

Welcome!

ADVENT IV

December 22, 2013 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

"A TASTE OF WHAT IS TO COME" Begins 10 min. prior to Service
The First Noel (The First Noel) No. 245
There's a Song in the Air (CHRISTMAS SONG) No. 249
Go, Tell It on the Mountain (ANTIOCH) No. 251

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pam Wig

ORGAN PRELUDE "Nun, komm, der Heiden Heiland" (BWV 659) J.S. Bach

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (DARWALL'S 148TH) No. 715

CALL TO WORSHIP AND BRINGING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
Adapted from Kenneth Morse
(Please be seated and watch as the light of Christ illuminates the way on our journey through the season of Advent and toward the celebration of God's incarnation in Jesus.)

Leader: He was the Son of God.
Congregation: He was the Son of all humanity.
Leader: He came down from heaven.
Congregation: He was born in a stable.
Leader: He was born to be a king.
Congregation: He was a child of Mary.
Leader: He was the greatest among rulers.
Congregation: He was the least among servants.
Leader: He was loved and honored.
Congregation: He was despised and rejected.
Leader: He was gentle and loving.
Congregation: He made many enemies.
Leader: He was the example of perfection.
Congregation: He was a friend of sinners.
Leader: He was a joyful companion.
Congregation: He was a man of sorrows.
Leader: He said, "Rejoice."
Congregation: He said, "Repent."
Leader: He said, "Love God with all your heart."
Congregation: He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
Leader: He said, "Don't be anxious."
Congregation: He said, "Count the cost."
Leader: He said, "Deny yourself."
Congregation: He said, "Ask and receive."
Leader: In him was life.
Congregation: He died on a cross.
Leader: He was a historic figure.
Congregation: He lives today.
Leader: He was Jesus of Nazareth.
Congregation: He is Christ the Lord.

+++CHILDREN'S SERMON

FAITH STORY Christmas Offering

OFFERING OFFERTORY + "With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting" Pepper Choplin
Joy Unlimited Steve Moore, Director

+++ "Awaken and Prepare Us"
Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

Mark Hayes

*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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:29-33 Pg.6 NT

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

*HYMN OF CENTERING "What Child Is This" (GREENSLEEVES) No. 219

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 Kings 3:5-14 Pg. 306 OT

SERMON The King Who Had It All
4/5 in "Steep Hills Ahead" The Story Advent Mini-Series
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (HOUSTON) No. 206

*BENEDICTION

+*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (MCGEE) No. 204

+++*CHORAL RESPONSE "May the Lord Bless You" Judy Hunnicutt

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Veni Emmanuel" John Hebden Schaffner
*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

Join Us for our Christmas Eve Services at 5pm, 7pm, 9pm & 11pm!
Next Sunday: Epiphany Service- A family service of lessons & your favorite Christmas Carols, Rev. Cara Stultz Costello
8:30- Celebration Bells; 11:00-Joy Unlimited Alums

Bell Choir to Play 'The Nutcracker' on Sunday, December 29
Come hear the Bell Choir share "The Nutcracker", arranged by Kevin McChesney next Sunday at the 8:30am Service. Bell Choir: There will be no rehearsals the next two Tuesdays.

Honoring Lauralee Stiffler on her Retirement Please join us today to show our appreciation to Lauralee Stiffler for her 12 years of service at Faith UMC. A reception will be held in the Gathering Area after each service.

Young Adult Ministry Faith UMC's Young Adult group will be meeting on Monday night, Dec. 23 at 6:30pm. Beginning Jan. 7, the group will meet on Tuesdays at 7pm. Any young adults and college students home on break are welcome! Contact Sarah Snyder!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith UMC's Food Cupboard is running low! Our food cupboard is getting low again. We could use some canned and boxed goods like spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, canned fruit, and soups. Please drop your donation off in the wooden bin in the Gallery hallway.

Suggestions for Alternative Gift-Giving Consider giving a donation in someone's honor by supporting a ministry through our local congregation and the UMC. An alternative gift allows gift givers & recipients to SEE CHRIST and BE CHRIST. Certificates will be available for you to share with those you gift. A list of suggested gift ideas is available in this year's Advent book or in the church literature racks or on our website: www.faithum.weebly.com/alternative-giving.html

New Year Prayer Station A prayer experience focusing on John Wesley's Covenant service will be available beginning December 29 to guide us in praying for the New Year. Anyone interested in helping to create this experience, please contact Kathy Schmucker or Sandy Vaughn.

Finding The Inner Christ of Joy & Peace An Epiphany Service of Reflection & Silence: Christians recall "Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. For we have observed his star at its rising and we have come to pay homage to him" (Matthew 2:1-2). The word epiphany means "inner realization". We are also called to our personal epiphany of an "inner realization" of who Jesus is and what that means in our life. Epiphanies are often found in silence and reflection. Sam Purses and John Buchanan will lead a service of silence and reflection "Finding the Inner Christ of Joy & Peace" in our Chapel, Monday, January 6 at 7pm. All are welcome!



That holiday fruitcake may last until the next century, but your chance for a 2013 charitable gift deduction expires on December 31st! In accordance with IRS regulations, all tax deductible donations must be dated and delivered to the church on or before noon on December 31, 2013. If you would like to prepay your 2014 pledge before December 31, 2013, please send a note along with your prepaid payment. You will receive tax credit in 2013 and this amount will be applied to your 2014 pledge. 2014. It's not too late to submit your 2014 pledge card.

Table with 4 columns: As of This Week, 15-Dec, 2012 Year End, Member Units Pledging, Amount Pledged. Values include 212, \$605,737, 236, \$638,000.

Worship Arts Study Update 5: How and why are we able to contemplate increased staff costs when our operating budget has been running at a deficit? This issue is of serious concern to the Worship Arts Vision Team, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the Finance Ministry Team. We endeavor to contemplate this effort because we are convinced it is the intervention now needed in the life of Faith Church to rekindle the kind of vision and zeal that has marked this congregation's ministry since its inception. However, instead of focusing on facilities development for ministry, we are now focusing on addressing the heart-felt need of persons to encounter God in ways that speak to their particular way of knowing God. We understand the risky nature of this enterprise. We are intending to "seed" this effort initially by seeking grants from a bequest given to the church and grants from other agencies. We intend to seek the support of the congregation for additional giving to support this vision in the years 2015 and beyond. We are trusting in a belief that this is God's vision for Faith Church and that over time the vision will bear fruit and provide for its own sustenance. Next Week's Question: How have our current music/worship staff been cared for and consulted in this process?

EXPERIENCE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Services -December 24 @ 5PM, 7PM, 9PM & 11PM
 Join us as we celebrate the birth of the King on Christmas Eve!
5pm – Candlelight Praise Service in the Family Life Center
7pm – Interactive Family Service in the Sanctuary (Only glowsticks will be used during this service for the safety of our children and for our guests who are oxygen dependent). Children will dress as shepherds and angels and help to tell the Christmas Story.
9pm – Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary
11pm – Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary
There will be many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ for guests throughout the evening, including opportunities for hospitality, greeters, and coordinators to assist with the 7pm interactive family service.
See Sandy Vaughn or Kathy Schmucker for more information.

Thank you from the United Methodist Women! UMW would like to thank everyone for supporting us in the cookie walk by either baking or purchasing cookies. A special thank you to Kathy Myers for chairing this event and her team who worked the sale!

Help us Spread the Word of Faith UMC's Employment Opportunity: Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton, Ohio, is accepting resumes for a full-time Communications Coordinator position. Resumes are due by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 9. Start date: early February. For the job description and more information, go to: www.faithumchurch.org and click on *Employment Opportunities* under *Resources*.

Weekly Attendance Reminder One of the responsibilities of our new church Administrative Assistant, Sue Capestrain, will be to look over the attendance pads from each Sunday and record the names in our Church Windows Program. In order for Sue to become familiar with all of you, **please print clearly your first and last name and the names of each family member in attendance.** If you write "The Johnsons", Sue may not know how many of the 12 Johnsons in our church were actually in attendance or even if they are from the same family. If you only write your first name, she won't know which "Cher" you are! Thank you for helping Sue to get to know you better by taking the time to provide this info.

This Week at Faith UMC

Sunday	December 22
9:45 & 11	Sunday School
5:30 pm	Joy Unlimited Youth Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Refuge Youth Ministry Christmas Party
Monday	December 23
10:30 am	Monday Women's Bible Study, <i>The Story</i> , W Parlor
6:30 pm	The Story Young Adults, Rm 5
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 24
5, 7, 9, 11 pm	Christmas Eve Services
Wednesday/Thursday	December 25-26
Merry Christmas!	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	December 28
11:00 am	Volunteers meet at Canton Calvary for Faith Kitchen

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH CONNECTIONS WILL RESUME ON JAN. 15

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: 104 **9:45am:** 159 **11:00am:** 151 **TOTAL:** 414



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Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello
Organist: William Kaiser **Acolyte:**+++Cole McTighe
Liturgist: +Dave Shilling +++ Trudy Jones
Greeters: +++John Miller and Dale Holwick

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom & Linda Leaver for the glory of God and in honor of our families during this Advent season.

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