

**New Announcements**

**We welcome to the pulpit of Faith Church this morning The Rev. Dr. Mendle Adams** a retired minister in the Western Reserve Association. He is currently the interim visitation minister at Plymouth Church in Shaker Hts. We are grateful for his service to Faith this morning, and it is his last scheduled Sunday to preach from the pulpit here at Faith. Pastor Gene returns to preach from the pulpit next Sunday, November 27th.

**Women of Faith Church:** Thank you for letting me do your fundraiser for the Women's Group. I find it a true blessing that I am able to donate my full profit to your cause in the total amount of \$322.00. Feel free to contact me with any issues or questions at 216-339-2040 or email [newland.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:newland.jennifer@gmail.com). Jewelry stylist, Jenni Newland

**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 26th, at 10:00 a.m. Please speak with Donna Nedrow, chair of Worship, with any questions.

**For This Year's Giving Tree during Advent,** Faith United Church of Christ will be collecting items for newly settled Refugees in the Cleveland area. US Together is a Non Profit Refugee Resettlement Agency founded in 2003 in response to the growing needs of refugees and immigrants in Ohio. US Together was started and is still run by former refugees. US Together, Cleveland, began resettling diverse refugee populations in 2008 including individuals from the Former Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Burma, Bhutan, Eritrea, Somalia, Congo, Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, and Syria. Please help supply these families with items such as: Gift cards to grocery stores from Aldi, Save-a-Lot, or Walmart since new arrivals often wait a few weeks for their food stamps, also coats for children and adults, winter accessories (hats, gloves, scarves), RTA bus passes (<http://tinyurl.com/hxw398m>) or cash donations. Please be sure to take an ornament off the Giving Tree and bring the items in unwrapped beginning Sunday, Nov. 27th. (See Donna Nedrow or Nancy Jacquet with any questions or go to the US Together website [ustogether.us](http://ustogether.us))

**Coffee Hour 2017:** Coffee hour is a time for us to greet visitors and catch up with one another following worship. If you would like to join a current team or create a new team, we would love to have you! Four Sundays during the year, we ask teams to make coffee and tea, provide simple snacks, and clean up. Tables and chairs will be set up for you. If you're interested in this hospitality ministry, please let Barb Holtz know by Thur. Dec. 8th at 216-382-3595 or [dbholtz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbholtz@sbcglobal.net). **Current teams:** Please let Barb Holtz know by Dec. 8th if your team plans to continue hosting in 2017. The number of teams we have will determine how often we can offer a social time next year.

**On Saturday, December 3, 2016,** instead of going to see a movie we will go to hear the North Coast Men's Chorus holiday concert at the Hanna Theatre. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. and we will have dinner afterwards. (We will carpool downtown). If you would like to attend please sign up on the sheet across from the kitchen **no later than after church today, Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$35.00. Tickets will be purchased this Monday morning the 21<sup>st</sup>. (There may be \$20 tickets available through PlayHouse Square if you would like to purchase your own ticket). Please see Jill Dugovics with any questions.

**An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** will be held at Saint Gregory of Narek Armenian Orthodox Church at 678 Richmond Road, today, Sunday, November 20th at 1:30 p.m. Child care will be available.

**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 this **Tuesday, November 22nd.**

**If you have a 2016 request for the Mission Fund,** please submit it to Jill Dugovics, Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Autumn Abramczyk by Friday, December 2nd, 2016. 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.

**Christmas Poinsettia Flower order forms** are located at the literature rack by the entrance to the sanctuary. Orders are due by Sunday, December 4th, 2016.

**The fifth and sixth grade teachers at Richmond Heights Elementary** are looking for donations of personal hygiene products to distribute to needy students. These could include maxi and mini sanitary pads and deodorant. Give donations to Nancy Jacquet and she will get them to teachers. Thanks for always being so willing to help!

**Kathy Rubenstein** is a fifth grade teacher at Richmond Heights Elementary School. She works with a wonderful group of children and is trying to put together some lunch clubs to allow the children to work on skills that they have shown interest in. The boys have asked for a chess/checkers club, and the girls are extremely interested, possibly, in teaching them to knit or crochet. She is hoping that there would be a way that Faith Church could partner together with the school to work with these amazing kids! Their lunch period is from 11:20 a.m. until 12:00 noon. She is trying to plan clubs for two or three days a week depending on availability of volunteers. Please let Nancy Jacquet know if you are interested in volunteering. The school requires a background check to work in the school consisting of fingerprinting. It can be completed in the board office and the district will pay for it. Thanks for your interest in supporting the children of Richmond Heights!