

Announcements for Sunday, December 1, 2013

New Announcements

The beautiful flowers that adorned the altar last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of May Ecklund by her family. May's memorial service was here at Faith on Friday, Nov. 22.

Assisting in Worship this morning are Ryan Jacquet, who carried in the Advent banner, and Roberta McGrath and Cynthia Mahoney, members of the Worship Ministry, who lit the first Advent candle.

We welcome our new members joining Faith Church this morning: Autumn Abramczyk, Kaye Gardiner, and Kimberly Whitney. Please take a moment to greet these newest members of our church family.

Our deep thanks to Lou Hein, who has retired as Faith's Kitchen Manager. Lou helped to keep things running as smoothly as possible in a heavily-used space with two congregations and various other groups using it – a complicated task. **Lou's successors, Marilyn Glover and Gail Neville**, also deserve our thanks for agreeing to step into this necessary and demanding job. Please take a moment to offer a word of thanks and encouragement to these three important volunteers.

Neighbors in Need Offering: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Special Mission Offering of Neighbors in Need on November 24th. The total amount that has been received so far is \$295.00.

The Faith Reading Group, this Wednesday, December 4th, will discuss Colm Toibin *The Testament of Mary*, starting with refreshments in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. then discussion at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday Matinee Group: This Saturday, December 7th, the movie group will go to see **12 Years a Slave**. We will meet at the Atlas Cinemas at the Eastgate Shopping Center, for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on December 7th for the time of the movie. You can call Jill Dugovics at 440-449-7832 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 Noon. The annual report of the congregation will be emailed with the weekly announcements on Friday, December 6th, and a limited number of paper copies will be available for pick up after worship on Sunday, December 8th.

Join us for Christmas caroling! Following the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 15th, we will be caroling to our shut-ins from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. following a special lunch for carolers. Please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen before you leave church next Sunday.

Previous Announcements

We hold in our prayers the family of Ken Vogt, whose mother, Fern, has died. A service celebrating Fern's life will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception at West Park UCC, 3909 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland 44111. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to West Park UCC Music Department or Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

Everyone, please bring old or recent Christmas photos of yourself, children, and/or dressed-up pets, to be placed on the Biography Bulletin Board (outside the cloak room). Give them to Jean Sinzinger or Chris Wilkinson this Sunday or next and we will arrange them. Also, please identify the people and /or pets in the photo. We would also like you to include one or two-line sentences about what significance Christmas has for you. Any questions please call Jean Sinzinger at 440-449-5058 or Chris Wilkinson at 216-291-8479.

Ushers for 2014: If you have an interest in helping out as an usher in 2014, please notify Ken Willert. Any frequency would be accepted whether it be a couple Sundays or multiple Sunday's throughout the year. Job requirements include: arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the service, hand out bulletins, and assist the head usher with the offering collection.

It's a Christmas Concert! Presented by The Northcoast Women's Ensemble on Tuesday, December 10th, at 1:00 p.m. The Faith Seniors invite everyone to come to enjoy this special holiday concert.

Join Women of Faith on Friday, December 13th, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The program for the evening will be "Exercise for All Seasons." There will be movement and flexibility (yoga) for all ages. All women are invited, as are your guests.

Faith Church Preschool has Our Town and All Around Coupon Books available for \$28.00. Books are filled with coupons for businesses and restaurants in surrounding areas including Little Italy, downtown, and the West Side Market. If you would like to purchase a book to support the preschool, see Anne Marie Dorey.