

Announcements for Sunday, August 2, 2015

New Announcements

We hold in our prayers John McClain, member of Faith Church, whose son died unexpectedly recently in Cleveland. Condolences may be sent to John and his wife at 23 Richmond Square, Euclid, OH 44143.

Tax holiday for back-to-school shopping: From August 7th-9th, pay no Ohio sales tax on back-to-school clothing and supplies. If you were planning to buy supplies for your own family or to donate to the RH Schools and want to avoid sales tax, shop from 8/7/15 to 8/9/15. See the attached flyer for details, which is also posted outside the church office.

Be food safe! In this season of church picnics and other meals, our insurance agent, John Bouhall, reminds all churches of the importance of food safety. Read John's blog at <http://ohioinsurancesolutions.com/church-and-non-profit-insurance/oh-no-when-your-church-upsets-more-stomachs> or on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Previous Announcements

The Faith Reading Group will meet this Wednesday, August 5th, to discuss Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Coffee in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. discussion in the parlor at 7:30 p.m.

Opportunity to lend a helping hand to the teachers and students of our Richmond Heights Schools: For the eighth 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 2015-2016 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.

Faith Friends on Tuesday, August 11th, at 1:00 p.m. will meet at Gully Brook Park for a pot-luck picnic and game day. Bring your favorite salad or dessert and a game if you have one. Gully Brook Park is located on River Road in Willoughby Hills. River Road is accessible from Chardon Road or Route 84. It is closer to Route 84. Everyone is welcome. Please come.

"Back to School" Sunday, August 9th, 2015: On the Sunday immediately before many of our school children and teachers return to their classrooms, we will hold a special service of thanksgiving and blessing for all engaged in education. Three guest speakers from the congregation, all teachers -- Anne Marie Dorey, Ed Jacquet, and Nancy Jacquet -- will offer brief testimonies on teaching as an expression of their faith. We will offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for teaching and learning, and we will bless the school items donated by members of the congregation. Members of the Richmond Heights School District have been invited to this service, as we pray for our schools. Please plan to join us for this special service.

The next meeting of the congregation will be after church on Sunday, August 9th, followed immediately by the annual church picnic. Following a brief break after worship, we will reconvene in the sanctuary for the meeting, and then move to the front lawn, weather permitting, for the picnic. Please bring your own tableware from home and a side dish for 6-8 to share. Grilled items, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided by MLC. In order to cook for the right number, please sign up at the Sign-Up Spot by the end of church today, August 2nd.

Celebrating the Fruit: Embody Stories + Q&A. Embody: A Community of Faith was established with support from Faith's Mission Fund as a new UCC church in Cleveland Heights two years ago. Join us on Tuesday, August 11th, for an evening of food, fellowship, and conversation as we hear from Embody folks what those years have been like: the highs, the lows, the successes, the challenges. Other WRA and EOA churches have been invited to this conversation, also. **The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. in our Social Hall with a potluck supper** -- please bring table service from home and a dish for 6-8 to share -- followed by visiting and conversation. **Sign up opposite the kitchen by the end of church on Sunday, August 9th, so we know how many tables and chairs to set up.**

The pastor will be on vacation from after the church service on 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.

Do you have old neckties in your closet you no longer need? Barb Holtz is happy to take them off your hands for a project at work. Please bring them to church no later than Sunday, August 16th. Ask your friends and family. Barb will take as many neckties as you are willing to donate.