

New Announcements

Bread For The World – Offering Of Letters – April 28th and May 5th: What would it take to realize God's vision for a world in which everyone has a place at the table? We have the resources now to feed all people, but we need the political will to make it happen. Our president and Congress could craft policies that establish pathways out of poverty. All of us at Faith will have an opportunity to write letters to our members of Congress and to sign a petition to President Obama on Sunday, April 28th and May 5th after worship. When we come to the table to write letters, we will urge policy makers to save a prominent place for hungry people at the table of our national priorities so that God's vision for the flourishing of all may be realized.

Join Karen at The Cleveland Museum of Art on Saturday, May 4th, 11:00 a.m. - around 1:30 p.m. She'll repeat the confirmation class' church history overview tour, ancient Mesopotamia to contemporary art. We'll meet in the Museum lobby at the benches opposite the coat room. Be prepared to walk. The renovated galleries cover a lot of space. If desired, we can chat afterwards and grab a bite to eat or drink from the Museum's Cafe. Invite a friend. Tour appropriate for ages 12 and up.

Women of Faith: Invite a friend to join you at a baby/young child shower for Providence House, the nation's oldest and highly regarded crisis nursery. Friday, May 17th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner followed by a speaker from Providence House. See the bulletin board for more details.

Mark your calendar: Upcoming Women of Faith events are on Friday, July 19th, (something seasonal and outdoors); Friday, September 20th, (an amazing all Women of Faith plus friends gathering – every age); and Friday, November 15th, (exercises for any season). Check the bulletin board for details and to volunteer to help.

There appears to be some serving pieces missing from the kitchen, like glass plates, etc. Please look around your kitchen to see if you may have accidentally brought something home. They are needed back home on the ranch. Thanks. – Lou Hein.

The Faith Reading Group will discuss Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever* (338 pages) on Wednesday, May 1st, starting with coffee in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Care for your loved ones: plan ahead. One of the most stressful times in a family's life is when a loved one dies who has made no arrangements for a service celebrating a much-loved life. You can care for your family and friends even after your death by planning ahead of time the arrangements to celebrate your life. **Faith will host an end-of-life pre-planning seminar with representatives from Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home here at the church this Wednesday, April 17th, at 7:30 p.m.** This is the second end-of-life seminar Faith has hosted in the past few years, and all members of the congregation, young or old, are invited to attend. At that seminar, **the beautiful new funeral pall, a gift to Faith Church from Schulte & Mahon-Murphy,** will be available for members of the congregation to examine and learn more about. For more information, please see Donna Nedrow or the pastor.

Thanks to Liz Duncan for our Easter breakfast favors! The petite bundles of Faith business cards that were available to everyone at Easter breakfast and afterwards were assembled by Liz Duncan from the nearly 600 cards printed -- a lot of tying! Thanks to Liz for providing them for us, and if you didn't get a bundle -- or need more -- we still have plenty. Please speak to an usher or the pastor.

Six copies of Henry Brinton's book, *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality* are available for \$10 from Karen Wagner. If you liked what you heard about Henry's weekend workshop with us back in March, but didn't get a chance to explore his ideas in greater depth, here's your chance. Henry's book is very readable and a hands-on guide we can all refer to time and again. Please speak to Karen to purchase a copy for yourself.

Save the dates: "Blessed are the Peacemakers" is our intergenerational Vacation Bible School theme for 2013. Please join us Tuesday, June 18th, Wednesday, June 19th, and Thursday, June 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You're never too old or too young for VBS! Invite a friend or many friends.