

## February 23, 2020

\*(Indicates, please stand as able)

### We Gather as Community

Prelude "I Will Bless the Lord At All Times"  
Allen Webber/Dick Torrans

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

Life of the Church

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Introit Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship

L: Bless the Lord at all times.

**P: May God's praise be continually in my mouth.**

L: Magnify the Lord with me.

**P: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

L: Seek the Lord and be filled. For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**P: Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**A: Taste and see that the Lord is good!**

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Merciful God, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

### We Proclaim the Word

Children's Moments

Anthem "A Gaelic Blessing" (words on insert) Chancel Choir  
John Rutter

\*Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16, 6:1-4

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

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "To Show or Not to Show?" Rev. Andy Wagner

### We Respond in Faith

Hymn of Prayer "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH #395

Prayers of the People

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 Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"  
Baynard L. Fox

\*Doxology UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Andy Wagner

### We Go Forth in Service

\*Hymn of Commission "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (see insert)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
Graham Kendrick/Jerry Ray

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*Altar Flowers are given by the Family of Joyce Osburn  
in celebration of her birthday today.*

# February

Monday 24	Preschool Advisory Board	12:30 pm	Library
	Bible Study w/ Pastor Andy	2:00 pm	Parlor
	CUSA Soccer Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 25	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Ad Board Council	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 26	<b>DEADLINE FOR 2/16/20 BULLETIN</b>		
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 27	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 28	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 29	Cub Scouts Derby	6:00 pm	FCC
	Double I	5:00 pm	FH 15A, Kit
Sunday 30	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, Leader Cheryl Vahle study of **"Leading to Easter – Searching the Soul"**.

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

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor studying **"A Life-Changing Encounter with God's Word from the Book of Mark"** by **The Navigators**.

**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 Julie Wickline.

**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

Sharing Faith, Building Community

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### February 23, 2020

#### Worship Team

Ushers

Jim Osburn, Mike Tittle,  
Don Wolfe, Eric Fleming

Greeters

Robert & Pam Whipp

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Acolytes

Adam Hiser & Zach Wagner

Organist

Carol Stewart

Bell Choir Director

Jim McPeck

## A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

## Gospel Lesson – Matthew 5:13-16

### Salt and Light

<sup>13</sup> You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## Gospel Lesson – Matthew 6:1-4

### Giving to the Needy

<sup>6</sup> Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

## Announcements

**Family Game Night Tonight:** Join us for our Family Game Night on Sunday, February 23, 5:00–7:30pm. We will furnish pizza and drinks. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

**Nursery Care:** We are looking for paid part-time help to provide nursery care for infants and toddlers on Sunday morning for Sunday school and worship. If you, or someone you know, is interested in spending time with our youngest members, please contact Becky Cultice 937-376-5747, culticer@sbcglobal.net, 937-768-8086 (cell), or any member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for additional information about this position.

**Ash Wednesday is February 26:** We will have a worship service that evening at 7:00pm. Join us in worship as we enter into the holy season of Lent.

**Prayer Breakfast:** There is still time to get your tickets for the Faith Community United Methodist Women's Annual Prayer Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Sandra Sheridan is the guest speaker. She is a weekly columnist for the Xenia Gazette, writes a blog entitled Verses From Mama, is a wife, mother, realtor, and office manager for Sheridan and Associates. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased from any Faith Community UMW member or from the church office, Monday through Thursday, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Ticket sales will close on Monday, March 9. For more information please call 937-562-3063.

**Exciting News!** Our church leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our date(s) for photography will be: April 23, 24 & 25. We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact: Judy Mahan at 937-372-5711 this week to volunteer to be a part of this project.

**Current Items Needed for Bridges of Hope, Fish Food Pantry and Henderson Settlement:** There are plastic bins in the Narthex for you to support Bridges of Hope (Sugar and Coffee), Fish Food Pantry (Sugar and Oil) or Henderson Settlement (small plastic flower containers and cloth ribbon so they can plant flowers in the containers that children can purchase for their mothers this Mother's Day).

**Thanks for your support and being a Blessing to God's children:** Faith Community raised \$765 in January for Bridges of Hope to help feed the homeless.

## Next Sermon – Sunday, March 1

"Be Perfect"

Rev. Andy Wagner

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:38-48