

Announcements for Sunday, April 20, 2014

New Announcements

Update on contacting Bill Ritchey: Bill Ritchey has changed his address to the following: P.O. Box 43579, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

Through the generosity of Mary Ellen and Bill Ritchey, members of Faith Church can now double the value of their donations to our capital campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of these two dedicated members of Faith Church, gifts to our capital campaign from Feb. 13th onward will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. Should members match the entire amount of the Ritchenys' gift, we will surpass our campaign goal of \$42,000 (we've raised \$39,660 so far), allowing us to reduce -- or possibly even eliminate -- the deficit projected for this year. Of the matching gift, \$3,070 remains. **If you have been planning to donate to our capital campaign, now would be a wonderful time to do so -- thanks to Mary Ellen and Bill!**

Bread for the World Offering of Letters – May 4th and May 11th: With five loaves and two fish Jesus fed the people. All ate and were filled (Mark 6:41-42), reflecting God's desire for abundant life for everyone. As followers of Jesus we are called to embody and proclaim God's life-giving love at all times and in all places. We work with God toward a beloved community in which every person has an equal opportunity to thrive. With smart reforms, U.S. food aid programs can help millions more people more quickly at no additional cost. **Let's write hunger into history!**

The Faith Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, May 7th, to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Meet in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Previous Announcements

The next congregational meeting of Faith Church will be next Sunday, April 27th. The meeting is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Save the date: The Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards are again coming to Cleveland and will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11th. It will be a gala ceremony at the Ohio Theatre.

Join Bread for the World in Washington: If you've ever wondered what Bread for the World does in Washington, DC, join Rick Lorentz and the Pastor for this year's Bread for the World National Gathering and Lobby Day in our nation's capital on June 9-10. There will be a special 40th Anniversary Dinner on Monday, June 9. We will be driving to Washington on Sunday, June 8, and returning to Ohio on Wednesday, June 11. For more information or to register, go to www.bread.org/40 or contact John Brown at 800-822-7323 x 1137. Rick or Gene would also be happy to speak with you if you're interested, and scholarships are available to help defray costs.

Mary Ober is doing a spring flower-bulb fundraiser to support the strings program she teaches in her school district, to buy two violas. Her district (Bedford) owns and rents out its inventory of string instruments to students for \$25.00 a year, enabling a number of kids whose families cannot afford it otherwise to learn to play an instrument. My challenge in leading this program is to keep enough instruments in playable condition and adequate numbers to service them. The nursery I work with is located in Calais, Maine. They ship directly to the customers at the right time to plant the bulbs in your area, and the Bedford Orchestras keep 50% of the cost of the bulbs. You may see Mary to order, or order directly online at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=18897. The online site is open until this Friday, April 25th.