

The Northern Association Workshops will be on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1:30 to 4:15 pm at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall, PA. These include workshops on Stewardship, Storytelling, and church budgeting. Bring some snacks – either “something good for us” or “something chocolaty” and enjoy the learning and fellowship.

We welcome Karen Gilmore as our new Church Secretary. Karen is in the Church Office from 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Thursday. The Church Office is closed on Fridays. Stop by and say “hello.” We are grateful for her presence here.

Do you have a birthday in February? The Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a “birthday table” on Feb. 7 in Romig Hall for all those who have a birthday in February. We want to do our part to help you celebrate that special day.

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.

This Week At Faith UCC

TODAY	10:45 am	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
	7-8 pm	Al-Anon (ML)
MONDAY	9:30 am	Ministerium at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Future Task Group Meeting (AB)
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)
SATURDAY	9:00 am	Consistory (RH)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 am	Church School (AH); Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	3:15 pm	Friendship Tutoring begins winter session

AB = Antoinette Brown Room; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Jan 18		Faith Works! Newsletter Deadline
Jan 19	7 pm	Trustee and Stewardship MT (AB)
Jan 20	7 pm	Education and Spiritual Growth MT (AB)
Jan 23	9-1:30 pm	Future Workshop (RH)
Jan 25	5 pm	Outreach and Service MT (AB)
Jan 31	10:45 am	The Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent preaching “Souper Sunday” following worship

Please ask an usher if you would like a large print bulletin.

Church Consistory (Elders of the Church)

Davin Carr— <i>President</i>	Kees Brandse— <i>Co-Vice President</i>
Cyndi Vincenti— <i>Co-Vice President</i>	Brent Frank— <i>Secretary</i>
Don Asendorf, June Irvin, Sue Cromwell, Edna Bicehouse, Carlton Miller, Mary Jane Wild, Vaughn Shirk, Jean Weller	
<i>Ex-Officio:</i> Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser, <i>Pastor</i>	
Shannon Gibson— <i>Church Treasurer</i> and Barbara Chellman— <i>Financial Secretary</i>	



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First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2010

10:45 a.m.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome you to our church and invite you to sign the registration pads at the end of the pew on the center aisle. Also, please join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments. Note to parents: There are special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12, along with a clipboard with crayons and plain paper in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

***Please stand at those places indicated by an asterisk.**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: The light of a candle is enough to chase away the darkness.

C: Burn bright in us, O God.

L: Drops of water will bring a seed to birth.

C: Refresh us with your flowing love.

L: One song can drive despair away.

C: Sing your song in us and through us, again and again.

L: Words of truth strengthen and heal.

C: Plant your truth deep in our hearts and souls.

All: Help us this day, O God, to see your light, feel your love, hear your song, and know your truth. We open our hearts and minds to your Spirit. Let us join together in worship.

*Hymn 157

Brightest and Best

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us how his ministry continues to reach out to us, healing our souls and preparing us to be his disciples. Help us to address, as he did, the troubles of the world. Give us insight into the reasons why people suffer, and grant us the courage to challenge injustice in our day. Help us draw strength from one another and from your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share “the peace of Christ”; then be seated.

Choir Anthem *On Jordan's Bank* Music: Claudio Monteverdi
Accompanied on flute by *Bridget and Glenn Canning* Text: Charles Coffin
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.
Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;

And let each heart prepare a home,
Where such a mighty guest may come.
All laud to God the Father be;
All praise eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory to the Spirit raise
In equal and unending praise.

A Time for Children

After this, all children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery; 4th graders and older are invited to remain in the service. Activity packets are available in the narthex.

*Hymn 524 *This Little Light of Mine* (vs. 1-3)

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Sermon *The Baptism of Jesus*

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Offering

In gratitude for life itself and for God's many gifts to us and to all humankind, we take this opportunity to offer up our gifts to God. Let us give with grateful hearts.

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received; accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing, that it may promote peace and goodwill among people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 160 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser
Organist—Keith Diehl *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt
Church School Coordinator—Cindy Neidigh *Liturgist*—Sue Cromwell
Church Secretary—Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier
Ushers—Dan & Eileen Phaff, Bob Ritzman, Neil Christy
Trustee—Tom Daubert *Nursery*—Angie Morrison

WELCOME to Faith UCC. We're a church that "seeks to be a dynamic and inclusive faith community embodying the love of Jesus Christ as we grow through worship, learning, fellowship and service." We're glad you chose to worship with us today. Please join us following the service for fellowship and refreshments in Romig Hall.

Please note: Friendship Tutoring begins next Sunday on January 17.

Mark your calendars! There will be a workshop sponsored by the Future Task Group on Saturday, January 23rd from 9 am to 1:30 pm. This is the culmination of two years of work helping to set priorities and strategies for ministry in the years to come. An invitation has been mailed to many people in the congregation. There are more available on the round table in the Gathering Space. Please fill one out and put in the offering plate or leave in the church office. This is a wonderful opportunity. Thanks to the team who are planning and facilitating this event.

Sunday, January 31 is "Souper Sunday" here at Faith Church. We welcome as preacher the Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent, Regional Conference Minister for the Central, Northern, Lancaster, and Lebanon Associations of the UCC. Following worship, the Confirmands will host a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, veggies, and dessert. All donations made for the lunch will go toward the cost of their Confirmation Retreat to be held from March 5-7 at Hartman Center.

Sunday, February 7, is Communion Sunday. We welcome one of our own members, the Rev. Joe Krabill as preacher. Rev. Krabill serves as Chair of our Outreach and Service Ministry Team. He is also on the Executive Council of the UCC and is active in the Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference and local service ministries. Communion will be served in the pews.

The special offering for January is for the Fuel Fund of the Interfaith Mission. The Mission draws from your contributions as well as from state assistance to help people heat their homes. You may put your contribution in the Missions envelope or write "Fuel Fund" on your check and put in the offering plate.

The Sock drive continues!!! Check out the "Sock" tree in the Gathering Space where the Church School is collecting socks for the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. They will be delivered there by our workgroup led by Joe and Terri Krabill in March.

MISSION TRIP: Join us for a great week of fun, fellowship and service on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, March 13-21. Reservations must be in by **January 31** in order to confirm accommodations. For more information and a registration form contact Joe Krabill at 364-9812 or remkrab@verizon.net.