



# Faith Community United Church of Christ

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## JANUARY 2011

### ***Pastor's Message***

We are now in the season of *Epiphany*. Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas season and the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25 until the morning of January 6, which is the twelve days. The term *epiphany* means "to show," "to make known," or "to reveal." The epiphany refers to the realization that Christ is the son of God.

Western churches celebrate the Epiphany, generally called the *Adoration of the Magi*, on January 6. Traditionally, Eastern churches celebrated Epiphany on January 19, but many Eastern churches have adopted the Western custom of celebrating it on the 6th, the twelfth day of Christmas. This is a church *festival* telling of the coming of the Magi. The Magi coming to the Christ child shows to the world that Christ is not only coming for the Jews, but the *Gentiles* as well.

The one or two Sundays between Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes called *Christmastide*. The colors of Epiphany are usually the same colors as Christmas, *white and gold*, which are the colors of *newness and hope* that mark the most sacred days of the church year. The liturgical symbols of Epiphany are associated with the Magi. The symbols include three crowns or a single crown, portrayals of the Magi, three gifts, a five pointed star, or a star and

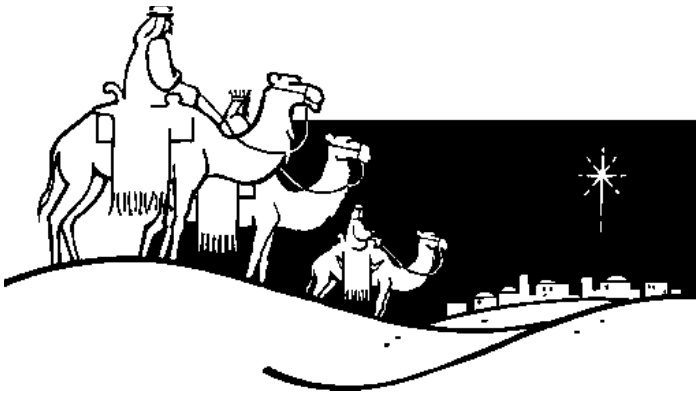


crown. A modern symbol of Epiphany is a *globe* or a *portrayal* of the world.

The traditional names of the Magi are Caspar, Balthsar, and Melchior. The initials of the Magi, C, B, M, are sometimes written in chalk above doorways of Christian homes to protect them from evil. To bless your house you would write the first two numbers of the current year, then the initials of the three Magi, then the last two numbers of the current year with crosses between each character. A blessing for a house for the year 2010 would be 20+C+B+M+10. The numbers 20 and 10 represents the year, the crosses represent Christ, and the C, B, and M represent the Magi, Caspar, Balthsar, and Melchoir.

Epiphany is not only an appropriate time to focus on the mission of our church, Faith Community into the world, but also to focus on our own

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## Pastor's Message *(... from page 1)*

Epiphany. Look for your own revealing or your own sudden awareness. It could be a talent that you have, that you didn't realize you had before. It could be understanding why a person may act the way they do, why someone in your life drives you crazy, or perhaps why you drive someone crazy. I have come to my own Epiphany. That is the people of Faith Community Church are **WONDERFUL!** Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sincerely,  
*Pastor Kaufman*

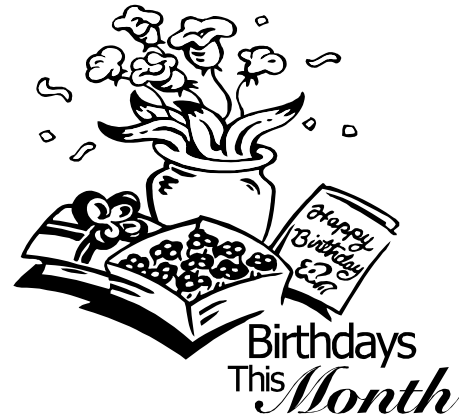


I want to thank all the Faith Community members on the council and all of the congregation for your kindness and care with your Christmas gift to me this year. It was way beyond the call of duty and I find it hard to find the words to express my appreciation. A simple "thank you" seems so weak.

I believe the most closely guarded secret in the whole Northwest Ohio area is how kind, caring, and loving the people of Faith Community are. If the people of Maumee find out this secret, you would soon find the church building too small again.

Thank you.

*B.J. Lord*



Jan. 9 —	<b>Andrew Timothy Moran</b> <b>Sally Telljohann</b>
Jan. 10 —	<b>Eleanor Huss</b> <b>Matthew Utter</b>
Jan. 12 —	<b>Bill Harrison</b>
Jan. 19 —	<b>Terry Cole</b>
Jan. 21 —	<b>Eric Stroud</b>
Jan. 23 —	<b>Helen Shearon</b>
Jan. 24 —	<b>Carol Kaufman</b>
Jan. 29 —	<b>Michelle McIntire</b>



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

The family of Jack Pohlman  
The family of Ilean Hufford  
Mike Burchett (Roger and Cathy Hammack's brother-in-law)  
Nancy Barrios  
Richard Walle  
John and Inez Reichard  
Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)  
Eleanor Huss  
Elva Goudy  
Barbara Monhollen  
Jacques Rietzke  
Helen Shearon

# The Good Bunch

at First Baptist Church with entertainment by the Bedford High School Choir



## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 30, 2011**

following worship services.

*Anyone preparing reports for the annual report, please try to have them turned in by Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011.*



### Worship Leaders

The worship leaders for January are:

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|---------|---------------|
| Jan. 2  | Peg Knapp     |
| Jan. 9  | Mel Barrios   |
| Jan. 16 | Gloria Parker |
| Jan. 23 | Tom Parker    |
| Jan. 30 | Mary Anderson |



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

**JACK O. POHLMAN**  
**1922-2010**

Jack Oliver Pohlman, age 88, of Willoughby Hills and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at Altercare of Mayfield Village. He was born in Toledo on February 8, 1922, to Frank and Ruth (Missner) Pohlman and on February 28, 1947, he married Florence King.

A U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, Jack was employed by British Petroleum as a Truck Driver for over 30 years. He was a member of Faith Community United Church of Christ, an avid Ohio State fan and in his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Florence Pohlman; children, Alan "Pete" Pohlman, Susan "Sue" Pohlman and Mark (Michelle Cousino) Pohlman; 3 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; brothers, Chuck (Pat) Pohlman and Bill Pohlman; as well

as his sister, Lois Yunker. Family and friends were received on Saturday, December 18, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service at 10:30 A.M. at Neville Funeral Home, Southwest Chapel, 7438 Airport Highway in Holland (419-865-8879). Burial followed in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

**Modified from Toledo Blade, 12-17-10.**



**L. ILEAN (Myles)**  
**HUFFORD**  
**1932-2010**

L. Ilean (Myles) Hufford, 78, of Toledo, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2010, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. Ilean worked as a medical secretary starting her career at Flower Hospital. She later went to work for the Medical Staff and Administrator of the former Maumee Valley Hospital. When Dr. Robert Page became the first Dean of the Medical College of Ohio, he chose Ilean to be his first secretary after interviewing her over the phone from Chicago. Ilean was a member of Church of St. Andrew United Methodist.

Ilean was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Donald S. Hufford and parents, George and Thelma (Beam) Myles. She is survived by her sister, Darla J. Myles, who will love and miss her

forever. She also leaves behind Don and Debbie Warner, their daughter, Laurie and her husband, Nick; their son, Sam and his friend, Kate, all who shared their lives and brought love and laughter, especially during the holidays. They truly are our family. Ilean will miss her special little friends, who brought such love and joy, Toby and Tilly, Slye, Winston and dear little Barney. She will be missed by her many, many friends whom she loved dearly.

Friends called at the Walter Funeral Home, 4653 Glendale Avenue on Tuesday, December 14th from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Church of St. Andrew United Methodist, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. Burial followed in Heath Cemetery, Henry Co. Ohio.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or to Church of St. Andrew. Ilean's family would like to thank the doctors and staff of Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their comforting care and compassion.

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*Thank  
You*

*I would like to thank you all for the prayers, calls, cards and visits during the recent illness and death of my sister, Ilean Hufford. Your kindness is truly appreciated.*

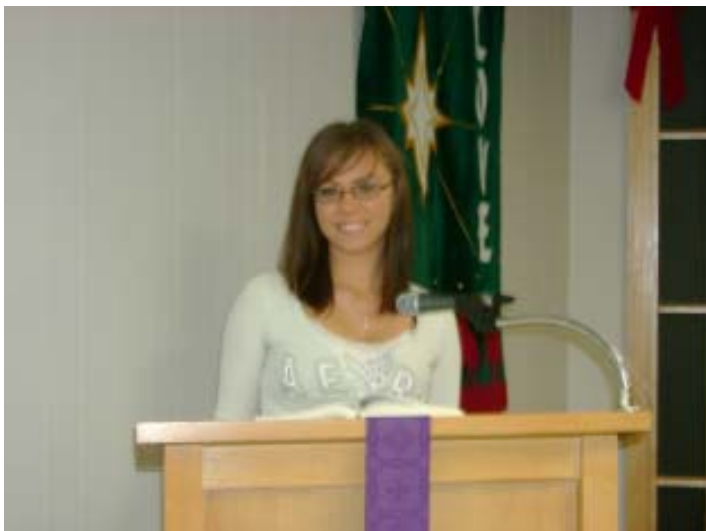
*Darla Myles*

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Faith's First Christmas on Anderson



Hope Billings performed a solo for a Sunday during Advent.

Dorothy Kowalski accompanied Hope on the piano.



Garrett Denlinger on drums for the Choral Group's performance of the "Little Drummer Boy"



Ryan Ehrhardt played Santa for the annual potluck.

## Neighborhood Sing-a-long

It snowed for the Neighborhood Sing-a-long (pictured below, top). Only a few neighbors turned out, but the Faith family was there. Below bottom, Eugene Billings donned the Santa suit and flagged down traffic. After the singing, the refreshments and warmth inside were very welcome.



## A bountiful season

Faith adopted four families for the holidays. The members did the shopping and most of the wrapping and this mountain of presents under the tree is the result. Food to prepare a full Christmas day dinner was also provided to each family.





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**Sign Up  
Today!**

New sheets for signing up for Coffee Hour, Altar Flowers, and Bulletin Sponsorship for 2011 are posted on the bulletin board.



The Good Bunch will not meet in January. No hosts were found for the gathering and concerns about winter weather have caused all to agree to no meeting. Plans are still being worked out for February and March. At this writing no hosts have come forward for those months yet either. If you would like to host the Good Bunch, contact Mel and Nancy Barrios at 419-893-0500 to let them know when you are available.

A good time was had by all at the December gathering at the First Baptist Church. See the photos on page 3.



### **The newest Faith family member**

If you haven't had the opportunity yet, meet Ella Grace Ehrhardt, daughter of Amanda and Ryan. Ella was born Oct. 26 and was already enjoying the Christmas spirit at the Faith Community Christmas Potluck on Dec. 19.