

Welcome!

ADVENT I

December 1, 2013 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

"A TASTE OF WHAT IS TO COME" Begins 10 min. prior to Service
Away in the Manger (AWAY IN THE MANGER) No. 217
Angels from the Realms of Glory (REGENT SQUARE) No. 220
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (IN DULCI JUBILO) No. 224

ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy McLaughlin, Lay Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition" Camil van Hulse

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (HYFRYDOL) No. 196

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND BRINGING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST by Bruce Prewer
Leader: Out of the darkness God creates light. Into the darkness God comes in Jesus Christ, light of the world. In him we have become bearers of light. As such this is what we believe:

I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world. I believe that God chooses the meek and the poor to shame the proud and the rich. I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty. I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God, who came among us in weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love. Yes, my friends, this I truly believe.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
Glory be the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+++Children in grades K-5 are invited to attend Sunday School with their teachers and will return for Communion.

OFFERING OFFERTORY + "Upon This Winter Night" Dan R. Edwards
Celebration Bells and Guest Ringers from Community Christian Church
Jody Lindower, Director
+++ "Our Hope is in Emmanuel" Victor C. Johnson
Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

*DOXOLOGY No. 94 or See Below
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

*HYMN OF CENTERING "My Soul Give Glory to My God" (MORNING SONG) No. 198 v1, 3, 5

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 8:1-9; 19-22 Pg. 251 OT

SERMON Longing for a King
1/5 in "Steep Hills Ahead" The Story Advent Mini-Series
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN OF MISSION "People, Look East" (BESANÇON) No. 202

*BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (MCGEE) No. 204
+++*CHORAL RESPONSE +++ "May the Lord Bless You" Judy Hunnicutt

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" Heinrich Buttstedt
*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

★ Special Note for Children's Sunday School: For Communion Sunday, the Sunday morning schedule will be a little different. Children will leave for Sunday School following the Call to Worship and return to worship at the end of the service so they can participate in Communion. Children may be picked up in the West Transept in the front of the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday: The Story (Week 11): From Shepherd to King
SERIES QUESTION: How has God journeyed with you through your ups and downs?
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello
8:30- Joanne Fox, Hammered Dulcimer; 11:00-Carol/Cherub Choir

Worship Arts Study Update 2: What kinds of changes are anticipated?
The changes that might be anticipated in our worship experiences would be of the sort that, in the traditional services, we would look for more formal liturgy, more classical music, more artistic expression in terms of sanctuary décor, more use of traditional hymnody, more excellence in all our music expressions and worship leadership, more careful planning to address the needs of the typical worshipper in those services. We might also discover the use of a greater variety in terms of worship expressions such as silence, prayers, readings, drama, special music, meditative moments, etc. In the contemporary service we might find a greater use of special music, more creative ways of involving the congregation in worship, greater use of media, artistic expression, drama, and interaction between the worship leaders and the congregation. The focus would be on finding ways to minister to the needs of younger generations as they seek to find a meaningful faith to live by. Other changes in our worship life might be special services to meet particular needs of people whose worship needs are not now being met by the worship services we offer. We want to take seriously the implications of what Lisa Withrow taught us about "Theological Worlds" and the need to address the variety of ways in which people encounter God.

Next Week's Question: What are the specific music/worship staff changes being proposed?

A Taste of What is to Come Each Sunday of Advent, 10 minutes prior to each of the three worship services, we will sing 3 favorite Christmas carols. Come early...sing to celebrate "What is to Come!"

It's Time to Sign Up for Poinsettias! Each Christmas Eve, poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center and are purchased by the congregation in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$8.50/plant. Signup sheets are in the Gathering Area and outside the Family Life Center (by the Youth Room) and can be ordered until Thursday, December 19.

UMC Advance #GivingTuesday is on December 3rd!
For one day only, all gifts made online to any Advance project will be matched dollar for dollar! This is a great opportunity to build awareness and maximize support for a project or missionary that your annual conference is involved with. Visit umcmisison.org/give to learn more and to give on Dec. 3!

Gift Cards for Sale – the gift that keeps giving! If you are in need of gift cards throughout this holiday season, stop by the church office to pick up a gift card order form. Hundreds of cards to choose from and all of them help to support the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky! Orders generally come back in 1-2 weeks and there are some on gift cards for sale as well! Forms can be submitted to Susan Arnold's mailbox.

Flower Openings for December! There is still an opening for altar flowers next Sunday – contact Sherry Carpenter for more information.

Giving Tree The annual Giving Tree display is in the Gathering Area with names and gift suggestions. The wrapped gifts are due back no later than December 12th. Please tape the original gift tag on the package so they know who the recipient is. Limit is \$25.

First Tuesday Prayer Service Please join us for First Tuesday on December 3, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. (new WINTER time) in the Chapel for Christmas worship, prayer, and sharing. Jack O'Harrow will be our presenter.

Friday Night Out (Faith Date Night- Develop the Heart)
Friday, December 13, 6-8:45pm
Short program from couples, singles, and parents followed by an evening of childcare for kids! SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES led by Pastors Steve & Cara. Visit www.faithum.weebly.com/date-night.html for more information and to register. Reservations required by December 11.

That's My Pan!® Youth Fundraiser – Deadline is TODAY! Faith UMC's Youth Missions is taking orders for personalized gifts from That's My Pan!® to raise funds for the mission trip to Frakes, KY. You can visit our display in the Gathering Area or shop and place orders online to help us out! Contact Sue Bell at 330.499.3620 or msuebell@gmail.com or visit www.thatsmypan.biz/FROH10163.

Chuck Knows Church a fun informative weekly video series about the objects, symbols and terms used in church, made a special video for Faith UMC featuring Faith UMC's Wednesday Night Faith Connections Ministry! CKC videos are produced by the United Methodist Church General Board of Discipleship (GBOD). Visit our website and Facebook page to view this special message for Chuck Knows Church.

Annual UMW Cookie Walk – December 8 after all 3 services in the Gathering Area! Cookies will be sold by the dozen. There is still time to donate 6 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies for the UMW Cookie Walk. Cookies can be dropped off in the Robinson Hall Kitchen on Friday, December 6 from 9am-4pm or Saturday, December 7 from 10-12noon. Please indicate if your cookies contain nuts. Proceeds benefit local and global UMW missions. Questions? Contact Kathy Myers 330.361.4624. Thank you for your support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kairos Prison Ministry Cookies & prayer chain links are needed by Dec. 5 to the church office. Please submit cookies by the dozen in 1 quart bags.

Holiday Shopping? Take Advantage of Amazon & Cokesbury Online Sales!
The Education & Spiritual Formation Ministry invites you to check out our Virtual Bookstore! Visit (www.faithum.weebly.com/virtual-book-store.html) to support our ministries!

2013 Stewardship Focus - Tracking of Pledges in Bulletins			
		Member Units Pledging (Running Total)	Amount Pledged (Running Total)
Week of:	17-Nov	198	\$586,777
As of This Week	24-Nov	201	\$591,017
2012 Year End:		236	\$638,000

This Week at Faith UMC

Sunday December 1
Advent Prayer Walk Begins (December 1-24)
9:45 & 11
8:00 pm
Sunday School
Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday December 2
8:00 am Fall Fitness Class, RH
10:30 am Monday Women's Bible Study, *The Story*, W Parlor
6:30 pm The Story Young Adults, Rm 5
7:00 pm Men's Open Basketball, FLC
7:00 pm The Story Digging Deeper, W Parlor
7:00 pm Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16
7:00 pm Meditation Class, Rm 8

Tuesday December 3
6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Balcony
8:30 am First Tuesday Prayer Service
9:00 am Library Volunteers
9:00 am Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6
9:30 am Celebration Bell Rehearsal, Rm 8
1:30 pm UMW Board Meeting, Rm 5
6:00 pm Finance Meeting, Conf. Rm
6:00 pm PLC Committee Meeting, RH
7:00 pm Church Board, Chapel
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, RH/FL
8:30 pm Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday December 4
All Day Prayer Labyrinth, Family Life Center
8:00 am Fall Fitness Class, RH
9:00 am Women's Bible Study, W Parlor
11:00 am Service of Comfort and Joy, Family Life Center
12:15 pm Staff Meeting, Conf. Rm
5:00 pm Carol Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir, Rm 8
6:00 pm Faith Connections Wednesday Program, RH
6:30 pm Sewing for Missions
6:45 pm Service of Comfort and Joy, Family Life Center
7:00 pm The Story Continued, Parlor
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday December 5
2:00 pm Advent Study, Rm 5
2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
6:00 pm Emmaus Holiday Dinner

Friday December 6
7:00 pm Faith Friends Preschool Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Saturday December 7
7:00 am Men's Life Study, Variety's Restaurant

welcome to the journey.

No matter where you are in your faith journey, there is a place for you here. You may find this bulletin helpful as you explore all the happenings at Faith UMC. Below are some of our ongoing activities. Please don't be afraid to ask questions – our members-in-ministry and staff are eager to help you plug in to where God is calling.

Sunday School (9:45am and 11:00am)

Children (Babies & Waddlers – Grades 5)

Stop by the Children's Welcome Station near the Sanctuary and Family Life Center to sign-in, make their nametags, and find information!

Nursery – Room 18

Preschool Ages 3-5 – Room 20

Grades K-2 – Room 6

Grades 3-5 – Room 8

Youth (Grades 6-12) "Out-of-the-Box" in the Youth Room

Adults

9:45: *The Story*: Faith Meets Life in the West Parlor
9:45: Faith Bible Study: Genesis to Revelation in the Conference Rm
11:00 *The Story* in Room 16

Small Groups & Classes

Several groups meet during the week for discussion, prayer, community, digging deeper into God's Word, exploring questions of faith...All are welcome! Visit the link below for more information and get connected at Faith! It is not too late to get involved in a group! Interested in forming a new group? Please contact Kathy Schmucker.
www.faithum.weebly.com/small-groups.html

Wednesday Night Faith Connections

Every Wednesday, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and a free dinner at 6pm! Programs and small groups are available for people of all ages following the dinner.

5:00/5:15pm - Children's Choir

5:00 pm – Carol Choir Practice (Grades 3-5)

5:15 pm – Cherub Choir Practice (Grades K-2)

6:00 pm – Dinner for Everyone!

6:30/7:00 - Programs for children and adults following dinner!

The Story & Bible Study Resources

We are currently participating in the church-wide Study and Worship Series, *The Story*. This series walks us through the Bible chronologically for 31-weeks and it provides the opportunity for people of all ages (children, youth and adults) to experience the Bible in a new, fresh way. Copies of the different versions of the *The Story* are available for children, youth, and adults at *The Story* cart in the Gathering Area. Visit our website devotions for adult and families to help you connect to *The Story*. Check out the Bible resources page for Bible Apps, translation charts and other Bible story resources.

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance

8:30am: 109 **9:45am:** 124 **11:00am:** 128 **TOTAL:** 361



December 1, 2013

Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser **Acolyte:** +++Lauren Hobe, Sarah Jones

Greeters: +++Betsy Douce, David Douce

Today's altar flowers are given by Pam & Tom Wig in memory of Rod, Mary and Paul Martinsen and Clif and Dorothy Wig.

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