

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

March 2014

Dear Friends,

*From the
Pastor*

Sunday, March 2 is Oscar season! I came upon this list of Top 10 films from Edward McNulty, former film reviewer for ***Presbyterians Today***. The films he recommends all deal with matters of the spirit.

1. *12 Years a Slave* - Based on an 1853 eyewitness account by a kidnapped "free Negro." Along with *The Butler* and *Mandela*, the film should be valued by all who are willing to own up to our dark past and move on toward Dr. King's "beloved community."

2. *Nebraska* - A reversal of Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son, this tale of a son's love for his alcoholic father moves between drama and comedy in an unforgettable way, demonstrating that even in the most miserable of families, love can make a difference.

3. *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* - This bio film is also a character transformation as we follow the journey of a truly great world leader from his embracement of terrorist tactics to forgiveness and reconciliation.

4. *42* - The story of Jackie Robinson, the man who broke the color barrier in major league baseball.

5. *Philomena* - A mother whose out-of-wedlock son was snatched from her by the Irish Catholic Church still retains the faith to forgive the nun who wronged her is contrasted with the jaded journalist who helps her discover the fate of her son 50 years later.

6. Lee Daniels' *The Butler* - Not since *The Help* has Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem "We Wear the Mask" been so well dramatized as in this true story of the black White House butler who witnessed the historic events transpiring at the Executive Mansion and out in the streets where civil rights advocates battled for equality.

7. *Short Term 12* - An inspiring story of a wounded healer working at a center for troubled teenagers, this film shows the power of redeeming love and the need for community. Especially heartening is the scene in which a staff member gives testimony to the foster parents who took him in and loved him so wisely and tenderly.

8. *The Hunt* - This Danish film, showing the terrible consequences of a child's innocent lie on the life of a man, appropriately concludes at a church Christmas Eve service, reinforcing the redemptive meaning of the Nativity.

9. *Her* - One of the most intriguing sci-fi films that lead us to reflecting about our involvement with our computers and programs.

10 (tie). *To the Wonder* - This film is slow moving and often puzzling, but seldom has the yearning for faith and companionship been as well captured as in this pair of interwoven stories about a priest's crisis of faith and the breakdown of a once love-filled marriage.

10 (tie) *Wadjda* - The faith and culture are Islamic in this first Saudi Arabian film, but its endorsement of the yearning for gender equality and freedom are delightfully incorporated in a young girl's unpopular struggle to obtain a bicycle like that of the boy down the street.

Enjoy!



Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr
Sr. Pastor

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Protest(ant) Pilgrimage 2015

Dear Friends,

In past pilgrimages, we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the first disciples in Israel and Palestine (2009), traced the lives of the earliest Christians in the shadow of Roman Empire in Turkey and Greece (2011), and explored the growth and development of Roman Catholic Church in Italy (2013).

In March of 2015, we will continue our pilgrimage through the story of our faith, journeying to Germany and Switzerland, the birthplaces of the Reformation. We will go not only to rediscover the beginnings of our own Protestant tradition, but also to explore the heart and soul of that tradition as it continues today: to give witness to God's justice, love, and mercy in the world. In other words, we hope to bring to life the "protest" in Protestantism and the "reform" in Reformation, past and present.

Join us as we learn more about early reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin; as we enrich our understanding of the church's witness in the Confessing Church movement during WWII; and as we explore Protestant resisters like the Hugonots, who helped hide Jews from the Nazis, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor who was executed as a member of a plot to assassinate Hitler. We will also consider our tradition's shadow side, from Luther's anti-Jewish stand in the sixteenth century, to the mainline Protestant church's cooperation with the Nazi regime in the twentieth century.

Everyone is welcome. All we ask is that you be open to the unexpected, which is what pilgrimage is all about. New friendships. Deep spiritual experiences. Aha! moments. Perhaps even an eyewitness encounter with history, as when the new Pope Francis was announced while we were in Rome! What unexpected things might this pilgrimage bring for you?

Interested in hearing more about our vision for this journey? Join us on Sunday, March 23, right after church in Bodwell Hall!

Blessings,



Clover Beal
Assoc. Pastor
Director of Lay Leadership

Honoring the Body: A Spiritual Practice Lent 2014

This Lent our program theme will be "Honoring the Body: A Spiritual Practice." Throughout the season we will seek to honor Jesus Christ, the church which is the body of the Christ, and our own bodies as "temples of the Holy Spirit," and recognize the divinity in all persons.

Through in-home small group dinners, meditation and exercise groups at church, and a personal walking challenge, we will encourage everyone to claim the spiritual practice of honoring the bodies we've been given.

In-Home Small Group Dinners Fridays, March 21 and April 11 *(dates are somewhat flexible)*

We will organize dinner groups of eight to ten persons who will meet in a host's home to:

- ✦ share a healthy meal together,
- ✦ discuss a brief reading around the theme, Honoring the Body,
- ✦ foster fellowship within Forest Hill Church.

We will need a team to help with registering folks for the dinners, to be dinner hosts for these groups, and one to two (not the hosts) facilitators for each one. Kathy Hanna-Stauffer has offered to design and present recipes and directions for a simple, healthy meal. The main dish will be prepared by the host(s); members of the small group will provide side dishes and salads.

Meditation and Exercise groups

At various times during Lent, we will offer at FHC a “taste” of differing spiritual practices that help us pay attention to our bodies: i.e. yoga, meditation, massage, tai chi, and Reiki. This series is in formation so keep watching for more details.

“A Walk to Jerusalem”

With a help of a nifty FHC pedometer, members will sign up to participate in a walking challenge. Each person will keep track of the number of steps he or she takes during Lent. The goal will be to walk the way of Jesus – the 270,000 or so steps (3.2 miles a day) — from Nazareth to Capernaum to Jerusalem!

Please join in all the wonderful options for enlarging your spiritual life through the **Practice of Honoring the Body**.

The book, ***Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice*** by Stephanie Paulsell, will be available during Lent for \$15.00 each.

Clover Beal
John Lentz

Children's Ministries

February was a busy month as the children and youth explored Jesus' ministry. Our youngest children participated in activities about Jesus' parables and early teachings. The Pathways to the Promise Land children participated in activities that centered on *The Great Commandment*.

- In our nursery, thank you to Sue Yelanjian, Paul Cary, Libby Dolan, Maggie Peterjohn, Will Burleigh, and Jill Roberts.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Danielle Cosgrove, Shannon Headen and Lisa Koops.
- In Pathways to the Promise Land, thank you to Eric Muller Girard, Pat & Jim Seeders, Jennifer Blakeney, Robin Mervine, Jessica Kelley-Moore, Jewrett Bailey, Joanne Shaner and Peter Williams.

Children's Christian Education

Children in Worship – pre-school and kindergarten

During the month of March the children in this class will be exploring and participating in Bible stories about the parables and Jesus' teachings. Each lesson has an activity response to the story they heard to help them better to understand the meaning. Amanda Mervine will be leading this class.

Pathways to the Promise Land – grades 1-5

On March 2 the Pathways to the Promise Land children will be participating in a Lenten workshop to explore the season of Lent. Lent is a time of remembering Jesus' teachings of hope and his resurrection. During the workshop the children will explore some practices that will help them to observe the season. On April 13, Palm Sunday, the children will be meeting again as a group to reflect on their Lenten activities and explore Jesus' passion.

Our next rotation theme for this group begins March 16 and is a Lenten focus of *Holy Week*. The Gospel writers selected particular stories about Jesus' death and resurrection to explain these events to their different audiences. The children will explore this theme through in an art and story workshops.

Confirmation

Please keep our Confirmands and Covenant Partners in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their focus of Faith Journeys in their classes. The classes have explored the sacraments and spiritual gifts, have considered how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and have worked to discern what the Triune is.

Dates to Know

- March 2** **Pathways to the Promise Land** (grades 1-5) Children will begin in worship, then be dismissed to a Lenten workshop.
- March 9** **KISS – Kids in Sunday Service** Pathways children will remain in worship to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with their families.
- March 16 & 23** Pathways children will begin in worship, and will be dismissed to their workshops.
- March 30** **Confirmation** Pathways children will remain in worship to be part of the Confirmation service.

Faithfully,



Liz Wollaeger
Director of Christian Education

Music



Four of the six Lenten Sundays fall in March this year, and the music will reflect the more contemplative atmosphere of this liturgical season.

But before Lent begins, there will be a pre-Lent celebratory **AWE service on Sunday, March 2nd with the New Orleans Jazz Ensemble** leading us in our hymn singing. The New Orleans Jazz Ensemble plays old-time hymns in the authentic style reminiscent of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans. Under the direction of Ted Witt, this long-established group is comprised of a clarinetist, a trombonist, a tubist, a banjo player and a

drummer. March 2 is the last Sunday before Lent and two days before Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), so it's a good Sunday to celebrate! Their postlude will be *When the Saints Go Marching In* and they will march out to Fellowship Hall with all of us marching behind.

On **Sunday, March 16th** there will be another **AWE service** which all the choirs and a chamber orchestra are preparing for. Here is some information about this music:

*Commissioned by the congregation of Forest Hill Church to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of its congregation, **Song of Hope** by Anne Wilson received its premiere on March 28th, 2004. The textual structure of the piece is based on the eight Beatitudes that mark the opening of the Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of St. Matthew. Many believe that the Beatitudes are the most beautiful and wisest statements ever made. In **Song of Hope** each Beatitude is coupled with a relevant text drawn from many sources, including (in order): Carl Sandburg's poem *Masses* (from his *Chicago Poems*); the biblical book of Isaiah; the writings of Louisiana poet Pamela Pegg who described her emotions after the unspeakable events on 9/11; remarks made by Melba Pattillo Beals (one of the original African-American students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957); Mother Theresa's written inscription on the wall of her Children's Home in Calcutta, India; a poem by eleven-year-old Pavel Friedmann, written during his detention at the concentration camp Terezin during the Holocaust; a passage from a 1953 speech by Dwight D. Eisenhower; and a selection from a speech by Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa (attributed to poet Marianne Williamson).*

I am grateful for all the donations which made the composition of this work possible and which now make possible another hearing. Special thanks go to Linn Obery who spearheaded this project ten years ago. Donations to the *Friends of Music Fund* are always welcome.

Coming up: mark your calendars for our annual **Swing to the Lord a New Song** service on **Sunday, April 6 at 7:30 pm**. More information about that next month.

Please note that Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9, so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour and go to bed early the night before!

Soli Deo Gloria



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Adult Education

Lenten series, 9:30 am in South Hall

**Speaking Christian: What do we mean when use words like
SIN, GRACE, SALVATION, JUDGMENT, AND HOPE?**

**We will explore these theological "hot potatoes"
March 2 – April 13.**

- March 2** How do we do theology? An Introduction to Theology
Dr. Allison Benders, Dominican College
- March 9** Who are we? Theology of Sin and Humanity
Dr. Allison Benders
- March 16** "The Bible...now with 68% more humor"
Special speaker Jana Riess, author of ***The Twible: All the Chapters
in the Bible in 140 Characters or Less***
- March 23** Who is Jesus?
Rev. Dr. John Lentz
- March 30** What are Grace and Atonement(s)?
Rev. Dr. John Lentz
- April 6** Why the Resurrection?
- April 13** What is Christian Hope?

This was inadvertently left out of the 2013 Annual Report
Endowment Committee Report (for 2013)

As of December 31, 2013, the total value of the Forest Hill Church Endowment Fund was \$1,297,074 which was \$120,338 more than the previous year. During 2013, the Fund received \$15,550 in gifts and estate transfers which includes a \$15,000 bequest from the Estate of Johanna Wilcott. In addition, one church member notified the Church they have specifically designated Forest Hill Church in their estate future plans.

The spending rule distribution amount in 2013 was \$44,331 plus unused allocation funds from 2012 of \$505 for a total distribution of \$44,836. The spending rule allocation in 2014 is projected to be \$47,161.

The Endowment Committee follows an annual cycle of soliciting requests for distributions from the annual spending rule amount from the Church Ministries. Based on these requests, the Committee recommended to Session the following allocations:

For Mission - \$10,300

From the Ministry of Justice & Mission:

- \$2,750 Our Family Home Center
- \$2,000 Youth Mission trip to Nicaragua
- \$4,550 FHC Emerging Ministries
- \$ 700 Synod Health Fair
- \$ 300 North Church Book Club

For Church Programs - \$10,500

From the Ministry of Worship:

- \$ 450 CD Duplicator
 - \$3,000 Consultant Fee – Sanctuary Plan
- From the Ministry of Leadership & Vocation:

- \$3,050 Small Group Spaces/Faith Leader Room

From the Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation:

- \$1,000 LCD Projector
- \$1,000 Course Material for Godly Play Curriculum
- \$2,000 Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua

For Capital Expense - \$24,033

From the Board of Trustees:

- \$2,000 Kitchen Master Plan
- \$1,700 Interior Signage
- \$1,500 Art Work Initiative
- \$2,000 Replace pastor's meeting chairs
- \$11,083 Exterior Renovation Study
- \$ 1,100 Organic Lawn Care
- \$ 1,750 Restore C.E. Doors
- \$ 400 Grounds & gardens
- \$ 2,500 Railings for Excell entrance

The Committee is grateful for church members who have made gifts to the Endowment Fund through their estate plans or memorial gifts and to the Ministries and Session for their faithful work in making sure these gifts are used to further the mission of the church and honor the memory of the people who have made gifts.

David G. Olson, Chairman

Graham A. Peters, Treasurer

A Word from the Trustees

Thank you to the entire congregation for making your pledge payments consistently over the course of last year. Thanks to your efforts Forest Hill Church was able to stay on a positive cash flow basis in 2013. 2014 already looks to present many challenges, so please keep up the good work which allows us to meet our responsibilities and fulfill our mission.

The Trustees

And a Note from the Deacons

Do you have a few spare greeting cards you would like to donate to the card ministry? The Deacons are requesting donations of cards for the greeting card table. We need cards in the following categories: Thinking of You, Get Well, and Sympathy, as well as blank cards on which people may write a personal message. Please place your cards in the volunteer office, where there is a box marked "Greeting Card Donations".

On Sundays, stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to write a card or two to cheer someone's day. A simple act of kindness can mean a lot. Should you need an idea, we have the lists of shut-ins and those on the prayer list. We take care of postage and mailing.

Thank you in advance!

Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Deacon

Women's Lenten Worship Service **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm** **Chapel**

All women are invited to a contemplative Lenten worship service to encounter stories of Jesus' interactions with women from the Gospel of Luke, to hear poems by favorite women poets, and to lift our voices in song. Guest vocalist Nikki Sumlin is returning to be our worship leader. Come, be filled by the Spirit's presence so that you may deepen your awareness of God's Spirit this Lent.

Family Promise Host Week

April 6-13

On any given night in Cleveland there are about 4,000 people without a home, 40% of whom are part of a family. There is a shortage in Cleveland of emergency shelters for intact homeless families. Family Promise is a network of faith congregations that provide shelter, meals and support to homeless families.

FHC will be hosting families again from April 6-13. We may have 4 families and up to 14 people during the week. We are moving into our 7th year of hosting and we have learned a lot over those years. We have things down to a pretty good system and just need volunteers to help out throughout the week.

Do you like to prepare nutritious food to share with new people?

Do you like to play with children or help them with homework?

Do you have a special talent that you might like to share with the adults?

Do you like to spend the night in new places?

Do you like driving a truck?

Do you like to set up rooms so they are just right?

If you answered yes, to any or all of these questions we have just the thing for you! During our host week we will need 30-50 volunteers to carry out tasks such as moving the beds to the rooms, room set-up, welcoming our guests, providing dinners during the week and planning activities in the evening for the families (could be crafts, games, puzzles, homework help). We also need volunteers to sleep at the church. Imagine a job where you can sleep!

We feel strongly that this is what we are being called to do at FHC. Most of these jobs require about a 2 hour commitment but many just take a short time to complete. Families are encouraged to volunteer together. Our guest children love to play with the FHC children.

We will be signing up volunteers in Fellowship Hall after worship on March 16 and 23. Please look for us!

If you have any questions, please email us, the FHC Family Promise Coordinators:
Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net)
Anne Smith (anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com)

P.S. We want to say a huge thank you to Julie Lustic who has been the primary Family Promise Coordinator since Forest Hill began hosting. Julie has decided to step down from this role but will still be a volunteer during our host week.

Environmental Activism in Earth Care



The time has come when God needs our help—for us to take responsibility for nurturing and protecting the earth. In addition to making lifestyle choices to conserve, recycle, and be energy efficient, we should strongly consider how we as a people of faith can be active on a governmental level.

There are several respected, responsible, and effective NGOs (see *definition below*) that are prominent and active in Washington circles. Most well-known is the Sierra Club. But another organization of note is the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC). The NRDC's mission statement is ***To safeguard the earth, its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems upon which all life depends.*** The Council is active in opposing arctic oil exploration, the Keystone pipeline, coal industry emissions, mining and exploration on public lands, fracking, and wildlife decision mismanagement, as well as many other issues.

It is easy to become involved by becoming a member of this organization or other similar groups. As a member your voice will be heard and amplified. NRDC circulates petitions containing thousands of signatures to Congress and other government officials. Email announcements and requests go out, and all you need to do is include your contact information, review and augment their letter, and click to have your voice added to thousands of others. And they **HAVE** achieved results in staying negative actions and promoting positive actions which protect our earth.

Any action you wish to take is a matter of personal choice. But do consider studying and supporting any of the following US- based organizations which are highly respected and worthy of your support.

Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) www.nrdc.org

Earth Justice www.earthjustice.org

Center for Biological Diversity www.biologicaldiversity.org

Dave Neff and the Earth Care Team

DEFINITION OF NGOs

A non-governmental organization (NGO) is any non-profit, voluntary citizens' group which is organized on a local, national or international level. Task-oriented and driven by people with a common interest, NGOs perform a variety of service and humanitarian functions, bring citizen concerns to Governments, advocate and monitor policies and encourage political participation through provision of information. Some are organized around specific issues, such as human rights, environment or health. They provide analysis and expertise, serve as early warning mechanisms and help monitor and implement international agreements. Their relationship with offices and agencies of the United Nations system differs depending on their goals, their venue and the mandate of a particular institution.

From www.ngo.org

Church Growth Connection Corner

The American Institute of Church Growth surveyed some 8,000 church attenders to see how they started coming to church. Here's what they found.

- 1-2% were people with special needs met by a particular church
- 2-3% were walk-ins
- 5-6% were influenced by a particular preacher
- 2-3% came because they liked the church programs
- 1-2% came because they responded to a visitation effort
- 4-5% were reached by Sunday School
- .5% came through evangelistic crusades
- **A WHOPPING 75-90% CAME THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF FRIENDS OR RELATIVES**

It's not even close. The best way to reach people is through personal invitations from YOU!

Peg Weissbrod

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)

<http://greaterclevelandcongregations.org/>

March finds GCC in a strategizing phase. The education team is conducting a “listening campaign” to hear what the community is passionate about. The other teams are performing research into the best strategies to proceed with their issues. This is vital to insure that we have the best information to establish an action and the best strategy to achieve it. We need your help.

The Education Team is calling for all educators, parents, students and concerned community members interested in education to come to Bodwell Hall on **March 2 at 12:30** to share your thoughts and concerns regarding education. Meet Khalilah Worley, our key GCC organizer, who will lead us in the activity. Refreshments will be available. RSVP by emailing FHC member Jennifer Blakeney (jablakeney.13@gmail.com).

Criminal Justice/Gun control team

GCC identified Racial Disparities, Overcharging, Juvenile Representation and Diversion Programs as the priorities to address at the County Prosecutor’s office. Although most municipalities have a juvenile diversion program, the city of Cleveland does not, so the juvenile must go through the prosecutor and, thus, receives a criminal record. We need folks to help do research on Best Practices of other cities’ diversion programs and on the best means of obtaining an audit of the office.

Contact FHC member Barb Cloud (faithleader52@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping or learning more about this important issue.

Do Not Stand Idly By, the gun control group, is also in the research phase. In order to continue our momentum, we need more people to meet with their mayors and identify local actions.

Health Care Team

After celebrating the Medicaid expansion in Ohio, the team has decided to focus on gun control as a mental health and public health issue. Research into how best to approach this is beginning and interested persons can contact FHC member Dick Obermanns (obermanns@aol.com) for more information.

Jennifer Blakeney

Gun Violence Prevention

February, 2014

On May 4, 2013, Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian and The Church of the Covenant in Cleveland collaborated in sponsoring a Workshop on Gun Violence and Gospel Values led by the Rev. James E. Atwood, principle author of the report approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) entitled ***Gun Violence and Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call***, and author of the book ***America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé***, (2012). As a follow-up on just one of the several suggestions made by Rev. Atwood, Covenant's Preventing Gun Violence Task Force , in order to take responsibility to build public awareness on the extent of gun violence in our community, decided to do two things: first, increase awareness of our congregation concerning gun deaths in Cuyahoga County, by highlighting certain gun deaths in our community on a weekly basis in our Covenant E-News; and second, post a large sign indicating the number of gun deaths in Cuyahoga County since Sandy Hook (December 14, 2012). The figure indicating the number of gun deaths is changed weekly and unfortunately reflects the magnitude of gun violence in our community. The sign was first posted in July 2013 on the front lawn of The Church of the Covenant on Euclid Ave. in University Circle.



After the first anniversary (December 14, 2013) of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the sign was moved to Forest Hill Church. The accompanying photograph was taken on February 4, 2014 and from left to right shows Charles

Bromley, the Rev. Laury Larson, and Bob Jefferis from The Church of the Covenant; and Elder Barbara Cloud and the Rev. Dr. John Lentz, Jr., of Forest Hill Church. The very disappointing number of 172 gun deaths in Cuyahoga County some 13 months since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School reveals that our community is not safe from gun violence and our work is not yet completed.

We need to

- continue to build public awareness of gun violence
- partner with other faith institutions to create and sustain a national, activist faith-based social movement to save thousands of lives yearly
- display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto personal or church property
- continue to urge Congress to pass legislation which establishes universal background checks for all gun buyers, including guns which are purchased from gun shows and other private sellers
- increase access to mental health services and help school districts refer students to mental health services, and ban the manufacture, importation and sale of all assault-style weapons.

Finally, as Presbyterians in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve we need to act and support the Overture Concerning Gun Violence Prevention that is being presented to the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in June, 2014.

Bob Ault, PWR Moderator

An Open Letter from Barb Cloud Regarding Gun Violence

It has been a violent year for children across the United States. It has been 14 months since our country was horrified by the deaths of 26 children and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown CT.

Whether or not you are a gun owner, you will probably agree that we want to protect our children from violence, whether at home or in school or anywhere else. Gun violence, unlike natural disasters, is preventable, and I am working with several groups to help lessen the frequency of gun violence in this country.

The goal of House Bill 31 is to prevent accidental injury and death caused by guns in the home by requiring that adult owners of guns accept full responsibility for actions involving those guns. Citizens from across Ohio

have come together to attest to the rightness and necessity of this bill. I was present at the first reading of the bill, and was particularly moved by the story of one mother whose teenage son was accidentally killed by a friend who had access to a loaded gun at home. Her son is dead, the shooter's life is forever changed, but the owner of the gun is not considered responsible.

While HB 31 has many nuances, the bottom line is that it will hold adults responsible for securing guns at all times. It is not about taking guns away but about requiring responsible ownership and care of guns. It is about not taking children's lives away.

Tuesday, March 11 has been designated as an Advocacy Day to show support for HB 31. Many of us will go to the State House in Columbus that day, and we hope to have a bus to get us there. Join us! Contact me at faithleader52@yahoo.com or through Forest Hill Church.

I am a multiple gun owner!
I support responsible gun ownership and I support this bill!

Barb Cloud (FHC Elder and Deacon)

News of Our Church Family

In Memoriam We Remember

Anne Taylor, who died February 11, 2014;

Francesca Kemp Bleick (Chessie), who died February 18, 2014 and whose memorial service is scheduled for March 1; and

Merdine T Morris, who died February 18, 2014.

New Contact Information

Jeff and Carol Phillips

362 Lighthouse Oval
Lakeside, OH 43440

Pat and Ray Weissbrod

Fiesta Grove RV Pk #122
8615 Bayshore Rd
Palmetto FL 34221

Dwight and Margy Stauffer

36500 Euclid Ave #A-659
Willoughby, OH 44094

New emails only

Betsy Andrews: betsyandrews7@gmail.com

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Marion Frederick (Jane Frederick's mother), Graham Kiple (nephew of Kathryn Himmelsteib), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey, (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Charles Sawyer (Ann Williams' brother), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother).

Care Group

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

Members of the Mt. Sinai CARE Group are:

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Deacon leader	Mary Lewis Julie & Gary Lustic
Joanne Bielek	Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family
Guy Cameron & family	Brooke Marcy & family
Betty & Don Clark	Ellen, Lauren, Meryl McCumber
Barb Cloud	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Jane Frederick & family	Graham & Roz Peters
Donna Frey	Joyce Peters
Sue Gifford & family	Marjorie Ravas
Al Gilbert	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Don & Nancy Grube	Gary Sampson
Barb Hansen	Sara & Randy Shaner
Jason & Christine Hidek & family	Anona Stack
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Janet Kickel	Ann & Peter Williams
Nina Klein	Warren Young

Volunteer Hours in January

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, and Elspeth Peterjohn – worked a total of 51.5 hours in January. Cathy Ghiandoni, Rosanna Sprague and Carolyn Vrtunski put in a total of 7.5 hours preparing a mailing. Betty Clark, Marilyn Wilk and Jane Ishler worked a total of 6 hours preparing the February **TOWER**. Thank you all!

Ushers in March

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru.
Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s): Dinner and Concert

The Group will meet on Saturday, March 8 for dinner at 5:30 pm at Light Bistro, 2801 Bridge Ave, before attending the Singers' Club concert at St. Ignatius' Breen Auditorium (2 blocks from the restaurant). The Singers' Club describes the event this way:

The program is a multimedia event featuring luminous music reminiscent of the heavenly universe, a juried show of art work by local high school students, and the una voce musica choir from Oberlin.

Please contact Don and Nancy Grube for reservations (440-461-4693 or **donance@sbcglobal.net**) by February 25. The cost of the concert is \$12; make your check out to Singers' Club of Cleveland. Invite a friend! All are welcome.

March 8, West Side venues, 5:30 pm

Hilltoppers (retired): FBI Speaker

Hilltoppers will meet on Friday, March 7 at 1:00 pm in South Hall Our speaker is Shanon Newcomb from the FBI, who will speak about scams – phone, internet, identity theft and fraud prevention. Refreshments will be served

March 7, South Hall, 1 pm

The Back Row (20s – 40s) Spring Cleaning Swap and Potluck

Join us at 5 pm on March 15 for a Spring Cleaning Swap and Potluck at the Hideks' (5284 Golfway Lane, Lyndhurst). Bring an item to swap and a dish to share, and bring the family! RSVP to Christina Hidek (christina.hidek@gmail.com or 216-570-3962).

March 15, Hideks', 5 pm

Pacesetters (40s – 60s): RePlay for Kids toy adaption

Please join us for a RePlay for Kids toy adaptation workshop on Friday, March 7 from 6 – 8 pm at Forest Hill Church.

RePlay for Kids is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization of volunteers who repair and adapt toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities in Northeast Ohio. The toys that are adapted at our toy adaptation workshops are given away to agencies at our adapted toy giveaway event in December of each year.

RePlay for Kids has some toy inventory, but it would be wonderful if everyone showed up with a plush toy to modify (ie Tickle-Me-Elmo, Care Bears, dolls that talk or sing[Hokey Pokey Elmo or Barney doll])

What to look for: One or two switches, such as a switch in the hand or foot

What to avoid: Multiple switches or buttons to activate, since we can adapt only one or two switches.

We will teach you everything you need to know!

RSVP to Robert Brock (brockr@zin-tech.com). All are welcome! If you have toys to donate but can't attend, contact Robert.

March 7, Fellowship Hall, 6 pm

Sundays in March

9:00	Child care begins
9:30	Adult education
	Youth education
	Descant Choir
10:15	Descant Choir activity
10:30	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
10:45	Cherub Choir (March 9, 23; 10:15, March 2)
11:00	WORSHIP
	Children in Worship
11:15	Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) (no class March 30)
12:15	Coffee Hour
	Sine Nomine Choir (Gr. 6-12) (March 9, 23)
5:00	Faith Leader
5:40	Labre Project (March 9, 23)

March 2	Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24: 12-18
8:15	Nominating Committee mtg	Psalm 2
11:00	Worship: AWE – New Orleans Jazz; Baptism of Mykelti Ball	2 Peter 1: 16-21
12:30	GCC Education meeting	Matthew 17: 1-9
5:00	Youth: Activity Night	
March 9		1 Lent
11:00	Worship: Communion Pathways: KISS	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
		Psalm 32
		Romans 5: 12-19
		Matthew 4: 1-11
March 16		2 Lent
9:30	Adult Ed: Jana Riess, “The Bible and Humor”	Genesis 12: 1-4a
12:15	Blood Pressure check	Psalm 121
		Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
		John 3: 1-17
March 23		3 Lent
12:15	Pilgrimage meeting	Exodus 17: 1-7
5:00	Youth: Mission trip meeting	Psalm 95
		Romans 5: 1-11
		John 4: 5-42
March 30		4 Lent
11:00	Worship: Confirmation	1 Samuel 16: 1-13
5:30	Youth: Mid High Book Group (Caitlin’s)	Psalm 23
		Ephesians 5: 8-14
		John 9: 1-41

Lent 2014 schedule

March 5: Ash Wednesday

6:30 dinner, 7:30 worship – Communion and imposition of ashes

March 9: Worship – Communion

March 16: 9:30 Adult Ed: Jana Riess, “Humor and the Bible”

11:00 worship: ***Song of Hope***, a choral work by Anne Wilson

March 21: First in-home Lenten dinners; “Honoring the Body” series

March 30: Confirmation

April 6: Worship – Communion

7:30 ***Swing to the Lord a New Song*** program

April 6-13: Family Promise host week

April 11: Second in-home Lenten dinners

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 13-19: Holy Week

April 17 : Maundy Thursday 6:15 dinner and worship

April 20: Easter

Worship with communion at 9 and 11

Classes and children’s choirs will not meet