

Announcements for Sunday, January 31, 2016

New Announcements

We hold in our prayers Candita Bauzá-Mattos, whose husband, Hector, died on Thursday morning after a long illness. Arrangements for a service will be announced at a future date. Condolences may be sent to Candita and her family at 1143 Brentwood Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.

Today is the last day to sign up for our Lenten Supper and Study Series. Cost for six meals and our text book is \$50 and scholarships are available. If you have any questions please see the pastor.

The pastor will be at a sabbatical-related conference in Louisville, Kentucky next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He will be checking in regularly with the church office, his voice mail on his home phone, and his email.

The Faith Reading Group will meet this Wednesday, February 3rd, to discuss J. Brent Morris's *Oberlin, Hotbed of Abolitionism: College, Community, and the Fight for Freedom and Equality in Antebellum America*. Meet in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. Please come.

Saturday Matinee Group: This Saturday, February 6th, the movie group will go to see **Hail Caesar!** 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 Friday, February 5th for the time of the movie. You can call Leslie Huston at 440-460-4289 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

Minutes of the January 9th MLC retreat are available to members online at <https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/mlc-minutes>. Printed copies are available at the church office on request.

A calculator was left on the table to the main entrance to the church on Sunday, January 24th. If it is yours, please contact the church office.

Previous Announcements

Faith Friends will be having a Chili Lunch at Faith Church on Tuesday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for lunch and \$6.00 for a pint of chili to go. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. The deadline to sign-up is today, Sunday, January 31st.

The Faith Church Sunday School is in need of teachers for several classes in the following months. If you are ready, willing, and able to help out with this important ministry, please see Nancy Jacquet. We need teachers for: Preschool and Grade School (grades 1-6) in February, April, and May. Middle and High school in April and May. Thank you in advance for your support!

EOY Financial Position: As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the expected 2015 deficit was not tracking anywhere near the budgeted \$15,000 deficit we had planned. In fact, when the books closed for 2015, our total shortfall was only \$400. This incredible result was due to a combination of events including meeting our pledge goals, better than expected income from unpledged givers, the Progressive match, and lower than expected expenses particularly around utilities. Oh, and our combined prayers probably didn't hurt either.

Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra will perform a dramatic presentation of J. S. Bach's St. John Passion on Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at Bath UCC. Tickets for Section B seats are \$32 for adults or \$27 for seniors (10% discount on ten or more tickets, 20% discount on twenty or more). Tickets must be paid for in advance. As an addition to the Lenten opportunities already scheduled here at Faith, our Church Vitality Team is inquiring if there is an interest in attending this performance. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the next two Sundays (1/31 and 2/7). If you are interested in attending, please sign up opposite the kitchen before you leave church on Feb. 7th, indicating the number of tickets needed and if you would be willing to drive for the carpool. Please see Marilyn Wilson or Jim Christensen for more information or with questions.

This year's Baldwin Wallace Faith and Life Lecture Series will be on the theme "Human Suffering, Spiritual Darkness and the Practice of Solidarity," by Douglas E. Christie, professor of theological studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. The series will be held Feb. 3rd and 4th on the BW campus. For more information and to register, phone 440-826-2193 or visit <http://www.bw.edu/events/2016/02-03-faith-life-lecture-series>. The lectures are free and open to the public, but registration is recommended.

Faith Church Preschool Fundraiser: Easter is March 27th, and Faith Church Preschool has begun its annual Malley's Chocolates Fundraiser. Help our preschool's budget and sweeten someone's Easter. An order form is available on the bulletin board by the kitchen. See Anne Marie Dorey for more details on ordering. Thank you for your support.