

## Announcements for Sunday, December 20, 2015

### New Announcements

**We welcome Jiana Peng** to Faith Church this morning. A friend of Coordinator of Music Life Jordan Mathews, Jiana is providing piano music during worship. Please take a moment to greet Jiana and welcome her to Faith.

**The pastor will take his last vacation days of 2015** on Dec. 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, and 30. His last vacation Sunday of 2015 will be in mid-January of 2016 (specific date TBD). Should a pastoral emergency arise during that time, please phone him at home, 216-382-3156.

**Faith Friends** on Tuesday, January 19th, will be taking a trip across the street to St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church at 678 Richmond Road. They will prepare lunch for us. After lunch, Fr Hratch will take us into their sanctuary for a brief history and overview of their faith and some liturgical and other traditions. The menu will include chicken kebabs, rice pilaf, salad, cheese triangles, dessert, and maybe other items. Cost is \$15.00 and payment is due by Sunday, January 10th, to Barbara Garris. Time is 12:00 noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

### Previous Announcements

**2016 pledge envelopes** are available for pick up today.

**Join us for Christmas caroling!** Today we will be caroling to our shut-ins from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. following a special lunch for carolers.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.