

Welcome!

ADVENT II

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

"A TASTE OF WHAT IS TO COME" Begins 10 min. prior to Service
The Friendly Beasts (ORIENTIS PARTIBUS) No. 227
O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS) No. 230
Angels We Have Heard on High (GLORIA) No. 238

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pam Wig

ORGAN PRELUDE "Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme" (BWV 645) J.S. Bach

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (ELLACOMBE) No. 203

CALL TO WORSHIP AND BRINGING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
by Bruce Prewer
(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: 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:

We believe.

We believe joyfully in the God of love, with all our being we celebrate our God. As soil after drought produces green shoots and as garden seeds spring into new life, so our God produces justice and praise to spring up among all nations.

We believe in God who dresses us in the garments of salvation; who by the grace of Christ covers us with the robe of righteousness, adopts us into the holy family and promises to make us a crown of beauty, a royal diadem in the hand of God. This we believe through Christ Jesus. May the Holy Spirit strengthen our belief.

+++ANTHEM "Goliath" Williams/Martin
Cherub Choir Sandy Wallace, Director

+++CHILDREN'S SERMON

FAITH STORY Wednesday Night Faith Connections

OFFERING OFFERTORY + "What Child Is This" Greensleeves Arr. Joanne Fox
Joanne Fox, Hammered Dulcimer
+++ "The Fee-Fi-Foe-Fum Army" from David and the Giants Albert Zabel
Carol Choir Joanne Fox, 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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:23-38 Pg.60 NT

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

*HYMN OF CENTERING "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (ES IST EIN ROS) No. 216

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.

+SOLO "The Rocking Song" Czech Carol Arr. Fox

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16:12b-13a Pg. 260 OT

SERMON From Shepherd to King
2/5 in "Steep Hills Ahead" The Story Advent Mini-Series
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (VENI EMMANUEL) No. 211

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

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Come Redeemer of Mankind" Johann Pachelbel

*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

Next Sunday: The Story (Week 12): Trials of a King
SERIES QUESTION: How has God journeyed with you through your ups and downs?
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello 8:30- Chancel Choir; 11:00-Joy Unlimited

Worship Arts Study Update 3: What are the specific music/worship staff changes being proposed? We have created new job descriptions for all the present positions involved in our worship ministry. The changes in these positions reflect an emphasis on creating worship as a team with the ministers and the new Worship Coordinator and striving for excellence as we lead the people of Faith in the worship of God. The totally new position is that of a Worship Coordinator who would work in tandem with the pastors in planning, organizing, and carrying out the multitude of worship offerings at Faith Church. A copy of that person's job description is available in the church office.

Next Week's Question: What is the net staff increase over what we have now?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual UMW Cookie Walk TODAY! Cookies will be sold by the dozen following all three services. Thank you for supporting the UMW missions.

Stephen Ministers are here for you. There will be Stephen Ministers available in the chapel following each service.

Men's Chorus The men's chorus is having such fun rehearsing for January that they elected to extend their rehearsals a bit. They'll be rehearsing tonight from 8-9:30pm. If you haven't been yet, come out and join the fun!

EXPERIENCE ADVENT

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent! Pick up a flyer in the literature racks and outside the Family Life Center to learn about all the activities happening at Faith UMC as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ! Advent & Christmas activities and prayer resources will also be available.

Advent Devotion Book For reflections and suggested activities for the season of Advent, check out Faith UMC's 2013 Advent Devotion Book. The 2013 Advent Book, Experience Overflowing Joy in God's Story In Our Story, will be available online. Printed copies available on request. Donations to help cover the printing costs are much appreciated!

Walking Towards Bethlehem (Advent Prayer Walk) is now available! Come walk the hallway through the Gathering Area, Gallery Hall, and Library Hall and prayerfully reflect on Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem anticipating the birth of Christ. How many laps will it take to walk this 70 mile journey at Faith UMC during Advent? How might reflecting on this walk help you to experience the coming of Christ this Advent?

Advent Study, Meeting the Messiah This Thursday, December 12 at 2pm in Room 5. See Kathy Schmucker for more information.

Chrismon Workshop - Wednesday, December 11 Chrismons are ornaments made from Christian symbols. Come learn about this faith tradition and help make Chrismon ornaments for our church Christmas tree as well as some for your home! Dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by this special program for all ages!

Friday Night Out (Faith Date Night - Develop the Heart) Friday, December 13, 6pm-8:45pm
Short program for 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.

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.

Living Faith Contributors It is almost time for the 2nd Annual Living Faith Publication! This year, in an effort to be wise stewards of our budget, we are seeking contributors to help cover the cost of the printing. If you'd like to donate to this year's book, all contributions must be submitted by January 5th. (\$25 will include your name/business name; \$75 will include a 2x3.5 space which can include your business card or a message; i.e. In memory of...) Thank you to all who contribute to the creation of this ministry book. Questions? Contact Alison Wright at 330.526.8029 or Carmie Johnson, Communications Coordinator at 330.499.6040.

Gift Cards for Sale - the gift that keeps giving! If you are in need of gift cards throughout this holiday season, the deadline to order for Christmas is December 15. Stop by the church office to pick up a gift card order form today! All sales benefit the Youth Mission Team

Giving Tree We need your help! You can help make someone's Christmas brighter this year. There are still about 25 names on the Giving Tree in the Gathering Area that need to be shopped for by December 12. There are tags for both young children and the elderly. Please take a tag today and

return the gifts under the tree no later than Thursday, wrapped with the tag attached.

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.

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



This Week at Faith UMC

Sunday December 8
After All 3 Services – UMW COOKIE WALK
9:45 & 11
5:30 pm Joy Unlimited Youth Choir Practice
6:00 pm Refuge Youth Ministry
8:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday December 9
8:00 am Fall Fitness Class, RH
9:00 am Circle of Faith
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 10
6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Balcony
9:00 am Bells Rehearsal, Family Life Center
9:00 am Library Volunteers
9:00 am Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, RH/FL

Wednesday December 11
8:00 am Fall Fitness Class, RH
9:00 am Women's Bible Study, W Parlor
10:00 am Fruit Basket Assembling, Rm 8
12:00 pm Lydia Circle, RH
12:15 pm Staff Meeting, Conf. Rm
5:00 pm Carol Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir, Rm 8
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, RH
6:45 pm Faith Connections: Chrismon Workshop
7:00 pm The Story Continued, Parlor
7:00 pm Art & Spirituality Class
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday December 12
2:00 pm Advent Study, Rm 5
2:00 pm Faith Stitchers, Parlor
7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team, Conf. Rm

Friday December 13
6:00 pm Friday Night Out (Faith Date Night)

Saturday December 14

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: 107 **9:45am:** 107 **11:00am:** 131 **TOTAL:** 345



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Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser **Acolyte:** +++Caleb and Aiden Everetts

Liturgist: +Sue Weaver +++ Cindy Wilcox

Greeters: +++Betsy Douce, David Douce

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom & Esther Brunt to the glory of God. A carnation is placed on the altar in honor of the birth of Benjamin Michael on November 21 to Steve & Sonia Flechtner in Indianapolis. Proud grandparents are Denny & Mike Flechtner.

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM
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