

Welcome!

TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2014 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Baker, Lay Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Wayne Barlow

*HYMN OF INTENTION "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" (SINE NOMINE) No. 166

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:

O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing, we believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you. We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face. O God, embodied in a human life we believe and trust in you. Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends - those of no account. You emptied yourself of power, and became foolishness for our sake. You labored with us upon the cross of humanity, and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection. We commit ourselves to struggle against evil, and to choose life. O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Holy Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecost fire, we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
Glory be 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 SERMON

OFFERING
OFFERTORY + "Praeludium und Fuge d-mol" (BWV 554 J.S. Bach)
+++ "Christmas People, Raise Your Voices" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

*DOXOLOGY FOR THE NEW YEAR OLD 100th
"Praise God, who calls us on from here, Praise Christ whose presence calms our fear, Praise Holy Spirit in our lives, God calls and leads and through us thrives. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 15:9-15 Pg. 302 OT

SERMON  A Kingdom Torn in Two
Prescriptions for Life
5/5 in "Steep Hills Ahead" The Story Advent Mini-Series
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION No. 13
(Gluten-Free Wafers are available upon request)

*HYMN OF MISSION "Ye Servants of God" (HANOVER) No. 181

*BENEDICTION

+*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (MCGEE) No. 204

+++*CHORAL RESPONSE "May the Lord Bless You" Judy Hunnicutt

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "King of Orient" Janet Linker
*Please stand if you are able CCLI License #1596957

★ **Special Note for Children's Sunday School:** For Communion Sunday, the Sunday morning schedule will be a little different. Children will leave for Sunday School following the Call to Worship and return to worship at the end of the service so they can participate in Communion. Children may be picked up in the West Transept in the front of the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday: New Mini Series of The Story begins: NO OUTLET

Rev. Cara Stultz Costello
8:30- Men's Chorus; 11:00-Men's Chorus

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Help us Spread the Word of Faith UMC's Employment

Opportunity: Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton, Ohio, is accepting resumes for a full-time Communications Coordinator position. Resumes are due by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 9. Start date: early February. For the job description and more information, go to: www.faithumchurch.org and click on *Employment Opportunities* under *Resources*.

Living Faith Contributors It is almost time for the 2nd Annual Living Faith Publication! This year, in an effort to be wise stewards of our budget, we are seeking contributors to help cover the cost of the printing. If you'd like to donate to this year's book, all contributions must be submitted by **TODAY** (\$25 will include your name/business name; \$75 will include a 2x3.5 space which can include your business card or a message; i.e. In memory of...) Thank you to all who contribute to the creation of this ministry book. Questions? Contact Alison Wright at 330.526.8029 or Carmie Johnson, Communications Coordinator at 330.499.6040.

New Year Prayer Station A prayer experience focusing on John Wesley's Covenant service will be available in the chapel to guide us in praying for the New Year.

Worship Arts Study Update 6:

How have our current music/worship staff been cared for and consulted in this process?

Faith Church worship depends on our music/worship staff. We understand our music/worship staff to be dedicated servants of God and the church, and also professionals in making their contribution to the ministry of the church. We will need their support and understanding during this time of transition.

We have attempted to keep the Music/Worship staff aware of and involved in this process. They were invited to the Hugh Ballou consultation in Dec. 2010. Pastors Cara and Steve have continued their worship planning consultations with our music/worship staff and discussed the progress of the study group. The worship/music staff was invited last April to participate in the Theological Worlds seminars presented by Dr. Lisa Withrow, as a part of the Worship/Arts Team study.

Members of the Worship/Arts Study team met with the entire FUMC music/worship staff on July 14, 2013. They were asked the same questions that were asked to worship planners in the 5 comparable churches visited and two mega churches contacted about how they plan and coordinate their worship/music ministry at FUMC.

Immediately following the approval by the Staff Parish Relations Committee, The Finance Ministry Team, and the Church Board, and before being publically announced to the congregation on Oct. 13, the Worship/Arts Study Group and representatives from Staff Parish Relations Committee met with the entire FUMC music/worship staff on Oct. 10 to carefully present the entire recommendation to them. We thought it essential, and a matter of professional courtesy and respect, they hear the recommendation first from us rather than hearing about it second hand. Each person was given a complete copy of the recommendation. A productive time of questions and answers was a part of this consultation. We sought, and received from each of them, their pledged support to continue in their vital music/worship ministry during the duration of this process.

All members of our present music/worship staff have been encouraged to apply for the positions they feel called to fulfill and are guaranteed an interview for any position they seek. The entire music/worship team, along with the entire congregation, was invited to a question and answer period on Oct. 29. All information created in response to the emerging questions is available to the music/worship staff. We will continue to care, express our appreciation and consult with them during the duration of this entire process.

Next Week's Question: Why wasn't the congregation consulted in forming this vision?

★ **Christmas Offering** Thanks to everyone who donated to the Christmas offering. We have met and exceeded our goal of \$12,700.

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 Pursles and John Buchanan will lead a service of silence and reflection "Finding the Inner Christ of Joy & Peace" in our Chapel, **Monday, January 6 at 7pm. All are welcome!**

Church Leader Consecration The date for Leadership Consecration has been changed to **Sunday, January 19th at all three worship services.** It had originally been scheduled for January 12th. 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!

Second Wind Home to American presidents since 1800, the White House has a long and colorful history. Come learn a bit more about its construction and its occupants. McKinley Museum's Kim Kenney never fails to provide a thoroughly enjoyable program that is equal parts entertainment and education. You won't want to miss this one! Date: Tuesday, Jan 14; Time: 11:45-2pm; Cost: \$4/person
VERY IMPORTANT: Please call or email Betsy Douce with your reservation (330.499.3337/betsydouce@yahoo.com) **no later than Thursday, January 9th.**

Weekly Attendance Reminder One of the responsibilities of our new church Administrative Assistant, Sue Capestrain, will be to look over the attendance pads from each Sunday and record the names in our Church Windows Program. In order for Sue to become familiar with all of you, **please print clearly your first and last name and the names of each family member in attendance.** If you write "The Johnsons", Sue may not know how many of the 12 Johnsons in our church were actually in attendance or even if they are from the same family. If you only write your first name, she won't know which "Cher" you are! Thank you for helping Sue to get to know you better by taking the time to provide this info.

Friday Night Out (Faith Date Night – Develop the Heart) - Friday January 10, 6:00 – 8:45 PM - Short program for couples, singles, and parents followed by an evening of childcare for kids! Visit <http://faithum.weebly.com/date-night.html> for more information and to register. Reservations required by January 10.

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

Faith's Young Adult group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 beginning **January 7.** Any young adults and college students home on break are welcome! Contact Sarah Snyder for more information!

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, family, and neighbors to enjoy this excellent dinner of spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks all served to you by the scouts of Troop 12.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH CONNECTIONS WILL RESUME ON JAN. 15

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: 79 9:45am: 113 11:00am: 160 TOTAL: 352



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Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser

Liturgist: +++Pam & Tom Honnold

Greeters: +++Tom & Pam Honnold

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