

## Announcements for Sunday, January 26, 2014

### New Announcements

**Update on Doris Becka:** As many at Faith already know, Doris Becka fractured her shoulder on Monday, January 13th. She is going through rehabilitation at Homewood Residence (Building 3, Room 208, 3 Homewood Way, Richmond Heights, OH 44143; 216-291-8376). Please keep Doris in your prayers and she would love to hear from you. Cards and phone calls are always welcome – better yet, drop by and say hello in person!

**Saturday Matinee Group:** This Saturday, February 1st, the movie group will go to see **Saving Mr. Banks**. We will meet at the Atlas Cinemas at the Eastgate Shopping Center, for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on February 1st for the time of the movie. You can call Jill Dugovics at 440-449-7832 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

**Hurrah for Women of Faith!** Join us on Friday, February 7th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. We'll have a planning meeting with a valentine theme. Please sign up across from the kitchen. A donation of a salad or a dessert is requested. If you are unable to attend, please give your ideas to Karen Wagner (staff) or email her at [ffdirector@faithucchrhoh.org](mailto:ffdirector@faithucchrhoh.org). Women of Faith meets six times per year.

**Love is Love** is coming on Friday, February 7th, in the Chapel of Plymouth Church UCC at 8:00 p.m. Plymouth UCC is located at 2860 Coventry Road in Shaker Heights. Love is Love is a Valentine-Themed Concert and Mixer to Benefit LGBT Equality in Ohio. It is sponsored by Embody: A Community of Faith, together with many partners. It will feature The Coastliners ensemble of the North Coast Men's Chorus, Samba Joia afro-cuban drumming, the voices of NEOVocE, and the jazzy rhythms of The Gateway Band. Tickets are \$15.00 (includes fees and light refreshments) and are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-is-love-concert-mixer-tickets-10134062253>. Half of all ticket sales will go to the Equality Ohio Education Fund. Equality Ohio's education efforts include Why Marriage Matters Ohio and other education initiatives to end employment and housing discrimination of LGBTQ people. Embody, a new faith community of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is committed to seeing and being the Love that shows up in flesh in our world.

**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 Republicans 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.

### Previous Announcements

**The 2013 giving statements** are now ready to be picked up. To get your statement, please go to the card table set up outside the entrance to the Sanctuary. They are in a box in alphabetical order.

**Girl Scout cookie season is here again!** Kathryn Mahoney and Dakota Schaum are teaming up again this year to raise money for their troop (the orders will be split equally between the girls). If you are interested in ordering cookies, the girls will be happy to take your orders during coffee hour today, Sunday, January 26th. Kathryn's troop will be collecting donated boxes for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, and they will go to families staying at the house and who use their lounges at the children hospitals downtown. You can also contact Cynthia Mahoney at 440-357-1519 or Amy Schaum at 216-224-4711 if you miss the girls and they will make sure to add your order to the list. As always we thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts.

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** is scheduled for Friday, January 31st. We will be cooking on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31st. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or [lorentzka@aol.com](mailto:lorentzka@aol.com).

**Faith Seniors** will be meeting on 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 give it to either Ray or Lou Hein no later than Sunday, February 2nd. There will be a contest for the photo and memorabilia. All are welcome. Please come.