

Announcements for Sunday, November 22, 2015

New Announcements

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 28th, at 10:00 a.m. Please speak with Donna Nedrow, chair of Worship, with any questions.

The Pastoral Review Committee has begun its work and is welcoming input. The committee members are Gail Yusko, Rick Lorentz, Kathy Gambatese, Carol Cover, and Ken Willert.

A Ladies Christmas Brunch will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at St. Gregory of Narek Cultural Hall, 678 Richmond Road. The guest speaker, Yerezgin Valerie Zahirsky, is from the Orthodox Church of America Department of Christian Education, is an Armenian seminary graduate, and married to a Greek Orthodox priest. Please RSVP to Lisa Richardson at Richardsonlisa@me.com or call her at 216-403-2996.

It's a Christmas Concert! Presented by The Northcoast Women's Ensemble on Tuesday, December 8th, at 1:00 p.m. The Faith Friends are sponsoring the event and invite everyone to come and enjoy this special holiday concert. Please bring a plate of finger food for everyone to enjoy in the Social Hall following the show.

Funds for Faith on eBay. Chris Wilkinson, 216-291-8479, will help you sell your donated better white elephant item on eBay. She will also provide Faith's name and address and the need (such as building and grounds maintenance) for the funds. If your item sells, the net amount (after costs) will go to Faith. If you complete the long form to donate your item, you can probably deduct this donation from your taxes. Some item categories that sell well are pop culture collectibles (over age 30), such as Mickey Mouse, Mick Jagger, and plastic Christmas decorations; also, antiques such as Lionel trains, pocket watches, and oil paintings. Also popular are new, never used, brand name purses/clothes, and brand name tools. If the item is already on eBay and not selling we won't go to the time and expense of advertising it. Please call or see Chris to discuss. Frank Yusko will take care of the shipping, particularly for fragile and larger items.

Previous Announcements

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Bethany Covenant Church at 5120 Ridgebury Blvd., this Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour 2016: Barb Holtz is planning coffee hour for next year. If you and your team wish to continue service, no need to contact Barb. If you wish to **not** continue, please let Barb know by today, Sunday, November 22nd. Any new volunteers, we'd love to have you. (216-382-3595 or dbholtz@sbcglobal.net)

Thanksgiving at the Clinic: Join members of Faith Church as we help with Thanksgiving dinner for the patients, families, and friends on the Bone Marrow Transplant and Leukemia Units of the Cleveland Clinic on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, from 3 - 5 p.m. The staff of the unit will provide dinner, and we can support them by spearheading the clean-up afterwards. 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 on the bulletin board opposite the church kitchen or speak to Gene with any questions.

If you have a 2015 request for the Mission Fund, please submit it to Jill Dugovics, Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Autumn Abramczyk by Sunday, November 29th, 2015. 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.

Liturgist Workshops 2016 -- Making a Good Thing Better! Faith Church is blessed with strong lay leadership during worship, and all current liturgists and anyone who feels that God is calling them to assist in the leadership of worship are asked to attend one of the Liturgist Workshops scheduled for 2016. They will be held on:

1. Tuesday, January 12th, 6:30 p.m.
2. Wednesday, April 13th, 6:30 p.m.
3. Saturday, June 11th, 10:30 a.m.
4. Saturday, August 13th, 1:30 p.m.
5. Thursday, October 27th, 6:30 p.m.

Current liturgists are expected to keep their skills sharp by attending at least one workshop each year, and prospective liturgists need to attend a workshop to acquire basic knowledge of the leadership of worship. Please reserve at least one of these dates now on your calendar and help keep worship at Faith a blessing to us all.