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Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

October 2010

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8*

Dear Friends,

October is traditionally the month when the Stewardship Ministry focuses our attention about making pledges for the mission and ministry of the church. On Sunday, October 17 the Stewardship Season will begin with a "Festival of Giving." This year's theme is "More than Enough" and is grounded in the passage from 2nd Corinthians. St. Paul in his letter reminds us that God is able to provide every blessing in abundance. We always have enough of everything and therefore we share the abundance in every good work.

Let's face it: the economy is still struggling, there are many out of work, and all of us have financial commitments that press upon us. It seems as if there is not enough to go around and that our lives are shaped by scarcity. Leave it to God to turn things topsy-turvy. In the Bible it is always about abundance: lands flowing with milk and honey, overflow baskets of fish and bread, the finest wine, a wedding banquet, a feast for a prodigal son. Gifts are given to be given. You are blessed to be a blessing. Focus NOT on what you don't have, but rather what you have been given. Take an inventory of your blessings, and give thanks.

Make a pledge. Even if you don't think you can contribute much, make a pledge anyway. Start with an amount that you believe you can fulfill. Then fulfill it. The Stewardship Ministry wants to celebrate 100% membership pledging.

Let me share the success story of 2010. The economy was just as bad, if not worse. The anti-gospel of scarcity was everywhere proclaimed. But YOU increased your giving (again!) and we will meet our budget (perhaps even a surplus?!) YOU made commitments to fund fully the building renovation project. If you have been reading the reports you know that we are on target and actually ahead of the pace of projected contributions. Talk about sharing the abundance! I doubt that there are many churches in America like Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian.

Forest Hill is a special place. Our staff is the best, our programs inviting and engaging, and our future strong. Given your track record of generosity I am confident that we will reach our gift/pledge goal for 2011. God HAS and will continue to provide us "with every blessing." If we each do our part we will have "enough of everything" and continue to thrive.

Soon you will be receiving information about the "More Than Enough" Stewardship Program. Read the material. Make your pledge with glad and generous hearts. Trust that from God's abundance we shall live abundantly.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you,

John

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Freedom From Religion

Professor Amos N. Guiora (S.J. Quinney School of Law, University of Utah) will be giving a talk at Forest Hill Church on Sunday, October 3 from 7-9 p.m. in South Hall. Professor Guiora, a good friend of Dr. Lentz's (they were roommates at Kenyon College) has just published a challenging and thoughtful book in response to the growing concerns over terrorism in our world. He poses the question: Are we at a time in our history when the "sacred" protections of free speech and assembly may have to be curtailed in order to stem the apparent growing tide of violent fundamentalism in Islam, Judaism and Christianity?

The talk is free and open to the public. Professor Guiora's book will be sold after the program and he will gladly sign copies. Save the date, bring a friend. See you there as we engage in thoughtful reflection on issues that shape our world.

John Lentz

from ***Freedom from Religion, by Amos Guiora***

This book ultimately proposes actions that governments could and should take in responding to religious extremism. When I presented some of the ideas that will be described in greater detail in subsequent chapters – broadening the definition of incitement, for example – they were rejected outright by my British audience. While these theories had not been met with universal acclaim – some American colleagues expressed concern with certain premises and disagreed with my conclusions – the level of political correctness in my British meetings was qualitatively different. In one meeting, an extremely thoughtful academic literally refused to use the phrase "religious extremism," except to suggest that I not use the term.

The political realities in the UK prevent the adoption of what I recommend – re-articulation of free speech and free exercise limitations.



Dear friends,

The words of this prayer blessed me and challenged me all summer long, and I anticipate that I'll still be praying them this autumn. They were penned by Macrina Wiederkehr, from her devotional book, ***Seven Sacred Pauses***.

A Blessing Prayer

What is a blessing but a rain of grace falling generously into the lives of those in need; and who among us is without need?

May the Spirit touch your spirit in the midmorning pause.
May this day be a pathway strewn with blessings.
May your work this day be your love made visible.
May you breathe upon the wounds of those with whom you work.
May you open yourself to God's breathing.
May you honor the flame of love that burns inside you.
May your voice this day be a voice of encouragement.
May your life be an answer to someone's prayer.
May you own a grateful heart.
May you have enough joy to give you hope, enough pain to make you wise.
May there be no room in your heart for hatred.
May you be free from violent thoughts.

When you look into the window of your soul, may you see the face of God.
May the lamp of your life shine upon all you meet this day.

Thanks be to God. May the rain of grace fall generously upon you this autumn,

Clover

Children and Youth Ministries

All of our Christian Education programs have had a wonderful beginning. The kids are back in the Sunday morning routine and are enthusiastically participating in their classes. Thank you to the wonderful dedicated volunteers who have been teaching, shepherding, and leading this past month.

- In our *nursery* thank you to Beth Feroe, Callie Janor, and Ron Register.
- In our *Little Explorers*, thank you to Diana Johannessen and Becky West.
- In our *Children in Worship* class, thank you to Deanne Lentz.
- In *Pathways to the Promise Land*, thank you to Wendy Brock, Carol Leslie, Kara Schellenberg, Molly Bergman, Chantal Miller, David Peterjohn, Peter Williams and Kate & David Burleigh.
- In our Trailblazers Class, thank you to Keith Logan and John Schellenberg.
- In our Senior High Church School, thank you to Elaine Turley and Ron Schmidt.

Children's Ministry

Little Explorers Three and Four year olds

This month the children will focus on the stories about Noah and Moses. The children will explore how God is continuing to offer his love to all people. After participating in the story the children are welcomed to respond to the theme in art, movement and retelling.

Children in Worship Older four year olds and kindergarten

The children in this age group are asked to respond to the stories they've heard through "I Wonder" questions. There is also a craft response to help them better understand the story. During the month of October the children will explore and participate in stories about Creation, Noah and Moses.

Pathways to the Promise Land Grades 1-5

The next rotation theme centers on *Abraham*. God established the covenant with Abraham and his descendents. Abraham's faith story can give us hope and courage for our own lives. We can learn to be faith-filled people and remember that we are also people of the Covenant. The children will explore this focus in art, cooking, movement and by using maps of lands during Bible time and the present day.

Youth Ministries

Trailblazers Grades 6-8

Trailblazers will be studying the unique themes of the four Gospels. Each week, the youth will identify themes and styles of teaching (the parables, key narratives and verses) of each Gospel. They will also consider the mission of Jesus as it relates to today's world.

Senior High Church School Grades 9-12

The Senior Highs will take six weeks to focus on Being Presbyterian. Each week they will examine how Presbyterians worship, believe, and differ from other Christian faiths, and why we are called Presbyterians. Pastors Lentz and Dykers-Koenig will lead this study.

Confirmation

Youth in grades 8 & 9 and families are invited to attend an informational meeting after worship on October 17. An outline of the classes, dates, and expectations will be discussed. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Dates to Know

October 3 Communion

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will begin in their workshop at 11:00 then join their families for Communion.

October 10 Gathering Time

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will begin in the Chapel for Gathering time at 11:00, then dismissed to their workshops with their shepherds.

October 17 Confirmation Meeting

Informational meeting about Confirmation for 8th and 9th graders and their families at 12:30. Please check the bulletin that morning for the meeting place.

October 24 Cherub Choir

Preschoolers meet for music, movement and fun at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

December 5 Advent Workshop

This annual intergenerational event begins after worship with lunch prepared by our mid-high youth. Then join the fun in Youth Hall to create some Advent and Christmas decorations. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun and creative time for the whole family.

Faithfully,
Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

Music Notes

The choirs are off to a fine start! I'd like to congratulate the new Chancel Choir officers: Jaired Birks, President (re-elected unanimously for a third term); Carl Jenks, Vice President and Social Chairman; Joy Stang, Secretary; Bob Jeffreys, Treasurer; Nancy Grube, Librarian; and Josh Toombs, Mascot (he's charged with keeping us all in good humor!).

The new Descant Choir officers are: Lillie Trammell, President and Will Burleigh, Vice President. Anyone else out there interested in joining a choir? We'd love to include you in our warm and loving choir family. Contact me for more information: 216-371-9508 or annew@fhcpresb.org

I'd like to welcome new choir members! In the Chancel Choir, new singers include soprano Lisa Koops and tenor/baritone Josh Toombs. In the Descant Choir, we welcome Maya Miller, Colin Burleigh and Aidan Peters. (As of this writing, Sine Nomine Choir and Voices in Bronze have not yet met, so those officers and new members will be celebrated next month).

Now here's something you won't want to miss: the first of our **AWE** services (Alternative Worship Experiences). On Sunday, October 3rd during our regular Sunday morning service, we'll worship and sing accompanied by the exhilarating sounds of a Celtic band (fiddles, penny whistles, spoons) and Irish dancers. The instrumental group is called *Ceud Mile Failte* (pronounced KEY-it ME-luh FALL-chuh) It's Scots Gaelic for "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" and I hope that's what we'll give them as they invigorate our singing that day. The group specializes in music inspired by Scottish, Irish, Cape Breton, French Canadian, and 17th century English dance music.

During morning worship on Sunday, October 17th, we will welcome Deanna Witkowski (New York City jazz pianist, singer and composer) and Dave Morgan (string bass player, composer and head of jazz studies at Youngstown State University) to our worship service. Deanna has composed a sacred jazz songbook called **From This Place**, and the FHC choirs and congregation will be singing her music in the service that day.

I hope you will particularly invite friends to these two services -- perhaps friends who don't normally attend church but might be encouraged to come because they like Celtic music or jazz.

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson

MOB: Forest Hill Youth Ministry

More than Mii : Presbytery Youth Gathering on October 10th

Meet at Forest Hill Church on October 10th as we head to Lakewood Park for recreation, music, and worship with other youth groups in the Presbytery. Reunite with friends from Triennium and make new friends! We depart promptly at 2:00pm and will return around 6:00pm. The event is for Mid and Senior High youth and takes the place of regular youth group that day. We need drivers and chaperones. There will be a sign up sheet in Kristen's office -- please sign up by October 3rd!

Fall Hayride at Mill Stream Run Reservation



on October 16th

Enjoy the fall season with the youth group at the Cleveland Metroparks with a hayride, square dancing, hay maze, face painting and balloon animals. All ages are welcome to come. We will meet at 5:30pm at Forest Hill Church on Saturday October 16th.

Participants are responsible for the admission cost of \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children. There will be a sign up sheet in Kristen's office -- please sign up by October 10th so transportation can be arranged.

Trick or Treat -- October 31st

The youth group will be putting a spin on traditional trick or treating on Halloween. After worship on October 31st, the youth group (both mid and senior highs) will head into the neighborhoods surrounding Forest Hill Church trick or treating for canned and nonperishable food items. The previous Sunday (October 24th) the senior highs will hand out fliers in the neighborhood to announce the collection on Halloween.

Looking for a New Experience in Ministry?

Consider becoming an adult volunteer with the youth group. Relationships between youth and adults in the congregation are key to a successful youth ministry. We are looking for adults to commit to one Sunday per month with either the Mid High or Senior High groups. Contact Kristen to get involved.

Youth MOB Schedule

Sunday October 3

Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7pm.

Sunday October 10

More than Mii : Presbytery Youth Gathering (2-6pm)

Saturday October 16

Fall Hayride at Mill Stream Run Reservation (5:30-8:30pm)

Sunday October 17

Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7pm

Sunday October 24

Senior High Youth @ 5-7pm

Sunday October 31

Trick or Treat for Mid & Senior High (12-1:30pm)

Sunday November 7

Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7pm

Looking Ahead:

Friday November 19: Youth Lock-In – Overnight at the church!

Sunday November 21: Parent Potluck (5-7pm)

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ADULT EDUCATION IN OCTOBER KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY: LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

One lesson each week will be chosen as the preaching text and will be used in the small-group bible studies as well as Bible and Bagels.

October 3: Lesson 1

Psalm 121; Luke 18:15-17

October 10: Lesson 2

New Wine in Old Wineskins: Mark 2, Matthew 9, Luke 5
Keeping the Sabbath: Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

October 17: Lesson 3

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Book of Ruth (Ezra 1, 3:8-6:22, ch 9-10)
Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-27

October 24: Lesson 4

The Lost Sheep: Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:3-7
Take up Your Cross: Mark 8:34-9:1
Jesus predicts his death: Mark 10:32-34; Mark 10:17-52

October 31: Lesson 5

Deuteronomy. 26:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-11; Mark 1:29-31

Drawing the Bible

Art is not an end in itself. It introduces the soul into a higher spiritual order, which it expresses and in some sense explains.

(Thomas Merton)

Like all the other FHC Bible study groups this fall, this group will use the Kerygma materials – with a special added feature: exploration of the Bible through creating art. Daryl Musick, who has a Master's degree in Art Therapy, will co-facilitate this group with Peter and Ann Williams, who both love making art.

We see the making of art as one of many ways that we can prayerfully deepen our understanding of the Bible. As we deepen our knowledge of the Bible through the use of the Kerygma materials, we will also deepen our appreciation of the imagery, feeling, and spirit of the text through the use of art.

You do not need to be an "artist" to be in this group. You simply need to be curious enough to explore the Bible using color, form, and symbols.

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To allow ourselves enough time for both study and art, this group will meet for 2 hours on Tuesday evening, 7-9 PM. We understand that a 7 PM starting time may stress some people's schedules. So we plan to have a simple supper of soup & bread available at the church at 6:30, immediately before the group begins.

If you are interested, contact Rev. Clover Beal (216-321-2660 or pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org).

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Sundays in October	
9:00	Child care begins
9:30	Adult education
	Youth education
	Descant Choir
10:15	Descant Choir activity
10:30	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00	WORSHIP
	Children in Worship
	Little Explorers
	Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) (11:15, Oct. 24)
12:15	Coffee Hour
4:00	Mob: Mid High (Oct. 3, 17)
5:00	MOB: Sr High (not Oct. 10, 31)
	Faith Leader (not Oct. 17)

<p>October 3 World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday AWE: A Celtic Celebration 9:30 Continental Breakfast Adult Ed: Kerygma begins 10:00 WORSHIP: communion 11:00 Coffee Hour 8:00 An Evening with Amos Guiora</p>	<p><i>The Revised Common Lectionary readings are listed here. The Kerygma Bible Study readings are listed on the Adult Ed page (p. 10)</i></p> <p>Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10</p>
<p>October 10 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir 2:00 Presbyterian Youth Gathering (Lakewood)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-12 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19</p>
<p>October 17 12:15 Blood Pressure check 12:30 Confirmation meeting</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18: 1-8</p>
<p>October 24 10:30 Cherub Choir 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir</p>	<p>Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14</p>
<p>October 31 9:30 Exploring Membership class 11:00 WORSHIP: communion 12:15 MOB: Trick or Treat</p>	<p>Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10</p>

Exploring Membership Classes (*Note New Dates!*)

If you've been considering church membership, here's your chance. Exploring Membership classes will meet **Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** (Childcare and Saturday lunch are provided.)

If you're considering membership, it's important to attend both classes. They are designed not only to share information about what we believe at Forest Hill and how we operate as Presbyterians, but to build community and get to know others in the life of the church.

If you choose to join, you will be received by the Session and introduced to the congregation during Sunday worship in November. Contact Rev. John Lentz, Rev. Clover Beal, or the church office (216-321-2660) for information about the upcoming session.

For more information about membership in Forest Hill Church, see our website: www.fhcpresb.org/get-connected/new-member-classes



From the PC(USA) 2007-2009 Book of Order

G-5.0100 The Meaning of Membership

a. The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church.

b. Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways: by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or transfer of certificate from some other church.

c. When persons baptized as infants reach an age when they are ready to make public their profession of faith and accept their responsibility in the life of the church, the session should invite, encourage, and help them prepare for their responsibility as active church members.

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Restoring the Building – Reclaiming the Mission

The project is proceeding on budget and it is anticipated that the work will be substantially completed by the end of September.

Storm Sewer – this phase has been completed

Playground – this phase has been completed with the exception of the fence which will be replaced.

Masonry work – this phase has been completed.

Painting – The exterior portion of this phase is complete. All damaged wood has been repaired and all new windows have been installed. This will allow all the remaining painting to be completed by the end of September or early October.

Roofing – Work on the sanctuary roof is complete. All gutter work was completed by mid-September. Some of the wood framing of the gutters has been damaged by water over the years and has now been replaced. Fortunately the damage turned out to be less than originally thought it would be. Contingency funds will cover the cost of this work. The flat roofs will be replaced by the end of September.

Windows – All 43 new windows have been installed. Restoration work on 81 windows has been completed with the exception of the installation of 12 storms, which should be installed by early October.

Doors – Minor repairs to the weather stripping is in process. Most brass hardware has been restored.

Sanctuary Portico – The new slate has been installed. The front steps have been reset and six stone steps have been replaced. The railings have been restored and painted. All brass has been restored. Fifteen feet of concrete across the bottom of the steps and five cracked blocks have been replaced.

Parking lot – Sufficient funds are available to resurface one-third of the parking lot. This work will be done this fall.

Landscaping – McKnight and Associates, a landscape architectural firm, has been hired to create a master plan for the grounds. The plan will be completed by early October and will be available for review by the congregation.

Elder Dave Hunter, project manager

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WOW!

What a wonderful Tropical Paradise Forest Hill Church enjoyed after church Sunday September, 12, 2010! The food was scrumptious, music was tropical, smoothies were SMOOTH and the games were fun. The rocket car was again a special treat enjoyed by young and old(er). THANKS go out to all the DEACONS for their hours of work setting up, decorating and making things run smoothly. The Mid High and Senior High worked tirelessly with the Smoothie bar (yum) and helping with games. Thanks also to the clean-up crew which included Mark Chupp, Brett Himes, Scott Lafferty, Chuck Smith, Peg Weissbrod, Steve Marunsowski, John Lentz, Jon Newton and 3 custodians, Michael, Leroy and John. Most of all, we thank Morag Keefe and her sidekick, Tom Keefe, for a delicious lunch. **WOW!**

Every week we have a table for the Ministry of Deacons to send greeting cards to church members who might need a kind word or cheerful note. Thank you to the many people who donate cards for this Ministry. We especially thank Marge Thomas, Peggy Sasso and Betty Clark for spending hours sorting through and organizing these cards. Please, please stop by the CARD table and pick out a card to send to someone in need. These remembrances mean so much to those who receive a card.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

Cathy Ghiandoni and all the Deacons

Office News and Reminders

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is every Wednesday morning.

The deadline for the **TOWER** is as follows: **7 a.m.** on October 15, November 12, December 10 (one week early). **We will be distributing TOWERs in Fellowship Hall for two weeks following the due date. The TOWER will be posted on the website as soon as it is available.**

CDs of the worship service are available each week. Often they are available soon after worship. If you miss that, call or email the church office, or leave a note, and the CD will be in the volunteer office the following Sunday. The cost is \$1 per CD.

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Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

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- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: office@fhcpresb.org, ext. 202

Our website is www.fhcpresb.org

Both the bulletin and the **TOWER** may be found on our website. Please contact the office if you would like to discontinue your printed copy of the **TOWER** and ONLY read it on line.

Sunday flower donations are coordinated by the church office. Please call or email Lynda for information about donating an arrangement. The cost is \$25 per arrangement.

A few tips for writing checks, since we have so many active funds right now –

It is perfectly fine to write one check for several purposes, please just be very sure to write in the memo line how much money is for each fund. This same holds true when writing checks on-line; be sure to add a description like Base Pledge, Building Campaign, Flowers, etc.

That way your gifts will get speedily posted to the correct accounts.

**Did you know that your monthly or weekly donation to FHC can be paid on-line with your other regular payments?
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Peacemaking Offering 2010

The annual offering for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 3. Surely we are aware this fall of the need to seek peace and pursue it at home as well as abroad.

American Christians are not alone in leading efforts to resolve interreligious and social differences peacefully. We can affirm and learn from the work of others. For example, in Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, a PC(USA) partner church, is engaged with Orthodox Christians and Muslims to fight poverty and problems brought on by HIV/AIDS. Last year the Peacemaking Program enabled a travel/study seminar group from the U.S. to meet with an interfaith collaborative in Ethiopia tackling these issues.

Forest Hill Church will send 25 per cent of our Peacemaking Offering to support after-school and educational enrichment activities for children and youth at the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine. Members of our church visited them during the 2009 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and became familiar with this ministry in a conflict zone. Both Christian and Muslim families are served by this ministry.

Please learn more from the Justice & Mission bulletin board and the www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/ website about activities of our local and national church, and support the Peacemaking Offering on October 3.

Elder Dick Obermans

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s): **Dinner and a Concert**
Please join us on Friday, November 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Institute of Music for an evening of wonderful chamber music by Ravel, Shostakovich and Franck. The concert features outstanding CIM faculty, Cleveland Orchestra musicians (including the new TCO principal cellist Mark Kosower) and other guest artists. The venue is CIM's Mixon Hall - the new visually stunning and acoustically excellent recital hall. The concert is free to the public, but seating is limited and seating passes are required. **While a block of seats is being held for us, it is not possible to reserve an unlimited number of seats and the concert will have wide public appeal.**

Please reserve your place early by contacting Anne Hunter (asm13@case.edu or 440-646-1853).

If you are interested in dinner prior to the concert, meet us at 6:00 p.m. at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights.

Nov. 5: Dinner at Nighttown, 6 p.m.; concert at CIM, 8 p.m.

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples) : **Wine Tour and A Play**

The Hilltoppers will go to Debonné Winery in Madison, OH on October 13. We'll meet there at 12 p.m. for a tour and lunch. Contact Ginny Young (440-946-3130) by October 6 for reservations and directions.

We will also attend the Heights High musical **Beauty and the Beast** on Sunday, November 7 at 4 p.m. We have a large block of tickets reserved. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Please call Lucy Conde (216-382-5177) for reservations. You'll see FHC students in many spots on and off stage!

October 13: Wine Tour, Madison OH, 12 p.m.

November 7: Beauty and the Beast, Heights High, 4 p.m.

Fish/Back Row/Young Adults (singles and couples, 20's – 40's) Halloween Party

Come dressed in a costume (adults & kids!) with a dish to share for dinner and a nonperishable contribution for the FHC food pantry. We'll have spooky music cued up and maybe some ghostly tricks and treats. The party is Saturday Oct. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. Contact Christina Hidek (jediwildcat@att.net or 440/646-9093) for more information.

October 23: Halloween Party, FHC, 5 p.m.

Iris Circle (all women of the church):

Iris Circle will meet October 19 – watch for program news.

News of Our Church Family

Births

Chloe Elizabeth Russo, daughter of Katie and Matt Russo and granddaughter of Anne and Jeff Smith, was born August 26, 2010.

In Memoriam We Remember

Pauline McIntyre Cohen (Polly), who died September 14, 2010.

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Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris,

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Cari Flox (friend of Lentzes'), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Jason Himmelsteib (Kathryn Himmelsteib's nephew), Jay Middleton (Kris Fay's nephew), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother),

Care Group

The Jerusalem CARE Group will be responsible for meeting members' needs during October. Please contact the church office in case of illness, hospitalizations, births or deaths (or other family emergencies) in any FHC family.

Members of the Jerusalem CARE Group are:

Dele Solaru, Deacon leader	Dan & Barb Mace
Erin & Bill Armstrong	Jim Manista
Doris Brandt	Jane Melbourne
Ruth & Arthur Brickel	Pat & Hal Musick
Lucy Conde	Richard Obermans
Traci Ext	Karen Parker
Monita & Antoinette Franklin	Carol & Leighton Scott
Chris & Daniel Fuller	Steve Sedam
Carol & Tim Gifford and family	Peggy Skelly
The Himes family	The Solaru family
Kathy Hanna-Stauffer & Derry Stauffer	Marge Thomas
The Jesberger family	Anne Wilson
Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch	Robert and Julie Ann Yoe

Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Transportation Needed

Betty Woodruff, a resident of Judson Park on the edge of Cleveland Hts – University Circle, is in need of a ride to church. A Judson employee would help her into your car, and the Sunday custodian (Michael) will help her out. If you are able to help out, please contact the church office.

A non-member who lives near Mayfield and Coventry has also requested transportation. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office.

2 Corinthians 9

The Collection for Christians at Jerusalem

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!