

December 8, 2019

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Prelude "Star Medley" arr. by Marilyn Ham

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: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

P: Blessed be your glorious name forever, O God, may your glory fill the whole earth.

A: Let us Worship God!

**Hymn of Praise "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH #220

Chorus "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

Greeting

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon Rev. John Guliano

Prayer of Praise and Adoration (unison)

Most glorious God, you judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. The mountains yield prosperity for all your people and the hills are clothed with your splendor. You defend the cause of the poor and deliver the needy. You are like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. Filled with the joy and peace of believing, we will sing you our praises and serve you with our whole being, to the end that the nations may affirm your glory. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Eric, Kiley, Micah, Morgan & Logan Fleming

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 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH #229

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Star of the East" Amanda Kennedy/William Stickles

** 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 "Every Valley"

Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck

** Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-6

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Redemption of Scrooge – Part Two"

"The Remembrance of Christmas Past" Rev. John Guliano

**Closing Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

** Taking the Light Into the World

** Benediction

** Choral Benediction

** Postlude "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

John Hopkins/Tedd Smith

*Altar Flowers are given by George & Carolyn Knight,
Kenny & Pat Schenck, and Myrna Fuller
in memory of Freida E Stern.*

Monday 9	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 10	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	SPRC	4:30 pm	Rm 6
	Girl Scouts Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B
Wednesday 11	DEADLINE FOR 12/15/19 BULLETIN		
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Lydia's Circle	7:00 pm	Parlor
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 12	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Membership Care Mtg	12:30 pm	Rm 6
	Grief Support	7:00 pm	Parlor
Friday 13	DEADLINE FOR JANUARY FAITH LINKS		
	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 14	Toward Ind. Concert	2:00 pm	FCC
Sunday 15	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
	Christmas Concert Band	3:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Confirmation Class	4:30 pm	Youth Rm 16

Sunday School Studies

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

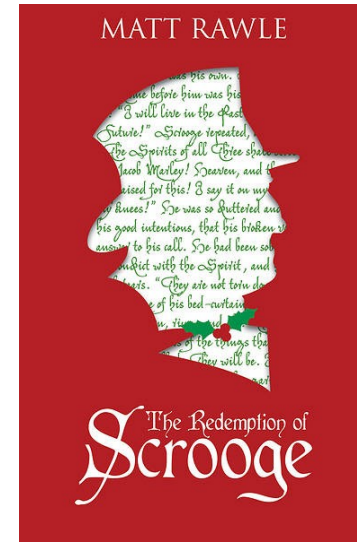
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"30 Life Principles" by Charles F. Stanley.**

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.



Faith Community United Methodist Church

"Worship Together, Grow Together, Serve Together"

December 8, 2019

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

Rev. Andy Wagner

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Worship Team

Ushers

Ed Stidham, Robert Smith, Rick Smith,
Dick Strous, Jim Osburn

Greeters

Rosie Dawkins & Ann Ledbetter

Liturgist

Sandy Pramer

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing & Micah Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Choir Director

Jim McPeck

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 2:1-6

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 ² 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
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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.

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.

Attention All Men: The Men of Faith will be serving a meal at 6:30pm on December 16th in the Youth Rm 16B. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be the election and installation of officers for 2019. We will then sing Christmas Carols followed by communion in the Chapel. Please call Bruce Pickelheimer at 937-376-2361 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.

Return Your Signs: If you put up a sign in your yard for the Bazaar, can you please return it to the church so we can use it again for next year? You can put it in the narthex or take it to the church office, thank you.

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.