

THE COMMUNICATOR
JANUARY 11, 2026



POWER OF
PRESENCE

**Sunday, January 11, 2026
Traditional Service 9:00 am**

**Prelude – Sonata of Exaltation - Dr. Kim
Welcome/Announcements**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – UMH 139 vs. 1, 2, 4

Greeting – Alice Chester

Opening Prayer – Dave Stevens

Isaiah 42: 1-9 – Dave Stevens

O How I Love Jesus – UMH 170

Children's Message – Katie Skidmore

Alleluia – Victory Ringers

Matthew 3: 13-17 – Dave Stevens

"Power of Presence" – Rev. Marie Smith

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – UMH 526 vs. 1

Offering

Offertory: Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Dr. Kim

Glory Be to the Father – UMH 70

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – UMH 140 vs. all

Benediction

Postlude – Soon and Very Soon - Dr. Kim

Power of Presence

Rev. Marie Smith

January 11, 2026

Please use these sermon notes as a jumping off point for your own spiritual journey. We know everyone is on their own pathway. We hope you will find this useful. Please see Pastor Marie if you have questions or if you want to take the next step in your faith journey.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

Water is life.

John 4: 13 "Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,"

Jesus offers us water that gives life in the waters of baptism.

Living in community means we learn to be part of a group.

You cannot be righteous by yourself.

Action Steps:

1. Renew your baptism or be baptized.
2. Join the membership class for February.
3. Take a step of faith and serve in ministry here or beyond the walls of the church.

Prayer List for Jan. 08, 2025

**Doug Sweazy
Marci Pheister
Pete Cherrington
Melissa Matz
Jo Shappard**

Jason & Emma

**Cooke Family – Passing of Tom Cooke
Stethem Family – Passing of Samatha Stethem
Wolfe Family - Passing of Neal Wolfe**

Membership Class

Have you ever thought about joining the church, or transferring your membership? Or are you just curious about the United Methodist Church? We are offering a membership class this Sunday, January 11th at 2pm in the media room.

**Sunday, January 11, 2026
Contemporary Service**

Welcome – Levi Graf

***We Praise You
Your Grace Is Enough
Glorious Day***

Announcements

Offering Song

**Isaiah 42: 1-9
Matthew 3: 13-17**

Power of Presence – Rev. Marie Smith

Lighting Candles

***What He's Done*
Benediction**

**2026 LEADERSHIP DAY SCHEDULED FOR SCIOTO RIVER AND GREAT MIAMI RIVER
DISTRICTS**

**JANUARY 24, 2026, 9:00am - 2:30pm
XENIA FAITH COMMUNITY UMC**

Check-in begins at 9:00am, Worship with keynote speaker at 10:00am, Box lunch provided

Plans are under way for the 2026 Leadership Training Day in the Great Miami River & Scioto River Districts. Mark your calendars and plan to meet us at Xenia Faith Community UMC, 100 Country Club Drive. All clergy and laity are encouraged to attend.

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Kelly Brown. Rev. Brown is currently the District Superintendent of the West Plains District, East Ohio Conference. Previously he served as Director of Congregational Vitality for East Ohio after serving four pastoral appointments. Rev. Brown is co-author of the book **Church Ecology: Creating a Leadership Pathway for Your Church** with Rev. Ken Willard. His keynote address is titled *Leadership Development for Church Health*.

Clergy & Key local church leaders (new and seasoned) are encouraged to attend.

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Deadline to Register is January 16



<i>Anya Bingman</i>	02.02	<i>Patricia Manson</i>	02.13
<i>Joseph McNemar</i>	02.03	<i>Steven Brooks</i>	02.13
<i>Fynlee Griffin</i>	02.07	<i>Kim Schieber</i>	02.14
<i>Delaney Arledge</i>	02.07	<i>Roger Fox</i>	02.16
<i>Richard Bircher</i>	02.07	<i>Ruth Wilson</i>	02.16
<i>Beth Barnes</i>	02.10	<i>Larry Rogers</i>	02.19
<i>Joy Brooks</i>	02.11	<i>Tom Hamman</i>	02.22
<i>Kim Pohl</i>	02.12	<i>Teratia Welch</i>	02.23

February Anniversaries

<i>Steven & Joy Brooks</i>	02.04
<i>Ryan & Linda Wilson</i>	02.14
<i>Rick & Shirley Lear</i>	02.14