

## Announcements for Sunday, November 17, 2013

### New Announcements

**The UCC is offering relief to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan and you can help.** Please keep everyone affected by this superstorm in your prayers, and if you would like to contribute to the \$250,000 in immediate relief aid pledged by our denomination, you can send a check (memo "Typhoon Haiyan") to Financial Services, The United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. You can also make a secure donation on line through the UCC website ([www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)).

**Faith Formation Ministries** is offering an expanded coffee hour on Sunday, December 1st. We're painting Advent candles on the windows and creating ornaments for our Providence House giving tree. Please join us.

**Faith Church is honored to host the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected officials of Richmond Heights.** This ceremony will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 1st, here at the church. Volunteers are needed as parking lot attendants, greeters, and ushers, starting at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen, and for more information speak with the pastor.

**The Neighbors in Need Offering** will be collected on Sunday, November 24th. "Imagining Another World is Possible" is the theme of the Neighbors in Need Offering. An envelope for your donation will be in the bulletin that Sunday.

### Previous Announcements

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

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:brown.senate.gov) and [fudge.house.gov](mailto: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. Further cuts to SNAP are unnecessary and untimely.