



# Faith Community United Church of Christ Dialog

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## Pastor's Message

The beginning of a new year, 2014! I remember when I thought 1979 was far off into the future and now its 2014. Yikes! Back in 1974 when I was only 20 years old, someone on the news was talking about a contract that went all the way to 1979. Being that young, five years seemed like an eternity. I couldn't comprehend it. Now, five years doesn't seem like that long of time at all, and 1979 was 35 years ago. My, how my *perception* of time has changed. How has your *perception* of time changed over the years and the decades? How has

time changed your perception of your own life? How has time changed your belief in God? Is your faith different now than in your youth?

The beginning of any *new year* is a good time to reflect on our past *new years* and understand what we have gone through and how we can go forward. We have just celebrated Jesus' birth, but Jesus' journey doesn't end on December 25th. It is just beginning. The journey that Jesus goes through is also shared with his earthly parents Mary and Joseph. I **can't** image raising a "*Messiah*." Do you change the Messiah's diaper the same as you change any other baby's diaper? How about discipline? Do you tell a Messiah that he must do his homework before he goes out to play with his friends? Should a Messiah go to bed at the same time as other boys of the same age or does a Messiah have his own bedtime? Should a Messiah get a sticker for being good or should being good be its own reward, especially for a Messiah?

Over time Mary and Joseph must have figured all that out. We don't know a lot about Jesus'

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## Calendar of Events

**Every Thurs., 10 a.m.**

Bible Study

**Communion**, first Sunday every month

**Chimes Practice**, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. each week



**Sun., Jan. 5**

**Epiphany Service**

Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**COMMUNION**

**Tues., Jan. 14**

**The Good Bunch**

No gathering this month

**Sun., Jan. 19**

**Council Meeting** following worship service.

**Thurs., Jan. 23**

**Feb. Dialog Deadline**

**Sun., Jan. 26**

**Congregational Annual Meeting**

**with Potluck**

Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Potluck and meeting to follow

# Pastor's Message

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growing up years, but Mary and Joseph must have been good at *Messiah raising*—after all Jesus did reach his full potential! He rose from the dead for heaven's sake! But what about you and me? How do we approach the year 2014? Like Mary and Joseph we have a life to nurture and grow as well. I'm not talking about a human baby's life but our *church's life*. Our church is only about three years and five months old at 1126 Anderson Ave. Like any three year old it needs love and care. A church needs lots of people to come see it every Sunday so it doesn't feel neglected. A church needs regular financial care so all its physical needs can be provided. To make our church really happy it needs all the talents of the people taking care of it. Like musical talents, baking talents, ushering talents, picture taking talents, conversational talents, and any other talents that help our small church to grow.

Like Mary and Joseph, who had to figure out how to raise a Messiah, we have to figure out how to make our church grow! Make the growth of Faith Church one of your New Year's resolutions.

Happy New Year,  
**Pastor Kaufman**



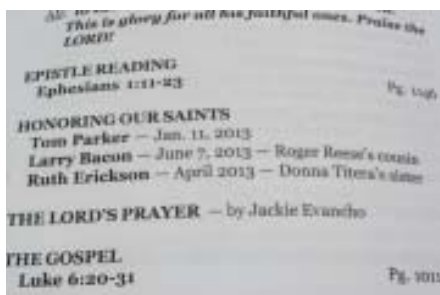
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 10 Eleanor Huss
- Jan. 10 Matthew Utter
- Jan. 19 Harold Creswell
- Jan. 24 Carol Kaufman



*Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:*

Bob Martin (Pastor Scott's cousin), Madison Kidd (Bob Martin's granddaughter), Margaret Loos, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John and Inez Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



## All-Saints Day

Three departed were honored on Sunday, Nov. 3.

**Our Hard-Working Sunday School Staff** and the young people they serve each week.



# Christmas at Faith Community



Andrew with Santa



Joseph with Santa



Austin with Santa



Aubrey with Santa



Ella with Santa



Soiree Singers from Bedford High School entertained the Good Bunch in December.



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**OFFICE OPEN:**

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

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.

## Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 26**. There will be a potluck luncheon following worship services and before the meeting. The meat will be provided.

**Council Members:** If you have a committee report to submit, please have them in to the office by **Sunday, January 12** to make sure they are included in the annual report. If you email them, please call the office to make sure we don't miss them.



The Good Bunch will not be meeting in January. Plans for the February gathering will be posted on the bulletin board and appear in next month's Dialog.



The staff would like to thank the congregation for holiday and end-of-year gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Scott, B.J., Rita,  
Dorothy, and Carl*

## Dialog Distribution

Beginning with this issue, the Dialog is being distributed at the church on the Sunday closest to the first of each month. A limited number of copies will be mailed to shut-ins and it will always be available on our website. The deadline for the February issue is Thursday, Jan. 23 and will be distributed on Sunday, Feb. 2.