



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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New Member Welcomed

Burt Badenhop was welcomed as a new member of Faith Community UCC on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Pastor's Message

It's Christmas time again! As we say every year, it's hard to believe it's that time of year already. Well, it *is* hard to believe but it's here. Christmas songs have been playing on the radio and in the stores for at least two weeks. The temperatures have fallen, and we have had our first snow at the time I am writing this. Indeed it is Christmas time, not just in the city, like the song says, but everywhere. Like most times

in my life, it is hard to believe that this time has arrived because I really wasn't prepared for it. The point is that the time is here whether we are ready or not. The question is "What are we going to do with this time now that it is here?"

For myself, I want to take in the Christmas season this year with more appreciation of all the blessings that the season has to

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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays,
10 a.m.

Communion, first Sunday
every month

Chimes Practice, Satur-
days, 10:30 a.m.



Sun., November 30
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

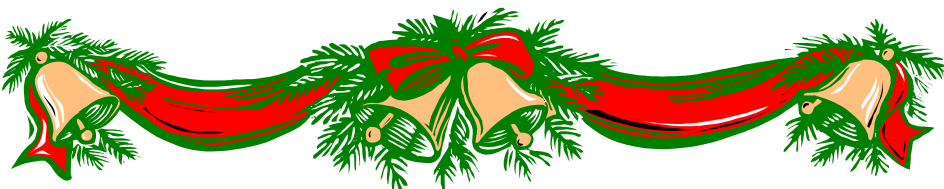
Sun., December 7
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION

Sun., December 14
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Council Meeting

Tues., December 16
Good Bunch, First Baptist
Church (details on pg. 2)

Sun., December 21
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
**Christmas Potluck
and Caroling**

Wed., December 24
Christmas Eve Service
7 p.m.
January **Dialog** deadline



Pastor's Message

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offer. From the blessings of all the Christmas songs, from Burl Ives singing "It's a Holly Jolly Christmas" to Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas." I want to appreciate and enjoy the Christmas movies that are specifically made for Christmas time. Movies like "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street." I want to take in all the blessings of Christmas without judging people's intentions. I don't want to have the attitude that all businesses and people that I encounter are just doing it for money or only



to fulfill their Christmas obligations. Judging other people's motivation is not my job. I will leave that to God.

So, what will you do with your Christmas time this year? Christmas

time is a great time to nurture your spirit because all the glitz and glitter is about the Christian Messiah. The media has taken all their resources to promote the Christmas season, so there are a lot of plays, songs, movies, and stories for us to choose from. Granted, much of it is hype to sell stuff, but there is so much out there that some of it has to be good for our spirits. So, I ask you not to shut the world out this Christmas season but participate in it and choose wisely on what you let nurture your soul. Merry Christmas!!!

Pastor Scott



The Good Bunch

The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church on Pilliod Road. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a dinner, followed by a musical program performed by students from Bedford High School. The cost is \$8 and is hosted by Sylvia Loe. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to make reservations or call Mel Barrios to make a reservation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 1 John Reichard
- Dec. 3 Linda Baker
- Dec. 4 Austen Mangan
- Dec. 5 Carl Anderson
- Dec. 11 Trenton Stoltz
- Dec. 17 Jeff Baker



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

The family of Harold Garno (on his recent passing), Tim Craske (friend of Mel Barrios who is suffering pancreatic cancer), Richard Zack, Mark Barrios, Glenna Scanlan, Amber McCullough (friend of Brian Utter who is suffering a heart condition), Hope Billings, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Ruby Burkey, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



HAROLD A. GARNO
1921-2014

Harold A. Garno, 93, of Toledo, passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at Swan Creek Health Care Center. He was born on February 7, 1921, in Bowling Green, Ohio to Abe and Helen (Johnson) Garno and he married Marcella "Sally" Clymer on September 14, 1941, in North Baltimore, Ohio.

Hal was a member of Faith Community Church and the Toledo Masonic Lodge. He worked for LeFebure Banking for over 35 years as a sales representative, designing the bank interiors. Hal was named to the company's Million Dollar Sales Club. He enjoyed fishing and boating as well as dancing. He could often be found at his family's cottage in Jackson, Michigan where he enjoyed playing cards and being with friends and family or out on his boat fishing.

Hal is survived by his sister, Dorthea Holbein; his loving children, Douglas (Joan) Garno, and Sharon (Charles) Ogren; grandchildren, Jana Ogren-Gerity, Steve (Pam) Ogren and Trent (Tammy) Garno; great-grandchildren, Emily (Troy), Christopher, Jordan, Hannah and Bailey, and nephews, Rick (Julie) and Gary (Debbie). He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Marcella.

A celebration of life service was held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at Swan Creek Health Care Center, Reed Chapel, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Interment was private. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Swan Creek or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Arrangements were entrusted to Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corner Chapel, 5052 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio 43615 (419-535-0951).

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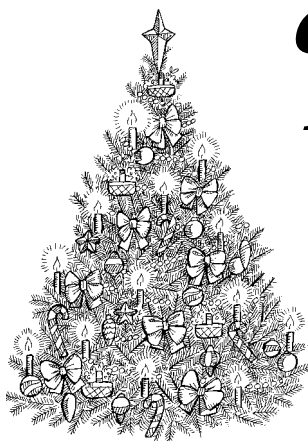
Poinsettias for Around the Altar

As Pastor Scott pointed out in his article this month, Christmas really snuck up on us this year. I have not made the arrangements for ordering the poinsettias for around the altar yet. I will be taking care of it immediately, but we will only have a few weeks to get all our orders in. So watch for the flyers in the weekly bulletin and act on them as soon as you can this year. Thank You.



Order your 2015 Faith Calendar

The 2015 Faith Calendar is in production at this time. An order sheet is on the bulletin board for you to order the number of copies you would like. As in past years, we only print enough copies to fulfill advance orders, so if you want a calendar for 2015, please sign up on the order form. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, Dec. 7. The calendars will be ready for pick-up at the church on or after Sunday, December 21. The suggested donation again this year is \$5 per copy.

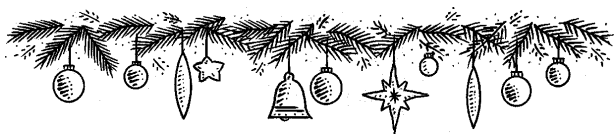


Christmas Mission

For our Christmas mission this year, we have chosen to help someone within our own church family. We have been offering up prayers for a few months for Hope Billings as she goes through treatments for cancer and we are continuing with our prayers. She has two precious little boys to care for and multiple expenses connected to her treatments, including traveling and baby sitting. We will have a Christmas box on the table in the front hallway for your donations. You may give cash or checks made payable to Faith Community UCC. If you are sending a check in the mail, please make a note that it is for Hope. A check for the total collected will be given to Hope just before Christmas. Our wish is to bring this family some Christmas cheer and peace that will contribute to Hope's healing process. We thank you all for your generosity.

Additionally, we are also collecting food for the Maumee Food Pantry as we do throughout the year, but a little extra for the Christmas season.

We will start immediately taking donations for the church staff. Thank you.



Christmas Potluck



The Christmas potluck will be on Sunday, Dec. 21, following worship service. After the potluck we will enjoy caroling and our usual visit from Santa. This year we will be gathering around the piano for caroling immediately after we eat rather than going outside as we have done in past years.

Fundraiser with Bob Evans

Faith Community United Church of Christ and Bob Evans are participating together in a community fundraising program. On Thursday, December 4, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., anyone coming into the Bob Evans restaurant at 3025 Glendale, purchasing anything, and presenting the fundraiser flyer shown below, will result in 15% of that purchase being paid to Faith Community UCC.

Copies of the flyer are available on the table in the entry. Please take several copies and distribute to all your friends. Plan eating out with your friends that day and let's get as many people as we can into Bob Evans on Dec. 4. Not only is this a great opportunity for fellowship with family and friends, but it's good eating too. Most people like Bob Evans and they have a menu large enough to satisfy most palates.

The image of the flyer shown below is a sample only. Pick up full-sized copies printed on bright pink paper at the church and let's all meet at Bob Evans.

Bob Evans
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER
Dine to make a difference

**Faith Community
United Church
of Christ**

**Thursday, December 4, 2014
7 am - 9 pm
Valid on Dine In or Carry Out**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales
when you present this flyer* to

Bob Evans
3025 Glendale Avenue in Toledo
www.BobEvans.com/BEkind

*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

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Newsletter Color

Everyone likes seeing the newsletter and the photos printed in color. We've tried it both ways, with color and in black and white, but it ends up we all like the color. To help with the cost of that we have put up a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for sponsors for the color for each issue. The donation we are asking is \$20 and whoever sponsors an issue will have their name printed on the back page, as you see in this issue. Thank you Pastor Scott for sponsoring this issue.

New email, phone service

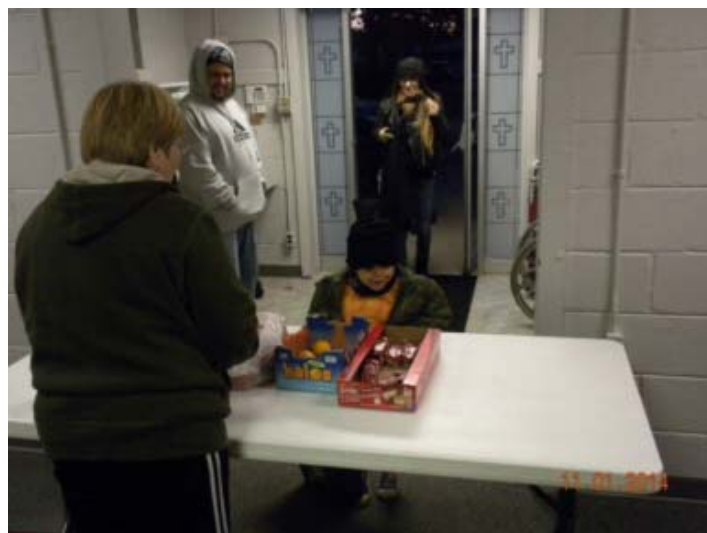
We have changed our phone service and internet provider to AT&T. Mary Anderson got us a deal that will cost us less on the combined services and will increase the speed of our internet connection. With it comes changes. The main church email account is now **faithcomucc@att.net** and Pastor Scott's email for church business is now **pastorscott44@att.net**. Other email accounts have not been set up at this time, but may be in the future.

Around the Church...



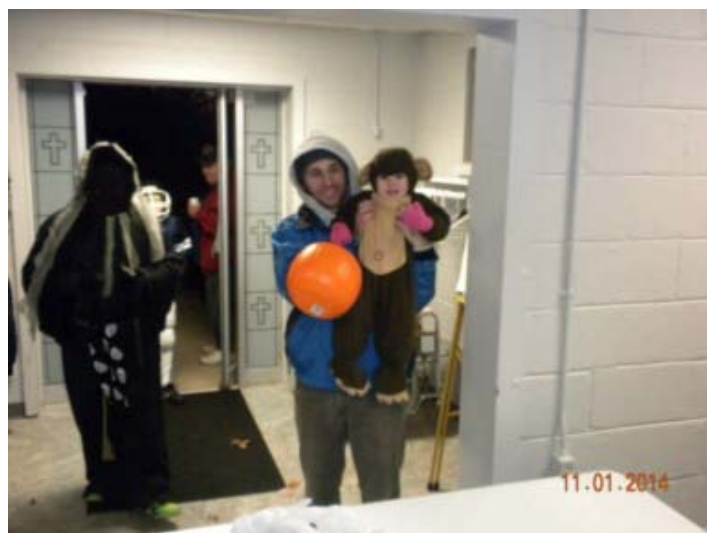
All-Saints Sunday

We honored four on All-Saints Sunday. Candles were lighted for each by friends or family members.



A Little Princess

Ella is all dressed up for Halloween.



Giving to the Neighborhood

Members of the congregation came together on Saturday night, November 1, to hand out candy to all the neighborhood children who were out trick or treating that night.



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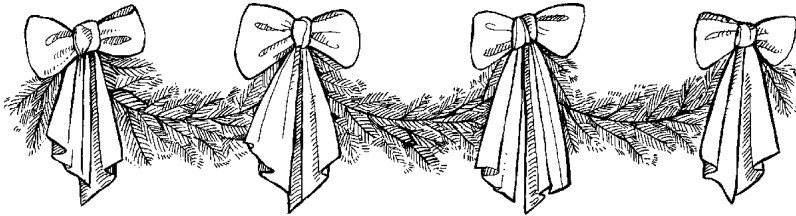
OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



Color for this issue of the Dialog sponsored by Pastor Scott Kaufman.

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