

New Announcements

We welcome Patrick Peralta to Faith Church this morning. Patrick is a friend of Coordinator of Music Life Jordan Mathews and is a junior classical guitar performance major at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music and a student of Prof. Jorge Amaral. He began his study of music at the age of 13 with private classical guitar lessons. Throughout high school, he explored many genres of guitar music (i.e. rock, jazz, blues, and fusion) before rededicating himself to serious study of classical guitar. Please take a moment to greet Patrick and welcome him to Faith.

An opportunity from Freedom For All Americans to advance the rights of our transgender neighbors:

Freedom For All Americans (FFAA), the public education campaign to secure full nondiscrimination protections for LGBT people nationwide, just launched an exciting endeavor here in Cuyahoga County. This summer, FFAA is teaming up with community organizations, people of faith, businesses, and allies from all walks of life to blanket our community with hundreds of local volunteers. And these volunteers will have thousands of conversations with their friends and neighbors about why updating our nondiscrimination laws to include transgender people is so important. We're calling it the Summer of Action. And we need you to join us. What is this? It's pretty simple: We're just talking to anyone who wants to know more about transgender people and how we can update our laws so that everyone is protected from discrimination, no matter who they are. These conversations will be relaxed and pretty informal—the goal is to make sure people in your community gain some familiarity with issues affecting gay and transgender people. To get involved or for more information about this public education campaign, please email Lead Field Manager Reg Calcagno at rcalcagno@freedomforallamericans.org.

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, July 29th. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29th. 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, August 3rd, to discuss Bill Clegg's *Did You Ever Have a Family*. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come.

Visitation Ministry -- Strengthening Ties with our Shut-Ins: Visits to our shut-ins from members of the congregation, as well as from the pastor, remind those who cannot be with us regularly that they are valuable members of our church and have not been forgotten. If you would like to join our revived Visitation Ministry, or learn more about it, please contact the pastor, Donna Nedrow, or Autumn Abramczyk.

Faith Friends will picnic at Gully Brook Park shelter this Tuesday, July 12th, at 1:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to car pool from the church should meet at 12:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you want to sit more comfortably. There will be games and prizes. Take a hike or just relax. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Gully Brook Park is located on River Road in Willoughby Hills. River Road is accessible from Chardon Road or Route 84. It is closer to Route 84. Everyone is welcome. Please come.