#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 18, 2012 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

**GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

ORGAN PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

Homer Whitford

\*HYMN OF INTENTION "Approach the Throne of Grace" DARWALL'S 148th Adapted from John Newton 1779

When Hannah, pressed with grief, poured forth her soul in prayer; She guickly found relief, and left her burden there: Like her, in every trying case, let us approach the throne of grace.

Though hate and darkness rage, and threaten to devour: The saints, from age to age, are safe from all their power: Fresh strength they gain to run their race, by waiting at the throne of grace.

Numbers before have tried, and found the promise true; Nor one been turned aside, then why should I or you? Let us by faith their footsteps trace, and hasten to the throne of grace.

As fogs obscure the light, and taint the morning air; But soon are put to flight, when Christ the Son appear: Thus Jesus will our troubles chase, by shining from the throne of grace.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we approach the throne of God's grace.

Congregation: Today we come to worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

Leader: Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices in fervent petition. Congregation: There is no Compassionate One like our God.

Leader: Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices to praise the Lord of strenath.

Congregation: There is no Rock like our God.

Leader: We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open

Congregation: There is no Source of knowledge like our God.

Leader: May the Son of our God lead us into faith. Congregation: There is no Guide like our God.

Leader: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

ALL: Today we approach the throne of God's grace.

+ANTHEM "May the Peace of Christ Reign" Tom Fettke Chancel Choir William Kaiser, Director

+++CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND FAITH STORY Operation Christmas Child (Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

+" You Are My God" Lloyd Larson +++"Canon of Thanks" Arr. Donald Moore

Joy Unlimited Steve Moore, 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!"

**HYMN OF CENTERING** 

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

No. 496

\*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.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE** 

1 Samuel 1:4-20

**SERMON** Hannah's Story: Rev. Steve Stultz Costello When Prayer Works and When It Doesn't

**HYMN OF MISSION** 

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

No. 352

**BENEDICTION** 

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

+"Two-fold Amen" Robert C. Bennett

+++"A Parting Prayer"

J.S. Bach

Don Besig

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God"

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\*Please stand if you are able

Next Sunday at Faith Church- All Saints Sunday

Rev. Cara Stultz Costello 8:30 AM- Joy Unlimited 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

World Thank Offering Day TODAY – Your coins can be put in the marked baskets that will be outside of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.

Church Conference being Hosted at Faith UMC! Everyone is invited to our Church Conference which will be held TODAY at 4:00pm in the Chapel. Faith UMC, along with Church of the Lakes, will meet with our new District Superintendent, Dr. Benita Rollins, for a time of worship, music & reporting.

Pumpkin Pie & Rice Pudding Sale! Please remember to pick up your pies and rice pudding after each service TODAY in the Gathering Area! There will be a few extras for sale so please stop by!

Attention Book Lovers! We are currently making space for all of our new books and materials! Please take time to browse through the tables in the Gathering Area and take anything that interests you! Donations are welcome!

**Rebecca Circle** Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Beysleys. Please call Sharon Suderow if you would like to attend for reservation purposes.

A Community Thanksgiving! You are invited by the North Canton Area Ministerial Association to come together with churches all around our area for "A Community Thanksgiving" being held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come and hear our very own Pastor Cara Stultz Costello who will be speaking at First Christian Church on Market. No cost and all are welcome!

**Nativity Exhibit:** Are you willing to share your nativity or nativities for display the entire Advent season beginning November 21st in the Gathering Area? Are you interested in helping with set-up or tear-down? Please let Jan Baker know of your interest at 330.499.7321 or rbaker1@neo.rr.com.

**Hanging of the Greens!** Please come and help decorate the church for the Advent season! We will meet on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am. There will be coffee and pastries in Robinson Hall! Thank you!!

**Donations Needed!** We are in need of clean, empty plastic jars with lids (such as peanut butter jars) for the Advent program before November 28<sup>th</sup>. Items can be placed in the box in the church office. THANK YOU!

Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem, church wide sermon & study series begins soon! Small groups and Sunday school classes are now forming. Check out the Advent info at the church info center or table outside of the Youth Room & Website!

**UMW Christmas Tea** Please drop by Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 pm for a spot of tea sponsored by UMW! Music & Entertainment by VOCI. Learn about all the "TEAS" that can be found in the Bible. Listen to a Christmas Story. Light refreshments, tea and punch provided. This is a free event, but reservations must be made by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or in the FLC. Hats & Gloves optional! Children Welcome!

A/V Equipment For Sale! In order to be good stewards of our space and our resources, we are in the process of redistributing equipment that is no longer being used by the church. In the North Hall there is a table set up with pieces of A/V equipment. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these items, please contact Steve Stiffler at 330.754.5983

Gift Card Orders! Don't forget to place your GIFT CARD orders for holiday giving as well as your own shopping! Every purchase helps the youth earn money toward their summer Mission Trip and it doesn't cost you anything. Some gift cards are kept on hand for immediate purchase in the office during business hours. Check the Gathering Area or church office for order forms and leave them in Susan Arnold's mailbox with your check. Orders take about a week to arrive and can be picked up in the office.

Mission Trip Donation Boards are available in the Narthex and by the Youth Room. There are blank envelopes as well as envelopes marked in increments starting with \$5. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**2013 Flower Chart** The 2013 flower charts are now available. They are located on the bulletin boards by Robinson Hall and outside the FLC.

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Community Christmas!** Adopt-A-Family names are now available in Gathering Area. Stop by after each service to sign up to adopt-a-family. Financial donations are also accepted. Please make your check payable to Faith Church and mark "Adopt a Family" in the memo. Contact Nancy King with any questions: 330.499.2711.

**Calling All Bakers!** UMW is planning their annual **Cookie Walk for Sunday, December 9**<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars now! We need bakers to donate 6 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. Cookies can be dropped off in the Robinson Hall kitchen on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm or Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. Please indicate if your cookies contain nuts. Thank you for your support. Proceeds benefit both local and global UMW missions. Questions? Contact Kathy Myers at 330.361.4624.

Have You Ever Been A Greeter? It is really easy & fun! Grab a friend and sign up together. Greeters are needed for the 11am service. Please contact Kim Wallick at 330.497.2462 or email her at <a href="kwldrn@cs.com">kwldrn@cs.com</a>. All it requires is 20-30 minutes on a Sunday morning before service begins. It is a great way to meet new people and welcome new visitors!

We Need Your Help! Many times people come to church office asking for financial assistance. We try to help out as many families as we can by providing gasoline, nonperishable food, grocery store vouchers, and help with rent or utilities. The need has been great and we are now low on funds again. We are requesting financial donations at this time to help with the increased requests. Please mark your checks "Pastor Fund" and put in the offering place or mail to the church. Any amount would be appreciated.

**Gathering Area Display Case – Ideas & Help Needed!** Typically the "scene" changes every 6 weeks (many of the themes are already established). Some extra hands and fresh ideas are welcome! If you can help with this "visual ministry" – or if you have a collection for the case or ideas for the future displays, please call Diane Adams at 330. 685.4666 or email: adams2design@sbcglobal.net.

**Website Tidbit:** We are posting a new weekly video series entitled, "Chuck Knows Church!" from the GOBD. Join Chuck as he humorously helps us understand why things are the way they are in church – for example...why do the colors change in the sanctuary? Or why do pastors wear a certain type of robe. Learn more – new videos posted each Friday!

#### Worship Attendance Last Sunday:

| 8:30 | <u>9:45</u> | <u>11:00</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 145  | 151         | 144          | 440          |

#### 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 Conf Rm & W Parlor

Adult Sunday School @11:00 AM in Room 16

#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

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| <u>Sunday</u>             | November 18  |  |
| 9:45 & 11                 | Sunday School for All Ages!                          |  |
| 4:00 pm                   | Church Conference                                    |  |
| 5:30 pm                   | Joy Unlimited Youth Choir, Choir Room                |  |
| 6:30 pm                   | Refuge Parent Group- West Parlor                     |  |
| 6:30 pm                   | Refuge Youth Ministry – Advent Conspiracy, Session 1 |  |
| <u>Monday</u>             | November 19  |  |
| 9:00 am                   | Women's Morning Study, Samantha's                    |  |
| 6:00 pm                   | Emmaus Board Mtg, RH West                            |  |
| 6:30 pm                   | Youth Ministry Team Meeting, Youth Room              |  |
| 7:00 pm                   | Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16                          |  |
| 7:00 pm                   | Meditation Group, Room 8                             |  |
| 7:00 pm                   | Emmaus, RH East                                      |  |
| 7:00 pm                   | Men's Open Basketball, FLC                           |  |
| <u>Tuesday</u>            | November 20  |  |
| 6:00 am                   | Man's Prayer Group, Ralcony                          |  |

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| 6:00 am        | Men's Prayer Group, Balcony                      |
| 9:00 am        | Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6                       |
| 9:30 am        | Celebration Bells – Rm 8                         |
| 6:30 pm        | Women's Bible Study, W Parlor                    |
| 7:00 pm        | Boy Scouts, RH, FLC                              |
| 7:00 pm        | A Community Thanksgiving, First Christian Church |

#### Wednesday November 21

| 9:15 am  | Women's Morning Study Group, W Parlor |
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| 11:30 am | Church Staff Meeting                  |
| 5:00 pm  | Carol Choir, Choir Room               |
| 5:00 pm  | Cherub Choir, Rm 8                    |
| 6:30 pm  | Sewing For Missions, RH               |
| 7:30 pm  | Chancel Choir                         |

Thursday November 22
OFFICE CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday November 23
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Saturday November 24
Faith Kitchen

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# HANNAH'S STORY:

When Prayer Works & When It Doesn't

# WELCOME

We welcome all who have come to worship on this glorious Sunday. May we all be open to the benefits of God's grace. Let us worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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

The altar flowers are given by Rick & Judy Kurtz in honor of their daughter, Kimberly's Birthday!

### **November 18, 2012**

- 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 Nov/Dec Upper Room & Daily Bread devotionals.

