

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 27, 2013 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.**

ORGAN PRELUDE	“Praeludium F-Dur ”	Johann Georg Albrechtsberger
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & OPENING PRAYER		Matt Hart
*HYMN OF INTENTION	“Amazing Grace” (AMAZING GRACE)	No. 378
*CALL TO WORSHIP	“We Raise Our White Flags”	Students
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Olivia Bradley & Jennie Bremer
COMMISSIONING OF LIBERIA MISSION TEAM		
OFFERING OFFERTORY	“Whisper a Prayer for Me”	Pepper Choplin
	Joy Unlimited Steve Moore, Director	
*DOXOLOGY		No. 94
	“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!”	
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS		+Maddie Plaster +++Jordin Bednar
SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
	<i>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.</i>	
HYMN OF CENTERING	“How Great Thou Art”(HOW GREAT THOU ART)	No. 77
EPISTLE LESSON		1 John 3:16-22 Pg.240 NT
SERMON		“Acts of Grace” AJ Brokaw & Nathan Hinderer
HYMN OF MISSION	“Where He Leads Me” (NORRIS)	No. 338
BENEDICTION		AJ Brokaw
CHORAL RESPONSE	“A Closing Prayer”	Don Besig
*ORGAN POSTLUDE	“Trumpet Tune in D”	Tommaso Albinoni
	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	<i>CCLI License #1596957</i>

**Next Sunday at Faith Church**  
Boy Scout Sunday  
11:00am – Chancel Choir

## Announcements

**Attention! Attention!** UMW is looking for someone who would like to chair or co-chair the All Daughter Banquet for May 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a list growing of people who are willing to help. If interested, please contact Kim Wallick at 330.497.2462 for more information.

### Faith Based Summer Reading Program Visioning Meeting

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm: Come learn about a vision for developing a faith-based summer literacy program at Faith United Methodist Church and help prayerfully consider ideas to expand our community outreach via our VBS ministry. Contact Sandy Vaughn or Kathy Schmucker with any questions. All are welcome to come & share ideas!

**Second Wind** Remember the scene in *The Wizard of Oz* when Toto pulls back the curtain and reveals the Great Oz at work? In February, we're pulling back the curtain on Faith UMC's pipe organ and revealing how Bill Kaiser does his magic. Join us on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am to 2:00pm. Cost is \$5 per person. Contact Betsy Douce with your reservation (330.494.3337 or [betsydouce@yahoo.com](mailto:betsydouce@yahoo.com)) **no later than Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Help out the Boy Scouts** by attending a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on February 10<sup>th</sup> in Robinson Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. Proceeds support the Boy Scout Summer High Adventure.

**Tuscarawas District Leadership Training** We have an amazing opportunity to attend the Leadership Training event which will be held right here at our own church on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8am-12noon. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Gregory V. Palmer. Church leaders, ministry team members and any interested members of our congregation are welcome to attend. The pre-registration deadline has passed, however registration is available at the door at a cost of \$7/person.

**Staff In-Service Days** January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> have been designated as Staff In-Service Days. Staff in the office will use these days from 9:00-3:00 to give focused attention to advancing ministry goals. To that end, the Office Ministry Team (Office Volunteers) will be responding to phone calls and visitors. Urgent needs and pastoral emergencies will still be addressed promptly by the pastors or appropriate staff. In-Service Days will generally be scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Thank you for supporting our staff by honoring these schedule In-Service Days. Philip Bell, SPRC Chair

**FYI – Charitable Rollover Provision** The recent “fiscal cliff” legislation passed by Congress provided two provisions of importance to some of us. Those over 70 ½ year of age are able to transfer funds directly from their IRA's to the church and have serious tax benefits for 2013. In addition, there is a provision that “qualified charitable contributions” may be made until February 1, 2013 and have them applied to your taxes for 2012 because there were retroactive provisions in the legislation. Contact your tax advisor to see whether you and Faith Church can benefit by these regulations.

**Online Giving** is now available for those who have a PayPal account! Go to our website: [faithumchurch.org](http://faithumchurch.org), click on [Resources](#) on the homepage, scroll down to [Donate](#) and over to [Online Giving](#). It's that easy! If you don't currently have a PayPal account, it's free and easy to setup at [paypal.com](http://paypal.com).

Parent Resources, Acts of Grace devotions, and Bible Reading plans can be found in the literature racks in the Gathering Area & Family Life Center!

### Worship Attendance Last Sunday:

<b>8:30</b>	<b>9:45</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Total</b>
119	154	139	412

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

### Sunday

9:45 & 11  
11:00 am  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm

### Monday

9:00 am  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Tuesday

6:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:30 am  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:00 pm

### Wednesday

9:15 am  
12:15 pm  
5:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### Thursday

8:30am – 5pm  
12:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm

### Friday

### Saturday

8am-12:30pm

### January 27

Sunday School for All Ages  
Confirmation - RH  
Joy Unlimited Youth Choir - Choir Room  
Refuge Youth – Session 3: Moving On  
Refuge Parent Group – W Parlor

### January 28

Women's Morning Study - Samantha's  
“Gospel of John” Study – W Parlor  
Covenant Bible Study – Rm 16  
Meditation Group - Rm 8  
Men's Open Basketball - FLC

### January 29

Men's Prayer Group - Balcony  
Quilts to Share - Rms 5 & 6  
Celebration Bells - Rm 8  
VBS & Summer Literacy Planning – Rm 8  
Women's Bible Study - W Parlor  
Boy Scouts - RH/FLC

### January 30

Women's Morning Study Group, West Parlor  
Office Staff Meeting  
Carol Choir, Choir Room  
Cherub Choir, Rm 8  
Wed Night Faith Connections Dinner, RH  
Wednesday Night Faith Kids, RH/FLC  
Wednesday Night Faith Parents, W Parlor  
Chancel Choir

### January 31

Office Staff In-Service Day  
Library Volunteers  
Small Group Ministry Team, Rm 8  
Stephen Ministry Training, Rm 16

### February 1

### February 2

Tuscarawas District Leadership Training

## Commissioning the Liberia Mission Team

Located in West Africa, Liberia is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire. A civil war broke out in Liberia in 1989 that lasted until 1996 and resumed again from 1999 until 2003. The reasons for the war were years of oppression and injustice and then a hunger for power, resources and wealth. The civil war has left Liberia with many problems - lack of infrastructure, instability in economy, lack of trust in people, broken spirits and an interruption in education and dreams.



Liberia has been at peace since 2005 with President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf in leadership. She is a member of First UMC in downtown Monrovia. The United Methodist Church continues to be a strong implementing agency within the country of Liberia.

The East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church started the 3Cs Mission Project - Churches, Clinics and Classrooms, in an effort to minister to the whole person, body, mind and spirit. In Liberia, the UMC Camphor Mission Station is doing just that. It is a United Methodist Mission in the Liberia Annual Conference in West Africa. It is a school; a clinic; an agricultural program and a church. Camphor Mission is a place where United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Teams and Individual Volunteers can come to share their gifts and talents. It is a place where you can learn hospitality, Liberian rural life, encounter Jesus, and make friends with amazing people. Camphor Mission, in partnership with other United Methodist Churches around the world, is addressing the needs in rural Liberia for Christian spirituality, education, health, clean water, and agriculture.



This will be the third trip to Liberia from members of Faith UMC.  
Summer 2011 - Nancy King  
Jan/Feb 2012 - Steve Stultz Costello and Maribeth Wilmer  
Feb 2-18, 2013: Sue Bell, Teresa Purses, Cara Stultz Costello



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The Liberia Team will be sharing their photos and experiences after the trip.  
Date TBD.

We asked each of them: **Why Liberia? Why now? What are you most excited for? And what can we pray for during your trip?**



**Sue:** We have heard about the people there, their country, and the struggles they have endured. The conference 3Cs awareness brought Liberia to my attention and I feel a need to connect with the people at Camphor Mission and hear their stories and let them know that we care about them. I am most excited about meeting the people, seeing the country, and tasting their food. Please pray for safe travel, good health, and a willingness to go out of my comfort zone to understand the needs of the people of Liberia.



**Cara:** A missionary is one who is observant of how God is at work and then goes far and wide to tell that story. The ways in which I have been privileged to witness God at work through other missionary endeavors has shaped the way I live, and move and have my being. I am excited to be a witness to God at work among the Liberian people. I have heard it said that the Spirit of God is stirring up a revival on the continent of Africa. I expect not only to minister but to be ministered to. And then, when I return to North Canton I can share that revival spirit with the body of Christ at Faith and the greater Canton area. In this way all God's children come to the same table having shared the same spiritual food in the name of the sustainer, Jesus. Please pray that we will have eyes to see and ears to hear, mouths to tell and hearts that are open.



**Teresa:** After I faced a challenging life experience and had an amazing answer to my prayers - being healed - I felt that I needed to do two things: find a way to show God's love to others through Christian care and get out of my comfort zone and take a true faith journey. Liberia is a chance for me to do both! I am excited to meet our brothers and sisters at the Camphor Mission Station and to have the opportunity to continue to nurture the strong relationships that have been developed over the years by other Faith UMC volunteers. We truly appreciate all the volunteers who helped sew kits or donated items and funds to support some of the great needs at Camphor Mission. Please pray: that our travels are safe, the connections are smooth and we all stay well; that our desire to serve meets the true needs of the people; that we may develop strong relationships with all we meet; that all fear of the new and the unknown be overcome by the power of the promises of God's word. But most of all, please pray that our team may show the love of Christ every day in all we do!



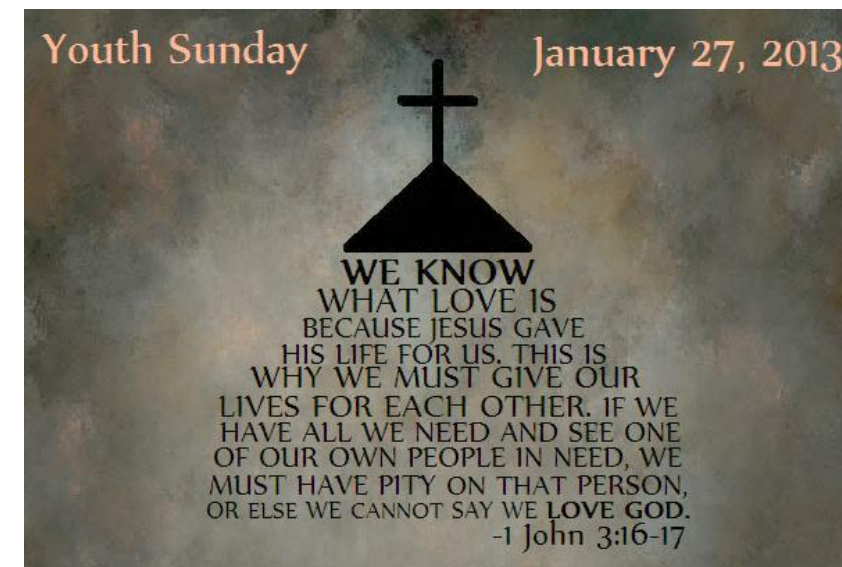
**How else can we be praying for this mission?**

- For clean water for all Liberians
- For education to be accessible
- For roads to be passable
- For government leadership (President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf)
- For restoration of families still broken from civil war

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## WELCOME!

Welcome Friends! Remember the words of the psalmist who prayed: "We are filled with the good things of your house" (Psalm 65:4). God is here! We are here! Let us join together in mind and spirit to worship the source of all life, Almighty God.

**Co-Pastors: Rev. Steve and Cara Stultz Costello**  
**Organist: William Kaiser**

*The altar flowers are given by Dale Holwick in honor of Pastor Cara's upcoming birthday.*

### January 27, 2013

- Communion is available today in the Chapel. Guided meditation books are available. Please enter quietly.
- 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 Jan/Feb Upper Room & Daily Bread devotionals.

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