

November 15, 2020

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

**P: God's love surrounds us here today.
God calls us to be children of light.**

L: We belong to the day when we have faith.
We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

**P: We seek to be faithful to the best we know.
We want to invest the talents God gives us.**

L: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.
Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

**P: We are here to build up one another.
May our worship encourage each of us today.
A: Let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence.
Awaken our spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the
dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security and help us to
live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard
and encouragement as will build up community and lead all of
us to live in the light. May faith and love dominate all our
relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

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, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Pam Colbrunn

**Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Invest in the Kingdom"

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** Closing Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

UMH #389

** Sending Forth

** Postlude



*A special thank you to Alice Osman, Sandy Pramer
and Ann Ledbetter for the beautiful
Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*



Monday 16	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Community Blood Drive	2:00 pm	FCC
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER FAITH LINKS			
Tuesday 17	Dorcas	1:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball Tryouts	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A,B,C & 16A-B
Wednesday 18	DEADLINE FOR 11/22/20 BULLETIN		
Thursday 19	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Christian Education	7:00 pm	Library
Friday 20	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 21			
Sunday 22	Worship Service	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 6, 12, 15 C, Parlor Library, The Edge
	Worship Service	11:00 am	FCC

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle study of "The Case for Christ" by Lee Stroble.

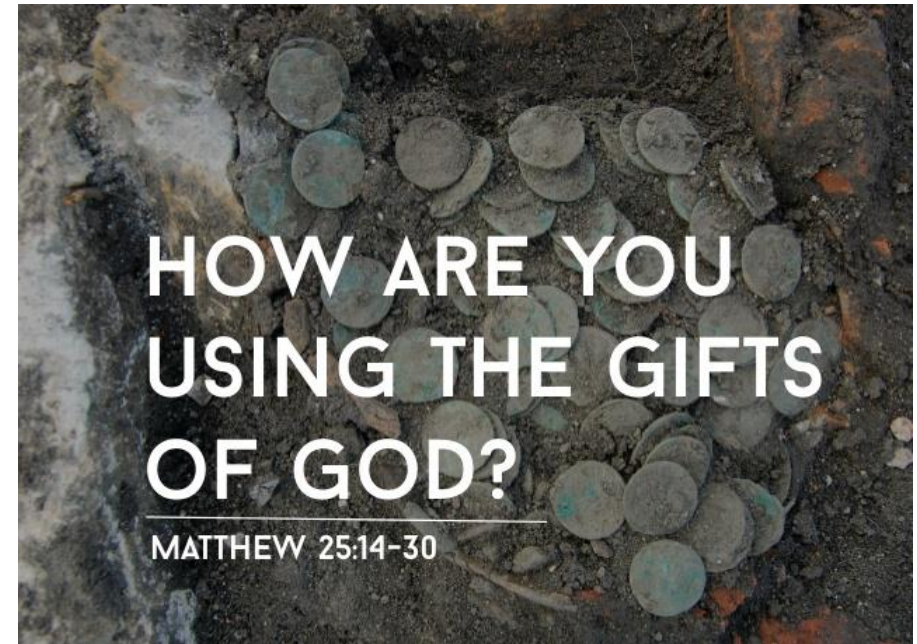
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World" by Douglas Connelly.

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Yes, Lord I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses" by James Moore.

Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

Grades 6-12 will meet in The Edge, Leader Joyce Smith.

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



Sharing Faith, Building Community

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers

Rick Smith, Doug Wickline,
Paul Pinkerton, Bill Turner

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

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Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on Monday, Nov. 16, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

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