

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2012 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

*Call to Worship
 Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Congregation: Who...to whom will you come?
 Leader: Descend to us, we pray.
Congregation: Be born in us today.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (ST. LOUIS) No. 230 v 4
*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel*

Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Congregation: Where...to where will you come?
 Leader: Away in a manger...
Congregation: Asleep on the hay.

"Away in a Manger" (AWAY IN A MANGER) No. 217 v 1
*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Congregation: When...when are you coming?
 Leader: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Congregation: Let every heart prepare him room.

"Joy to the World" (ANTIOCH) No. 246 v 1
*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Congregation: Why...why do you come?
 Leader: Born to raise use from the earth!
Congregation: Born to give us second birth.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (MENDELSSOHN) No. 240 v 3
*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
 Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Gloria Patri No. 70
 Glory be to 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'S MOMENT & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kathy Schmucker
 Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation
*Lord God, I want my prayer, like Mary's, to be, "Let it be with me
 according to your word." So often my own wants and desires get in the way
 I have not been the Christ-bearer you have call me to be. I have not loved my
 sisters and brothers as you have called me to love. I have not forgiven and I
 have not worked for peace. But still you have filled me with your grace, and
 continue to show your love for me. May I experience your forgiveness, Lord,
 as I prepare my heart and our world to receive you in the incarnation of
 Jesus. It is in his name we pray. Amen.*

FAITH STORY Carol Dayton
 Community Christmas

OFFERING OFFERTORY + "I Will Remember Thee" Jay Althouse
 Andy Dolvin, Tenor
 +++ "Advent Kyrie" David Lantz III
 Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
 (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)
 "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 CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS
 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.*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1: 26-38

SERMON *Mary of Nazareth*
 Sermon 1 of 5 in "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem
 Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
 +++ANTHEM "I Will Remember Thee" Jay Althouse
 Andy Dolvin, Tenor

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

+* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 202
 +++*CHORAL RESPONSE "Two-fold Amen" Robert C. Benning

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Veni Emmanuel" John Hebdens Schaffner

*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

For further reflection:
 Faith UMC is engaged in a church-wide sermon and study series during this season
 of Advent. Each week we will offer a scripture and reflection question to encourage
 you to share in your homes and among your friends and families to guide us in
 further reflection on each week's message.

1st Week of Advent: Read Luke 1:26-38
 What do we learn about Mary as she responds to God's call in verse 38? What are
 some things you think God wants you to do? How does Mary's example help you to
 respond to God's call in your life? Prayer Focus: Lord God, help my prayer to be, "Let
 it be with me according to your word."
 Read Matthew 1:18-25 in preparation for the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Next Sunday at Faith Church - Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem
 Rev. Steve Stultz Costello
 8:30 AM- Carol Choir
 11:00 AM – Celebration Bells/Cherub Choir

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Family All families have been adopted! Nancy King can call
 Community Christmas and receive more families if you would still like to
 adopt one. Call her at 330.499.2711. Financial donations are still being
 accepted. The last day to adopt a family is December 5th.

Coats for Christmas It is once again time for the annual Coats for
 Christmas Drive sponsored by Canton Community Christmas. Faith UMC
 members have been generous contributors. Last year, over 300 coats were
 collected. Beginning October 10-December 7th, your slightly used winter
 coats may be placed in the collection boxes located in the Gathering Area
 and the Family Life Center. Thank you for your donations!

The Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Area from November 25 through
 December 10th. We have 125 names, mostly disadvantaged children. No
 gift **total** can be more than \$25 per child. Wrap the gift and attach the tag
 from the Giving Tree securely on the gift. All wrapped gifts can be placed
 under the tree in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your generosity! Steve
 & Emma McKenzie and Jake & Lynda Lebold.

Website Tidbit: Have you seen our NEW Advent tab on the website?
 Get information about studies you can join, events happening each week,
 view the digital copy of the Advent Devotional & find details about
 Christmas Eve Services! Check it out at www.faithumchurch.org

Nativity Exhibit: Stop and visit the Nativity Display in the Gathering Area!
 Be sure to journey down to the West Parlor to view the beautiful depiction
 of the scenery around and including the Nativity Scene!

Worship Attendance Last Sunday:
 8:30AM: 123 9:45AM: 126 11:00AM: 132 **Total: 380**

Join Us In Sunday School!

Nursery (Infant – Age 2) – 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 AM in Room 18
Following the Children's Sermon, the following ages/grades will be invited to attend Sunday School:

Preschool (Ages 3-5) – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 20

Grades K-2 – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 6

Grades 3-5 – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 8

Youth (6th-12th together during Advent) @ 11AM Youth Room

Adult Sunday School @ 9:45AM in the Conf Rm & W Parlor

Adult Sunday School @ 11:00 AM in Room 16

Experience Advent:

Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

A church wide sermon & study series! Small groups and Sunday school classes are happening this week. Check out the Advent info at the church info center or table outside of the Youth Room & Website! Check out these studies:

Monday @ 7PM, Facilitator: Bob Kuchner, West Parlor

Tuesday @ 1PM, Facilitator: Sam Purses, Rm 16

Sunday @ 9:45AM, Facilitator: Jim Skinner, Rm 16

Sunday @ 9:45AM, Facilitator: Kim Reynolds & Steve Golden, W Parlor

Sunday @ 11:00AM, Facilitator: Sue Bell & Kathy Schmucker, Rm 16

Youth and Children will participate in the study through their Sunday School Classes (listed above).

Experience Advent Wednesday, Dec 5th! Las Posadas Service & Walk to Bethlehem Labyrinth Journey (Piñata, Hot Cocoa, Prayer Beads, Legend of the Poinsettia) Curious what this could be about? Come & explore these faith traditions and invite your friends and family to join you! Dinner @ 6pm, Program begins at 6:30pm.

Walk to Bethlehem Labyrinth Experience available in the Family Life Center from 10am to 8pm.

Advent Books Available! Check out the 2012 Advent Devotional Book available **ONLINE, through the Spiritual Formation Blog, & in print!** In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we have a limited number of printed Advent Devotionals. Please visit the website (www.faithumchurch.org) to learn how you can view the devotional digitally each day throughout Advent!

Christmas Poinsettias Time to sign up for Christmas poinsettias. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area and also outside the Youth Room. Cost is \$8.50 a plant. The last day to sign up will be Tuesday, December 18th.

Time & Talent Offerings Thanks to all who have completed and turned in a Time & Talent Offering either on paper or through our church website! We have had 79 returned. The breakdown is like this: Adult - 62 (26 completed online); Youth - 16; Children - 1. We are working on compiling all the data. If you are looking for members in ministry (volunteers), let Lauralee Stiffler know and she will give you the results

from this time and talent offering. Lstiffler@faithumchurch.org or 330.499.6040 x 13.

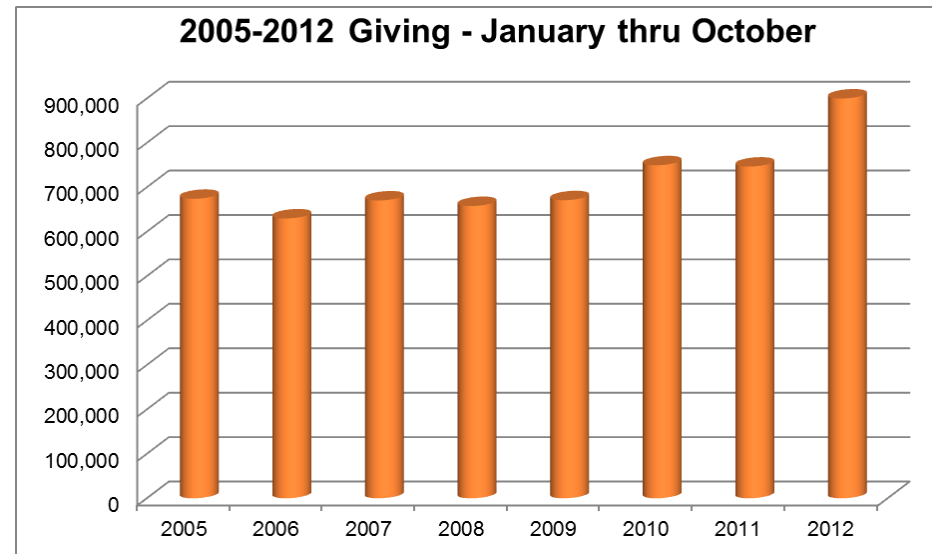
First Tuesday Prayer Service! Please join us for the First Tuesday Prayer Service on December 4th at 8:30 AM for worship, prayer, and sharing. This month's presenter is Butch Ransom! Coming Soon (January 8th): Carmie Johnson. All are welcome!

Voice of Canton, Inc. (VOCI) offers "Sounds of the Season" to the community this Tuesday, December 4th @ 7:30 pm. The concert is free and open to the community and will be hosted here at Faith UMC in the Sanctuary.

Flowers of Dongxiang Stacy Deems continues to work on an embroidery project with some of the women who live in an area of northwest China. The project began as an attempt to provide illiterate and unemployed women with well needed income and a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. If you would like to support this project and show these women God's love, you may do so by purchasing an ornament, pocket wall hanging or table runner. Please see the display in the Gathering Area. 10% of proceeds will be donated to Faith Kitchen and the remainder goes directly to the women who did the embroidery.

Annual UMW Cookie Walk – December 9th 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 7th from 9am-4pm, or Saturday, December 8th from 10am to noon. Please indicate if your cookies contact nuts. Proceeds benefit both local and global UMW missions. Questions? Contact Kathy Myers 330.361.4624. Thank you for your support!

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WELCOME!

Welcome to worship on this first Sunday of Advent! With expectant and joyous hearts, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ. John, the author of Revelation, ends his work with the words, "Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." May it be so with each of us.

Co-Pastors: Rev. Steve and Cara Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser

Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters & Communion Stewards: Stephen Ministers

The altar flowers are given by Betty Riddle in honor of her husband, Jim's birthday and by Peg Holwick in honor of her father, Dale Holwick. A red carnation is placed on the altar in honor of the birth of Reagan Kathryn Wright, born to Evan & Alison Wright on November 29th!

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- Large print copies of the order of worship and hearing aid devices are available from the ushers.
- Restrooms are located in the hallway off the Gathering Area.
- Find Sunday School for all ages & Childcare Info inside!
- Copies of the weekly Prayer List are available at the Information Station in the Gathering Area along with Nov/Dec Upper Room & Daily Bread devotionals.



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