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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

April 2011

Dear Friends,

On Friday, March 25th, Clover and I will be leading a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece. During this time away we will visit sights associated with the New Testament, especially ancient cities connected to St. Paul. We shall be visiting Ephesus, Corinth, and Athens, among many other exciting places.

Having both pastors away at the same time causes anxiety for some. While both Clover and I try our best not to have our absences overlap, there are times when this cannot be avoided. We are grateful for your support.

We rejoice that you do such a wonderful job of caring for each other. Lynda will be at her desk and will be able to help you and direct your questions to the appropriate people. During our absence, the Rev. Tricia Dykers Koenig (Parish Associate), the Rev. Dean Myers (Retired) and the Rev. Francis Miller (Noble Road) will be on call. The Session has also asked The Rev. Sally Wile to serve as chaplain in case of trauma, emergency or calls at the time of death. The Deacons will be notified of any other pastoral care needs during this time.

Please let Lynda Bernays know of any information and she will direct it to the care resources available. She can be reached in the church office, or after hours at 216-337-5946 or 751-7784.

Rev. Tricia Dykers Koenig will be preaching on Sunday, March 27 and Ms. Michelle Jean Mary, chaplain at St. Vincent Charity and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, will preach on Sunday, April 3.

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On Wednesday, March 30th, Anne Wilson, Melody Obery and Jean Reinhold will be leading the Lenten Season service of healing and wholeness in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. There will be a simple meal at 6:30. Watch for more information!

Pray for us as we are away, as we will pray for you. We will be back in the office at some point on Monday, April 4.

God bless you and thank you,

John Lentz

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Dear friends,

The Acts of the Apostles Bible study challenge has ended, and I feel a little sad. Nine weeks of studying the book of Acts, praying the book of Acts, creating art in response to the book of Acts, hearing sermons from Acts, AND for those who took the Bible Basics class, learning about the basics of the Scriptures themselves, proved to be a *wildly* successful nine-week experience for our congregation. It was powerful to be on the same page as a large group week after week! Is there anything better than hearing casual conversations taking place between parishioners with donuts in hand after church discussing the early church and its mission?!

How can we thank enough all of lay leaders who were faithful and committed to facilitating these small groups for our church? They went above and beyond the call of duty. If you were in a group, you know what I mean. I have talked with members of the congregation who have been ignited to new understandings of the Bible and given new confidence in their ability to pick up the Bible, open it, and to read it – which was previously a daunting enterprise.

The adult education team has planned the remainder of the year for Sunday morning classes. Many involved currently in the bible studies have expressed interest in continuing in a small group study. Even though this portion of the Kerygma education program is completed for now, there will be more studies planned for the future. If you want to be part of a group this summer, there will be a short study offered. Watch for more details.

Blessings to you for this spring season celebrating Christ's resurrection.

Clover



Adult Education series presented by the Mission of Justice and Mission

March 27 *Homelessness in Greater Cleveland: Discovering Realities*

Spend an hour learning about the causes of and basic issues of homelessness and hear what it's *really* like to be homeless in Cleveland.

April 3 *Homelessness in Greater Cleveland: Responding with Compassion*

Spend an hour learning about the many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those who are homeless in the Greater Cleveland area and discover innovative ways to contribute meaningfully.

**Adult Education classes will meet
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in South Hall**

April 3 Homelessness in Cleveland.

April 10 Tom Zych will lead the class in a one-session study on the short New Testament letter of *Philemon*.

April 17; May 1, 7 Tim Beal will lead three sessions on topics from his new book, *The Rise and Fall of the Bible*.

May 15 *A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul and the early Apostles* – a slide show of our journey!

May 22 The Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCUSA, Rev. Cynthia Bolbach

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION

In March our children explored the events and stories of Jesus' ministry. Our younger members took part in activities around stories of people who met Jesus such as Zacchaeus, Bartimaeus and the Woman with the Alabaster Jar. Jesus welcomed all who wanted to be part of God's family.

- In our nursery, thank you to Beth Feroe, Ron Register, Sharon Shumaker, Becky West, and Jill Roberts.
- In our Little Explorers class, Susanne & David Peterjohn.
- In our Children in Worship class, Christina & Jason Hidek

- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Don Clark, Cindy Newton, Caty Himmelman, Kara Schellenberg, Lora Smith, Chantal Miller, and Vikki Nowak.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Little Explorers – three/four year olds

Children in Worship – older four year olds and kindergarten

Throughout the month of April our pre-school will explore and participate in Bible stories about events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Each lesson has an activity response to the story they heard to help them better understand the meaning. Joanne & Dan Shaner will be leading in the *Little Explorers* class, and Sarah & Matt Winters will be leading in the *Children in Worship* class.

Pathways to the Promise Land – grades 1-5

Throughout history, God established covenants with people of faith. Through Jesus, a new covenant is established which carries forward God's promises to Abraham and Moses to all people who call Christ Lord and Savior. The children will explore this theme of *Crucifixion and Resurrection* in art, storytelling, journaling and a movie.

CONFIRMATION

"...those who seek find me." Proverbs 8:17b. Our Confirmation class continues their faith journey as they explore what it means to belong to God and God's family. Being a person of faith in God is more than just going to church on Sunday mornings. The youth and their Covenant Partners are discerning ways to practice their faith in everyday life. Please remember them in your prayers as they remain faithful to the journey.

DATES TO KNOW

April 6 Confirmation Bible Studies
7:30-8:30 in the Koinonia Room

April 17 Cherub Choir
Pre-School and kindergarten children will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:15 for rehearsal and practice for the Palm processional.

April 24 Happy Easter – no church school classes
Child care for infants to kindergarteners

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger Director of Christian Education

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Music

Three of the four Sundays in April are Lenten Sundays, and the Chancel Choir will be singing music that reflects the themes of this season. A new *Sanctus and Benedictus* by Paul Halley (former choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC) is especially moving and has a soaring soprano saxophone part which Barry Hartz will play. *We Belong to the Earth*, a new piece (by yours truly) commissioned by the Heights High Choirs for their concert at Severance Hall, will be sung to honor Earth Day and remind us of our duty to be responsible stewards of our environment.

The fourth **AWE** (Alternative Worship Experience) will be held on Sunday, April 17th at 7:30 PM. **Swing to the Lord a New Song** will feature the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs accompanied by a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson (my brother) and trumpeter Jack Schantz. Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group which several of our FHC youth sing in (Jack Lentz, Josh Toombs, and Jaired Birks). Morag Keefe will delight us with a surprise dessert in Fellowship Hall after the service. Please invite your music-loving friends to this event!

Easter comes very late this year (April 24th), so we are looking forward to a warm and sunny day (as I write this, there's a winter storm warning, again). On Easter morning, we'll celebrate this festive liturgy in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. with a small choir and then at 11:00 a.m. with the full choir. And we'll continue our tradition of singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* with anyone who'd like to sing. Seems like there are more people singing that chorus than sitting in the pews--it's glorious!

Mark your calendars for the annual **MAY CABARET** which will take place on Sunday, May 1st, beginning with supper at 6:15 p.m. and continuing with our family-friendly intergenerational variety show at 7:00 p.m. I'm looking for trapeze artists and fire-eaters to perform—any takers?

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson
Director of Music
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Lent and Easter Schedule

Wednesday, March 23

Session meeting, 7:00 p.m. (regularly scheduled meeting)

Friday, March 25

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece departs

Wednesday, March 30

Lenten dinner, 6:30, and program, 7:30 (Healing and Wholeness)

Child care will be provided

Wednesday, April 6

Lenten dinner, 6:30, and program, 7:30 (Healing and Wholeness)

Child care will be provided

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday

Worship and distribution of palms, 11 a.m.

AWE: "Swing to the Lord a New Song," 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday

Dinner, 6:30; Worship with communion, 7:30

Child care will be provided

Pick up HoneyBaked Hams, 5 - 8 p.m. (Mission Trip fund-raiser)

Friday, April 22: Good Friday

Worship: 12:00



Sunday, April 24: Easter Worship, 9:00 and 11:00

Bake Sale after worship

Classes and children's choirs will not meet

Looking for a delicious ham for Easter?

HONEYBAKED.
The world's best ham

In April, the Forest Hill Youth will be selling HoneyBaked hams. HoneyBaked Hams donates a portion of every sale to our youth group. Pick up an order form after worship at the table in Fellowship Hall. The order form and money (check payable to Forest Hill Church) are due by Sunday April 17th. The hams will be delivered to the church on Thursday April 21st and *they must be picked up that evening from the hours of 5:00-8:00 pm*. Thanks for your support!

Building Restoration Project

Dear Friends of the Church Renovation Project:

Due to your generosity, we have been able to continue paying ahead on the loan, thus saving thousands of dollars on interest charges. For those of you who are able to accelerate the payment of your pledge, please consider this option and help the church save additional money.

The second installment of pledges is requested in April. You will receive statements early in April that will detail any balances left in Fund #09.

Thank you!

The Financial Office

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing is the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s annual Lenten offering for the work of church mission agencies with the poor, hungry, and destitute in this country and around the world. It supports:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which intervened in high profile overseas tragedies in Haiti and Pakistan last year, and has assisted people driven from their homes by flooding in Findlay, OH. It also is the church agency that cares for refugees from war and oppression.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program, which provides funding and educational materials around issues of food justice in such places as South Africa (in partnership with the SAMP project of our Presbytery) and South Florida, where the field workers who pick our lettuce and strawberries are perennially underpaid.
- Self-Development of People, which awards grants to grass-roots community enterprises organized by groups of mostly poor people in the U.S.A., including in the Cleveland area -- \$1 out of every \$6 given in our Presbytery returns here to support projects like the EcoVillage Produce market garden on Cleveland's Near West Side.

Forest Hill Church will receive your One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday (or earlier if you plan to be out of town). Special envelopes will be available in the pews. Please make out your check to "Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian" with "OGHS" in the memo space. Join with Christians across the nation supporting Christ's mission with those in need!

Elder Dick Obermanns

10-11 calendar

Sundays in April	
Classes and children's choirs will not meet on Easter, April 24	
9:00	Child care begins
9:30	Adult education
	Youth education: Mid and Sr High classes
	Descant Choir
	Confirmation (Jan. 9 – May 15)
10:15	Descant Choir activity
10:30	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00	WORSHIP
	Children in Worship
	Little Explorers
11:15	Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
12:15	Coffee Hour
5:00	Faith Leader
	Holy Conversations

April 3	4 Lent	1 Samuel 16: 1-13
12:15	Sine Nomine Choir	Psalm 23
		Ephesians 5: 8-14
		John 9: 1-41
April 10	5 Lent	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
11:00	Worship: Baptism of Kate Jaycox	Psalm 130
12:30	Sr High Mission trip mtg	Romans 8: 6-11
1:00	Piano recital (K. Hug's students)	John 11: 1-45
April 17	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21: 1-11
10:15	Cherub Choir	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
12:15	Blood pressure check	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
7:30	AWE: <i>Swing to the Lord a New Song</i>	Psalm 31: 9-16
		Philippians 2: 5-11
		Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
April 24	Easter	Acts 10: 34-43
	Classes and children's choirs will not meet	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
9:00	Worship: Communion (Chapel)	Colossians 3: 1-4
	Bake Sale after each service (fund-raiser for Sr High mission trip)	John 20: 1-18
10:30	Chancel Choir	
11:00	Worship: Communion	

News of Our Church Family

New Contact Information

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Thomas Taylor (through June)

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Diana and Ted Woodbridge (mid-April)

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New emails only

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Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Hazel Grant, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Chuck Broadhead (Jennifer Blakeney's uncle), Robin Dadusc (requested by Kathryn Himmelsteib), Judy (Jennifer Blakeney's friend), Marion Frederick (Jane Frederick's mother), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother),

Care Group

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

Members of the Nazareth CARE Group are:

Cindy Newton, Deacon and Leader	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Doris Bartlett	Wafa Kuri
Marcia Beck	Barb & Kermit Lind
JoAnne Black	Dave & Allie Neff
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Cindy Newton & family
Jinny Colville	Lois Reilly
Ron & Patty Console	Eric Rich & family
Jeff & Holly Daedelow	Jim Roosa & family
Jim & Terry Daedelow	Peggy Sasso
Pat Drake	Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family
Beth Feroe	Kimble & Sandy True
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters & family	Megan & Peter Tzefronis & family
Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family	Matt & Sarah Winters & family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	
Callie Janor	
Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer	

Ushers

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

**Welcome to these Members
Who Joined FHC on March 13, 2011**

Priscilla Colville

Priscilla, who moved here from New York City, has been attending FHC with her aunt Jinny Colville, who joined last year.

Jennifer Gilbert Fu

Jen's husband Andrew and sons Jason (4) and Jordan (1) also attend FHC. She is a stay-at-home mom with a background in science education.

Suzanne Marcy

Suzanne recently returned from a stint in the Peace Corps in Africa. Her daughter Brooke Marcy and grandson Caleb also attend FHC.

Alice R. McKinley

Alice lives at Judson Park. Her daughter Lissa also joined FHC.

Lissa McKinley

Lissa is part of the pilgrimage group going to Turkey and Greece.

Neil & Kathy Molyneaux

Neil was ordained an elder at Trinity PC in Fairfield OH, near Cincinnati.

Barb Morrison

Barb's daughters Tia and Ellie also attend FHC. Barb is a deacon and elder and has joined both the Voices in Bronze and Chancel Choirs.

Diane Moyer & Jeremy Ryman

Diane and Jeremy and their sons James (4) and Gabriel (4 mo.) have attended FHC for several years.

Contact information for new members has been removed from the online version. Please contact the office for information, or pick up a printed copy of the TOWER

Forest Hill Youth Ministry

Fun & Fellowship Events for April

Mid High Scavenger Hunt: On April 30th, mid high youth (grades 6-8) will spend the afternoon on a scavenger hunt to collect food and other items for Abundance Cupboard. In small teams, the mid high youth will compete to find a specific list of items the quickest. However, bonus points will be given for quantity and quality! After the scavenger hunt, we will debrief and share a meal together. Meet at Forest Hill Church at 3 pm. Friends welcome and I'm looking for adult help.

Milkshakes: The senior highs will meet at Tommy's on Coventry for milkshakes at 2 pm on April 16.

Spiritual Development

Senior High Kerygma: The Kerygma study of "Your Bible, the Study Begins" concludes on April 3rd. On April 10th and 17th, Kristen will be leading two sessions on worship. The class meets in the library from 9:30 – 10:30 am with bagels!

The Mid High Youth are studying stories in the Old Testament and the implications of these stories for our lives and faith. Mid High meets during the education hour (9:30-10:30 am) every Sunday morning.

Mission Trip Meeting

On April 10th at 12:30 pm there will be a mandatory meeting in the Koinonia Room for the students going on the mission trip this summer to Washington DC. We will begin planning our week of mission and assign leadership roles. All participants are expected to attend! **In addition, \$75 is due at this time.**

April Fund-raising

Bake Sale

The youth will host their annual bake sale on Easter Sunday to raise money for the summer mission trip to Washington DC. The bake sale will take place after the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. There will be lots of great cookies, cakes and more!

Youth volunteers are needed to contribute baked goods, to set up and price baked goods on Saturday, April 23rd at 11 am, and to work

during the bake sale on Easter Sunday. Please label all items, and attach a price if you wish. Items may be dropped off at the church at 11 am on Saturday April 23rd, or early Easter morning.

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Forest Hill Youth Schedule

Sunday April 3rd

Mid High Youth & Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am
Sine Nomine at 12:15 pm

Sunday April 10th

Mid High Youth & Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am
Mission Trip Meeting at 12:30 pm

Saturday April 16th

Senior High Gathering for Milkshakes at Tommy's at 2 pm

Sunday April 17th

Mid High Youth & Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am
Sine Nomine at 12:15 pm

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday dinner and worship

HoneyBaked Ham pick-up, 5-8 pm

Saturday April 23rd

Bake Sale drop-off and set-up at 11 am

Sunday April 24th: Happy Easter!!

Bake Sale after both worship services - No classes or choirs

Saturday April 30th

Mid High Scavenger Hunt: Meet at Forest Hill at 3 pm

Mark your calendars

High School Seniors and Families: Sunday June 5th

We will provide a breakfast for our graduating seniors and families, and will recognize our students during worship.

Mid High Summer Retreat: July 29-31, 2011

Kristen Sloan
Director of Student Ministries

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Forest Hill Church—an Earth Care Congregation!

Do you know that is what we are (becoming)? The Environmental Ministries department of PC(USA) has created a program whereby individual churches can become a designated Earth Care Congregation. This is an ongoing program, and after initial certification, a program of 'continuous improvement' in 'sustainability' is necessary for annual re-certification. Congregations are evaluated in four major categories with regards to actions taken in Worship, Education, Facilities, and Outreach which specifically target how we are caring for God's creation. Congregations who achieve such status can be proud of this recognition which will be broadcast not only within the Presbytery but within our local communities through advertising, and by incorporating it into our logos and the FHC letterhead. This is a great attraction for gaining new members as well as a 'charge' for all of us in our daily lives!

But why should we care? Because it is our duty as God's children to care for His creation which he has left to our safekeeping. We have formed an Earth Care Team (formerly the Green team), conducted a fairly comprehensive energy/facilities audit with an outside consulting firm, completed a self-evaluation survey in the above four categories, and met with the FHC staff for discussion. A presentation has been made to Session and they have completed a Pledge, all part of our application process to become an Earth Care Congregation.

By the time you read this, we hope to celebrate that we are indeed named an Earth Care Congregation – and our continued actions to support that will just be beginning! We will be laying the groundwork for how we as a church family – and also how we as individual families – can become even more proactive in caring for our home, local, and global environments. Stay tuned, and we welcome any new folks to the Earth Care Team if you are interested!

Dave Neff, Coordinator

Mark Chupp, Dale Dannefer, Christina Hidek, Dave Hunter, Kemp Jaycox, Diana Johannessen, Martin Johannessen, Keith Logan, Steve Sedam, Laura Steiner

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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 APRIL 15, MAY 13, JUNE 17. ***We will be distributing TOWERs in the Garden Foyer for two weeks following the due date. The TOWER will be posted on the website as soon as it is available.***

Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

- ❖ John Lentz, pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org, ext. 200
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- ❖ Youth Director: Kristen Sloan, kristens@fhcpresb.org, ext 207
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial office): beckya@fhcpresb.org, ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: office@fhcpresb.org, ext. 202

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If you are in the building and need a custodian, or outside needing to get in, and a custodian is on duty, he may be reached at 216-217-5257.

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?
It's free, easy, and convenient!**