

Announcements for Sunday, January 11, 2015

New Announcements

2015 Midweek Lenten Program: Using Marjorie Thompson's book *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* as our guide, the pastor will lead a six-week Lenten program on forgiveness on the six Wednesdays in Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, then continuing on Feb. 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th). **So that we can order the correct number of books, please sign up in the next three weeks if you plan to participate.** The program will consist of a light supper at 6:00 p.m. (5:45 on Ash Wednesday), followed by Bible study and guided reflection. The cost for seven dinners (including Maundy Thursday) and Thompson's book is \$45 (scholarships are available). See the sign-up sheet opposite the kitchen and watch this space for further details.

Please notify the church office: On Sunday, December 28, 2014, a light blue envelope was put in the collection plate in the amount of \$300.00 for the "Organ Maintenance Fund." Unfortunately there was no name on the envelope. Will the person who contributed this gift to Faith please be so kind as to contact the church office so we can update our records and credit you for your donation.

The Senior High Group found a time capsule while cleaning out the attic! It was dated to be opened after Christmas 2003 and appears to have been created by Jen Bushie, Allison Dugovics, Kaitlin Juarez, Jon Vesey, Andrew Vogt, Greg Vogt, and Melanie Yusko. We'll be opening this time capsule on Sunday, January 11th, during Faith Formation class. We'll lay out the contents in the Social Hall so you can view it during coffee hour.

It is Girl Scout Cookie Time again! Kathryn Mahoney, Dakota Schaum, and Danika Schaum will be very happy to take your orders for Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Savannah Smiles, and a brand new flavor - Rah-Rah Raisin (an oatmeal raisin cookie). Cookies are \$4.00 per box. Kathryn's troop is collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland again this year if you wish to donate cookies. If you are interested in ordering, the girls will be available after church during coffee hour or you may call Cynthia Mahoney at 440-357-1519 or Amy Schaum at 216-224-4711. We thank you for your continued support of the Girl Scouts and of our girls.

Women of Faith will have a planning meeting this Friday, January 16th, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a salad or dessert and ideas for meetings in 2015. A sign-up sheet is across from the kitchen. If you have any questions please call Jill Dugovics at 216-849-4773.

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, January 30th. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30th. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or email her at lorentzka@aol.com.

The Faith Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, February 4th, to discuss *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit. Meet in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please come.

From Bread for the World – When Women Flourish . . . We can End Hunger. Bread Institute's 2015 Hunger Report focuses on the connection between the empowerment of women and ending hunger around the world. In developing countries, most women work in subsistence farming, the backbone of local food security. Discrimination is why women farmers labor with fewer productive resources than males, why women in all sectors of the economy earn less than men, and why girls are pulled out of school to work or to marry. Women feed and nourish their children, yet receive little support in caring for children and households. Powerful forces perpetuate inequities—norms, values, religious beliefs, and laws. Policies and programs that empower women increase their earning potential and contribute directly to ending hunger. Chapter 1 of the Hunger Report focuses mainly on rural women who are engaged in subsistence farming as either smallholders or landless laborers. Agricultural development assistance should promote the establishment of more producer groups for women and led by women to help overcome the gender discrimination women experience as individuals. Also, national social systems such as health care and education can help redress inequities and strengthen women's bargaining power. U.S. development assistance can contribute to the changes that will enable women to flourish and, thereby, impact persistent hunger, malnourishment, and the stunting that occurs with so many children.

Previous Announcements

Faith Seniors this Tuesday, January 13th, will gather for lunch at Mario Fazio's on Route 6 at 12:00 Noon. Please sign up on the sheet located across from the kitchen so seating will be accurate. Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month for the Faith Seniors activities. When this date changes you will be notified in advance.