

## Announcements for Sunday, November 5, 2017

### New Announcements

**With great joy, we welcome into faith and family of Faith Church George Galileo Maxime Simms**, son of Sarah and George Simms, grandson of Candice and Stephen Peck and Piera and George Simms. Please welcome George, Sarah, and George and their families to Faith Church with your prayers and Christian love.

**Bread for the World Sunday:** November 5th is Bread for the World Sunday. As a covenant church, we at Faith UCC strive to:

1. Observe Bread for the World Sunday annually and integrate hunger concerns in prayer, worship, stewardship and educational activities.
2. Participate in Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters and engage in advocacy on other legislation in Congress.
3. Support local anti-hunger efforts and our denomination's hunger program, encourage church members to join Bread for the World and make an annual financial contribution to Bread for the World.

Our annual financial contribution as a Bread Covenant Church is made from donations collected from you. Please consider giving to Bread for the World by placing a donation in the envelope in your bulletin and dropping it in the collection plate today or next Sunday. We in turn, will send one check as Faith Church to Bread for the World, thus helping Bread's hunger advocacy and hunger education work to continue.

**Faith members going on the Reformation trip next summer: Please do not put any payments for the trip in the collection plate.** As per Kathy Lorentz's instructions, mail your payment to the church office with the check clearly labeled "Faith UCC Reformation Tour," or hand deliver your check to Bob Goss.

**If you have a 2017 request for the Mission Fund**, please submit it to Jill Dugovics, Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Autumn Abramczyk by Friday, November 24th, 2017. 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.

**Hillcrest Area Faith Communities Thanksgiving Service:** St. Paschal Baylon Church will host the annual Hillcrest Area Faith Communities Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 7:00 p.m. This ecumenical and interfaith service provides an opportunity for all of us in the Hillcrest area to join with our neighbors in celebrating the many blessings we enjoy in our life here. Father John Thomas Lane and the congregation of St. Paschal's will host, the Rev. Dr. A. Paul Collins (Church of the Good Shepherd) will preach, and Gene will preside. Please invite a friend or two to join you for this celebration of blessing.

**The Faith Reading Group** will meet on Wednesday, December 6th, to discuss Frederik Backman's *A Man Called Ove*. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come.

**Ministry Chairs**, please remember that the annual report for your ministry is due, by email, to Bob Goss (office@faithuccrhhoh.org) in the church office by **Tuesday, November 21st**.

### Previous Announcements

**Stewardship Update** As of October 22nd we have received 47 pledges for \$105,472.00. We have had 15 increases in pledges over the 2017 campaign. Last year after 3 weeks, we had 45 pledges for \$105,195.00. For turning in your pledge, thank you. The budget committee and MLC will start preparing next year's budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting on December 17th. Thank you for keeping the Dreams and Visions of Faith United Church of Christ alive.

**The Neighbors in Need Offering** will be collected on Sunday, November 12th. "Protect the Sacred. In a Just World, Clean Water is Life." This is the theme of the Neighbors in Need Offering. An envelope for your donation will be in the bulletin next Sunday.

**Faith Friends** welcomes the EKCO Ringers on Tuesday, November 14th, at 1:00 p.m. This handbell duet of Cheryl Onesky and Ed Krzes has played for us during worship. Based in Middleburg Heights, they have been ringing since the late 1990's, and currently ring with three church choirs. They are also members of the Stow Heritage Ringers. Their performance will include a wide variety of music. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Donation is \$4.00 per person. Refreshments will be served. Please come.

**Coffee Hour 2018 Host Request:** Our current roster of coffee hour hosts is down to 10 teams. We have worked to streamline hosting duties to include minimal set up/take down and food offerings. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in taking part in this hospitality ministry, please see Barb Holtz.

**Seeking Crafters, Bakers, and Shoppers:** Faith Preschool is holding a holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 11th, in the Social Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with several crafters and retailers including Lularoe, Tupperware, Lipsense, and more. We are hoping this will be a huge event. The more items sold the larger the percentage earned for our school. Want to set up a table for your own craft or business? See Anne Marie Dorey for details.