

FAITH NOTES

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From the Pastor

The writing is on the wall...

The days between Thanksgiving and Christmas invite nostalgia...dreaming, visions. Then the turn of the year challenges us to either put those dreams away for another year or make something of them. I am a chronic dreamer and notoriously cannot wait until the sanctioned season for such things. So, I've been remembering and dreaming...

The Sunday prior to Thanksgiving 2004 the congregation marched into the cinderblock framed new Sunday School wing wielding permanent markers. Our voices were lifted high as we sang "Now Thank We All Our God."

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

The song of thanks inspired and propelled us as we wrote on the unfinished walls our prayers, hopes, dreams, and visions for this community of faith. Those prayers, hopes, dreams and visions are now built into the structure of the Spencer UMC.

Prayers, hopes, dreams and visions written on walls are a beautiful image. The hands that then lay down the pen to pick up the hammer, the serving spoon, the hand of a sister or brother; the cross of Christ animate vision into mission and ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We, the people of Faith UMC, have written our own prayers, hopes, dreams, and visions on the wall. In February of 2010 we set marker to newsprint as we discerned God's Vision for Faith and the community we serve. The Spirit has been at work bringing that vision to life through the first class of Stephen Ministers, the Garden of Weedin', the newly formed Health and Wellness Team to name a few. Now, we will discern and draft a plan to further animate this vision into mission and ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hugh Ballou is a strategist who is coming to FUMC. He will act as a Design/Build Contractor of Mission and Ministry with ALL of us for the next 12 months. During this time we will be equipped and empowered to strategize and plan for enacting the vision we have discerned to be God's for the Faith congregation and the community we serve. This plan will include the shaping of staff configuration, the hiring of new staff and the shaping of a ministry configuration which will best facilitate God's call upon this faith community.

God's visions for us have been written on the walls. The turn of the new year challenges us to put those dreams away for another year or make something of them.

Let's make something of them! Let's gather to celebrate and honor the ministry and mission that has been and is. Let 's gather to strategically plan for the ways in which we will make ourselves open to the power of the Spirit to animate God's vision.

Pastor Cara

Forming Faith, Building Up the Body: Beginning to Draft a Blueprint

December 9th - 5:45 to 9PM

December 10 - 8:30AM to 2PM

Come, be a part of shaping God's vision into action!

RSVP by December 4th

Christmas
Eve
Worship



FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

It was not a "Silent Night" in Bethlehem when Jesus was born! The city was bursting with visitors, including many children and crying babies. The animals were restless.

Everyone was busy.

Once again, the **7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service** will be the *Family Manger Service*. In addition to special music by our children's choirs, ALL CHILDREN are invited to be part of the telling of the wondrous night. Children may dress as **angels** or **shepherds**. (Think bathrobes for shepherds and tinsel in the hair for angels.) The church has a limited number of costumes which will be available. There will be no rehearsal this year. Just follow the directions given during the service. Out-of-town visitors are welcome too!

If you have any costumes that we may have or use, please see Trudy. We'd love to have some sheep too!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

On November 16th, the FW Friends kids made cards and packed 30+ shoe boxes with their donations for Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to the Mission Team for helping to pay the \$7 apiece processing fee.

We conclude the 11-week fall session on **December 7th**, with many thanks to our volunteers who made it all possible. Parents please check with the children's choir directors about their schedules. We start again with the winter program on **January 18th**. Kids, invite your friends. Parents, consider getting your children involved on Wednesday nights!



THREE GIFTS

As a way of countering the consumerism that threatens to overtake Christmas, some parents are considering just three gifts for each of their children this year: (1) a spiritual gift; (2) an educational gift; (3) a fun gift. Focusing more on relationships and experiences might give your family the best Christmas ever! Santa can change the rules!

FIRST TUESDAY

You've heard of First Friday, the arts extravaganza each month in Canton! Please join us for prayer, singing, sharing on the **First Tuesday** of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel.

On December 6th our presenter will be Rev. Tom Douce. We will begin the new year on January 3rd with Rev. John Ferris presenting. Most of us go out for breakfast afterwards!



CHRISTMAS DAY

There is only **one service (10:30 a.m.) on Christmas Day**. This is a time when families should be together, so there will not be any Sunday school classes or nursery care available on this special Sunday. God bless you as you celebrate Christ's birth as a family.

2011 Christmas Offering

The Service in Mission Team has prepared the allocation list for the 2011 Christmas offering.

- The church continues to support both national and international outreach, by continuing to give support to our six missionaries. A new family has been added to the list this Christmas.
- We continue our covenant with the Interfaith Campus Ministry at Kent Stark-Stark State Campus.
- We have also selected the following additional recipients for the 2011 Christmas Offering: Faith Kitchen, Flat Rock Children's Home, Berea Children's Home and A Community Christmas.
- The following ministries will be included in a decision by the Service in Mission Team after the above allocations are met: Camphor United Methodist Mission Liberia Advance #12548A, Faith Kitchen (extra money), and Vine and Branches India Ministries.

There are many who need our help this year. Please give generously as Faith United Methodist Church always does.

*Christmas
Offering*



What's up with our Men?

- **Prayer Group** meets on-Tuesdays at 6:00 am in the back of the balcony
- **Men's Life Study Group** will meet December 3rd & 17th at 7:00 AM at Variety's on N. Main St. in North Canton for breakfast. We are reading "Disappearing Man" by Doug Peterson.



Second Wind

Just a Reminder

There will be no Second Wind activity in December



Second Wind

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, January 10th
Dot Fisher will present her program on her recent African Safari trip

FAITH BIBLE CLASS



This class meets at 9:45 in the office conference room, with discussion led by Bob Snyder. The class will be starting a study of First Corinthians in December. While new members are welcome at any time, this would be a great time to join this class. Come learn what the Apostle Paul says about "walking the talk."



KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP

Back by popular demand! **Fondue Party**

Please join us on Saturday, December 10th at 6:30 pm for our annual party and gag gift exchange. We will eat, wrap Community Christmas gifts, eat, laugh, eat, exchange gag gifts, sing and eat!!

All are welcome! Please contact Jan Baker at 330-499-7321 or rbaker1@neo.rr.com to learn more about the celebration.

Singles



Fun Over 50

The group will be going to the Canton Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 PM, at Umstadd Hall.

There are 2 tickets available for anyone who would like to join us. Cost is \$19.20

Call Bev Temple at 330-244-8518

From the Finance Ministry Team

If you are interested in having your monthly offering donations automatically deducted from your account and sent to the church, the Finance Ministry Team encourages you to fill out a green authorization form located in the Information Station and return it to the church office



United Methodist Women

Fifty-one (51) pair of glasses were sent to our contact for Glasses for Masses. The glasses will be sent to the mission staff in South America. Also, 210 Campbell soup can codes were sent to the Red Bird Mission. Remember - they were able to buy a new van with labels and bar codes. Every little bit counts. Collection boxes for the labels and glasses are in the hallway off the Gathering Area. Thank you so much. Lynda Lebold, Global Missions

No One Wants to Think About It

... but what are your plans? Have you visited the Faith UMC Memory Garden and Columbarium recently? It is the beautiful resting place of the ashes of several beloved Faith Church members. Many more have made firm plans for spaces in our columbarium. Our fees, which include inscription of the name on a brass plate of the columbarium niche and perpetual maintenance of the garden, are \$1000 per individual and \$800 for each additional immediate family member. Find more information in the Gathering Area. Applications are available in the church office along with complete rules and regulations.



Annual
Cookie Walk

UMW COOKIE WALK

Please support the United Methodist Women with our annual Cookie Walk on December 11th. Homemade cookies will be on sale in the gathering area following all three services and will be sold by the dozen. Proceeds will benefit local and global UMW missions.

Canton Calvary Mission requests Boxed Potatoes for December

The Mission feeds over 500 families monthly and appreciates all donations of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene and paper products. A marked box is located in the gallery for contributions to the Food Pantry. Thanks for your generous support.



Giving
Tree

On November 27th the Giving Tree was put up in the Gathering Area and has 130 names on it. These names are of children in day care and senior citizens who are in nursing facilities with very little family, if any. You choose a card from the tree and purchase the gift for that individual. Please do not pay more than \$25 total for your gifts. Please wrap the gifts and tape the Giving Tree Card on the gift. Return the gift by December 11th. We will transport the gifts to Community Christmas for distribution. Faith Church has always been a strong supporter of this project. We thank you so much.

Calling all
Bakers



We need bakers to donate 6 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. Cookies can be dropped off in the Gathering Area on Friday, December 9th from 9:00-4:00 pm or Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am to noon.

Please indicate if your cookies contain nuts. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Kathy Myers at 330-361-4624



Coats for
Christmas

It is once again time for the annual Coats for Christmas Drive sponsored by Canton Community Christmas. Faith Church members have been generous contributors. Last year over 300 coats were collected. Your slightly used winter coats may be placed in the collection boxes located in the Gathering area and the Family Life Center entrance until December 11th.

CHURCH WIDE



Food
Challenge

The Stewardship Ministry Team came through and donated **10 nonperishable food items** at their October meeting. The Staff Parish Relations Team also donated 6 items. These food donations will make it possible for a family to have a few meals. Many of us have **so much!** Write yourself a note on the calendar to bring nonperishable food items to your next ministry team meeting. Ministry team leaders and other group leaders, send an email to your team members to remind them. Then, turn in the number of nonperishable food items collected to Lauralee by December 13th. We won't miss a few items out of our pantries, but those few items can make a big difference to someone else! In January, I will give a report of the total number of nonperishable food items donated through this church wide challenge in 2011. Lauralee Stiffler
lstiffler@faithumchurch.org



MEMBERSHIP CARE

Births: River Henry born October 21 to Kendrick and Jordan. Proud grandparents are Lynn and Tom Strauch
Breck Maddox born November 7 to Sara and Shawn Johnson. Proud grandparents are Bill and Nancy Maddox

Birthdays: December 4th, Joseph Reiserer, 94
December 21st, Dorothy Wig, 91

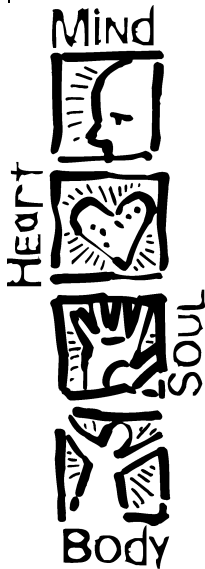
Deaths: We extend our sympathy to:
Mary, David and Lindsay Milhoan on the death of Mary's Aunt Jean
Peggy and Jim Savage on the death of their niece, Mary Tydin Miller

Thank you notes have been received from: Lucille Ewing, Charles & Mary Jane Fletcher, Diane Novak and Tina Romell and families, Dorothy Sayers

The notes are posted on the bulletin board in Robinson Hallway.



Health and Wellness Team



Biblical studies, theological reflections, and sermons often mention the very close connection between salvation and wholeness/wellness. A number of folks responded to an inquiry about the possibility of a group of folk who would be willing to give attention to the life of Faith UMC from that perspective. Such a perspective includes physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and well-being of individuals and of the Faith family. Specific attention will be given to those topics, issues, and concerns that can be a part of becoming healthier for one and all.

In one of our early meetings, it was determined that we would do well to have “Durable Medical Equipment” (such as wheelchairs, potty chairs, etc.) available for use by members and friends of the church. That is now in place. Watch for more information about this.

A few of the other topics/issues that are being given attention are: establishment of an Emergency Response Team, location of all First Aid Kits, making different spaces available for wheelchairs in the sanctuary, making certain that foods with nuts in them are identified at all church wide gatherings that involve foods, and provide gluten free bread for communion.

If you have other health/wellness issues that you would want us to consider, please let us know. Jay Althouse and Cindy Wilcox, co-chairs

Communications Policy

At the Church Board meeting held on November 1 the following policy dealing with communications was approved. The policy reads: *Faith United Methodist Church may include in its publications (including Faith Notes, Sunday bulletins and inserts) any events sponsored by Faith United Methodist and the greater United Methodist Church to include the Tuscarawas District, the East Ohio Conference and the General United Methodist Church.. Community events and causes that are not sponsored by Faith United Methodist Church and the greater United Methodist Church, including events that involve any number of FUMC members, may be publicized on the FUMC community bulletin board.*

TROOP 12

Troop 12 News—December 2011



Our month in review:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were able to attend our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Friday, October 28. We served 75 guests a dinner of spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, drinks and dessert.

We have been working on our cooking merit badge over the past few weeks, and we are now finally finished. The entire troop has been learning the ins and outs of becoming real “professional cooks”. We cannot wait to use our new skills in the great outdoors.

On November 11, 12, 13 we had our annual “Thanksgiving in the Woods” at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge Ohio. Many parents were able to attend and were able to watch us use our newly acquired cooking skills. Rest assured the fear of starving to death in the woods is no longer a concern for us. Do you really believe that? Ha! Ha!

On December 2, 3, 4, we will be going camping in Hocking Hills in southern Ohio. We will be hiking 20 miles that weekend so the ride home will be a quiet one; we will be asleep from all that walking.

On Christmas Eve, we will be placing the luminaries around the church property for everyone to enjoy. It is really quite a beautiful sight to see all the candles glowing against the night sky.

Finally, on Friday, December 30 we will be having a troop lock-in here in the Family Life Center. We will be watching movies, eating popcorn and pizza, and playing games with one another.

It is with a humble and respectful attitude that we, the Boy Scouts of Troop 12, would like to wish all of you, our faithful supporters, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May the Lord bless and keep you safe in His never-ending love.

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Worship with Us:

Sunday Services: 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00
Sunday School: 9:45 & 11:00

Get to Know Us:

Reverends Steve & Cara Stultz Costello, Co-Pastors
Trudy Jones, Director of Christian Education
Alina Dorto, Director of Faith Friends

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Join us for the Monthly Prayer Service on Tuesday, December 6 at 8:00 a.m. Rev. Tom Douce will be our presenter.

Volunteer Opportunities
Quilters/Sewers
Tuesdays, 9-11:30 a.m. Rooms 5 & 6
Betsy Oby, Chair

Stitchers:
Bring handwork
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. in the Parlor
Bixler Library
Thursdays, noon to 2 p.m.
Candy Ziegler, Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry
1st Thursdays, 2-4p.m. in the Parlor
Barbara Whitacre, Chair

Sewing for Missions
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., RH

Worship in December

December 4-Second Sunday of Advent; Communion Pastor Cara
8:30 Joy Unlimited
9:45 Praise Team
11:00 Chancel Choir

December 7- 6:30 Advent Evening Service
Dr. Sandy Lutz, Speaker
11:00 Chancel Choir
9:45 Praise Team
8:30 Chancel Choir
Commission Stephen Ministers

December 11-Third Sunday of Advent Pastor Steve
11:00 Chancel Choir
9:45 Praise Team
8:30 Chancel Choir

December 14- 6:30 Advent Evening Service
Rev. Kurt Landerholm, Speaker
11:00 Chancel Choir
9:45 Praise Team
8:30 Joanne Fox, Hammered Dulcimer

December 18- Fourth Sunday of Advent Pastor Cara
11:00 Baptisms; Carol Choir, Joy Unlimited
9:45 Praise Team
Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz, Speaker
6:30 Advent Evening Service

December 21- 6:30 Advent Evening Service
11:00 Chancel Choir, Joy Unlimited
9:45 Praise Team
8:30 Joanne Fox, Hammered Dulcimer

December 24-Christmas Eve Services
5:00 Praise Team
7:00 Cherub, Carol Choirs, Family Manger Service
9:00 Joy Unlimited
11:00 Chancel Choir, Communion
December 25-10:30 One Family Oriented Service Pastor Steve
Carol Sing



Wednesday Nights in Advent

Wednesday November 30th

ONE PRAYER: Lord, Teach us to Pray

Rev. Jim Winkler, District Superintendent of the Ohio Valley District

Wednesday December 7th

ONE PRAYER: God's Invitation to "Otherness"

Dr. Sandy Lutz, Conference Lay Person

Wednesday December 14th

ONE PRAYER: One Lord

Rev. Kurt Landerholm, District Superintendent of the Tuscarawas District

Wednesday December 21st

ONE PRAYER: One Baptism

Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz, District Superintendent of the Canal District

Come have dinner at 6:00 and hear some of the East Ohio Conference Leadership lift up their ONE PRAYER for the Church and the World. Make your reservations for dinner by the Monday of each week by contacting the church office at 330.499.6040 or ncfaith@faithumchurch.org. Child care available upon request.

"TO CAROL OR NOT TO CAROL...THIS IS THE QUESTION"

Church folks have different perspectives on the singing of Christmas carols during the season of Advent. Here are some of the reasons "To Carol" or "Not to Carol"

To Carol

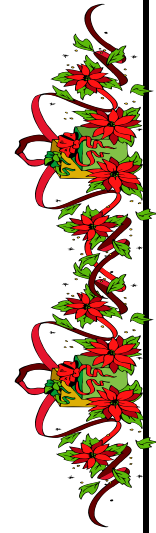
1. Malls and radio stations, even Christian radio stations, have been playing Christmas carols since right after Halloween.
2. "It's just a bummer to go to church week after week and never hear carols until Christmas Eve," notes David Lose, a professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and author of *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*. "I think we ought to lighten up a little."
3. Pushing Christmas songs off until Dec. 24 doesn't leave much time for enjoying them — or teaching them to children.
4. Christmas is a remembrance. Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago. He is born in us new each day. Let's celebrate, let's sing those carols!

Not to Carol

1. In the church calendar, Christmas doesn't actually start until Christmas. The four prior Sundays make up a time called Advent, a time of waiting and preparation before Christmas, with its own songs and liturgies.
2. "We would not sing *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* on Good Friday," notes the Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, director of Worship Resources for the General Board Discipleship of the United Methodist Church.
3. Let's all come to church during the Season of Christmas! In this season (12 days) we will belt out "Joy to the World" at the top of our lungs.
4. Churches can invite people to wait and hope as a spiritual discipline. Ideally, Advent services can make people revel in the joy of anticipation by waiting to sing Christmas carols.

Both of these perspectives have merit. So, at Faith in this Season of Advent we are going to experience a "Taste of What is to Come." Each Sunday of Advent 10 minutes prior to each of the three worship services we will sing three favorite Christmas carols. Come early...sing to celebrate "What is to Come!"

December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Is NOT a Bible verse!"</p> <p>4 Second Sunday of Advent Communion Pastor Cara 5:30p Joy Unlimited Rehearsal 6:30p REFUGE (High School)</p>	<p>MON. SCHEDULE 7:00p Men's open Basketball 7:00p Covenant Bible study 7:00p The Gospel of Mark</p> <p>5 MON. SCHEDULE 12:00 Women's Group "A Hopeful Earth" 6:00p Scout Committee Meeting 7:00p Meditation Class</p>	<p>TUE. SCHEDULE 6:00a Men's Prayer Group 9:00a Sewing Group 9:30a Celebration Bells 6:30p Women's Group 7:00p Living the Question 7:00p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6 TUE. SCHEDULE 6:00p Confirmation Orientation 7:00p Church Board Meeting</p>	<p>WED. SCHEDULE 6:00a Men's Small Group 9:30a Women's Study Group 5:00p Cherub, Carol Choirs 7:30p Chancel Choir</p> <p>7 WED. SCHEDULE 6:00p Wednesday Program 6:00p Dinner 6:30p FW Friends 6:30p Parenting Class 6:30p Sewing for Missions 6:30p Advent Evening Service Dr. Sandy Lutz 6:30p Confirmation Orientation</p>	<p>1 THU. SCHEDULE 7:15a Retired Men's Breakf. 7:30a Working Women's Breakf. 7:30a Praise Team Planning 12:00p Library Volunteers 6:30p Stephen Ministry ***** 9:30a FFPS Dress Rehearsal 2:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p BLAST (Middle School)</p> <p>8 THU. SCHEDULE 2:00p Faith Stitches NO BLAST</p>	<p>2 9:30a FFPS Dress Rehearsal 7:00-8:00p FFPS Christmas Program Boy Scout Camp & Hike</p> <p>9 5:00p WWSOS 5:45-9:00p Leadership Training</p>	<p>3 7:30a Men's Life Study, Variety's</p> <p>10 8:30a-2:00p Leadership Training</p>
<p>11 Third Sunday of Advent Pastor Steve Stephan Ministers Commissioned JMW Cookie Walk 5:50p Joy Unlimited 6:30p All Youth Christmas Party</p>	<p>12 MON. SCHEDULE 9:00a Circle of Love 7:00p Meditation Class</p>	<p>13 TUE. SCHEDULE 6:30p Staff Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>14 WED. SCHEDULE 10:00 Assemble Fruit Baskets 12:00p Lydia Circle 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Advent Evening Service Rev. Kurt Landerholm</p>	<p>15 THU. SCHEDULE 1:00p Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30p BLAST (Middle School)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:30a Men's Life Study Variety's 3:00-5:00p Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>
<p>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Pastor Cara 11:00 Baptisms 5:30p Joy Unlimited rehearsal 6:30p REFUGE (High School)</p>	<p>19 MON. SCHEDULE 12:00p Women's Group "A Hopeful Earth" 7:00p Meditation Class</p>	<p>20 TUE. SCHEDULE</p>	<p>21 WED. SCHEDULE 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Advent Evening Service Dr. Valerie Stultz</p>	<p>22 THU. SCHEDULE NO BLAST</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm 11:00pm Christmas Eve Services</p>
<p>25 10:30 am One Family Oriented Christmas Day Service Pastor Steve</p>	<p>26 Office & Church Closed</p>	<p>27 Office & Church Closed</p>	<p>28 WED. SCHEDULE 6:00p Dinner (for High School Seniors & Post Highs)</p>	<p>29 THU. SCHEDULE NO BLAST</p>	<p>30 Boy Scout Lock-In at the church</p>	<p>31 Faith Kitchen Have a Happy And Safe New Year's Eve</p>



Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

On December 11, 2011, Faith United Methodist Church will commission their first class of Stephen Ministers. They are: *Paulette Baker, Tom Honnold, Mary Jane Moody, Mac McLaughlin, Tallie Paz, Sam Purses, Terry Morgan, Joe Shipman, Lynn Strauch, Jane Wagner, Sue Wheeler and Frank Widder.*

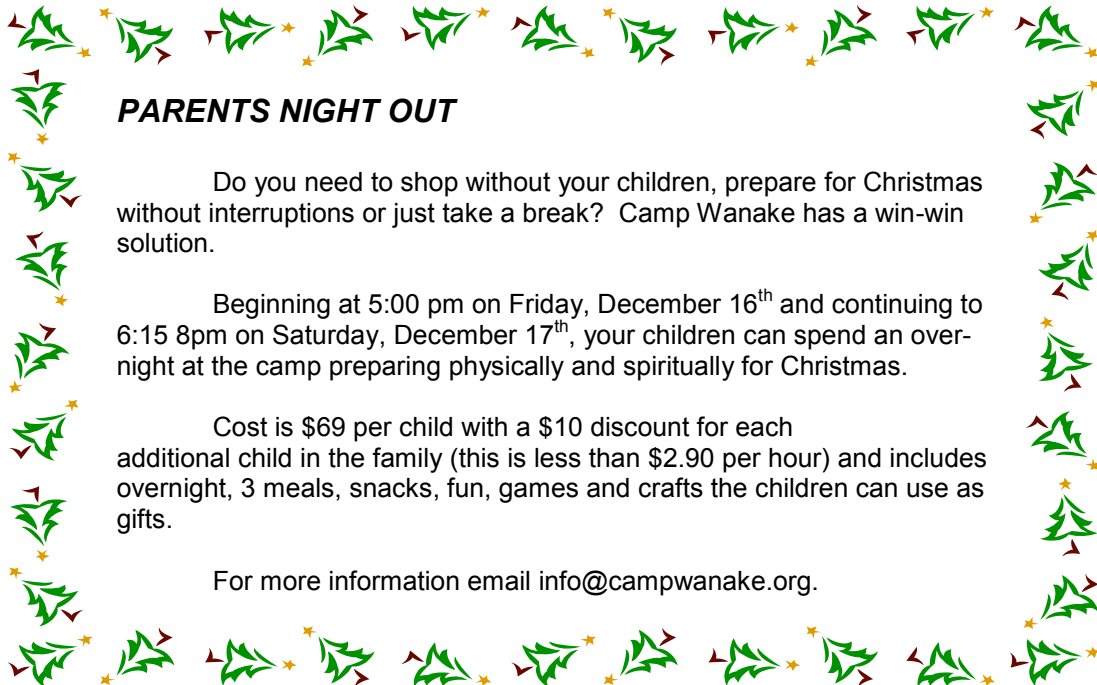
These 12 people have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian care giving and will form our first team of Stephen Ministers at Faith UMC. Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Our Stephen Leaders, Pastor Cara, Pam Honnold, Ron Luikart and Teresa Purses have taught the courses as they were prepared after attending an intensive week of training this past January. The Stephen Ministries organization is based in St. Louis but serves more than 11,000 congregations representing 150 Christian denominations worldwide. We are also blessed that Pastor Steve is a Stephen Leader as he participated in the training while at York UMC.

As of December 12, we are now trained to serve this exciting new ministry. God works in and through each of these trained members to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, are experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or the Pastors to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Please lift up our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they are serving. We thank you for all the prayers we have received as this new ministry at Faith was forming. We have felt those prayers and the Holy Spirit working within all of us as we begin this journey together as a family of Faith.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Do you need to shop without your children, prepare for Christmas without interruptions or just take a break? Camp Wanake has a win-win solution.

Beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 16th and continuing to 6:15 8pm on Saturday, December 17th, your children can spend an overnight at the camp preparing physically and spiritually for Christmas.

Cost is \$69 per child with a \$10 discount for each additional child in the family (this is less than \$2.90 per hour) and includes overnight, 3 meals, snacks, fun, games and crafts the children can use as gifts.

For more information email info@campwanake.org.