

Announcements for Sunday, November 8, 2015

New Announcements

This morning's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Liz Duncan's sister Helen, whose birthday was Tuesday, November 3rd.

There's still time to donate to Bread! As of last week Bread for the World offering totaled \$549.00. This is a very good amount that Faith offers to Bread each year as a Bread for the World Covenant Church. This amount is in addition to our budgeted support for Bread, which is \$250.00. If you are planning to make a donation to Bread on behalf of Faith Church, please do so through the church office by today, Sunday, Nov. 8th, and mark on the memo line that it is for Bread.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Bethany Covenant Church at 5120 Ridgebury Blvd., on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. Child care will be available.

Thanksgiving at the Clinic: Join members of Faith Church as we help with Thanksgiving dinner for the patients, families, and friends on the Bone Marrow Transplant and Leukemia Units of the Cleveland Clinic on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, from 3 - 5 p.m. The staff of the unit will provide dinner, and we can support them by spearheading the clean-up afterwards. 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 on the bulletin board opposite the church kitchen or speak to Gene with any questions.

The Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 22nd. "Unexpected Places" is the theme of the Neighbors in Need Offering.

Coffee Hour 2016: Barb Holtz is planning coffee hour for next year. If you and your team wish to continue service, no need to contact Barb. If you wish to **not** continue, please let Barb know by Sunday, November 22nd. Any new volunteers, we'd love to have you. (216-382-3595 or dbholtz@sbcglobal.net)

Save the date -- Christmas caroling! Mark your calendars now to join our merry band of carolers on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20th, for Christmas caroling. We'll carpool and sing for our shut-ins, as well as the patients, families, friends, and staff of the Bone Marrow Transplant and Leukemia Units of the Cleveland Clinic. Lunch provided! More details closer to the date.

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

Previous Announcements

Could you sum up Faith Church in a few words? If so, what would they be? The Ministry Leadership Council invites your suggestions for a tagline for Faith. A tagline (or slogan or perhaps even motto) is a short phrase or sentence capturing the essence of an organization, and in today's fast-paced world, brevity is an important part of making ourselves known. Here's an example of a church tagline (from Avon Lake UCC): "Growing People to Serve God and Others." Here's another: "Come Grow with Us!" (from the former Lyndhurst Baptist Church and also previously used by Faith). If you can find a few words summing up the life and mission of Faith Church, MLC would love to hear them. Please give them to the Chair of MLC, Gail Yusko (gail_robertson@progressive.com).

Faith Friends this Tuesday, November 10th, at 1:00 p.m. we welcome Lucretia R. Garfield who will tell us what it was like to be a mother and wife of the newly nominated candidate for president of the United States. How her life will change as she helps her husband win the election of 1880. Refreshments will follow. Donation is \$3.00. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

Women of Faith will travel to Providence House in Ohio City on Saturday, November 14th. Meet at Faith Church at 10:15 a.m. and we'll carpool to our 11:00 a.m. tour of Providence House and of Elisabeth's House, their new wellness nursery for children who no longer need a hospital stay but who are unable to go home because of domestic problems, including violence and homelessness. Providence House was the first licensed crisis nursery in the U.S. and Elisabeth's House is another national first. Join us and learn how Cleveland is changing the national conversation. Following the tour, we'll go to the Great Lakes Brewing Co. for lunch.

Ministry Chairs, please remember that the annual report for your ministry is due, by email, to Bob Goss (office@faithuccrhoh.org) in the church office by **Friday, November 20th.**

Faith Church Preschool invites members of the church to participate in their current and upcoming fundraisers. A catalogue for Yankee Candle (due Thursday, November 12th, for delivery by Friday, December 18th) and RSVP slips for the Second Annual Chili Cook Off on Thursday, November 12th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. are located on the church bulletin board upstairs and the preschool parent board downstairs.