

## Announcements for Sunday, March 19, 2017

### New Announcements

**Caring for creation one Great Lake at a time:** Both of Ohio's senators have expressed their concern of the proposal to reduce federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative by 97% for the coming year. This funding has been essential for restoring the damage done to the Great Lakes, including Lake Erie, by careless human activity. If you would like to support our senators in their efforts to maintain current funding for this unique part of God's creation, you may submit a letter via their websites or by phoning their offices. This matter of environmental stewardship was discussed at our midweek Lenten program recently. A sample letter, courtesy of Jim Christensen, might say: Dear Senator xxx. Thank you for joining your colleagues on the Great Lakes Task Force in supporting full funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which is vital to your constituents here on the North Coast. Please continue to monitor carefully the progress of this funding throughout the budgeting process. Websites: Sen. Portman: <https://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>  
Sen. Brown: <https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/email>  
DC telephone numbers: Sen. Portman: 202-224-3353  
Sen. Brown: 202-224-2315.

### Join us at the Brookdale (formerly 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 Brookdale, the assisted living facility across Richmond Road. Under the auspices of our Worship Ministry, a number of us from Faith provide this contribution to the spiritual lives of our friends at Brookdale. The staff and residents very much appreciate this service, so **please join us at 11:30 a.m. this Tuesday, March 21st, in the activities room of Cottage 3.** Since parking spaces at Brookdale are sometimes difficult to find, please consider parking at Faith and walking over to Brookdale.

**Faith Friends** program titled **They Came from Cleveland** with Dennis R. Sutcliffe which was scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th, has been rescheduled, due to the weather, for Tuesday, September 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Church. Please mark your calendar.

### Previous Announcements

**Girl Scout Cookies have arrived!** Dakota and Danika Schaum will have your cookie orders at church today, Sunday, March 19th. Faith parishioners purchased 121 boxes of cookies including donating 27 boxes to St. John's Food Pantry in Lake County. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you won't be at church Sunday, March 19th, please contact Amy Schaum at [amy.schaum@gmail.com](mailto:amy.schaum@gmail.com) or 216-224-4711 and we'll drop the cookies off at your house. If you're interested in additional boxes of cookies, we'll have access to cookies for the next month, so just let us know.

**Donate a good breakfast to a Richmond Heights student:** Richmond Heights Secondary School will be initiating their state testing the week of April 3rd. As many are well aware, having breakfast prior to taking a test is paramount. The RH Schools Leadership Team, along with our principal, is seeking donations from our community partners to assist with providing fast breakfast options for our students. If you are able to donate boxes of breakfast/cereal/granola bars in order to assist with bettering our students with their testing week, we would be grateful. Donations may be dropped off to the church's office prior to Friday, March 24th. -- Jaclyn Davey, Faculty Sponsor, Richmond Heights High School Culinary Club

**One Great Hour of Sharing** will be collected on Sunday, March 26th. "You are here!" is the theme of this year's OGHs offering. An envelope for your offering will be in the bulletin on Sunday, March 26th.

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** is scheduled for Friday, March 31st. Volunteers are needed for cooking, baking, and serving. We will be cooking at Faith on Thursday, March 30th, at 1:00 p.m. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31st. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or email her at [lorentzka@aol.com](mailto:lorentzka@aol.com).

**Our thanks to Alicia Bruscano, Sarah Harris, Kelly Holtz, Leslie Huston, and Donna Nedrow who are Faith's Sixtieth Anniversary Committee!** With the pastor, they will be developing plans to celebrate our sixtieth birthday as a congregation, so please share with them any ideas you have for this upcoming celebration -- and thank them for their service to Faith Church.

**The Highland Heights Green Task Force** for Wednesday, April 5th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center, 5827 Highland Road will have Luka Papalko from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and will be presenting on all things utilities: Energy Choice, NOPEC, consumer protection tips, energy efficiency tips and much, much more. Bring your bills and any questions, complaints, concerns you have with your current utility services. A flyer concerning this meeting is posted in the hallway.

**The Cleveland and Northern Ohio Chapter of CAIR -- the Council on American-Islamic Relations** -- is holding its fifteenth annual gala and civil rights banquet on Saturday, April 1st, from 4-10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Rockside (5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence 44131). The theme of this year's gala is "Uniting America: Building Bridges, Not Walls!" Tickets are \$50 each, and scholarships are available for anyone who wishes to represent Faith Church at this event (which Kimberly Whitney has attended, as one of our denominational representatives, in the past). Phone 216-830-2247 to order tickets, and contact the church office for scholarship assistance.