

Announcements for Sunday, December 13, 2015

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 brother-in-law of the pastor.

This Season's bulletin board will be pictures of Faith church activities through the years. If you have photos involving church activities, past or recent, such as the 50th anniversary trip to the United Kingdom, the 2012 Roots trip to New England, fund-raisers, parties, Prayer Squares, Loaves and Fishes, anniversaries, VBS activities, Faith Friends events, etc., please bring them this Sunday to Jean Sinzinger or Chris Wilkinson. Photos of minors need to be accompanied by permission to use from an appropriate caregiver. We will carefully display them on the bulletin board and return them to you at the end of January. Also, please share this request with your church friends who don't have e-mail. Thanks very much.

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, December 15th, 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.

Just a reminder that Sunday, December 27th is the final Sunday in 2015. Any contributions that you wish to be counted for 2015 should be placed in the offering plate by this day. Also please note that the end-of-the-year giving statements will be ready for distribution in mid January. If anyone would like a copy earlier, to catch up on pledges, they should contact the church office.

Faith Church Preschool would like your help by doing something you may already do. Shopping online through Amazon? Login through smile.amazon.com and click to support Faith Church Preschool with a purchase you're already making. Shopping at Giant Eagle? Register your shopper's card online at GiantEagle.com/AFTS using School ID#5943 and Giant Eagle's Apples for Students program will automatically donate funds for our educational needs. If you have any questions see Anne Marie Dorey.

We still have Sunday morning openings for teachers, preschool – high school. Please see Karen if you are interested in helping. Let's get the schedule filled and give our children and FFM a wonderful gift.

Thank you for your requests to the Mission Fund.

With the remaining funds for 2015, the Mission Fund distributed \$1,500 to Youth Leadership Program, \$1,500 to HER Ideas in Motion, and \$1,151 equally between the five UCC special offerings.

Previous Announcements

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today at 11:30 a.m. A limited number of paper copies of the annual report are available today.

2016 pledge envelopes are available for pick up today.

Join us for Christmas caroling! On Sunday, December 20th, we will be caroling to our shut-ins from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. following a special lunch for carolers. Please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen before you leave church today.

This year's Giving Tree is up and full of ornaments!

Take an ornament, or two, off the tree, purchase the item and place it, unwrapped, under the tree. All items must be new. Donations will be accepted through December 20th. Thank you for your support!

Faith Bakers: It's that time of year when we need cookies for shut-ins, hospital and nursing care staff, and for our own Christmas Eve potluck. Please bring home-made treats to the church kitchen by 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 20th. The senior highs are assembling the tins (and checking for quality), so they are ready for caroling after worship.

Christmas Eve at Faith: Our family service will be in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. There will be a potluck supper in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up across from the kitchen if you are coming. A candlelight service with communion will be in the sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

From Karen Wagner, Director of Christian

Education for Faith Formation: Beloved Community, next year's budget shortfall is expected to be significant (> \$5K), as recent deficits have been. We can't have it all. December 27th will be my last Sunday at Faith, and I hope you will be here for worship and a potluck lunch to celebrate our six years of ministry together.

Music Teacher Oksana Melnychenko invites everyone at Faith to a Christmas Recital in the Social Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19th. The recital is free. A reception will follow.