

September 29, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster/Marilynn Ham

Introit Chancel Choir
"Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing" Gordon Young

**Call to Worship

We gather to pray.

We gather to praise.

May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

May our praise rise to the heavens.

May our lives be salty with love.

May our prayers be reflections of peace.

**Opening Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #126

Opening Prayer (unison)

Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another. Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world. Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully. Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost, and create peace in a troubled world. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Thy Word Is a Lamp" (v. 1,2) UMH #601

Prayers of the Faithful

*(Response for each prayer - Leader: God of love and Power. **All: Hear our prayer.**)*

God of love and power, hear our prayers as we raise our thoughts in silence or if we are led to share our voices out loud to you.

We pray for those who suffer and are sick ... (share as you are led) - *Response*

We pray for those who struggle with temptation and sin ... (share as you are led) - *Response*

We pray for those who lead and guide us and others on the journey of faith ... (share as you are led) - *Response*

We pray for those who serve and share in ministry around the world ...

(share as you are led) - *Response*

We pray for the world and its leaders ... (share as you are led) -

Response

We give thanks for those who are cheerful and who bring joy to our lives

... (share as you are led) - *Response*

We give thanks for this earth, its bounty and it's beauty ... (share as you are led) - *Response*

We do pray for all these things, but mostly we give thanks for Christ's grace in our lives, and for God's continual activity in the world. It is in the powerful name of Jesus that we pray. **Amen.**

Offering/Offertory

Carol Stewart

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

William Bradbury/Melody Bober

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir

"Let Us Be Bread"

J. Porter

Scripture Reading

James 5:13-20

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

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

"The Prayer of Faith"

Guest Speaker, Victor Hess

**Closing Hymn

"Rescue the Perishing"

(v. 1-3) UMH #591

**Sending Forth

"A Modern Affirmation"

UMH#885

Choral Benediction

"Go Now in Peace"

Chancel Choir

Postlude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Carol Stewart

Converse/ Whitworth



*The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Pramer in memory of
Dick Pramer, Beth McMasters, Ellie Oaks, and Peggy Broennle.*

Scripture Reading – James 5:13-20 (NIV)

The Prayer of Faith

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 29, 2024 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Victor Hess
Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 30	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
Tuesday 1	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Mission Outreach Planning	3:30 pm	Parlor
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH15 A,B,C, CC 16A
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
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	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
Friday 4			
Saturday 5			
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Next Sermon – Sunday, October 06, 2024

"Glory Be"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 (NRSVUE)

September 29, 2024 Announcements

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MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: We are SUPER EXCITED to announce that the next Mary & Martha gathering will be a 1st YEAR CELEBRATION and we are making this **BIG**, with balloons, photo opportunities, BINGO games, gifts and much more! Bring yourself and a friend, **Monday, Oct. 14 from 6:00 to 8:00pm in FCC**. Continuing with our theme, bring your favorite birthday meal dish/side to share and we will provide the desserts. If you need childcare, RSVP to 937-694-8114 and if you have any questions, please contact either Laurie Krakowiak at 937-694-8114 or Barbara Mills at 937-414-4108.

HARVEST HAYRIDE AND COOKOUT: Come enjoy some fall fun with your friends on **Sunday, Oct. 20, 4:00-6:00pm** at the home of Carla Skaggs, 3942 Cortsville Rd. Cedarville, (937) 766-2462. Bring a dish to share after the hayride. Hotdogs and buns and water provided by the church. Halloween costumes are optional.

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