

Announcements for Sunday, April 21, 2013

New Announcements

Gene would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards, and gifts on the occasion of his fifty-fourth birthday last Sunday. It was a great birthday! And special thanks to the hosts of coffee hour for the beautiful and tasty cake! Thank you all very much.

Bread For The World – Offering Of Letters – April 28th and May 5th: With this year's Offering of Letters we will ask our national leaders in both the executive and legislative branches to ensure "a place at the table" for everyone—not just those blessed with wealth, power and influence. While there is more than enough food for everyone in the world, 1 in 6 Americans do not always have enough to eat. Almost 900 million people around the world struggle with hunger on a daily basis. We will ask Congress to work with the president on a comprehensive plan to end hunger and to protect programs vital to hungry and poor people.

Gun violence as a moral imperative. Gun Violence and Gospel Values is the topic of a seminar to be held at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church (3031 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Heights) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th. Hosted by the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, this ecumenical workshop will be led by the Rev. James Atwood, author of *America and Its Guns: A Theological Expose* (2012). Registration is free, but \$10 is requested to cover the costs of breakfast and lunch. For more information, phone Forest Hill Church at 216-321-2660 by April 27th.

The ADHAMS Board of Cuyahoga County will again host a **day-long workshop on suicide prevention specifically for members of faith communities**, *Hope and Connection: Suicide Prevention in Faith-Based Communities* on Monday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn (Carnegie Avenue, downtown). If you are interested in attending as a representative of Faith Church, please contact the pastor (who attended last year with Karen Wagner). Registration deadline is April 30th.

Through the generosity of the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home of Lyndhurst, Faith Church now possesses a funeral pall, a cloth draped over a casket or coffin to signify Christ's ultimate victory over death, our baptism into Christ's eternal life, our common humanity in the face of death, and our equal deserving of God's care and keeping. The pall is a traditional part of a Christian funeral -- the loved ones of the deceased dress the casket with the pall when it arrives at the church for the funeral -- and this donation will allow us to worship more fully in the historic and universal Christian tradition. Our deep thanks to the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home for this gift.

Previous Announcements

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.

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.