

Announcements for Sunday, October 29, 2017

New Announcements

We welcome back to Faith Church this morning David Coxe, who is coordinating our music for this morning's worship. Our Coordinator of Music Life, Keith Stiver is away today. We are grateful to David for gracing our worship with his beautiful music.

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. If you have already turned in your pledge, thank you. If you have not turned in your pledge, please try to have them turned in by today, Sunday, October 29th so that the budget committee and MLC can 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 Faith Reading Group will meet this Wednesday, November 1st, to discuss Sonia Sotomayor's *My Beloved World*. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come.

A luncheon celebration of George's baptism! Sarah and George Simms invite everyone at Faith to join them for a luncheon in the Social Hall immediately after worship next Sunday, Nov. 5th, to celebrate the baptism of their son, George. This celebration will take the place of our usual social time, and everyone is invited to join George's family and friends for what will be a joyous and delicious occasion. No need to sign up -- Sarah and George are expecting us.

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 that Sunday.

Saturday Matinee Group: Watch next Friday's emailed announcements for the name, time, and location of the movie for Saturday, November 4th.

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.

Previous Announcements

Waiting list for the "Successful Sabbatical Express":

If you'd like to go on the luncheon and afternoon excursion on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad trip today, Sunday, Oct. 29th, but were not able to sign up for one of the 42 slots, please speak to the pastor. If you HAVE signed up and discover that you cannot go, please let the pastor know so someone else can go in your place.

On Saturday, December 2nd, the Movie Group will go to see the North Coast Men's Chorus Annual Christmas Show at 3:00 p.m. at the Hanna Theatre. We will go to dinner afterwards. If you would like to attend and have Jill Dugovics purchase your tickets, please indicate on the sign-up sheet outside the kitchen how many tickets you would like and whether you want a \$35 seat or a \$20 seat **by today, Sunday, October 29th.**

Don't forget to change your clocks! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00 a.m. So turn your clocks back one hour before turning in on Saturday night, November 4th, in order to be at church on time Sunday, November 5th.

Pray, Act, Give to End Hunger: Bread Sunday 2017.

Faith Church is a Bread for the World Covenant Church, and on Nov. 5th we will join with our partner communities of faith around the world to further the work of ending hunger in Christ's name. **Rick Lorentz, coordinator of our Bread Team, will bring the morning's mission moment and prayer/litany that Sunday.** An envelope will be available in the bulletin for those who wish to make a special donation to Bread's work. Please join us for that special service.

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.