

## Announcements for Sunday, November 25, 2012

### New Announcements

**The altar flowers this morning** are dedicated to the Glory of God in celebration of the sixty-third wedding anniversary of Mary and Bill Hartel, which is today, Sunday, November 25th.

**The UCC responds to hurricane Sandy:** In conjunction with our disaster-relief partners in the eastern states, the UCC is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy with food, clothing, medical supplies, and other necessities. **If you would like to donate financially to this effort**, you may do so on line at the UCC web page ([www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) "Donate Now") or by writing a check to Faith with the subject line "Disaster Relief" and putting it in the collection plate or getting it to the church office. We will send one check to Wider Church Ministries before Christmas. In the meantime, please keep all those affected in your prayers.

**Update on Bread for the World Letters:** Thank you for your generous response to writing letters to the lame-duck Congress advocating for protecting programs that support hungry and poor people here and abroad. To date 36 letters have been sent and a few more are being finished. Some of us are making phone calls as well. We remember that 95% of food for hungry people comes from federal programs such as SNAP, WIC, and federal school meals, while 5% of food for hungry people comes from the private sector such as food banks and churches.

**Neighbors in Need Offering:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Special Mission Offering of Neighbors in Need on November 18th. The total amount that has been received so far is \$203.00.

**Saturday Matinee Group:** This Saturday, December 1st, the movie group will go to see **A Late Quartet**. We will meet at the Cedar Lee Theatre for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on December 1st for the time of the movie. You can call Jill Dugovics at 440-449-7832 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

**If you look around the church and find any of Faith's older unpainted folding chairs**, please bring them to the Social Hall. You can place them by the newly painted chairs and Ray Hein will take them to get painted. Thank you.

**It's a Christmas Concert!** Presented by The Northcoast Women's Ensemble on Tuesday, December 11th, at 1:00 p.m. The Faith Seniors invite everyone to come and bring their friends to enjoy this special holiday concert.

### Previous Announcements

**We hold in our prayers the family of Elaine H. Rasmussen, who died Monday, November 12th, in Findlay, Ohio.** Elaine was the widow of Howard Rasmussen, who died last New Year's Eve, and the mother of the late Joanne Longbrake, who died this past April. **A memorial service for Elaine** is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1st, here at Faith.

**Ministry Chairs**, please remember that the annual report for your ministry is due, by email, to Bob Goss ([office@faithuccrhoh.org](mailto:office@faithuccrhoh.org)) in the church office by this **Friday, November 30th**.

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** is scheduled for Friday, November 30th. Volunteers are need for shopping and baking. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or [lorentzka@aol.com](mailto:lorentzka@aol.com).

**Join us on Saturday, December 1st, for the All Church Advent Workshop**, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by a soup supper. We will be decorating the sanctuary for the advent season. Please invite family, neighbors, and friends to join you. If you have extra metal or plastic cans, two to five pound sizes, Karen would like them for the Advent Workshop.

**Fair Trade Sale:** Here's a great opportunity for the holiday season. On Monday, December 3rd, Ten Thousand Villages in Cleveland Heights (12425 Cedar Road) will stay open late to welcome members of Faith United Church of Christ to shop for their holiday needs. A percentage of all purchases made by members of the congregation between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. will go back to Faith as fund raising. In addition, you will receive free cookies and cider served by Ron and Mary Ober. Please mark your calendars for this date. Help the artisans, your shopping list, and our church. If there are any questions, see Ron or Mary.

**Faith Church Preschool** would like to respectfully request that the members of Faith Church consider a purchase toward the Our Town and All Around Books fundraiser. Books are available for \$28.00 (\$11 to the school) and offer a large selection of coupons to surrounding area businesses including The Chardon Brew Pub.