

## Announcements for Sunday, February 9, 2014

### New Announcements

**Please remember with prayer, cards, and calls Bill Ritchey**, who, after extensive surgery a few weeks ago, has returned to Hillcrest Hospital for additional treatment. Bill and Mary Ellen and their family greatly appreciate the support they receive from Faith Church.

**Save the Date -- Saturday, March 29th, 4-7 p.m. -- for a Thank-You Reception for Margaret Mills here at Faith Church.** After serving the Western Reserve and Eastern Ohio Associations for nearly forty years, Margaret Mills will be retiring from the associations staff at the end of February. On behalf of our two associations, Faith Church is honored to host the reception honoring Margaret, a longtime friend of our congregation. Please mark the date on your calendar now, and volunteers will be needed for various hosting responsibilities (greeting, setting up, taking down, etc.). Please keep an eye on future announcement sheets for more information.

**The Faith Reading Group's discussion of Kent Haruf's *Benediction***, originally scheduled for last Wednesday (2/5/14) and postponed because of inclement weather, has been re-scheduled for this coming Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 7 p.m. (coffee in the kitchen) and 7:30 p.m. (discussion in the parlor). All are welcome.

**Coffee Hour Teams:** Don't forget to sign up for two more Sundays to host coffee hour this year. Just put your team number on the sheet by the Social Hall next to your date of choice. Also, a reminder that you are not required to provide a lavish spread of goodies. There are cookies in the coffee hour closet for your use. If you need assistance setting up tables, just ask someone on Sunday morning. It's easy to find helping hands in our church.

**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 Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

**Ushers Needed:** We are in need of a few more ushers throughout the year to assist the head ushers on Sunday mornings. All that is required is to pass out bulletins, take the offering, and to check the pews after the service for any leftover bulletins. If you can help out one or two Sunday's please speak to Ken Willert.

### Previous Announcements

**Faith Seniors** will be meeting this Tuesday, February 11th, at 1:00 p.m. at the church. It is a Show and Tell Day. Please find a photo of yourself as a child and something you saved from your childhood, which was special to you, and bring it with you. There will be a contest for the photo and memorabilia to see if we recognize you. All are welcome. Please come.

**Faith's Adult Series and this year's Faith and Life Lectures at Baldwin Wallace University:** Dr. Paul Knitter, Paul Tillich Professor Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary in New York will be lecturing on the topic "Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian" on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in Lindsay-Crossman Chapel (56 Seminary St., Berea). This lecture may be of particular interest to folks who have participated in Jim Christensen's recent adult study on Buddhism and Christianity. Dr. Knitter will also be lecturing on interreligious dialogue at 10 am on Thursday, Feb. 20th, followed by a panel discussion on religious pluralism at 2 pm. More information is available on line at <http://www.bw.edu/academics/rel/event/> or by phoning the University at 440-826-2193. The lectures are free and open to the public, but registration is required.

**Update from Bread for the World.** The economic crisis that began in 2008 has increased hunger and poverty. Over the last three years, Washington has been preoccupied with deficit reduction, with some members of Congress pushing for deep cuts in programs focused on hunger and poverty. "Lots of people are struggling economically, and they voted in the last election," said the Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread. "That has encouraged leaders in both parties to explain how they propose to provide help and opportunity for families that struggle to buy groceries." Bread for the World Institute outlined its own plan to ending hunger in America in its 2014 Hunger Report, which stresses policies to reduce unemployment and improve the quality of jobs. It also urges a strong safety net, investments in people (human capital), and partnerships between community organizations and government programs. See the Bread bulletin board across from the entrance to the church offices for more on Bread's four-part plan.