

Announcements for Sunday, September 29, 2013

New Announcements

Good news regarding our Capital Campaign: Faith Church committed itself, at its August 11th meeting, to raising \$10,500 to launch its \$42,000 Capital Campaign to replace the sanctuary roof. To date, \$18,610 has been given from 29 donors, bringing us past our first goal in less than a month. This in-hand cash will allow us to begin the process of repairing the roof before inclement weather sets in. Thanks to everyone who has responded so promptly and generously so far – we're well on our way to our final goal of \$42,000!

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.

Saturday Matinee Group: This Saturday, October 5th, the movie group will go to see **The Family.** We will meet at the Atlas Cinemas (formerly Phoenix Theaters), at the Eastgate Shopping Center, for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on October 5th for the time of the movie. You can call Penny Knight at 216-291-0681 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

The Faith Reading Group, this Wednesday, October 2nd, will discuss Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, starting with refreshments in the kitchen at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Previous Announcements

The Worship Ministry invites everyone at Faith to a field trip to UCC headquarters for the weekly worship at Amistad Chapel. We will carpool from our parking lot at 11 a.m. on **Wednesday, October 9th,** for the noon service, followed by conversation over lunch at a nearby eatery for any who'd like to extend the outing. Donna Nedrow, chair of Worship, can answer questions.

The Ohio Fair Trade Expo 2013 will take place on Saturday October 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at John Carroll University (Dolan Center for Science and Technology) in University Heights, Ohio. The day includes: Keynote speakers; workshops on a variety of issues including sessions for beginners to experts; a Fair Trade Marketplace with 25+ vendors from across Ohio and the region including Ron and Mary Ober's line of accessories from El Salvador; a program for Girl Scouts that includes hands-on activities; opportunities to learn about fair trade and the countries where fair trade products are developed. It's a great opportunity to learn about the movement. If there are any questions, see Ron or Mary Ober.

Fifth Sunday Offering: There will be no Fifth Sunday offering this month. The offering for December has also been cancelled. MLC has decided that while the initial stage of the capital fund campaign is underway, we should focus all of our efforts towards that goal. If there are any questions, please see Ron Ober.

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 6th: Faith UCC will be celebrating 10 years with Rev. Gene McAfee. We will have a guest preacher this Sunday, along with a pot luck lunch following worship. Please sign up for the pot luck lunch on the bulletin board so we know how many to set up for. We request that you bring a pot luck dish of your choice or something from the old Faith Church Cook Book. If you have any questions please see a member of the celebration service committee: Gail Yusko, Ron Ober, Mary Ober, or Donna Nedrow.

Faith Seniors will be having a business meeting on Tuesday, October 8th, at 1:00 p.m. in the choir room at the church. We will have an open discussion about decision making for future activities and possible missions. All are welcome. Please come.