

Welcome!

Christ the King - Thanksgiving
November 24, 2013 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Leaver, Lay Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE "Kremser" Michael Burkhardt

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Journeying to A New Country" (BUNESSAN)
adapted from C.W. Gillette

Abraham journeyed to a new country; Sarah went with him, journeying too.
Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army; Ruth left the home and people
she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order; Soldiers were coming! They had to
flee. Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border; So was our Lord a
young refugee.

Some heard the promise — God's hand would bless them! Some fled from
hunger, famine and pain. Some left a place where others oppressed them;
All trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger? Who shared a home or
gave them some bread? Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger?
Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?

God, our own families came here from far lands; We have been strangers,
"aliens" too. May we reach out and offer a welcome
as we have all been welcomed by you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from the United Church of Canada

Leader: On our journey of life and faith:

**We believe in God; who has created and is creating, who has come
in the true Man, Jesus to reconcile and make new. Who works in
us and others by the Spirit. We trust God. God calls us to be the
church: To celebrate the presence of God, to love and serve
others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified
and risen our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond
death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

+++CHILDREN'S MOMENT Kathy Schmucker
Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation

FAITH STORY Small Groups

OFFERING OFFERTORY + "Sing Joyful Praise!" Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Joy Unlimited Youth Choir Steve Moore, Director
+++ "It Is Good to Give Thanks" Dan Forrest
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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:1-18 Pg.1 NT

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

*HYMN OF CENTERING "Bringing in the Sheaves" George A. Minor

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide
and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds
nor winter's chilling breeze; By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, Though the loss
sustained our spirit often grieves; When our weeping's over, He will bid us
welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

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 Ruth 1:8-9 and 14-18 Pg. 241 OT

SERMON  *The Faith of a Foreign Woman*
4/4 in "Detour" *The Story* Mini-Series
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION "In Matthew's Gospel There are Five" (CAROL) Mary Nelson Keithahn

In Matthew's gospel there are five faith-mothers called by name,
all ancestors of Jesus Christ, each held in some disdain.
Now who would think such women would do all that God had willed?
How strange that they were chosen so God's plan might be fulfilled!

Poor Tamar, wife unwanted and a widow once again,
determined she would not depend on whims of selfish men,
so, wily woman that she was, she did more than complain,
and, taking matters in her hands, soon turned her loss to gain.

Fair Rahab lived in Jericho, a woman of the night.
When Joshua sent his men to spy, she hid them out of sight.
She told the king that they had left and gone another way.
She trusted that God's people were in Jericho to stay.

The widow Ruth, a Moabite, left her own land behind.
She went to live in Bethlehem, and wed a farmer kind.
The son she bore to Boaz caused Naomi's heart to sing,
and made this foreign Moabite grandmother to a king.

Uriah's wife was beautiful. Bathsheba was her name.
King David claimed her as his own, and loved her, to his shame.
To this unholy union then was born a little son

who carried on the line that led unto the Promised One.

Young Mary lived in Nazareth, where she was to be wed
to Joseph, village carpenter, but then an angel said,
"Dear Mary, you are now with child." She smiled, "Let it be so.
Our God has done great things for me." And Joseph said, "I know."

If God could find a use for them their faithfulness ignite,
then surely God can use us too as bearers of the light.
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then surely God can use us too as bearers of the light.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE + "Go in Love" Don Besig
+++ "May the Lord Bless You" Judy Hunnicutt

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Nun danket alle Gott" Burkhardt
*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

Next Sunday: The Story (Week 10): Standing Tall, Falling Hard
ADVENT SERIES BEGINS: "Steep Hills Ahead"

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello; 8:30- Celebration Bells; 11:00—Chancel Choir

2013 Stewardship Focus - Tracking of Pledges in Bulletins			
		Member Units Pledging (Running Total)	Amount Pledged (Running Total)
Week of:	10-Nov	184	\$538,217
As of This Week	17-Nov	198	\$586,777
2012 Year End:		236	\$638,000

United Methodist Student Day is TODAY! Today we will receive a
Special Offering for United Methodist Student Day. Thanks to faithful
United Methodists who share, our denomination loans about \$2
million and awards about \$3 million in scholarships to more than 3500
United Methodist students each year. Earnings pay operational
expenses and are reinvested into new loans. The loan fund receives
10% of the receipts from United Methodist Student Day, and the
remainder of the offering goes toward scholarships. We see the
difference it makes to the students to be recognized and encouraged
by the church. Offering envelopes are available from the ushers.

World Thank Offering will be collected TODAY in the marked boxes
located in the Narthex or outside of the Family Life Center. We thank
you for your generous support.

Hanging of the Greens All are welcome to come and help decorate
the church on Friday, Nov. 29 at 10am for the holiday season!

UMCOR Super Typhoon Haiyan Relief If you are interested in
contributing to the Disaster Relief in the Philippines provided by the United
Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), you can give and mark
contributions with Advance #982450. Checks may be made to Faith United
Methodist Church.

**Advent begins December 1st! Pick up a flyer in the literature racks to learn
about all the activities happening at Faith UMC as we prepare to celebrate
the coming of Christ!**

That's My Pan!® Youth Fundraiser – Deadline is December 1st! 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

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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.

Stephen Ministry Stephen Ministers are members of Faith UMC Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Ron Luikart, Teresa and Sam Purses, Jane Wagner or Pam Honnold. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Walking Toward Comfort and Joy an Advent service of prayer and reflection will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 11am and 6:45PM in the Family Life Center. The Advent Labyrinth will be available for solitary prayer and reflection from 9:30am – 8PM.

Can an hour or two of your time matter in the life of the child and the future of our church? Find out how you can make a difference in Faith's Nursery, Sunday School, Wednesday Night, **Advent** and Friday Night Out Ministries by checking out the Christian Education & Spiritual Formation Ministry Team display outside the office and Family Life Center or contact Sandy Vaughn, Kathy Schmucker, Kristin Krach or Tallie Paz.

Calling All Bakers! UMW is planning their annual **Cookie Walk for Sunday, Dec 8th**. Mark your calendars now! We need bakers to donate 6 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. Cookies can be dropped off in Robinson Hall kitchen on Friday, December 6th from 9-4pm or Saturday, December 7th from 10 to 12noon. Please indicate if your cookies contain nuts. Thank you for your support. Proceeds benefit both local and global UMW missions. Questions? Contact Kathy Myers at 330.361.4624

Community Christmas Adopt-A-Family Families are now available! Sign-ups are available at the table in the Gathering Area or contact Nancy King to sign up today (330.499.2711). Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be made out to either Faith United Methodist Church or Nancy King with "Adopt a Family" in the memo.

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 Black Friday Deals and support Faith UMC! 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!

Worship Arts Study Update 1:

Why is change needed in our worship program?

The focus of the Worship/Arts Vision is not so much on changing worship, although changes will undoubtedly occur, but on deepening, enriching, and adding variety to our worship experiences. In our study of current trends in the worship life of vital churches and in our visits to churches in our tradition who are experiencing vitality in their worship offerings, we discovered that "Many churches are investing far more time in planning, implementing, and evaluating their worship services. No longer can worship leaders assume that people will attend just because services are held or it is the right thing to do. Compelling worship services that connect people with God in vital ways are essential. Churches are also planning much further ahead than previously in order to be more creative in how seasons of the year are developed." (Lovett Weems, "Changes Congregations are Facing Today", Leading Ideas, October 2, 2013)

Next Week's Question: What Kinds of changes are anticipated?

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.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING!

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: 100 9:45am: 155 11:00am: 143 TOTAL: 398



November 24, 2013

Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser **Acolyte:** +++Cole McTighe

Liturgists: +Jake Lebold

Greeters: +++Ted & Pat Isue

Today's altar flowers are given by Chuck & Helen Candea in honor of their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

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