

**Epiphany**  
**January 6, 2013 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.**

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GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Michael Burkhardt

\*HYMN OF INTENTION "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" No. 173  
(RATISBON)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Gospel writer, John, proclaims of Jesus the Christ, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it." As we touch flame to wick signifying the light which has led us, does lead us and will lead us on this journey into faith we celebrate this truth.

The First Candle

Leader: Captivated by the darkness, we ignore your glowing ember.

**People: Source of Light, remind us again that you burn in our darkness, even here, even now.**

"Sing We Now of Christmas" (FRENCH CAROL) No. 237 v4  
From the eastern country came the kings afar,  
Bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

The Second Candle

Leader: Intimidated by the brightness, we hide from your light.

**People: Source of Light, remind us again that you beckon to us in our darkness, even here, even now.**

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring" (PERSONENT HODIE) No. 248 v3  
God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;  
Kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him.  
Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Third Candle

Leader: Confused by the shadows, we misunderstand your vision.

**People: Source of Light, remind us again that you blaze in our darkness, even here, even now.**

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" (REGENT SQUARE) No. 220 v3  
Sages leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

The Fourth Candle

Leader: Fearful of the way forward, we resist movement.

**People: Source of Light, remind us again that you lead the way through our darkness, even here, even now.**

"In the Bleak Midwinter (CRANHAM) No. 221 v4  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
yet what can I give him: give him my heart.

The Christ Candle

Leader: Compelled by the light, we embrace your promise.

**People: Source of Light, remind us again that you shine in our darkness, even here, even now.**

\*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.

ANTHEM "You Are the Light" John Helgen

Judy Clegg, Kathy Schirra, Dorothy Leeson, John Bragg

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kathy Schmucker, Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation

OFFERING

OFFERTORY +"Angels We Have Heard on High" Trad. French/Arr. Fox

Joanne Fox, Hammered Dulcimer

+++ "Seeker's Carol" Vicki Tucker Courtney

Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

\*DOXOLOGY FOR CHRSTMAS (OLD 100<sup>th</sup>)

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,

Whose Daystar shines for us on high,

Whose Spirit brings into our sight

The hope to which our world draws nigh. Amen.

\*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.*

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:7-12

SERMON *Grace – God's Gift*  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION No. 13

HYMN OF MISSION "We Three Kings" (KINGS OF ORIENT) No. 254

BENEDICTION

\*+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (MCGEE)

No. 204

\*+++CHORAL RESPONSE "Two-Fold Amen"

Robert C. Bennett

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Kings of Orient"

Gordon Young

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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**Next Sunday at Faith Church**

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

8:30 AM – Chancel Choir

11:00 AM – Carol Choir

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## Announcements

**TODAY! - Special Sunday School Session: The Holy Land Today**

Special Video presentation by Adam Hamilton. 9:45 AM – Jim Skinner,

11:00 AM – Sue Bell/Kathy Schmucker, Room 16

**New Year/Act of Grace Prayer Station** A prayer experience will be available in the Gathering Area through January 9<sup>th</sup> to guide us in praying for the New Year and Faith UMC's 2013 theme, *Act of Grace*.

**New Small Groups Begin this month!**

- "*Jonah Navigating a Life Interrupted*" – begins Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, Women's Bible Study, West Parlor, Facilitator: Linda Reynolds
- "*How to Get the Greatest Benefit from Bible Study*" – Jan. 14 & 21, 7:00 PM, West Parlor, Facilitator: Bob Kuchner
- "*Faithful Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper*" – Jan. 14-Feb. 19, Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, West Parlor, Facilitators: Sue Bell & Laura Luikart
- "*Jesus' Parables of Grace*" – alternating Mondays, Women's Small Group, Samantha's Restaurant, Contact: Sandy Vaughn & Lauralee Stiffler

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**An Invitation to Church Membership** There are two choices for membership classes this January. You are asked to attend all classes for whichever day of the week you sign up for. You may choose to attend on Wednesday evenings January 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM OR two Saturday mornings January 19 and 26 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

New Members will be received during the 9:45 AM service on Sunday, January 13. We realize that date is in the middle of the membership classes.

Please call the church office to reserve your spot in the membership classes of your choice and to arrange childcare by **TODAY**. Lauralee Stiffler - 330.499.6040 x13 or [lstiffler@faithumchurch.org](mailto:lstiffler@faithumchurch.org)

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**Nativity Display** Thanks to those people who loaned your nativity set to us for the December display. Please pick up your nativity set in the church office as soon as possible. Check your box to make sure all the pieces are accounted for. There were several items with no names.

## 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

**Middle School Youth** @ 11:00 AM in Wesley Hall

**High School Youth** @ 11:00 AM in the Youth Room

**Adult Sunday School** @ 9:45AM in the  
Conference Room & West Parlor

**Adult Sunday School** @ 11:00 AM in Room 16

## wednesday night faith connections

Begins on January 16<sup>th</sup>!

Contact Kathy Schmucker, Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation. [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or 330.499.6040 x17

**Youth Mission Trip Brunch** Youth Mission Team will be holding a brunch after all three worship services on January 13<sup>th</sup> in Robinson Hall. Proceeds will benefit the 2013 Youth Mission Trip to Rockford, IL. Join us!

**Check your Coats & Jackets:** Someone has lost their coat and another coat has been left at the church with keys in the pocket. Please check your closets to make sure you have your own coat. Call the church office if you find you have a coat that is not yours so we can make the exchange.

**From the Finance Committee:** Thanks to those people who returned their 2013 pledge card. To date we have received 222 pledge cards = \$627,000. Last year we received 232 cards = \$648,392. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving your offering as an act of worship each Sunday.

**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).

**Canton Calvary Mission** requests **Cereal-Oatmeal** for the month of January. Paper products and toiletries are also needed. A marked box is located in the gallery for contributions to the Canton Calvary Food Pantry. The mission appreciates your continued faithful support.

## Worship Attendance Last Sunday:

<u>8:30</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>
78	104	181	363

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

### Sunday

9:45 & 11  
3:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30pm

### Monday

6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Tuesday

6:00 am  
8:30 am  
9:00 am  
9:30 am  
11:45 am  
6:00 pm  
6:30 pm

### Wednesday

9:15 am  
11:30 am  
12:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### Thursday

12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
2:00 pm  
5:45 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:00 pm

### Friday

5:00 pm

### Saturday

9:00 am  
1:30 pm

### January 6

Sunday School for All Ages  
Confirmation – Pastor's Session #1  
Joy Unlimited Youth Choir, Choir Room  
Refuge Youth Ministry  
Refuge Parent Group

### January 7

Cub Scout Committee Meeting, Rm 6  
Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16  
Meditation Group, Rm 8  
Men's Open Basketball, FLC

### January 8

Men's Prayer Group, Balcony  
First Tuesday Prayer Service  
Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6  
Celebration Bells, Rm 8  
Second Wind, Robinson Hall  
Boy Scouts, Robinson Hall, FLC  
Women's Bible Study, W Parlor

### January 9

Women's Morning Study Group, West Parlor  
Office Staff Meeting  
Lydia Circle, RH  
Carol Choir, Choir Room  
Cherub Choir, Rm 8  
New Member Class, Rm 16  
Chancel Choir

### January 10

Library Volunteers  
Office Ministry Team Appreciation Lunch, RH  
Faith Stitchers, Parlor  
Boy Scouts – God & Life, Rm 5  
Stephen Ministry Supervising Session, Parlor  
Stewardship Ministry Team, CR

### January 11

Confirmation Kick-Off Retreat

### January 12

Sewing for Missions Workday, RH  
Confirmation Retreat Ends

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship on Epiphany Sunday! Today we celebrate the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem to visit the infant Christ. May joy and peace be yours as we praise and celebrate our Lord and Savior. Welcome friends!

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

*The altar flowers are given by Barb & Len Terlizzi in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**January 6, 2013**

- 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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