

November 8, 2020

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: Put away the things you have substituted for God.

Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

P: We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator.

We know that God is beyond all our false images.

L: God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies.

Our empty festivals do not impress our God.

P: We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith.

We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.

L: Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgement.

Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.

P: We welcome the light God promises us.

We seek to respond with faithful service.

A: Let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, whose covenants we ignore at our peril and whose ways we dare not forsake lest we be consumed by our own folly, grant us courage to serve you well, to live always in the knowledge of your presence with us, and to share the story of faith with each new generation, that your realm may be realized among us and your love celebrated in all our relationships. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH #395

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

Clarence Dinnen

**Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Prepare for the Kingdom"

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** Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

** Sending Forth

** Postlude



*Altar Flowers are given by Mike & Betsy Murray
in loving memory of our parents.*



Monday 9	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 10	Girl Scouts Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A
	Church Conference	6:30 pm	FCC
Wednesday 11 Veteran's Day	 DEADLINE FOR 11/15/20 BULLETIN		
Thursday 12	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Grief Support	2:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
Friday 13			
Saturday 14			
Sunday 15	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

Chad Mossing

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

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Announcements

TODAY IS COINS FOR MISSIONS SUNDAY: Please place your coins in the buckets provided. 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.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the annual Church Conference is to set the church’s goals for the coming year, elect the officers and committee members who will lead us in reaching those goals, review our membership rolls, and set the pastor’s compensation. All professing members of Faith Community United Methodist Church have both voice and vote at the Church Conference.

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!

LOST & FOUND: We found a hearing aid sitting on the mail box outside the Church Office door on Monday morning. Please call Deb in the church office if it is yours (937) 372-7601.

GRATITUDE CHALLENGE: Join our Gratitude Challenge and see how many families we can serve. We have set a goal of 35 meals!!! We’ll be helping the area Fish Food Pantry to provide the supplies for Thanksgiving dinner to our area families in need. You may donate \$10.00 (or what you feel you can) to purchase a turkey or sides. You may also shop yourself for the sides and return them to the dinner tables in the narthex or community center. Please drop off the money or cans and packages by November 15. The dinners will be distributed Saturday, November 21. Items needed: stuffing, chicken broth, instant mashed potatoes, canned green beans and corn, mushroom soup, cranberry sauce, mac & cheese and canned yams.

ST. PAUL’S CHRISTMAS TREE: Please consider spreading God’s love by providing a small gift for St. Paul’s children’s program. The children will be able to select a Christmas gift for their family members through your generosity. Look for the decorated trees and select an ornament, purchase a gift between \$5-\$10 and return unwrapped and place under the tree between November 1-29. The gift items will be delivered to St. Paul’s church and be made available for the children’s shopping event in December.

ATTENTION: ALL MEN – ESPECIALLY VETERANS - YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US: Our regular meeting of the Men of Faith will be on November 16th. The meeting time will be 6:00 PM in rooms 16 A&B. We would like our military veterans to attend and share their stories of how they served. We will provide the meal for each of the veterans attending that RSVP to John Sherer (937) 372-2204 or shererjw@aol.com by Saturday 10/17. Others attending will need to provide their own meal and beverage as is now our custom. We will have a social time during the meal. The sharing stories by each of the veterans will start at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting will follow. **ALL MEN ARE WELCOME AND YOU CAN BRING A FRIEND. REMINDER: MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.**

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