

Announcements for Sunday, November 10, 2013

New Announcements

Services for May Ecklund, a long time member of Faith Church who died on Thursday, October 31st, will be held on Friday, November 22nd. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for May's life and witness will be held here at Faith at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon reception to which all members of May's faith family are invited. A private graveside service will precede the rites here at the church.

Roy Restel, a member of Faith and its predecessor churches for over ninety years, has moved from South Euclid to assisted living in Canal Fulton. Roy greatly appreciates hearing from members of the congregation, and he may be reached at Chapel Hill Retirement, 12248 Strausser Street NW Unit B, Canal Fulton, OH 44614-8783. His phone is 330-970-4009.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Church of the Western Reserve at 30500 Fairmount Blvd., in Pepper Pike on Sunday, November 24th, at 3:00 p.m. There will be an ecumenical choir rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. at the church in Pepper Pike.

Thanksgiving at the Clinic: Join members of Faith Church as we help serve Thanksgiving dinner to the patients, families, and friends on the Bone Marrow Transplant and Leukemia Unit of the Cleveland Clinic on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The staff of the unit will provide dinner, and we have been invited to help set up (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and clean up afterwards (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. assisting during this time slot is especially helpful). Come for part of the time or come for the whole day. Because of the special medical needs of the patients on this unit, volunteers need to be 16 years old or older, and if you are feeling under the weather that day, please stay home. Please sign up at the Sign-up Spot or speak to Gene with any questions.

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, November 29th. Volunteers are needed for cooking and baking. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 29th. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or lorentzka@aol.com.

If you are interested in helping with the decorating of the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season, please join the Worship Ministry on Saturday, November 30th, at 10:00 a.m. Please speak with Donna Nedrow, chair of Worship with any questions.

The Faith Reading Group, on Wednesday, December 4th, will discuss Colm Toibin *The Testament of Mary*, starting with refreshments in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. then discussion at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Previous Announcements

Ministry Chairs, please remember that the annual report for your ministry is due, by email, to Bob Goss (office@faithucrrhoh.org) in the church office by **Friday, November 22nd**.

Bread for the World: Two Ohio congresspersons are on the conference committee working on the U.S. Farm bill, which includes allocating money for SNAP (formerly food stamps) and for global food aid. Call Sen. Sherrod Brown and Rep. Marcia Fudge using the Bread for the World toll free No. 1-800-826-3688 or email them (brown.senate.gov and fudge.house.gov) urging no cuts to SNAP and support for the common sense reforms to food aid in the Senate bill. SNAP effectively and efficiently helps more than 47 million low-income Americans put food on the table. The \$40 billion cuts to SNAP over the next decade in the House bill would mean loss of benefits for almost six million people. 83% of SNAP benefits go to households with children, seniors, and nonelderly people with disabilities as well as hundreds of thousands of our veterans. Churches and charities cannot make up the difference. In 2011 private churches and charities provided approximately \$4 billion in food assistance compared to \$98 billion provided by federal nutrition programs. All SNAP households will already see their monthly benefits reduced (total \$5 billion) on Nov. 1st. Further cuts to SNAP are unnecessary and untimely.

The MLC has established that a review of our Pastor should be performed annually, and the committee for this year's review has been appointed: Jill Dugovics, Nancy Jacquet, Ron Ober, Ben Schaum, and Gail Yusko. If you have information or comments that you believe would be helpful to the Committee in conducting its review, please contact one of them by November 17th, either in person or email. Your input will be appreciated and kept confidential.

If you have a 2013 request for the Mission Fund, please submit it to Jill Dugovics, Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Gail Yusko by Friday, November 22nd, 2013. The request should include the name of the organization, how the organization impacts our local community, the amount of your request, the annual budget for the organization, and its source of funding. Please feel free to contact any member of the Mission Fund Committee if you have any questions.