

Announcements for Sunday, August 18, 2013

New Announcements

Our thanks to The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Leung for bringing us today's message in the absence of the pastor. We enjoy having her in the pulpit today. Thank you, Elizabeth.

Bread for the World Update: On August 7th Bread for the World staff members went to the White House and hand-delivered petitions to President Obama with 30,409 signatures asking for his leadership to end hunger here at home and abroad. Meeting with White House staffers, the Bread team focused on the farm bill, sequestration, the budget, and immigration. They talked about the strength of Bread's membership and the importance of putting a circle of protection around programs that help hungry and poor people. Bread is asking us to use this critical August Congressional recess to contact our members of Congress and insist they protect SNAP in the farm bill, address sequestration in a balanced manner, protect anti-hunger programs from cuts, and enact responsible and comprehensive immigration reform. Local phone numbers are here: Sen. Brown - 216-522-7272, Sen. Portman - 216-522-7095, Rep. Fudge - 216-522-4900, Rep. Joyce - 440-352-3939.

Previous 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.