

## Announcements for Sunday, September 17, 2017

### New Announcements

**This morning's altar flowers** are given by Worship Ministry to the Glory of God and in honor of the celebration of Faith Church's sixtieth anniversary.

**To help us celebrate our sixtieth anniversary, we welcome to Faith's pulpit the Rev. Candita Bauza de Mattos**, member of Faith Church and retired Minister for Hispanic Relations in the Office of the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Nov. 10, 1972, Candita was the first woman to be graduated from the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico with a Master of Divinity Degree in the first sixty years of that institution's life. She was also the first Hispanic woman to be ordained in the United Church of Christ. In her various ministries, Candita has served congregations in her native Puerto Rico, as Associate Conference Minister for Church Development and Evangelism for the Southern Association of the Southern California-Nevada Conference, and as Dean of Students at a private secondary school in Puerto Rico. For her pioneering work in advancing the cause of women in ministry, Candita was honored at General Synod 27, on June 29, 2009, with the Antoinette Brown Award, named for the first woman ordained to a major Christian denomination (Congregationalism) in 1853. In her retirement, Candita volunteers in the pastoral care division of the Hospice of the Western Reserve. For her dedication, gifts, and devotion to the Christian church and to Faith Church, we thank Candita most warmly on this anniversary weekend.

**Through the generous donation of a new lending library, Faith Preschool has a lending library that is free for the taking.** If you or someone you know would like a free lending library (sans books), please have them take the small, empty library leaning against the wall of the church between the Preschool entrance and the custodian's shed.

**Stewardship Campaign 2017:** The ongoing financial needs of Faith Church are met by the financial stewardship of our members, and this year's stewardship campaign will start on Sunday, September 24th. Pledges for 2017 will be received during worship on October 8th. Please see Ken Vogt (chair), Rose McIntyre, Marilyn Wilson, or Gail Yusko, the members of our Stewardship Ministry, if you have any questions about this year's campaign.

**Join us at the Brookdale Service:** At 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, Faith provides a brief (30-minute) Protestant worship service for the residents of Brookdale, the assisted living facility across Richmond Road. Under the auspices of our Worship Ministry, a number of us from Faith provide this contribution to the spiritual lives of our friends at Brookdale. The staff and residents very much appreciate this service, so **please join us at 11:30 a.m. this Tuesday, September 19th, in the living room of Cottage 5.** Since parking spaces at Brookdale are sometimes difficult to find, please consider parking at Faith and walking over to Brookdale.

### Previous Announcements

**Donate to help disaster relief efforts:** By far, the most efficient and effective material way to help victims of natural disasters, such as the millions of people affected by the hurricanes that recently swept across the southern U.S., is by making monetary donations to relief agencies already in place and with first-hand, up-close knowledge of dire circumstances. Our denomination, through our Wider Church Ministries, has multiple ways of partnering with local disaster relief agencies, as well as with local congregations in the affected areas, both of which provide assistance in times of need. **If you would like to help, please send a check marked "Disaster Relief" to Wider Church Ministries, Financial Services, 6th Floor, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.** And, as always, keep those in need in your prayers.

**The Faith Reading Group** will meet on Wednesday, October 4th, to discuss Anne Enright's *The Green Road*. Discussion in the parlor starts at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please come.

**Loaves and Fishes Meal** is scheduled for Friday, September 29th. Volunteers are needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving. We will be cooking at Faith on Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m. We will car pool and leave Faith at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 29th. If you can help, please contact Kathy Lorentz at 440-461-3219 or [lorentzka@aol.com](mailto:lorentzka@aol.com).