

September 12, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Tallis Canon" Handbell Choir Tallis/Wagner

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner
This Sunday is Coins for Mission Sunday. Coins go to the following Ministries supported by the FCUMC mission and outreach team: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry, and Wings of the Morning.

**Call to Worship

L: Come away from dullness and complacency. Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

P: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

L: How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers? How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

P: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.

L: Our waywardness separates us from God. Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

A: We gather to renew our relationship with God. We seek enlightenment and the revival of our souls.

**Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH#110

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and wonder as we gather before you, the Source of all knowledge. Make your Word known to us, and stretch out your hand to touch us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may truly listen to the witness of all creation speaking of wonders we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty in all around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awaken our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with you each day. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH#600

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Handbell Choir
Offertory "Like a River Glorious" Mountain/Wagner

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling all of us to a right relationship with you, O God, the source of all wisdom and truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from you and to serve you is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Bradbury/Wagner

Scripture Lesson James 3: 1-12

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "A Mighty Force" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH#77

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "Awesome God" Mullins/Ray



Monday 13	Stephen Ministry Boy Scouts	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Library Rm 15C
Tuesday 14	Girl Scouts Leaders Disciple Bible Study	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rm 15 A Rm 6
Wednesday 15	DEADLINE FOR Disciple Bible Study Handbell Practice Praise Band Practice Choir Practice	9/19/21 2:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	BULLETIN Rm 6 Music Room FCC Sanctuary
Thursday 16	Prayer Shawl Ad Board Council	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Parlor Rm 15C
Friday 17	DEADLINE FOR	OCTOBER	FAITH LINKS
Saturday 18			
Sunday 19	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140 Family Night	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A FCC & Kitchen

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Char Lee, study of "The Jesus You May Not Know" by David Jeremiah.

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 11 week study of "Romans Chapters 1-8: Becoming New in Christ."

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Learn from the Hymns."

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

Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossier for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

A MIGHTY FORCE



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Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Bill Turner, Karen Turner
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Acolytes	Will Mossier, Catherine Mossier, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – James 3: 1-12

Taming the Tongue

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How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, **8** but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. **10** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? **12** Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Next Sermon – Sunday, September 19

“Don’t Be a Double Agent”
Scripture Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner
James 4: 1-10

Announcements

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FAMILY NIGHT: Please join us next Sunday, September 19th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center for a WHOLE CHURCH Family Night. There will be food and fellowship as well as games and prizes. We hope to see you there!

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