

## Announcements for Sunday, August 11, 2013

### New Announcements

**The Faith Reading Group** will discuss G. K. Chesterton's *The Man Who Was Thursday* on Wednesday, September 4th, starting with coffee in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Faith's music ministry is expanding** to provide new opportunities for members of the congregation to participate on an occasional basis all year long, with once-a-month changes to both the handbell and adult voice choir schedules. All rehearsals will remain on Thursdays. On the **first Thursday** of the month (beginning Sept. 5th), we will have a "**Handbell Break-Out**" evening, at the usual bell rehearsal time (6:45-7:30 p.m.), open to anyone in the congregation who would like to be involved in playing handbells with hymns, in a small group, or perhaps as a substitute ringer. The **third Thursday** of the month will have a change in the adult voice choir schedule, to be called simply "Third Thursdays." On "**Third Thursdays**," (from Sept. 19th) the adult voice choir time (7:30-9:00 p.m.), will be set aside for small vocal or instrumental ensembles to meet and practice selections for special worship music. All are welcome, and I will be happy to help organize groups, solos, etc. Please see or contact Mary Ober, Faith's Music Director, with any questions (msb.ober@gmail.com or 440-339-7386 cell).

**Rally Day 2013!** The first day of the education season will be September 1st, 2013. As is our tradition, we will gather for a potluck breakfast at 9:15 a.m. for food, fellowship, and fun. Worship will follow at 10:45 a.m., and there will be no coffee hour after the service. Bring a breakfast item to share and help us kick off our year in style. The breakfast is open to the entire church. You do not need to be in a class or have a child in a class to attend. We will begin attending classes on September 8th. Please sign up if you are planning to attend.

### Previous Announcements

**Faith Seniors** will be meeting this Tuesday, August, 13th, at 11:00 a.m. at Faith to car pool for a picnic at Gully Brook Park in Willoughby Hills, River Road location, for a pot-luck luncheon at noon at a shelter in the park. After lunch there will be walking, bring your games, and bring a chair. The sign-up sheet is across from the kitchen. If you have any questions please see a member of the picnic committee: Barb Garris, Liz Duncan, or Betty St. John. All ages are welcome. Please come.

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** that was scheduled for Friday, August 30th has been cancelled. This is due to a conflict of a catered event that is being planned at Calvary Presbyterian Church for that evening.

**Opportunity to lend a helping hand to the teachers and students of our Richmond Heights Schools:** For the sixth year, we as a congregation can reach out to our community by providing school supplies for elementary children in need. The Congregational Vitality Team has provided copies of the School Supply List for the 2013-2014 school year and a collection box. Please look over the list, purchase what is comfortable for you, and drop the supplies in the collection box. Nancy Jacquet has kindly offered to once again help distribute the supplies to teachers and students throughout the year as the need arises. Please see Nancy Jacquet with any questions.

**From Bread for the World.** "Sequestration" is the across-the-board budget cuts triggered by the Budget Control Act of 2011, and it is harming people, particularly the most vulnerable--4 million fewer meals served to poor seniors through programs like **Meals on Wheels** and 70,000 children pushed out of **Head Start**. Two million people around the world will lose some or all access to lifesaving food aid. Take a look at Faith's Bread bulletin board across the hall from the office for more specific information on cuts to Meals on Wheels and then call your representative and senators in Washington DC toll free (800-826-3688) and urge them to end sequestration and develop a bipartisan balanced approach with smart spending cuts and new revenues. Oppose shifting cuts from defense programs to programs that provide nutrition and help lift people out of poverty.