

Announcements for Sunday, October 12, 2014

New Announcements

Stewardship Wrap-up: Here is a review and summary of last Sunday's Stewardship Mission Moment. In 2013 and 2014, we approved a deficit budget. It doesn't take a lot of thought to realize that we cannot have too many more deficit budgets. In 2013, we had total pledges of \$126,848 from 62 giving units for an annual average of \$2,045.94 per giving unit. In 2014, annual pledging was \$132,448 from 62 giving units for an annual average of \$2,136.25 per giving unit. In 2015, if everything remains the same, we face a possible deficit of \$15,720 due to attrition of giving units. Although our pledging is trending in the right direction, our deficit is still outpacing our giving. In order to lower our deficit and to balance our budget, we need to prayerfully consider increasing our pledges for 2015 by 10.4%. If you have any questions about the Stewardship campaign, the churches finances, or the budget, please see Ken Vogt, Ken Willert, or Phil Juarez.

Bread for the World Sunday, October 19th. Even taxes belong to our God, who governs every part of our lives. Last Spring in our Offering of Letters we advocated for reforming food aid to use our tax dollars more wisely and more effectively. When a humanitarian crisis occurs or disaster strikes, we want to get emergency assistance to more people more quickly by allowing the purchase of food closer to where it is needed.

Is Faith Church a Hothouse for Spiritual Formation?

Members of Faith are invited to join the Rev. Ivy Beckwith from the UCC National Offices as she explores five characteristics of communities that nurture the spiritual formation of their members. Come find out how a whole faith community participates in the spiritual nurture of children, youth and adults. The seminar is on Thursday, Oct. 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at Middleburg Heights Community UCC (7165 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights 44130). Faith will cover the cost for the seminar and lunch. Please contact the church office by Monday, October 27th, if you wish to participate. Gene McAfee will be attending.

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, October 31st. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31st. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or email her at lorentzka@aol.com.

Holiday Fund Raising Sale: On November 2nd, there will be a fund raising sale in the Social Hall after church. All are welcome, so be sure to invite your family and friends. Don Wilson will have his watercolors, Deanne Carroll will have stained glass, jewelry, and garden art while Ron and Mary Ober will offer their fair trade accessories from El Salvador. 50% of the proceeds will go to Faith to reduce our deficit. This is a great opportunity to buy gifts for both the holiday season and yourself while helping Faith. If there are any questions, please see Don, Deanne, or Ron.

Don't forget to change your clocks! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd, at 2:00 a.m. So turn your clocks back one hour before turning in on Saturday night, November 1st, in order to be at church on time Sunday, November 2nd.

Previous Announcements

"To Help a City Heal: A Service of Repentance, Reconciliation, and Renewal," will be held at Faith Church today, Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 4:30 p.m. Members of Faith are invited to join with one another and residents of Richmond Heights to pray for our city at this special service, which will be led by Gene McAfee. A brief reception will follow in the Social Hall.

All members of Faith Church are invited to the Western Reserve Association 2014 Annual Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer (23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 44145-3641). Please join us for adoption of the 2015 budget, election of association leadership and revision of the constitution and by-laws. Our keynote speaker will be Doug Pagitt and we'll hold workshops on Continuing Testament, Extravagant Welcome and Changing Lives. Register by Friday, October 17th, on line at <http://wraucc.org/wra-annual-meeting/> or by contacting the Faith Church office. Faith Church will cover the registration fee for any of its members who wish to attend.

The Faith Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, November 5th, to discuss *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by Rob Bell (non-fiction, 240 pages). Meet in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please come.