

New Announcements

We thank you for those of you that contributed to the Capital Campaign in memory of Ed Jakse. The total amount that has been received is \$815.00.

MORE on Bread for World Institute 2015 Hunger Report- When Women Flourish...We can End Hunger--PART 2 OF 4. Chapter 2 focuses on the care giving that is vital to the social and economic development of all societies. The development of a nation's human capital—the productivity and creativity of its workforce—is the direct result of care that children receive. Care is a public good in the same way that education, clean water, clean air, and a safe food supply are all public goods. Women's willingness to share men's breadwinning responsibilities has not been matched by men's willingness to share unpaid caregiving responsibilities. Public services can reduce the amount of unpaid care work women do by taking on a greater share of the responsibility for providing it. Public initiatives that lead both men and women to examine and challenge their perceptions of what an equitable division of labor looks like are required. Chapter 3 considers how women's collective voice in politics and civil society can promote gender equality and bring an end to hunger and extreme poverty. Women are grossly underrepresented in government decision-making bodies nearly everywhere in the world. They are half the global population but hold an average of just 22% of seats in national parliaments. Post-conflict periods are typically where we see women's share of political power increase suddenly. The collaborative leadership style and conflict resolution skills of many women are assets that countries are belatedly beginning to recognize. Post-genocide Rwanda is the only country where women hold a majority of seats in parliament. Village governing councils in India have set-asides to ensure that women are represented in local government.

Join us at the Homewood Service: At 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, Faith provides a brief (30-minute) Protestant worship service for the residents of Homewood, the assisted living facility across Richmond Road. Donna Nedrow, Bert McGrath, Don Post, and Gene McAfee lead the service, but the services are always better when a few additional members of Faith Church attend. The staff and residents of Homewood appreciate this service, so **please join us at 11:30 a.m. this Tuesday, January 20th, in the living room of Building Number 5.** You'll be glad you did!

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 two 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.

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.

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.