

Announcements for Sunday, December 30, 2012

New Announcements

This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirley Ruff in memory of the anniversary with her husband, Red.

Saturday Matinee Group: This Saturday, January 5th, the movie group will go to see **Hitchcock**. We will meet at the Cedar Lee Theatre for the showtime closest to 5:00 p.m. and have dinner afterwards. Please check the paper on January 5th for the time of the movie. You can call Jill Dugovics at 440-449-7832 if you have any questions about the time or the event. All are welcome.

Suppers for Eight is back! For those of you who have participated in the past, you know that it's a fun time filled with conversation and fellowship among members of Faith and their friends. For three months beginning in February, eight individuals (four pairs) will meet at a host house. You do not need to host a dinner to participate. There are openings for both hosts and non-hosts on the sign-up sheet which is now posted. The sign-up sheet will stay up through January or until it's full. This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow members of the congregation while having great food and a great time. If there are any questions, see Ron or Mary Ober.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on December 16th, 2012 and the MLC Meeting held on November 13th, 2012 have been posted on the bulletin board located across from the kitchen. These and previous minutes are also available to Faith UCC Members on-line at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/mlc-minutes>.

Previous Announcements

2013 **pledge envelopes** are available for pick up today.

Just a reminder that today, Sunday, December 30th, is the final Sunday in 2012. Any contributions that you wish to be counted for 2012 should be placed in the offering plate by today. Also please note that the end of the year giving statements will be ready for distribution in mid January.

Today and for the next two Sundays--Letter Writing for Gun Control Measures: Come to the Parlor after Worship and write a letter to Congress and/or to President Obama. Tables will be set up with paper, envelopes, pens, addresses, and sample letters for you to consider. We can respond to the killing of 27 persons including 20 children in Newtown, Connecticut by expressing to national decision makers that this is the time to enact common sense measures to prevent the horrific gun violence that occurs far too often in this country.

Sharpen your mind this winter! The WRA Lay School of the Church is offering two courses this winter -- Old Testament 1 (with Gene McAfee, taught here at Faith), and Christian Theology in Conversation (with Wendell Brooker) -- that will provide in-depth work for those who want to learn more about the basics of our faith. For more information and to register (by January 2, 2013), speak to Gene.

Our food pantry overfloweth! Thanks to all who have donated non-perishables to our food pantry -- please stop for a while, we're full! Rick Lorentz will be donating our overflowing canned goods to an appropriate food distribution agency, and if you would like to help those in need during the coming months, please consider purchasing a gift card to a local grocer or other retailer (e.g., Target) that we can distribute when we receive calls for assistance. When we're ready to start receiving non-perishables for our pantry again, we'll let you know. Thank you for your generosity, and thanks to Lou Hein and Liz Duncan for keeping our pantry organized and operating.

Faith Seniors will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Forget about the January cold and join us. We will talk about what we might want to do in the upcoming meetings. All are welcome. Please come.