

March 1, 2020

*(Indicates, please stand as able)

We Gather as Community

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. by Mary Lou Fast

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: We praise you with joy, loving God,

P: For your grace is better than life itself.

L: You have sustained us through the darkness,

P: And you bless us with life in this new day.

L: In the shadow of your wings we sing,

P: And bless your holy name.

*Hymn of Invitation "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH #339

*Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

Children's Moments

Anthem Chancel Choir
"Thy Will Be Done" Craig Courtney

*Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "A Perfect Love: Be Perfect" Rev. Andy Wagner

We Respond in Faith

Hymn of Prayer "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

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 Handbell Choir
"Standin' in the Need of Prayer" arr. by Valerie Stephenson

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Andy Wagner

We Go Forth in Service

*Hymn of Commission "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude "The Gift of Love" arr. by Marilyn Ham

Altar Flowers are given by Flo Harner in honor of the 11th birthday of her grandson, A.J. Harner/Trent.

Monday 2	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 3	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C, 16 A
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 4	DEADLINE FOR 3/8/20 BULLETIN		
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
Thursday 5	Choir Practice	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
Friday 6	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 7			
Sunday 8	Scout Breakfast	8:30 am	15 A-C
	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.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers

Paul Pinkerton, Doug Wickline,
Bruce Spitler, Joe Kennedy

Greeters

Ann Ledbetter, Sally Brown,
Marlene Gifford

Liturgist

Acolytes

Moira Ackenhausen, Molly Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart

Bell Choir Director

Jim McPeck

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 5:38-48

Eye for Eye

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Next Sermon – Sunday, March 8

"Aperfect Love: Stay Connected
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
John 15:1-8

Announcements

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.

Prayer Breakfast: UMW Prayer Breakfast tickets are available in the Narthex before and after worship, 11in Fellowship Hall during coffee time, and in the church office Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 AM, and tickets are \$6 each. Ticket sales close Monday, March 9. Guest speaker is Sandra Sheridan.

We Need Volunteers: 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.

Pie Sale: Serving pie at your Easter dinner? Why not save yourself some time and effort. Buy your pies from Faith Community United Methodist Women. Pies will be \$10 each; flavors are Lattice-top Apple, Cherry, Peach, Blueberry, Lemon Meringue, Coconut Cream, Chocolate Cream, and Pecan. Orders will begin on Sunday, March 15 and close on Sunday, March 29. Pick up will be Saturday, April 11 in The Community Center. To order, see a UMW member or place an order during coffee time or before and after worship services.