

Welcome!

**First Sunday After Epiphany  
January 12, 2014 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Baker, Lay Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (BWV 147) J.S. Bach

\*HYMN OF INTENTION "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets" (EBENEZER) No. 108

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Lisa Frenz

Leader: We come to worship this led by belief and seeking belief.  
On this journey of faith we say today:

**We believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things,  
who set me on my path in this world.**

**We believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who  
rescued me and all creation from our violations against God and  
creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path  
through this world, taking on human form having been born of a  
woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived and worked in  
this world among people just like us. He walked God's path of love.  
God's love was put to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to  
restore our eternal relationship with God.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, counselor and guide, who is one  
with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of  
Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and  
future; who calls us to walk a sacred way of life through this world,  
caring for creation and the people we meet on the way, loving them,  
helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God's  
hands and feet in the world.**

+++CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING

+++CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Jezebel" Walter Latzko  
Men's Chorus David Wallace, Director

OFFERING OFFERTORY "River in Judea" Arr. Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman

\*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

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 1:1-3 Pg.218 NT

SHARING OF CONCERNS & 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.

HYMN OF CENTERING "A Prophet Has A Lonely Task" (CANONBURY LM)  
Words by C.W. Gillette

A prophet has a lonely task—  
To help the world to see anew,  
To name injustice, then to ask  
What God is calling us to do.

O Lord, you taught us: Hear their shout!  
Receive their call to turn from sin!  
When others seek to shut them out,  
The church must welcome prophets in.

For in our welcome, Lord, we'll find  
A living faith, a new world-view,  
A life more peaceful, just and kind,  
A church that gladly welcomes you.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Hosea 12:2-10 and 14:1-9 Pg. 843 OT

SERMON  God's Messengers  
1/3 in "No Outlet" The Story Mini-Series  
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

+CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING

\*HYMN OF MISSION "God, Send Your Prophets Here" (LEONI) C.W. Gillette

God, send your prophets here,  
For all around we see  
The sinful, broken values of humanity.  
Accepting death and fear,  
Our nations go to war  
And so deny that peace is worth our struggling for.

Send ones who love the poor,  
For leaders arm the lands;  
They buy their tanks and take the food from children's hands.  
With greed, we long for more  
While others cry for bread;  
Remind us that we can't be full till all are fed.

Who are your prophets here?  
We wonder, Lord, and search —  
And then we realize you are calling us, your church.  
Your kingdom, God, is near;  
You show what life can be!  
So by your Spirit may we answer, "Lord, send me!"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Three-Fold Amen"

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Toccata Brevis" Ovid Young  
\*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

**COMING SOON!**

**Next Sunday: Chapter 16 – The Beginning of the End**

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello  
8:30- Chancel Choir; 11:00–Carol Choir

**Youth Sunday-** Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Are you searching for your identity? Each year our student ministry is given the wonderful opportunity to lead our congregation in worship. It serves as an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their talents while providing thought-provoking interaction to help you discover how you can be a part of the Body of Christ. **Be sure to join us on January 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**Worship Arts Study Update 7:** This week's update is a summary of recent progress toward the Worship Arts Vision. Next week we will report on the January 14<sup>th</sup> Congregational Conversation and the week following we will return to our weekly Frequently Asked Questions, answering "Why wasn't the congregation consulted in forming this vision?"

1. A card was sent to every household in the congregation inviting everyone to the second Congregation Conversation this Tuesday, January 14 in Wesley Hall at 7pm. This conversation will be an opportunity to address in more detail the questions recorded from the first congregational conversation on October 29. Particular attention will be given to questions and recent progress related to: Financing; sustainability; staff care and worship style planning. Please come. All are welcomed.
2. Finance Team met with representatives from Worship Arts Study group and Stewardship on December 17 to explore financing strategies. The discussion led the 15 people present to realize several other substantive goals and initiatives that have been underway in the life of the church. They recommended that a group be created to explore a comprehensive 2020 vision to synthesize the various initiatives and goals. This recommendation to form a 2020 vision group will be presented to the Church Board at its March 4 meeting.
3. Worship Arts Study Group met on January 7 and made plans for Worship Arts staff positions to be posted starting in February.
4. Pastors Cara and Steve with Jim Skinner (Worship Arts Convener) met with each music staff person individually for over an hour this week to listen, check in and receive feedback.

**Finding The Inner Christ of Joy & Peace** An Epiphany Service of Reflection & Silence Christians recall "Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. For we have observed his star at its rising and we have come to pay homage to him" (Matthew 2:1-2). The word epiphany means "inner realization". We are also called to our personal epiphany of an "inner realization" of who Jesus is and what that means in our life. Epiphanies are often found in silence and reflection. Sam Purses and John Buchanan will lead a service of silence and reflection "Finding the Inner Christ of Joy & Peace" in our Chapel, **Monday, January 13 at 7pm. All are welcome!**

**Tuscarawas District Leadership Training at Westbrook Park UMC, Saturday, February 1st. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.** We encourage all leaders, current or past, to attend this event at no cost to you. Check out the registration form and flyer in the church office explaining the different workshops and speakers.

**Wednesday Night Faith Connections:** Dinner and Evening Program begins this Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 pm! All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Faith Food Pantry** Thank you for your donations of canned goods for our Faith Food Pantry. We are still in need of JELLY to go along with all the peanut butter we received. Donations can be put in the bin in the gallery.

**Church Leader Consecration** The date for Leadership Consecration has been changed to **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at all three worship services.** It had originally been scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be present so that you may be recognized and prayed for as you begin your ministries at Faith UMC in 2014.

**New Small Groups Beginning in January.** Check out our website and Christian Education & Spiritual Formation table in the Gathering Area and outside the Family Life Center for information about all the opportunities for Bible study and prayer and discussion groups happening in January. The New Year is a perfect time of year to get connected to Faith!

**Boy Scout Troop 12** will be having their first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Friday, January 17, 2014.** It will be in the Family Life Center, and served from **5 - 7:30 PM.** The cost will be your generous donations. Please bring your friends and family to enjoy this excellent dinner of spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks all served to you by the scouts of Troop 12.

## This Week at Faith UMC

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>January 12</b>  |
| 9:45 & 11        | Sunday School  |
| 5:30 pm          | Joy Unlimited Youth Choir Practice                         |
| 6:30 pm          | Refuge Youth Ministry                                      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>January 13</b>  |
| 8:00 am          | Wellness Class, RH   |
| 9:00 am          | Circle of Faith  |
| 10:30 am         | Monday Women's Bible Study, <i>The Story</i> , W Parlor    |
| 7:00 pm          | The Story Digging Deeper, W Parlor                         |
| <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>Finding the Inner Christ of Joy &amp; Peace, Chapel</b> |
| 7:00 pm          | Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>January 14</b>  |
| 6:00 am          | Men's Prayer Group, Balcony                                |
| 9:00 am          | Safe Sanctuary Team, Conf. Rm                              |
| 9:00 am          | Library Volunteers   |
| 9:00 am          | Quilts to Share, Rm 5/6                                    |
| 9:30 am          | Celebration Bell Rehearsal, Rm 8                           |
| 11:45 am         | Second Wind  |
| 6:30 pm          | Women's Bible Study, W Parlor                              |
| 7:00 pm          | The Story Young Adults, Rm 5                               |
| 7:00 pm          | Boy Scouts   |
| <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>Worship Arts Congregational Conversation</b>            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>January 15</b>  |
| 8:30 am          | Winter Wellness Class, RH                                  |
| 9:00 am          | Women's Study, W Parlor                                    |
| 12:15 pm         | Staff Meeting  |
| 5:00 pm          | Carol Choir, Choir Room                                    |
| 5:15 pm          | Cherub Choir, Rm 8   |
| 6:00 pm          | Faith Connections Dinner                                   |
| 6:30 pm          | Wednesday Night Faith Connections                          |
| 7:00 pm          | <i>The Story</i> Continued                                 |
| 7:30 pm          | Chancel Choir  |

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| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>January 16</b>               |
| 1:00 pm         | Alzheimer's Support Group, Rm 8 |
| 2:00 pm         | Faith Stitchers, Parlor         |
| 6:30 pm         | Stephen Ministry Training, Rm 5 |
| 7:00 pm         | Trustees, Conf. Rm              |

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| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>January 17</b>          |
| 4:00 pm         | Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>January 18</b>          |

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 – YOUTH MISSION TRIP BRUNCH FUNDRAISER!!**

## 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](http://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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH CONNECTIONS RESUMES WEDNESDAY!**

**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!**

### Last Sunday's Worship Attendance

**8:30am: 79 9:45am: 142 11:00am: 112 TOTAL: 333**



## January 12, 2014

**Co-Pastors:** Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

**Organist:** William Kaiser

**Acolytes:** +++Sam and Caroline Meister

**Greeters:** +++Bill & Fran Henne

*Today's altar flowers are given by Len & Barb Terlizzi in honor of all couples who have been married for 50+ years.*

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