

ANNOUNCEMENTS for May 1

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult class continued its exploration of *How (Not) to Read the Bible* today at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. This week's session *Stranger Things* will ask the basic yet necessary question: Is the Bible credible and trustworthy?

COFFEE AND DANISH SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join the fun in the Fellowship Hall between services for coffee, Danish, and good conversation and fellowship!

SECRETARY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Joy will be out of the office from May 3 through May 10. If you need to contact the office, feel free to send an email as that will be monitored.

YOU'RE INVITED! HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BLESSING

At the start of construction, faith organizations, volunteers, the future homeowner and the community are invited to the House Blessing ceremony. This is an opportunity to join in prayer at the beginning of the project! This event will take place on Saturday, May 7, at 11:30 AM, 9815 Elwell Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44104. Please plan to car pool as parking will be limited. Questions can be addressed to Michelle at 216-318-0274.

MAP SURVEY

Everyone is encouraged to take the MAP survey online as part of our visioning and transitioning process with the Joshua Group. (Insert link) Hard copies are available at the Welcome Center and may be returned to the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22, at 10:15 AM. The meeting will include the election of Council and Endowment members, as well as an open forum. A quorum of 50 is needed to conduct business.

LADIES NIGHT TO CELEBRATE BARB KNEREM

There is a Sign-Up Genius online for an opportunity to celebrate Barb at Michael Angelo's on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center.

DESSERT RECEPTION

Don't forget to sign up for an opportunity to visit with Pastor Chuck at a Dessert Reception on Monday, May 16, at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Sign-Up Genius online or you can add your name to the list on the Welcome Center.

PIERSTORF MEMORIAL FUND

The Pierstorf Memorial Fund offers zero-interest educational loans to Lutherans living in the state of Ohio. Students must be enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. Explore academic pursuits, discover your unique gifts, and grow in the Spirit with yearly loans of up to \$3,000. For more information and to apply, visit Pierstorf.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS ONLINE

Did you know that there is a way to add a prayer request online? Simply go to the church website firstchurchalive.org and click on the Ministries tab. Go to the Prayer Ministry block and complete and submit the form. These prayer requests will be given to the Pastors for inclusion in the service the following Sunday.

Upcoming Events to Celebrate the Retirement of Pastor Chuck!

Michael Angelo's with Barb Knerem

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM (cap of 50 attendees)

Dessert Reception in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 16 at 2:30 PM

The Event at the Brew Garden, Tuesday, May 24 is full.

Farewell and Godspeed Service at Church

Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 AM

Luncheon and Reception following the Church Service

Sign up via links or contact the office!