

Mother's Day May 11, 2025

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. by D. Burton

**Call to Worship

The God of power and might welcomes us here.

Glory to God on high!

The risen Lord of love and grace invites us in.

Blessed be the Lord of love!

The Spirit of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

**Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Opening Prayer (unison)

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

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.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart and Mary Ann Spahr, organ/harp duet
"How Great Thou Art" arr. by RoJean Loucks

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen

Ministry of Music Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"Change My Heart, O God" arr. by L. Trotter

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43

Sermon "Serving One Another" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" (v.1-4) UMH #432

**Sending Forth

Postlude "Bless This House" Carol Stewart
May H. Brahe



*If you ordered Mother's Day Carnations,
you may pick them up after the service today.*

Scripture Reading – Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. ³⁷About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" ³⁹Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

⁴⁰Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴²The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. ⁴³Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.



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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.

Mother's Day May 11, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 12	Mary & Martha Gathering Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15C FH 15A-B
Tuesday 13	Tuesday Bible Study Dorcas Circle	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Parlor FH 15 A
Wednesday 14	Handbell Practice Chancel Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 15	Prayer Shawl Ad Board Council	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Parlor FH 15C
Friday 16			
Saturday 17			
Sunday 18	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary



Next Sermon – Confirmation Sunday, May 18

“From Love to Glory”
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
John 13: 31-35 (NIV)

SAVE-THE-DATE:

Vacation Bible School: Monday, Jul. 14-Friday, Jul. 18
Shoes 4 the Shoeless: Measure Saturday, Aug. 2 & Pick Up Saturday, Aug. 16
Men of Faith Garage Sale: Friday, Sep. 5 & Saturday, Sep. 6

May 11, 2025 Announcements

TODAY IS COINS FOR MISSIONS SUNDAY: Coins will go to the following Ministries: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry and Family Promise.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Join us on **Monday, May 12, 6:00-8:00pm in FCC.** In honor of all WOMEN, we will offer fun and enjoyable activities (hint, bring your purse) including some pampering! If you so choose to, please wear purple that represents women empowerment! Bring a dish to pass of a recipe of a woman who inspires you! If you don't have time to make something, please don't let this stop you from coming. Questions, call Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114.

FREE CONCERT: The Heidelberg University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will perform their Spring Concert on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm at the Xenia United Presbyterian Church at 343 W. Ankeny Mill Rd.**

WOMEN'S GROUPS: DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00pm in FH 15A (please note date and time change).** WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, May 19 at 1:00pm in the Parlor.**

BACKWOODS CLEANUP - HELP NEEDED: If Anyone is available on **Thursday, May 15 starting at 9:00am,** help is needed to clean up in the back woods so that it can continue to be bush hogged. Chain saws, anvil pruners and anything else you might have will be needed to cut things up. If you want firewood, it will be available for you to cut up and haul away. Any questions please contact Margaret Stidham at (937) 768-4503.

Double I will meet in Rm 8, Leader Alan Barone, study of “**Life Lessons from ACTS**” by **Max Lucado.**

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer, study “**Final Words from the Cross**” by **Adam Hamilton.**

Grades 6-12 will meet in CC 16A-B, Leaders Vic Hess, Erika Stone and Joyce Smith.

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

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HAPPY 80TH: Elaine Hughes is turning 80 years young on May 16, so her family is hosting an "open house" for her on **Saturday, May 17, 4:00-7:00pm at Nick's Restaurant, 1443 N. Detroit St.** Please stop by to give her some love and have a drink or two in her honor! It could be for just a quick hug or to stay a while, share some memories, and have some of Nick's delicious food. No gifts, please - your presence will be a blessing! If you can't make it by to say hi, you can send a card to Elaine at 1293 Gultice Rd. Xenia.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Join us on **Sunday, May 18** during our Sunday Worship Service as we confirm Morgan Fleming, Catherine Mossing, and Alainah Skaggs.

SUNDAY, MAY 18 IS UMC STUDENT SUNDAY: We will take a special offering on this United Methodist Special Sunday to support and advance the education of our children. Every dollar received funds over 70 scholarships that support and educate a new generation of church leaders.

MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm in CC 16A.** All men are invited to join us. Dinner will be served and we will have social time during the meal followed by a Bible devotional. After a presentation on planning, we will then focus on our Garden project. Watch your email for more information.

CHURCH HAWAIIAN MEAL: Dust off that Hawaiian shirt hanging in your closet. Sandy Pramer's brother in law, Hank Okuma, is going to bless our ENTIRE church family with a fun and delicious Hawaiian Meal on **Saturday, Jun. 28, 4:30-6:30pm in FH 15 A-C.** The meal will include Kalua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Lomi Lomi Salmon, Pineapple Slaw, Li-Hing Pineapple, Steamed White Rice, Veggies with Noodles and Tropical Punch. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office at (937) 372-7601. The meal is a gift to us, but donations will be accepted to help him cover his costs.
