

Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday.

There will be no formal service, but the day will begin at **8:30 am** with a brief time of prayer and a cappella singing. This will be repeated at **12:30 pm** and again at **6:30 pm**. Otherwise, the sanctuary will be open (and heated) for private prayers. Rev. Prosser will be available during most of that time to talk or pray with anyone who comes. Take a few minutes on this important day to repent, make a commitment for a Lenten discipline, and seek God's guidance for the days ahead.

This Week At Faith UCC

TODAY	10:45 AM	Worship (S) followed by soup and fellowship (RH)
	NOON	BackBay Mission Meeting (ML)
	3:15 PM	Friendship Tutoring
	7-8 PM	Al-Anon (ML)
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Worship and Care MT (AB)
WEDNESDAY		No service at the Atrium
THURSDAY	7 PM	Choir Practice (S)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Church School (AH); Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	10:45 AM	Communion with Rev. Joe Krabill as guest preacher
	1:30-4:15 PM	Northern Assoc Workshops at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall

Upcoming Events

Feb 8	9:30 AM	Ministerium at the Rebersburg Parish
Feb 14	11:50 AM	Almost Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast (RH)
Feb 16	7 PM	Trustee and Stewardship Ministry Team (AB)
Feb 17		Ash Wednesday/Sanctuary open 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Singing and group prayers at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm.
Feb 20	9 – 11 AM	Consistory (RH)
Feb 22	5 PM	Outreach and Service Ministry Team (AB)
Feb 24	7 PM	Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team (AB)
Feb 27		Church Nursery Cleanup/Ed and SG Ministry Team

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

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>	

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



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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 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 available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meta Meckstroth

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: God gives to each of us one day at a time.

C: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

L: Deep enough for prayer and silence within the busyness;

C: Time enough to make a phone call, write a note, or give a word of encouragement.

L: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

C: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;

L: The right time to embrace friends, greet strangers, interact with children and sing praise to God.

All: Let us give thanks to God for this day.

*Hymn 84

This is the Day

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

Steadfast Lover of humanity, we come before you this day in our ongoing search for an increase of wisdom and understanding. We seek to base our lives on the love of Christ, that from day to day we may be faithful and forgiving. Through your Spirit, build your church into a living temple, a sign of your presence on earth. We pray this in the name of Jesus. 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.*

Anthem *When the Perfect Comes* Music: Carson P. Cooman
Text: Adapted from the Bible by Matthew F. Burton (Romans 12:1-2; I Corinthians 13:8,10)
*Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you.
I call upon you: present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
Holy and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable worship.
Prophecies will come to an end, knowledge will come to an end;
Love never ends.
And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.
Do not be conformed to the present age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind,
So that you may discern the will of God:
What is good, what is well pleasing, what is good and perfect. Amen.*

A Time for Children Rev. Mark Meckstroth
*After this, all children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery;
4th graders and older are invited to remain in the service.*

*Hymn 177 *God of Change and Glory*
Scripture Reading I Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 4:21-30
Sermon "Our Limitations Upon God's Vision"

Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer followed by 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 generously and 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)
**We thank you, Holy God, for speaking your word of hope and love to us this
day. In gratitude for this and for all your blessings, we return to you a portion of what
you have given to us. May it be used for the furtherance of your kingdom in this
community and beyond. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Hymn 573 *Lead On Eternal Sovereign*
*Benediction
*Benediction Response and Postlude

Rev. Fluent

Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser
Organist—Keith Diehl *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt
Church School Coordinator—Cindy Neidigh *Liturgist*—Meta Meckstroth
Church Secretary—Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier
Ushers—Dan & Eileen Pfaff & Sue Cromwell *Coffee Hosts*—Confirmands' Fundraiser
Sunday Trustee—Mark Meckstroth *Nursery*—Ginny & Bob Biber

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, located in the lower level.

Today 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 offered for the lunch will go toward the cost of their Confirmation Retreat to be held from March 5-7 at Hartman Center.

Today, following worship, there is a meeting of all those who are interested in the March work trip to the Backbay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. Joe and Terri Krabill will be there to answer questions about the trip, including how to register for it. Meeting held in Meyer Library.

Sunday, February 7, is Communion Sunday. We welcome 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 President of the Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference. Communion will be served in the pews.

The Northern Association Workshops will be held Sunday, Feb.7 at Trinity UCC, Centre Hall at 1:30- 4:15. Hopefully there will be two of the three workshops offered that will be of interest to everyone. A Bible Study and introduction of the Still Speaking Devotional, a new way to look at church budgeting and new ways to recycle. If you are planning to attend the workshop and would like to make a snack to share (something good for us or made of chocolate) please let Terri know. 364-9812

The special offering for January is for the Fuel Fund of the Interfaith Mission. This helps low income 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.

The Congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invites you to a celebration of the Rev. Richard Wall as their new rector. Wed, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

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.