

## Announcements for Sunday, November 24, 2013

### New Announcements

**We hold in our prayers the family of Ken Vogt**, whose mother, Fern, has died. A service celebrating Fern's life will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception at West Park UCC, 3909 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland 44111. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to West Park UCC Music Department or Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

**Everyone, please bring** old or recent Christmas photos of yourself, children, and/or dressed-up pets, to be placed on the Biography Bulletin Board (outside the cloak room). Give them to Jean Sinzinger or Chris Wilkinson this Sunday or next and we will arrange them. Also, please identify the people and /or pets in the photo. We would also like you to include one or two-line sentences about what significance Christmas has for you. Any questions please call Jean Sinzinger at 440-449-5058 or Chris Wilkinson at 216-291-8479.

**Ushers for 2014:** If you have an interest in helping out as an usher in 2014, please notify Ken Willert. Any frequency would be accepted whether it be a couple Sundays or multiple Sunday's throughout the year. Job requirements include: arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the service, hand out bulletins, and assist the head usher with the offering collection.

**It's a Christmas Concert!** Presented by The Northcoast Women's Ensemble on Tuesday, December 10th, at 1:00 p.m. The Faith Seniors invite everyone to come to enjoy this special holiday concert.

**Join Women of Faith** on Friday, December 13th, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The program for the evening will be "Exercise for All Seasons." There will be movement and flexibility (yoga) for all ages. All women are invited, as are your guests.

**Faith Church Preschool** has Our Town and All Around Coupon Books available for \$28.00. Books are filled with coupons for businesses and restaurants in surrounding areas including Little Italy, downtown, and the West Side Market. If you would like to purchase a book to support the preschool, see Anne Marie Dorey.

### Previous Announcements

**An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** will be held at Church of the Western Reserve at 30500 Fairmount Blvd., in Pepper Pike today, 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. We will be cooking on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 29th. If you can help, please contact Dave Holtz at 216-382-3595 or dbholtz@sbcglobal.net.

**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.

**Faith Formation Ministry** 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, at 4:30 p.m. 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.

**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 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)).