

Announcements for Sunday, April 27, 2014

New Announcements

We made it! The congregation of Faith Church has reached -- and actually surpassed -- our Capital Campaign goal of \$42,000 toward the cost of repairing our sanctuary roof. As of last Sunday (April 20th), \$42,060 has been raised, and further donations are expected. **The special gift from Bill and Mary Ellen Ritchey has a balance of \$1,870**, which, if matched, will take us well beyond our goal and help us reduce this year's projected deficit. We as a church met this significant financial commitment in less than one year, which is a cause for real celebration. Thanks to everyone who has made this achievement possible.

Special thanks to the Faith volunteers who donated many extra hours of time and labor during the busy seasons of Lent and Easter. Particular thanks to Marilyn Glover, Gail Neville, and Bert McGrath for providing our Lenten suppers, and to Donna Nedrow, Dave Holtz, and members of the Worship Ministry who decorated the church multiple times during these important times in the church's calendar. Thanks to all!

Karen Wagner, our skilled and devoted Director of Christian Education for Faith Formation, is in Michigan this weekend to deliver the keynote address, lead a workshop, and offer the closing remarks at the United Northern Michigan Association conference on Faith Practices. Karen was invited by Church House, our denomination's headquarters, to lead this weekend for other church educators, and our prayers and congratulations accompany her on her trip.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters - May 4th and May 11th: Forty years ago in a poverty-stricken neighborhood in New York City, a group of seven Catholics and seven Protestants gave birth to Bread for the World. They realized that providing emergency assistance, though essential, did not address the underlying causes of hunger. So they decided to find a way to challenge Christians as citizens to use their influence on members of Congress for national action against hunger. Our work through Bread for the World is anchored in the Gospel of God's providential care and saving love in Jesus Christ. Bread equips us to challenge individuals and institutions that have the power to change laws and structures that keep people vulnerable. **Let's write hunger into history!**

Saturday Matinee Group: This Saturday, May 3rd, the movie group will go to see **Heaven Is for Real**. We will meet at the Atlas Cinemas at the Eastgate Shopping Center, for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on May 3rd for the time of the movie. You can call Penny Knight at 216-291-0681 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

Faith Seniors on Tuesday, May 13th, will be taking a tram trip through the Holden Arboretum at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. We will meet at Faith in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to carpool. Please pay in advance when your reservation is made. There is a limit of 15 people that can go. For more information please contact Barb Garris at 440-946-4299 or Liz Duncan at 216-481-2476.

If you have a 2014 request for the Mission Fund, please submit it to Jill Dugovics, Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Gail Yusko by Friday, May 16th, 2014. The request should include the name of the organization, how the organization impacts our local community, the amount of your request, the annual budget for the organization, and its source of funding. Please feel free to contact any member of the Mission Fund Committee if you have any questions.

Previous Announcements

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.

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.