

Announcements for Sunday, December 7, 2014

New Announcements

This morning's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ervin F. Block by his wife Ethel and children John, Lin, and Sarah.

Assisting in Worship this morning are Meghan Brunton, who carried in the Advent banner, and members of the Prayer Group, who are lighting the Advent candles.

Neighbors in Need Offering: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Special Mission Offering of Neighbors in Need on November 23rd. The total amount that has been received so far is \$315.00, which exceeds last year's grand total of \$295.00. It is a great blessing for our congregation to increase its mission giving from year to year.

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 if you are coming. A candlelight service with communion will be in the sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. If you feel you need a ride to attend one or all of these, please speak with Donna Nedrow so we can help to provide transportation for you.

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 21st. Thank you for your support!

The pastor will take his final week of 2014 vacation from Friday, December 26th, to Friday, January 2nd. For pastoral concerns during that time, contact Donna Nedrow at 440-478-9376. For pastoral emergencies contact the pastor at 216-382-3156.

2015 pledge envelopes will be available for pick up starting next Sunday, December 14th.

Music Teacher Oksana Melnychenko invites everyone at Faith to a Christmas Recital in the Social Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20th. The recital will feature Oksana's students, a number of whom have played for our services. The recital is free and open to the community.

Previous Announcements

The Wednesday, December 24th, Family Service: Please let Karen Wagner know if you have children and/or youth who would like to be a part of the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

It's a Christmas Concert! Presented by The Northcoast Women's Ensemble this Tuesday, Dec. 9th, at 1:00 p.m. The Faith Seniors are sponsoring the event and invite everyone to come and enjoy this special holiday concert. Please bring a plate of finger food for everyone to enjoy in the Social Hall following the show.

A Holiday Respite. Last minute shopping, adult time, alone time? Anyone with young children needs it during the holidays, so on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the Senior High class (with adults) will entertain your children and provide them lunch in the Social Hall. A goodwill offering of \$5 per child is suggested. To help us with our planning please sign up by today, December 7th. Please contact Jill Dugovics or Amy Schaum with any questions.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 12:15 p.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 7th.

Join us for Christmas caroling! Following the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 14th, we will be caroling to our shut-ins from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. following a special lunch for carolers. Please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen before you leave church today.

Calling all bakers! We are seeking homemade cookies on Sunday, December 14th. From the cookies we'll create tins to give our shut-ins and nursing staffs while caroling, with some extras to share during the Annual Meeting. Last year, we had abundance and we froze cookies to share at the Christmas Eve potluck. **One** cookie contribution from various members supplied **three** December events. Could we please do this again? On Sunday, December 14th, leave your cookie donations in the kitchen prior to the worship service. Questions? Ask Karen Wagner.

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