

## Announcements for Sunday, December 25, 2016

### New Announcements

**Cuyahoga County Office of Sustainability** on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center, 5827 Highland Road will present speaker Mike Foley. The national landscape has changed. The proposed EPA Director has denied climate change and opposed EPA enforcement of environmental regulations. Due to this, local actions are more important than ever in terms of environmental sustainability. Mike will talk about some of the work he is doing at the County and also go through the Sustainability Toolkit which the County has put together for local governments and green task forces. More information about this is posted in the hallway.

**Faith Friends** will start the 2017 New Year on Tuesday, January 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall with a chili lunch. Our own Dave Holtz will make us his famous chili. Cost will be \$6.00, payable at the door. Our guest speaker that day will be an officer from the Richmond Heights Police Department to talk about senior safety and driving. Please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

### Previous Announcements

**2017 pledge envelopes** are available for pick up today.

**Just a reminder that today, Sunday, December 25th, is the final Sunday in 2016.** Any contributions that you wish to be counted for 2016 should be placed in the offering plate by today. Also please note that the end-of-the-year giving statements will be ready for distribution in mid-January.

### **Thank you for your requests to the Mission Fund.**

With the remaining funds for 2016, the Mission Fund distributed \$1,000 to US Together, the agency being sponsored by Faith's Giving Tree, and \$2,642 equally between the five UCC special offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund, and Our Churches Wider Mission).

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** is scheduled for Friday, December 30th. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will be cooking at Faith this Wednesday, December 28th, at 2:00 p.m. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, December 30th. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or email her at [lorentzka@aol.com](mailto:lorentzka@aol.com).

**Please remember to take home all personal dishes, utensils, and especially food items after all church events.** Our church kitchen is used regularly by various groups in our congregation to prepare and serve meals, and leftovers abandoned in the kitchen refrigerators go to waste. Please don't leave food from your event, thinking that it will be used for social time the following Sunday; each social time host team provides its own refreshments, which means that your leftovers will rot. Take your leftovers home, distribute them to the participants in your event, or give them to someone in need.

**WRA Supports the Culinary Club!** The Mission Ministry Team of the Western Reserve Association recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Richmond Heights Culinary Club that is hosted by our church. Pastor Gene McAfee and Congregation President Gail Robertson Yusko made the application on behalf of the Club, which is a new venture led by faculty sponsor and Richmond Heights High School English teacher Jaclyn Davey. These funds will help provide basic supplies as well as scholarships to help defray the cost of off-site trips. Members of the Faith congregation have also been supporting the Club's semi-monthly cooking sessions in our kitchen -- a special shout-out to Dave Holtz and Kathy Lorentz! Congratulations to the Club and its faculty sponsor, Mrs. Davey!