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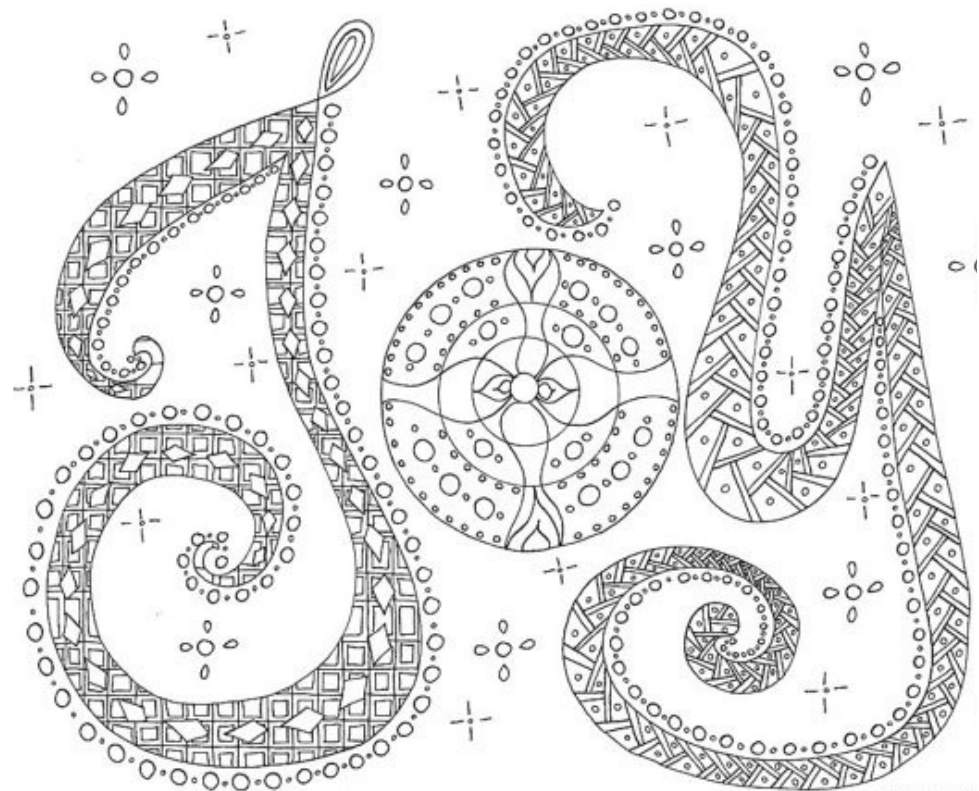
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★ Items need to be submitted for the bulletin by Wednesday morning.

★ If you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, we would like to know...call us at 453-7988.

# Faith

# United Methodist Church



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

ADVENT 2016



**Faith United Methodist Church**  
**December 11, 2016**  
**The Order of Worship**



Announcements and Welcome. (Please sign the Connection Card)

♪ Prelude

📖 Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

🕯️ Lighting of Advent Candles

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
 send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

**We who have so much to do  
 seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.**

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your  
 coming among us.

**We who are blessed in so many ways  
 long for the complete joy of your kingdom.**

We whose hearts are heavy  
 seek the joy of your presence.

**We are your people,  
 walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.**

**To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"** ~written by Fr.  
 Henri J. M. Nouwen

Today, we relight the candles of Hope and Peace. And we light  
 the pink candle of Joy!

**Please pray for:** Faith UMC, Karen Curtin, Bob & Melanie Kirkwood, Pam Thomas, Terry England Family, Phil & Grandma Plummer, Janice Moore's healing, Jimmy Moore, Family of Bob Dudley, Loni Revercomb, Don Miller, Cindy Morehead, Jordan Lang, Jared Lang, Bonita Klinehoffer, John & Kim Cain, Daniel Ghrist, Janice Moore family, Shellie Siefert, Sherry Brooks, Jim Porter, Dianna Slifko, Kay Baker, Melissa Wood, Joesy Moore, Ben Welker, Sarah Ardrey-Welker, Carole Sayre, Debbie Paul, Doug Adams, Alice Goyne, Norma Coyle, Jeannine Cady, Pam Thomas, Henrietta Hurst, Logan Wolford, Joyce Stimpert, Art Herron, Todd Sands, Erin Watts, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

**Medical Faith shut-ins:** Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.

*Pray for your church, your pastor and your church leaders. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless we are otherwise notified. Please submit all prayer requests by detaching and put in offering plate.*

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## Calendar for Faith

Sunday, December 11

Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
New Hope Circle: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 14

Advent Study: 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 15

Leadership Meeting: 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 18

Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Wednesday, December 21

Advent Study: 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 22

Church Office closed at noon

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service: 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Worship @ First UMC 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 27-30

(Pastor Justin Williams will be working in our church)

📖 Call to Prayer "*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*" UMH 204

✝ Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

✉ Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

✝ The Doxology UMH 95

✝ Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

📖 Hymn: "*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*" (insert)

### **Jubilation, Celebration, & Festivity!** **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11** **Pastor Joy French**

📖 Hymn "*Joy to the World!*" UMH 246

✝ Benediction (Congregation reads bold print)

We leave this sacred space in peace and joy because of what the Incarnation means.

**We have a Savior who knows what it is to be tired and tested, befriended and betrayed, adored and reviled.**

There is no sadness, no pain, no grief we can experience that Christ has not already plumbed to the depths.

**God's Spirit is in every circumstance, in every place, at all times with us.**

Go, beloved, to walk with God, rejoicing as Advent people. **Amen.**

**Faith UMC's Christmas Project: Bring the Homeless out of invisibility.  
Muskingum County Point In Time (PIT) Homeless Count 2017**



Beginning now until Christmas, we will be collecting items to hand out during the annual homeless count in January. The items that are collected will be distributed to the homeless individuals/families volunteers locate during the Point in Time Homeless Street Count conducted in January 2017.

Items needed for the 2017 Point In Time Homeless Count

- ✓ New or gently used Water-Resistant/Proof Dark Colored Sleeping Bags (Temperature Graded for COLD Ohio winters preferred) (Desperately needed!)
- ✓ Heavy Wool Socks, Hats, Scarves & Gloves (Desperately needed!)
- ✓ New or Gently used Dark Colored Backpacks (always needed)
- ✓ Hygiene Products [Please no mouthwash or Hand Sanitizer]
- ✓ Non-perishable snacks [Granola Bars, Packs of crackers, etc.]
- ✓ Bottled Water

If you have any questions regarding the items or the PIT count contact Lynsey Yarger-Co-Chairman

Muskingum County Continuum of care at 740-454-6866 ext. 344 or Email: [hcvp-fss@zanesvillehousing.org](mailto:hcvp-fss@zanesvillehousing.org)

Items can be brought to Faith UMC anytime from now until Christmas and we will take them down. Last year's homeless count was around 50 people. Let's help keep those 50 people warm this winter!

↑↑ **Attention** ↑↑↑

**Please note that thermal socks, gloves, and scarves are DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

**CHANGE FOR SOCKS FOR CHANGE OF SOCKS!!!**

The ladies of the UMW Eventide Circle have created a new a challenge. By donating change from their pocketbooks at every meeting, they are able to buy socks for the free store. Just in the last two months they have donated 48 pairs of socks. Way to go girls.

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**Communion**

If you would like the privilege of serving communion, call Amanda in the office and ask to be placed on the Communion Steward list for the New Year. Likewise if you would like to be removed from the list let Amanda know.

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**Liturgists for December**

December 11	Marlene Farley
December 18	Randy Schreiber
December 24	Nick Howard