

Announcements for Sunday, October 13, 2013

New Announcements

I would like to express my deep appreciation to everyone at Faith not only for last Sunday's wonderful anniversary celebration, but also for ten great years of ministry together. Your support, companionship, and care of your pastor have meant a great deal to me, and I hope you share my sense that God has yet more work for us to do together. Special thanks to the members of the Anniversary Committee and the many helpers who worked hard literally for months to mark this occasion. I am deeply grateful to you all. God bless each and every one of you. – Gene

About “A Place at the Table”: 50 million Americans—one in four children—don't know where their next meal is coming from. “A Place at the Table” tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, “A Place at the Table” shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides—as they have in the past—that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all. For further information about our screening of this film, please see the longer previous announcement.

A Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies Program titled “The Compassionate Heart: Overcoming Obstacles to Practicing Compassion” will take place on four consecutive Mondays from November 4th to the 25th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at a cost of \$60.00 per person. To register, contact Bernadette LaGuardia at 216-283-1507 or at bernlag@gmail.com.

Don't forget to change your clocks! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 a.m. So turn your clocks back one hour before turning in on Saturday night, November 2nd, in order to be at church on time Sunday, November 3rd.

Previous Announcements

The MLC is looking for individuals or companies interested in the cleaning contract for the church and preschool for 2014. If you know of anyone interested in this work, please contact Ron Ober (216-896-0533) or Kathy Lorentz (440-461-3219).

The Community Summit to Reduce Gun Violence is to be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Fairmount and Coventry in Cleveland Heights on Sunday, October 27th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The Summit is being presented by the Multi-Faith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence. This Summit is open to persons who believe that gun violence and the proliferation of guns in our communities must be addressed.

The Faith Reading Group, on Wednesday, November 6th, will discuss Billy Collins (poetry) *Sailing Alone Around the Room*, starting with refreshments in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion at 7:30 p.m.

The Same Loving God we experience in our personal lives is active in overcoming hunger in our world and invites us to be part of this great liberation. With this in mind, Bread For The World equips and inspires us to urge our nation's decision makers to change policies and allocate resources to address the root causes of hunger. By making our voices heard in Congress we can make our nation's laws more just and more compassionate. The Bread Ministry Team invites all to participate in two events:

Friday, October 18th, 7-9:15 p.m. in the Social Hall, screening of “**A Place at the Table**,” an exceptional, feature-length documentary from Participant Media (An Inconvenient Truth, Waiting for Superman) that shows the lives of Americans, including 5th grader Rosie and young mom Barbie, as they struggle with hunger and poor nutrition. Through the lives of real people we can see factors that drive the hunger crisis in this country and some of the barriers to change. After the film there will be a brief time for group discussion.

Sunday, October 20th, we will celebrate **Bread Sunday** in Worship including an opportunity to make a donation to Bread as part of our commitment as a Bread Covenant Church.

The annual meeting of the Western Reserve Association will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, starting at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul UCC, 9715 E. River Road, Elyria. If you are interested in attending, please notify the church office by Friday, October 18th.