

May 25, 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 Carol Stewart
"Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser/Mark Hayes

Introit Chancel Choir
"Let the Words of My Mouth" John Yarrington

**Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

Let us praise the Lord.

We praise your holy name with joy in our hearts.

God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing.

**Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! The Lord God Almighty (v.1,2,4) UMH #64

Opening Prayer (unison)

Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, showing us possibilities beyond our waking reality. Open our hearts this day, that we might understand Christ's teaching and share his presence with others. Guide our footsteps on our journeys, that we might go where you send us and share your message of love and peace with the world. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" (v.1,2,4) UMH #593

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

"Jesus Saves" Carol Stewart
William J. Kirkpatrick

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Receive our praise, O God, for the bounty of your love. You cause the earth to yield food to satisfy the hungry. You send rain upon the earth to give drink to the thirsty. You shine light into our darkness to show us the way. Bless the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with your love. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"River in Judea" Chancel Choir
Jack Feldman

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:6-15

Sermon

"Fulfilling Our Vision" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

"Let Your Light So Shine" Chancel Choir
John Yarrington

Postlude

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Carol Stewart
H. Ernest Nichol



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in memory of Ann Ledbetter and with gratitude for all her
commitment and dedication for Stephen Ministry.*

Gospel Reading – Acts 16:6-15 (CEB)

Vision of the Macedonian

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the regions of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit kept them from speaking the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they approached the province of Mysia, they tried to enter the province of Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn't let them. ⁸ Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas instead. ⁹ A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰ Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Lydia's conversion

¹¹ We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹² From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴ One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. ¹⁵ Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

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

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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Monday 26	MEMORIAL DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED
			
Tuesday 27	Tuesday Bible Study SPBC SPRC	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Parlor Parlor Library
Wednesday 28	UMC Annual Conference Chancel Choir Practice Chancel Choir Practice	9:00 am 9:00 am 7:30 pm	Capital Univ. in Bexley Capital Univ. in Bexley Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 29	UMC Annual Conference Prayer Shawl Prayer Shawl	9:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Capital Univ. in Bexley Capital Univ. in Bexley Parlor
Friday 30	UMC Annual Conference Girls Scouts Overnight Girls Scouts Overnight	9:00 am 9:00 am 6pm-9am	Capital Univ. in Bexley Capital Univ. in Bexley FCC, FH 15 A, Kitchen
Saturday 31	UMC Annual Conference	9:00 am	Capital Univ. in Bexley
Sunday 1	Sunday School Hospitality Time Hospitality Time Worship Service Worship Service	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Narthex Sanctuary

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BACKWOODS CLEANUP – HELP NEEDED: We need help to finish the storm debris clean up in the back woods. The date will be **Thursday, Jun. 5 at 9:00am**; with a rain date of Wednesday, Jun. 11. A chain saw or two would be helpful. Questions, call Margaret Stidham (937) 768-4503.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Please join us **Monday, Jun. 9, 6:00-8:00pm in FCC**. As always, we have a fun activity planned for you. In recognition of summer, our food theme will be "picnic foods"! If you don't have time to make something, please don't let this stop you from coming. Questions, call Laurie Krakowiak @ 937-694-8114 or the church office at 937-372-7601.

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

Next Sermon – Graduation Sunday, June 1

Worship through the Word and Hymns

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

Sunday School Classes

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.

(Summer Break is coming! Please note that **Sunday, May 25** will be the last Sunday School for the children and the youth until Fall.)

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HELP IS NEEDED FOR MEN OF FAITH GARAGE SALE: The Men of Faith are selling items year round for the garage sale on Facebook Marketplace. Bob Whipp is searching for help to put items on Marketplace and field calls from potential buyers. For more information please contact Bob at (937) 956-6002 or Robert.Whipp@yahoo.com.

CASSEROLE CARE-A-VAN: Do you know of someone connected to our church who could benefit from our Casserole Care-a-van providing them with a few meals? If so, get with me so that I can let you know the information that I will need to get this set up with our amazing Casserole Care-a-van volunteers. Julie Wickline (937) 207-8289.

LIONS CLUB DONATIONS: We are still collecting Eye Glasses, Glasses Cases, Hearing Aids, and Cell Phones for the Lions Club. Please put them in the drawer marked Lions Club in the plastic storage cabinet in the narthex by the Education Wing. If you have any questions please call Michelle Surgenor (937) 818-3096.

WE ARE COLLECTING LOVE PACKAGES: Items collected are Bibles, Reference Material, Books, Magazines, Daily Devotionals, Sunday School Materials, CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, Bible games, biblical puzzles – anything that helps teach the gospel, especially to children. You can bring your items into the office or place them in the blue bin in