

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 25, 2012 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE "Voluntary in d minor" William Croft

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Shall We Gather at the River" No. 723
(HANSON PLACE)

*Call to Worship
Leader: We gather this day...
Congregation: We gather to cross over from sinners to saints.
Leader: We gather to be added to the communion of all the saints.

Congregation: We gather to cross over from where we are to where Jesus leads the faithful.

Leader: We gather in the name of Jesus...
Congregation: to be redeemed from our sin, restored to salvation, and renewed for service.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Kathy Schmucker,
Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation
Forward Through The Ages (ST. GERTRUDE) No. 555
Rejoice in God's Saints (HANOVER) No. 708
For All The Saints (SINE NOMINE) No. 711

OFFERING
OFFERTORY "+" Canon of Thanks" Arr. Donald Moore
Joy Unlimited Steve Moore, Director
+++ "May the Peace of Christ Reign" Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir William Kaiser, 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!"

*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.*

HYMN OF CENTERING "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127
(CWM RHONDDA)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Joshua 4

SERMON *Stepping Stones*
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above"
(FOREST GREEN) No. 709 v. 1, 2, 4

BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE "+" A Parting Prayer" Don Besig
+++ "Two-fold Amen" Robert C. Benning

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Psalm XIX" Benedetto Marcello

**Please stand if you are able* CCLI License #1596957

Next Sunday at Faith Church- All Saints Sunday
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello
8:30 AM- Andy Dolvin, Tenor
11:00 AM – Chancel Choir / Andy Dolvin, Tenor

Members Who Have Passed Away This Year:

Sara Zupp Dowding
Helen Harper
Betty Hine
Betty Herrington Matchner
Joan Pontius
Joseph & Agatha Reiserer
Shirley Robinson
Robert Shetler
Virginia Walters
Dorothy Wig
Vicki Yoder

Memorial Gifts Purchased This Year:

Betty Amiet Memorial – Library Book Rack
Betty Dozer Memorial – Computer
Jeanne Kaufman Memorial - Computer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem, church wide sermon & study series begins soon! Small groups and Sunday school classes are beginning this week. Check out the Advent info at the church info center or table outside of the Youth Room & Website! Check out these studies:
Mondays @ 7PM beginning November 26th, Facilitator: Bob Kuchner
Tuesdays @ 1PM beginning November 27th, Facilitator: Sam Purses
Sundays @ 9:45AM beginning December 2nd, Facilitator: Jim Skinner
Sundays @ 9:45AM beginning December 2nd, Facilitator: Kim Reynolds
Sundays @ 11:00AM beginning December 2nd, Facilitator:

Youth and Children will participate in the study through their Sunday School Classes. Beginning Dec.2: Preschool – 5th Grade: 9:45 & 11:00, Youth: 11:00

Sparkle for Jesus Advent Program on Wednesday, NOV 28:

Featuring local author and Faith Friends Preschool parent, Jill Hardie! Jill will share the story and tradition behind her newly released book, The Sparkle Box. The Sparkle Box is a heartwarming picture book about a Christmas tradition that honors Jesus on Christmas day. Join us at 6:00 pm for dinner (Reservations Required by TODAY!). Program & activities begin at 6:30 pm.

- Story time with author, Jill Hardie
- Advent activity centers for adults and kids of all ages
- Make your own Sparkle Box
- Book signing (Books will be available for purchase.)
- Library Open House

For a Complete List of Advent Programs, visit our website or pick up a flyer in the Gathering Area or outside the Family Life Center.

Advent Books Available! Check out the 2012 Advent Devotional Book available **ONLINE, through the Spiritual Formation Blog, & in print!** In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we have a limited number of printed Advent Devotionals. Please visit the website to learn how you can view the devotional digitally each day throughout Advent!

Nativity Exhibit: Stop and visit the Nativity Display in the Gathering Area! Be sure to journey down to the West Parlor to view the beautiful depiction of the scenery around and including the Nativity Scene!

Hanging of the Greens Please come and help decorate the church for the Advent season! We will meet on Saturday, December 1st 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 28th. Items can be placed in the box in the church office. THANK YOU!

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!

UMW Christmas Tea Please drop by Sunday, December 2nd from 2-4 pm for a spot of tea sponsored by UMW! Music & Entertainment by VOCL. 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 26th. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or in the FLC. Hats & Gloves optional! Children Welcome!

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!

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Family All families have been adopted! Nancy King can call Community Christmas and receive more families if you would still like to adopt one. Call her at 330.499.2711. Financial donations are still being accepted. The last day to adopt a family is December 5th.

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 7th, 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 10th. 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.

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

Calling All Bakers! UMW is planning their annual **Cookie Walk for Sunday, December 9th**! 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 7th from 9am to 4pm or Saturday, December 8th 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 kwldrn@cs.com. 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: Have you seen our NEW Advent tab on the website? Get information about studies you can join, events happening each week,

view the digital copy of the Advent Devotional & find details about Christmas Eve Services! Check it out at www.faithumchurch.org

Worship Attendance Last Sunday:

<u>8:30</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>
135	158	135	450

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

Sunday

9:45 & 11
11:00 am

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:00 am
9:00 am
9:30 am
1:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:15 am
7:30 am
12:00 pm
5:45 pm
7:00 pm

Friday

5:00 pm

Saturday

1:00 pm

November 25

Sunday School for Nursery, Preschool & Adults!
Teen Tech Team Meeting – Conference Room

November 26

Advent Small Group Study, W Parlor
Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16
Meditation Group, Room 8
Men's Open Basketball, FLC

November 27

Men's Prayer Group, Balcony
Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6
Celebration Bells – Rm 8
Advent Small Group Study, Rm 16
Women's Bible Study, W Parlor
Boy Scouts, RH, FLC
Confirmation Meeting, Chapel

November 28

Women's Morning Study Group, W Parlor
Church Staff Meeting
Carol Choir, Choir Room
Cherub Choir, Rm 8
Dinner, RH (RSVP to CHURCH)
Sparkle For Jesus Advent Program
Sewing For Missions, Rm 6
Chancel Choir

November 29

Retired Men's Breakfast: Susanna's
Working Women's Breakfast, Samantha's
Library Volunteers
Boy Scouts – God & Life, Rm 5
Trustees

November 23

Faith Friends Parents Night Out, FLC

November 24

Hanging of the Greens, Advent Decorating

Faith

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

300 Ninth Street NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720
Telephone: (330) 499-6040 Fax: (330) 305-1600
Email: ncfaith@faithumchurch.org
www.faithumchurch.org



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 Tom & Pam Wig in memory of Rod & Mary Martinsen, Paul & Margaret Wig, & Clif & Dorothy Wig and by Glenn & Dorothy Myles in blessing and honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

November 25, 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.



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!