

February 9, 2020

*(Indicates, please stand as able)

We Gather as Community

Prelude

"And Can It Be?"

Thomas Campbell/Rick Parks

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: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

P: May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.

L: You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.

P: Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness to all those we encounter.

A: In this time of worship, may our hearts be transformed by your loving mercy.

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*Hymn of Praise

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, you are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of your tender care. We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew your peace within us, that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy. We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

Children's Moments

This Sunday is Coins for Mission Sunday. Coins will go to the following Ministries supported by the FCUMC mission and outreach team: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry and Wings of the Morning.

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chancel Choir
arr. by Alice Parker

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Apostles Creed

UMH #882

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Sermon

"I Believe in Forgiveness"

Rev. Andy Wagner

We Respond in Faith

Hymn of Prayer

"The Old Rugged Cross"

UMH #504

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

"He"

Jack Richards

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Andy Wagner

We Go Forth in Service

*Hymn of Celebration

"Victory in Jesus"

UMH #370

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Haldor Lillenas

Altar Flowers are given by Ann Ledbetter in memory of her husband,

Roy T. Ledbetter.



Monday 10	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 11	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	SPRC	5:00 pm	Rm 6
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scout Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A, B
Wednesday 12	DEADLINE FOR 2/16/20 BULLETIN		
	Girl Scout Cookie Sorting	12:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Lydia's Circle	7:00 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 13	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Membership Care	12:30 pm	Rm 6
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Grief Support	7:00 pm	Parlor
Friday 14	PRESCHOOL CLOSED		
	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 15			
Sunday 16	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
	Confirmation Class	4:30 pm	Youth Room 16B

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.



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Worship Team

Ushers	Jim Osburn, Mike Tittle, Don Wolfe, Eric Fleming
Greeters	Blan & Evelyn Mash
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing, Molly Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Choir Director	Jim McPeck
Guest Choir Director	Glen Shaw



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Gospel Lesson – Matthew 18:21-35

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.' ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Announcements

Fall Bazaar Signs: We are still missing several Fall Bazaar signs, if you have any, please return them to the church.

Attention All Men: The Men of Faith will be serving a meal at 6:30pm on February 17th in the Youth Rm 16. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be approving the budget, program topics and activities for 2020. We will also show a short video of Rev. Kenneth Livingston, Senior Pastor at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, who preached a closing sermon at its Fourth Global Gathering at Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, November 9, 2019. 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.

Save the Date: 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.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of 4 to 6 people to be "night door checkers" for the church. You need to check doors only two nights a week, one month at a time, and in the evening. If you are interested, please contact Dick Strous 937-272-8915.

Nursery Care: Faith Community United Methodist Church is 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.

A Change: As a congregation we want to thank Jim McPeck for his service as chancel choir director over the past couple of years. We are grateful that he will continue as our bell choir director. In the very near future there will be an opportunity for us to express our appreciation to Jim and to congratulate Jim and Bonnie on their upcoming wedding. We look forward to celebrating this exciting time in their lives and to thanking Jim for all he has done, and continues to do, to assist and support our music ministry. Starting this morning Glen Shaw will be directing the choir. We want to thank him and welcome him back once again as our chancel choir director.

Altar Flowers: There are many openings in the next couple months for Altar flowers, please sign up on the calendar in the narthex or call Deb in the Church office 937-372-7601.

Preschool Fundraiser: Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support our preschool. Pick up a flyer in the narthex and show it to your cashier at Chipotle at 1620 West Park Square in Xenia on Wednesday, February 19th between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Faith Community Preschool.

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.

Next Sermon – Sunday, February 16

"I Believe in Resurrection"

Rev. Andy Wagner

Gospel Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



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Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.