

## Announcements for Sunday, August 9, 2015

### New Announcements

**Liz Duncan would like to sincerely thank** all my friends at Faith who helped in any way to raise funds at my annual charity garage sale last weekend for the Wounded Warrior Project. I could not have done it without you all, especially Bert, Kaye, Sally, and Jean. Didn't quite reach our goal but nearly made it. Thanks.

**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 free-trade work, 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.

**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.

**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.

### Previous Announcements

**The meeting of the congregation is after church today, 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, then move to the front lawn for the picnic.

**Tax holiday for back-to-school shopping:** Until August 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 until 8/9/15. See the attached flyer for details, which is also posted outside the church office.

### **Celebrating the Fruit: Embody Stories + Q&A.**

Embodiment: 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 this 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 today, Sunday, August 9th, so we know how many tables to set up.**

**Faith Friends** this 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.