

## Announcements for Sunday, November 29, 2015

### New Announcements

We welcome **Victor Glasgo** to Faith Church this morning. A friend of Coordinator of Music Life Jordan Mathews, Victor is providing saxophone music during worship. Please take a moment to greet Victor and welcome him to Faith.

**Neighbors in Need Offering:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Special Mission Offering of Neighbors in Need on November 22nd. The total amount that has been received so far is \$105.00.

**The Faith Reading Group** will meet this Wednesday, December 2nd, to discuss Kate Manning's *My Notorious Life*. Meet in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please come.

**The Stow Heritage Ringers** will perform on Friday, December 4th, 7:30 p.m. at Stow Presbyterian Church, 4150 Fishcreek Road, Stow 44224. There is a carpool list on the bulletin board outside the church office. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. in order to carpool.

**Saturday Matinee Group:** This Saturday, December 5th, the movie group will go to see **Love the Coopers**. We will meet at the Atlas Cinemas at the Eastgate Shopping Center, for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on Friday, December 4th 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.

**Wake Up!** Bach's Cantata *Wachet Auf* ("Wake Up!"), written in 1731, incorporates settings for Baroque orchestra and choir of the three verses of the well-known Advent hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying." This hymn was written in 1599 by the Lutheran pastor Philipp Nicolai as part of a collection of hymns to console his congregation after plague killed hundreds of his parishioners. Albert Schweitzer said of Bach's arrangement of the first verse, "Not until Berlioz shall we meet with any dramatic pictorial music comparable to this."

At 9:00 a.m. on **December 6th, 13th, and 20th**, we'll consider the meanings of these hymn verses in light of the Revised Common Lectionary Bible readings for Advent, listen for how Bach maps these meanings to music, and try to discern what this means for our spiritual lives as we prepare for Christ's coming here and now. (In keeping with the theme, extra strong coffee will be available in the kitchen at 8:50 a.m.)

For a preview and links to study materials, go to the church website and click on the "Wake Up!" link in the navigation area at the left of the page.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. The annual report of the congregation will be emailed with the weekly announcements on Friday, December 4th, and a limited number of paper copies will be available for pick up after worship on Sunday, December 6th.

**Faith Bakers:** It's that time of year when we need cookies for shut-ins, hospital and nursing care staff, and for our own Christmas Eve potluck. Please bring home-made treats to the church kitchen by 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 20th. The senior highs are assembling the tins (and checking for quality), so they are ready for caroling after worship.

### Previous Announcements

**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](mailto:Richardsonlisa@me.com) or call her at 216-403-2996.

**Faith Friends** welcome The Northcoast Women's Ensemble on Tuesday, December 8th, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your friends as this Christmas Concert is one everyone will enjoy. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

**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.