

**New Announcements**

**This morning's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Lois Gebing in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary, which is Tuesday.

**Would you like to provide a simple supper to accompany our midweek Lenten program this year?**

The pastor and members of the Worship Ministry invite anyone who would like to prepare a simple entrée, side dish, and bread for one or more of our Lenten suppers to contact Gene McAfee or Donna Nedrow. You can prepare supper for our group of twenty or so at home or in the church kitchen, with help from our Worship Ministry. Our midweek Lenten suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, and will continue through Wednesday, April 5. **Please contact Donna or Gene before the end of church on February 26 if you are interested.**

**Faith turns 60 this year and there's a party -- would you like to help plan it?**

Faith was organized 60 years ago this year, and we need a small committee to help plan the celebration. Please contact Gene (pastor@faithuccrhhoh.org, 216-382-7227) by March 1st if you'd like to help organize the party, which will probably be in the autumn.

**Faith Church Preschool** has started their annual Malley's Fundraiser. Please see Anne Marie Dorey to pick out some goodies for you and/or pick up an order form to share with family and friends. Orders must be placed by Thursday, March 16th, to ensure delivery for Easter. Thank you for your support.

**DeJohn Funeral Home** is looking for high school seniors in the community who deserve five-star recognition. These students who have demonstrated the five-star ideals of integrity, fairness, excellence, independence, and professionalism will be presented with a certificate of special recognition and \$500 at their graduation ceremony. Applications are available in the church office. The candidate must include a short essay no more than 500 words, a letter of reference from a counselor or teacher, and the application. All paper work must be completed and received at DeJohn Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills 44092 by Saturday, April 1, 2017.

**How I spent my sabbatical:** Gene McAfee will present an audio-visual report to the congregation, wrapping up his sabbatical experience, at a pot-luck lunch on Sunday, Feb. 19th, following social time (starting at approximately noon). Lasagna, bread, and drinks will be provided; please bring your own table service from home and a salad or dessert to share, and learn more about Gene's biographical research on the late Peter Gomes, preacher at Harvard University (1974-2011). So we know how many to cook for, please sign up opposite the kitchen by the end of church today, Feb. 12th.

**Faith Friends** will meet this Tuesday, February 14th, at 1:00 p.m. We welcome Carly Martin from the North Chagrin Nature Center. Carly has been a naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks since 1998 and has spent her life loving nature and sharing that passion with others. This Valentine's Day, Carly will share a presentation about the color red in nature. From creatures at the bottom of the sea to the red cardinal at our bird feeders, let's explore the significance of this passionate color! Refreshments will be served following the PowerPoint presentation. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Donation is \$3.00 per person.

**First Congregational UCC in Twinsburg is hosting a training session, "Promoting a Culture of Peace: Conflict Resolution Training," on Saturday, March 4th, from 9 am. to noon.** Sponsored by the Culture of Peace Prophetic Witness Team of the Eastern Ohio and Western Reserve Associations, this workshop will help the church remain an instrument of peace and love in a culture of mistrust and violence. **Gene invites members of the congregation to join him; Faith will cover the registration cost. Please contact the Faith Church office (office@faithuccrhhoh.org or 216-382-7227) by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, if you wish to participate.**

**The Faith Reading Group** will not meet during March and April to accommodate our mid-week Lenten Program. We will next meet on Wednesday, May 3rd, to discuss Candice Millard's *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of the President* (354 pp.). Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come.