

Announcements for Sunday, September 24, 2017

New Announcements

With great joy, we welcome into faith and family of Faith Church Claire Olivia Hughes, daughter of Melanie and Chad Hughes, granddaughter of Frank and Gail Yusko and Connie and Mark Hughes. Please welcome Claire, Melanie, and Chad and their families to Faith Church with your prayers and Christian love. **This morning's altar flowers** are given by Frank and Gail Yusko to the Glory of God and in honor of the celebration of the baptism of their granddaughter, Claire Olivia Hughes.

Today is the start of our 2017 Stewardship Campaign, when our Stewardship Ministry requests your support of prayer, time, and money for the coming year. For the next three Sundays, we will focus our attention on the importance of this season of commitment to our church, concluding with **Pledge Sunday on October 8th**. We hope you'll be a part of these three services.

Faith Church will be sending a love offering of \$110 to support the efforts of Sojourners UCC in Charlottesville, VA, in their witness against racism, bigotry, and hate. This offering was recommended and approved by the congregation at our meeting on Aug. 13th. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this offering.

A blessing for our animal companions: On Saturday, Oct. 7th, at 11 a.m., Faith will host a brief service of blessing for the animals who accompany us through life. All animals are welcome on leashes, in carriers, or in other appropriate restraints for the safety and security of all. Weather permitting, we will hold this service on the front lawn; if it rains, we will pray in the Social Hall. Bring your own beloved pet (or photo or other memento) and invite your other family members and friends to do likewise. This service of remembrance and thanksgiving is open to everyone.

The time has come to place your orders for the new Faith UCC cookbook! Thank you all so much for participating in the creation. The book will be called "Faithful Cooking" and will cost \$10.00 per copy. A sign-up sheet is located outside the Social Hall where you are asked to fill in your name, number of copies desired, and the total amount due. In order to guarantee your order before Thanksgiving, please print your name and number of copies desired by October 22nd, 2017 (payment due by the end of church on that day). The first order will be placed on that date.

The mulch is coming! The mulch for the parking lot island project is being delivered on Monday, September 25th. Following the spreading of the mulch, native seed will be purchased and sown in early October. If you can help spread mulch (50 yards!) on that Monday or later that week, please let Barb Holtz know.

All aboard for the "Successful Sabbatical Express"!

On Sunday, Oct. 29th, we will celebrate the successful sabbatical of the pastor with an afternoon train excursion and luncheon on board the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. We have chartered the Dining Car of this popular train, which can accommodate **the first 42 of us who sign up** for the approximately three-hour round trip from Rockside Station to Akron. Creek Side Catering will provide our luncheon. Passengers should be on the platform at Rockside Station (7900 Old Rockside Rd., Independence 44131) by 12:20 p.m. for our 12:50 p.m. departure, returning to Rockside Station by approximately 4:25 p.m. Those who wish to carpool from church should make their own arrangements with passengers and drivers. There is no charge for this excursion which, like the pastor's sabbatical, was made possible by a Pastoral Study Grant from the Louisville Institute. **Please sign up opposite the kitchen by the end of church on Oct. 8th, and remember that our private car can accommodate only the first 42 of us who sign up.**

Coffee Hour Team 4 help needed – Ken and Mary-Ellen Vogt are looking for help on their coffee hour team. If you would be interested in serving by stepping in to help out, please let the Vogt's know (440-944-8456). Any available help is really appreciated.

Two sign-ups need your attention - Care to help perk up and keep up the landscaped beds around the church? We would love to have your green thumb! Please sign up to be part of the **Faith Church Green Team**. We are also looking for folks interested in **designing an art piece for our front lawn**. We're hoping to catch the eye of passers-by through an inviting sculpture to showcase our presence in the community. If you are interested in being part of that discussion, please sign up today!

Faith Friends: We have to say goodbye to Bessie Hostetler and her wonderful Amish Wedding Dinners. Bessie has decided to retire. All her girls are married and moved away and her family urged her to give up her dinners. **Good News** we still will be doing our dinner, now at Mary Millers home on Tuesday, October 10th. Carpool at the church at 11:00 a.m. Her address is 13301 Princeton Road, Huntsburg. The sign-up sheet is located across from the kitchen. Cost of the dinner is \$21.00. She will also bake pies to take home. The list is also posted - cost is \$8.00. Liz Duncan will be collecting payment which is due by Friday, October 6th. Questions call Barbara Garris at 440-946-4299.

Previous Announcements

Loaves and Fishes Meal is scheduled for Friday, September 29th. Volunteers are needed for shopping 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.