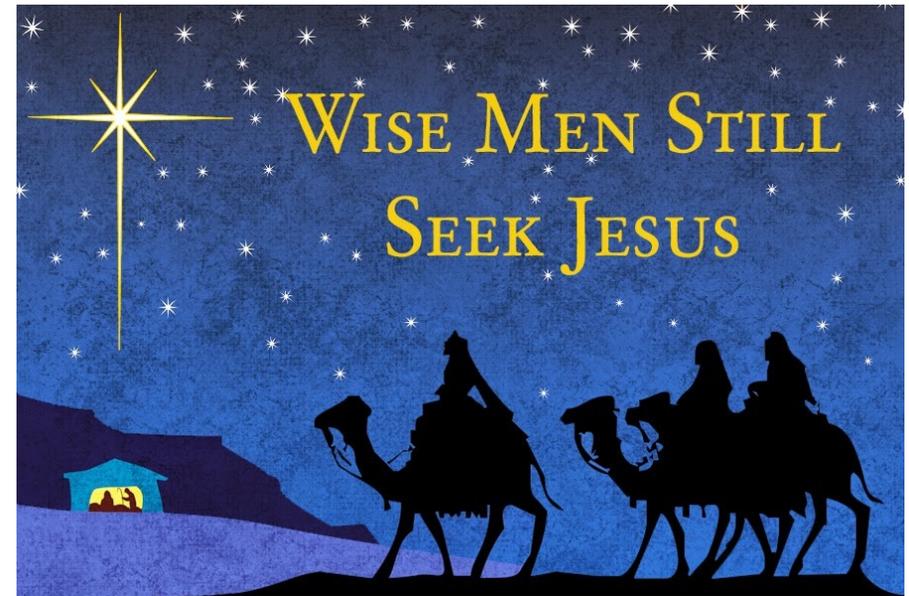
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"Because of Bethlehem"** by **Max Lucado** during Lent.

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

Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader is Chad Mousing 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 Mousing, 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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Worship Team

Ushers	Ed Stidham, Robert Smith, Rick Smith, Dick Strous, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Harry & Alice Osman
Liturgist	Chad Mousing
Acolytes	William Mousing & Devon Bottorff
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Jim McPeck

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Announcements

Pledge Envelopes: This year's pledge envelopes can be picked up in the narthex.

Altar Flowers for 2020: The flower calendar for the New Year 2020 is on the table in the narthex. There are changes starting the first of the year. This is going to be handled through the church office. You will be responsible for ordering your altar arrangement and delivery to the church on Friday morning or you can pick it up and bring it to the church. It will be refrigerated until Sunday. Someone from the office will call the week before to get the information for the bulletin and remind you about ordering the flowers. You can order from Flower Stop at 372-1436 in Xenia or Furst Florist in Dayton at 223-1213 or any place you choose.

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.



Door Mats: The Trustees would like to purchase 4 new mats to put outside the entrance doors to the narthex, office and community center. They would like to have the Methodist flame and say Welcome and possibly have the church name. We are trying to do all we can to protect the new flooring.

(If you would be interested in donating to help offset the cost, please mark your check or envelope Door Mats.)

Thank You: We want to thank all those who helped make the Christmas Eve & Eve services so special: Cookie bakers, vocalist, bell ringers, pianist, organist, liturgist, advent candle lighters and of course our pastors provided a very special service to celebrate the sacred birth of our King.

Next Sermon – Sunday, January 5

"Heaven and Earth Together"

Rev. Andy Wagner

Gospel Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14