

Announcements for Sunday, December 10, 2017

New Announcements

This morning's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leon Nichols by his family. Leon was the husband of Etta Mae Nichols, the pastor's late sister.

Update on Joan Workman: Karen Smith, Joan's daughter, would like everyone at Faith to know how much she and her Mom appreciate the prayers, cards, visits, and other expressions of love and support Joan has received from her church since her most recent hospitalization. Joan is now settling into Cottage 2 of the Brookdale Assisted Living facility across Richmond Road from church; her address, for cards, is 3 Homewood Dr., Richmond Hts., 44143. During this transition period, which may last some time, it would be helpful to Joan if folks wishing to visit her would phone Karen first (216-213-9396) to make sure Joan is at a place in her schedule where she can receive guests. Also, please bear in mind that relatively brief visits by one or two people at a time are best, and that some topics (such as medical or financial matters and reference to events involving chronology) are difficult for Joan to manage just now. Karen will be happy to offer suggestions to help make your visit a blessing for you and for Joan.

Ray and Lou Hein are looking for a ride to church.

The Heins live in Woodside Senior Living, 19455 Rockside Road, Bedford, OH 44146. If you can help, please phone Ray at 440-223-8332.

A Service of Hope and Healing: Next Sunday, Dec. 17th, at 3:00 p.m., Messiah Lutheran Church and Holy Covenant Lutheran Church will host a special service for all who may be struggling with life circumstances, change, or grief during the Christmas season. With song and prayers, Scripture, the laying on of hands, and lighting candles for loved ones, we will gather to receive God's healing and compassion. The service will be led by the pastors of Messiah and Holy Covenant at Messiah Lutheran Church, 5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst. Refreshments will follow the service.

Looking for ideas for the Christmas Eve Potluck? Why not make something from the new *Faithful Cooking* cookbook that was published in conjunction with Faith's 60th anniversary? There are appetizers, main dishes, sides, salads, desserts -- everything a good potluck needs, and all contributed by Faith members. If you don't have a copy and would like to purchase one for \$10, please see Kelly H.

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, December 29th. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, December 29th. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or lorentzka@aol.com.

2018 pledge envelopes will be available for pick up starting next Sunday, December 17th.

The Faith Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, February 7th, to discuss J.D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come. The group will not meet in January.

Previous Announcements

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. The annual report of the congregation has been emailed. A limited number of paper copies will be available for pick up after worship today, Sunday, December 10th. Draft minutes from the August 13th, 2017 meeting of the congregation are available to members online on the church website at <https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/mlc-minutes>. A paper copy of the minutes are posted on the bulletin board opposite the church kitchen.

All Together on Christmas Eve at Faith: This year we will celebrate Christmas Eve with a brief Communion Service at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will also be a Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome at both of these intergenerational services. Between the services, we will enjoy a potluck supper in the Social Hall at 5:15 p.m. Please sign up across from the kitchen to let us know how many to set up for.

Giving Tree: Target Gift Cards for Loaves and Fishes

Gifts: This year we are collecting gift cards for items that will go into gift bags for those partaking in Faith's Friday, December 29th, Loaves and Fishes meal. Envelopes on the Christmas tree in the lobby will be marked with items needed. See the list at the end of this announcement to plan. Please choose an item to place a Target Gift Card into an envelope. Since we need each gift bag to be identical to gift folks equally, Faith will purchase items in one big shopping trip using all the gift cards collected. (When the Loaves and Fishes meal is cooked we'll give a shout out for volunteers to help stuff the gift bags!) Giving Tree items: Target Gift Cards for the following: Shampoo for men and women, cereal, shower soap for men and women, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

The Alliance for Rohingya-Cleveland will host a fundraiser and information event about the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar today, Sunday, Dec. 10th, from 2-5 p.m. at LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center (11500 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland 44130). Proceeds will go to Doctors Without Borders who are providing humanitarian aid in the crisis. For more information, phone the organization Salaam Cleveland, 857-210-5464.

Faith Friends will again welcome the North Coast Women's Ensemble this Tuesday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall following the concert. Bring your friends for music in the afternoon. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Donation is \$3.00.

Save the date – Christmas caroling! Mark your calendars now to join our merry band of carolers on Saturday, December 16th, for Christmas caroling at 2:00 p.m.