

New Announcements

Join us at the Brookdale (formerly Homewood)

Service: At 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, Faith provides a brief (30-minute) Protestant worship service for the residents of Brookdale, the assisted living facility across Richmond Road. Under the auspicious of our Worship Ministry, a number of us from Faith provide this contribution to the spiritual lives of our friends at Brookdale. The staff and residents very much appreciate this service, so **please join us at 11:30 a.m. this Tuesday, August 18th, in the living room of Cottage 2.** Since parking spaces at Brookdale are sometimes difficult to find, please consider parking here at Faith and walking over to Brookdale.

Attention College Students: It's time to update your college and email addresses. Please let Karen Wagner know your new address and preferred email address.

Hurray for Fall Potluck Breakfast! The first day of the education season will be September 6th, 2015. As is our tradition, we will gather for a potluck breakfast at 8:45 a.m. for food, fellowship, and fun. We are also meeting Yu Hsuan, our new organist during breakfast. Worship will follow at 10:00 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. Please sign up if you are planning to attend.

We're on a Mission from God! What's behind the steady decline in membership of Christian churches in America, and the steady growth in the numbers of disaffiliated and disaffected Millennials and GenXers? Have the mission of the Church and its longstanding practices become irrelevant in today's world? We'll explore this question and a lot more in a seven-week series of Wednesday evening studies beginning on September 9th to October 21st, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parlor. To find out more and sign up for the class, click on the "A Mission from God" link on the left side of the Faith UCC website, or see the Sign-Up Spot across from the kitchen.

Sunday, September 13th, is the first Sunday with church school at 10:00 a.m. Bring friends and join the celebration!

The pastor will be on vacation from after the church service today, August 16th to September 1st. For pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Donna Nedrow at 440-478-9376. For pastoral emergencies, please call the church office at 216-382-7227.

The Faith Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd, to discuss Iris Origo's *Images and Shadows*. Coffee in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m., discussion in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

A celebration of a ministry of music! Mary Ober, Music Director at Faith Church since July 2003, will be bringing that ministry to a close on Sept. 6th, after more than a dozen years of service to our church. Mary will be devoting more time, with husband Ron, to social justice and fair trade movement, and we wish them well and offer them our prayerful support as they continue that important witness to the gospel. We will be celebrating Mary's service to Faith and thanking her for it at a special coffee hour in September (specific date to follow). Please join us as we thank Mary for her service and welcome her to a new chapter in her life here at Faith.

Are you missing out?? Faith uses an all-church email list to email the weekly bulletin announcements to our members and friends; this dramatically reduces the amount of paper generated for this purpose, honoring our commitment to good stewardship of the earth's resources. We use that same list to send email notices when church-related information needs to go to the congregation in a more timely fashion than the bulletin announcements allow. **The church office does not spam the congregation with unwanted announcements, and we do not rely on the email list to compensate for poor planning. The church bulletin is the place to find information about Faith's day-to-day life.** Are you getting the announcements and the occasional all-church email? If you are, great. If not, and if you have an email address, would you please let the church office know what it is so that we can include you? We don't want to leave anyone out.