



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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Pastor's Message

Well, we made it to another year! Yea!! The year 2015 is still in diapers and we won't know what it will be when it grows up. Before we think about what 2015 will be like it is important to reflect on the year that has just passed. What happened in your life this past year that was positive? What happened in your life that was negative? How did these negative and positive events impact your *faith*? Did you grow in your *faith*?

The questions above are good questions to ask ourselves at least once a year, to ponder our faith

and see how it fits into our everyday lives. So, what better time to reflect on these questions than the beginning of a new year. Some people have lost loved ones in 2014. Some people have had major health issues, and some people have had problems with relationships in the past year. On the other hand some people have had babies in 2014. Some people have had good health; some people have had great relationships with the people around them in the past year. It is important to let our *faith* into all parts of our lives,

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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays,
10 a.m.

Communion, first Sunday
every month

Chimes Practice, Saturdays,
10:30 a.m.

JANUARY



Sun., January 4
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Epiphany Sunday
COMMUNION

Tues., January 13
Good Bunch, No gathering
this month.

Thurs., January 22
February *Dialog* deadline

Sun., January 25
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Congregational Meeting
following Potluck luncheon



Pastor's Message

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both good and bad and everything in between. God will not only give us comfort in our depressing times, but will be happy for us in our positive times.

Now, let's think a little bit about 2015. I have a vision of our small church gaining more members. I have a vision of averaging 40 people on Sunday morning for 2015. I can hear you saying "No Way." Well, I can dream can't I? What vision do you have for 2015? Remember our God can do anything. Think about it, and let me know on Sunday morning.

Sincerely,
Pastor Kaufman




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

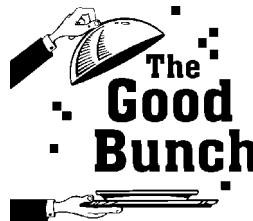
Scott, B.J., Rita, Dorothy, and Carl

Sign Up Sheets

New sign up sheets for the various needs of the service each week have been posted on the bulletin board. As in the past, please share your time and talent and sign up for whatever you are able to bring to the church family. Thank you.



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



There will be no Good Bunch meeting in January. We will gather again in February. Watch for details.

Around the Church...



Our Musical Diversity

Top, our Chimes Choir who provide special music regularly. Bottom, a special Children's Choir who entertained on Dec. 21.



December Good Bunch

The Good Bunch were entertained by the Soiree Singers at the December gathering held at First Baptist Church.



Christmas at Faith Community





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

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

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Closed — Mon. and Fri.



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Annual Church Meeting



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 25
following worship services.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Bring a dish to share.

Meeting following lunch.



Remember *in* Prayer

*Please re-
member the
following people
in your prayers
this month:*

Dorothy Kowalski, Burt Badenhop, Lori Yant's mother, Glenna Scanlan, Tim Craske (friend of Mel Barrios who is suffering pancreatic cancer), Richard Zack, 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.

