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



The Tower

November 2015

Dear Friends,

I spoke with a person who LOVED Pope Francis until his meeting with Kim Davis, the county clerk in Kentucky who refused a marriage license to a gay couple. The circumstances of the meeting and responsibility for it are side issues. I was struck by how quickly this person's admiration turned to disgust. **From the pastor...**

I too think that Kim Davis is wrong in her conviction and wish the meeting with the Pope (whom I love too!) never would have happened. However, the Pope's meeting with Ms. Davis made me consider something about our divisive, media driven political culture and myself.

Do we have to be theologically, politically, ideologically "pure" (whatever that means) or perfectly consistent? Do we judge negatively those who inspire us on all things but one or two issues? Do we stop being friends with those who are not of our political persuasion?

Do we not know people with whom we agree concerning GLBTQ civil rights but disagree about abortion? We sit next to people in the pew who are Republicans but believe the science of global warming; people who are Democrats and members of the NRA; people who read both E.J. Dionne and Kevin O'Brien.

As an inclusive church we hold ourselves accountable to welcoming everyone. That includes folks with whom we disagree. If a church becomes a group only of those who hold the same opinions, then we have failed to be a church.

In fact, the health of a church is determined, I believe, by how well we disagree. I think we are most pleasing to God when we have cultivated a community of trust; where the Session makes its claims about our mission but we have people in the pews who attend not because of the Session's views, or the preacher's preaching but because they have found a community of imperfect saints who seek to be faithful together.

No political party has the answers, only approximations. So I still love the Pope and wish he hadn't met with Kim Davis. I love my friends with whom I disagree. I have to keep meeting with those who see politics differently. I am more interested in the "what brought you to that world-view?" than a mutual self-righteous argument about who is correct.

Stand for what you stand for. Be loud and proud. But be not dismissive of the person sitting next to you. As a church, we can rise above the divisiveness of our culture and witness to unity in diversity.

Let's help one another be the church of Jesus Christ!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Lentz, Jr.", with a stylized, flowing script.

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Change and Growth

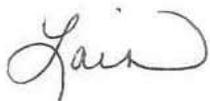
As I write this brief meditation I cannot help but look out the window at autumn's stunning display. I always feel a deep sense of joy in the fall—the crisp air, brilliant blue sky, and explosion of colors all infuse me with an energy and hope I can't quite explain. It's odd since autumn inevitably leads to the darkness of winter, but somehow this season feeds my soul in mysterious ways.

The concept of “seasons” is very much on my mind these days. Rachel and I are here to serve as interim associate pastors because Forest Hill is experiencing a new season. One of the gifts I bring to this community is the ability to coach individuals and groups through transition. Change is an interesting phenomenon because we all respond to it in different ways. During my coach training at Auburn Seminary half our class saw change as daunting and depressing while the other half believed it was exhilarating and creative. For some of us this current transitional period may bring up feelings of sadness or emptiness, while others of us may delight in the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Truth be told, each of us will probably have a variety of feelings about the ever-evolving nature of life.

It's all good, as the saying goes. As we honestly embrace and accept whatever we may be feeling and reach out to one another in open and compassionate ways we can move and grow through change. The cycles of nature have much to teach us along that line. Brother Lawrence, the monk who wrote *Practicing the Presence of God*, had a conversion experience as he gazed upon a sad little tree in winter, stripped bare of all its beauty, and realized that it would be lavishly restored to life in the spring.

What are your thoughts about change and growth? I would love to hear from you. The whole topic is a rich one for our journey of faith together. I look forward to some honest and thought-provoking conversations!

Faithfully and fondly,



Rev. Lois Annich, Interim Associate Pastor

Volunteers – Working Together Always Works Best

Recruiting volunteers can feel like a never-ending task of the church. Our many ministries always need people to keep them running. Some days it seems like we're caught spinning plates in a circus act. Have any of you ever felt burnout by church work? If you have, I'd love to hear about it. And then we can have a good conversation about Sabbath rest.

But here's the good news. We're in the process of making it simpler to sign up to participate in the ministries at the church. (Spoiler alert, we're going to be using the website!) This should make it easier to connect the gifts and talents of our congregation with the needs of our church and community. We want to be good stewards of your gifts and talents!

That means if you're new or have recently joined the church, and still are looking for ways to get involved, we're brushing up on our listening skills. We want to be better at hearing what your gifts are and finding a way to encourage them. To participate in the life of the church is to be invited into the joyful work of Jesus Christ. And I'd like to offer you a big invitation to find your place at Forest Hill Church. We hope that you find Forest Hill a welcoming place, and are finding that we're more in the business of creating passionate disciples of Christ than making complacent consumers. As always, the work of ministry does not belong to Forest Hill Church, but is God's mission in the world.

One of my favorite aspects of being at Forest Hill is the way I'm reminded how much we need each other. I'm never working alone, but am partnered with an amazing staff and dynamic congregation. It's a blessing to be working at a place where you feel like everyone is cooler than you are. Together, we're building the Kingdom.



Rachel McDonald
Interim Associate Pastor

Children's Ministry

October was a busy month for the children of Forest Hill! We are moving along in the Pathways Covenant Journey. The children studied maps outlining Abraham's travels, starting from his comfortable life in Ur (modern day Iraq) all the way to Egypt and back to Canaan (Israel). The children prepared food, a delicious Jerusalem salad and hummus with pita bread, that Sarah would have served to the visitors/angels who foretold her pregnancy with Isaac; and they created beautiful decoupage boxes reminding them they are descendants of Abraham. Thanks to all of the faithful volunteers (Danielle Cosgrove, Kara Schellenberg, Pat Seeders, Carol Leslie, Joanne Shaner, Sam Miller, John Schellenberg, Karen Loughridge, Jennifer Blakeney, Lisa Koops and Margie Ravas) who make things run so smoothly. When you have a minute, please peek into the classrooms in the CE wing to better understand what's happening with our children's programming. You'll be amazed by what you see.

Children in Worship

Preschool 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 each story. In November, the Children in Worship Class will focus on Moses and understanding the church calendar. They will also begin to prepare for Advent, if you can believe it!

Pathways to the Promise Land

Grades 1-5

In November, the Pathways children will focus on *The Ten Commandments*; think of it as God's Top-Ten List! Certainly we all know something about these commandments, but how many can you name without looking? While these were not intended to be a checklist of how to achieve salvation, the Ten Commandments do try to define ways to be in right relationship with God. The children will explore this theme through art, storytelling and game playing. Believe it or not, our last week in November will begin our transition into Advent. Prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus!

November Dates

November 1 Communion – Kids in Sunday Service

Pathways children, grades 1-5, remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper with their families. The Children in Worship class will start in their classroom on the second floor of the CE wing. They will then be brought down to the sanctuary to join their families for communion. Worship bags with quiet relevant activities and a children's bulletin are provided for the children to help them engage and connect to the liturgy.

November 8 Gathering Time – Ten Commandments

Pathways children will meet in the Chapel at 11:00, then be excused with their shepherds to workshops.

November 15 and 22 Ten Commandments

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will begin in worship and then be dismissed to their workshops

November 29

First Sunday of Advent – Kids in Sunday Service for communion

Peace to all,

Kate Burleigh
Director of Children's Ministries

Music Notes



November starts with the ending of **Daylight Saving Time** on the first Sunday, **November 1**, so I hope the congregation and choirs will enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

We welcome **new Chancel Choir member** Mary-Francis Miller. She studies voice at Cleveland State University and you may hear her beautiful voice in solo parts of upcoming anthems.

Congratulations to **new Sine Nomine Choir officers**: President Garrett Vandall and Vice President James Birdsell.

On Sunday, **November 1**, we will celebrate the **25th anniversary of our Elizabeth Popely Husni pipe organ**. Built by the Casavant organ company, the organ started to take shape 25 years ago in a construction shop in Quebec, Canada. The service will include music of French composer Louis Vierne who served as organist for 37 years at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. He died while playing a recital at the cathedral (that's the way I want to go . . . !).

The Descant Choir will sing the charming **Scottish Penny Song** on **November 8**, and the children will be collecting pennies to donate to Abundance Food Pantry. Kindly start saving up your unwanted pennies (and other coins) in preparation for throwing them gleefully into the children's baskets.

Please mark your calendars for Forest Hill's third **Compline** service on Sunday evening, **November 15 at 7:30 pm**. Meditation and contemplation, chant and music are the essence of Compline—one of the monastic prayer services of the Christian church, and the last religious observance (office) sung at the end of the day. The entire 30-minute service is sung, unaccompanied, and the sanctuary will be illumined primarily by candles. The cantor (Pastor Lentz) and choir will sing from the congregational pews, allowing the congregation to sit in the choir pews, transepts or front of the church. You may enter the candle-lit sanctuary in silence and simply receive the blessings of the mystery.

The Chancel Choir is preparing the music for our **Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors***, which will be presented on **Sunday, December 20 at 11 am**, during morning worship, and again at **7 pm** in the evening. The main roles will be sung by Henry Dyck (Amahl), Lara Troyer (Amahl's mother), Mist'a Craig, Carl Jenks, Caleb Wright (the three kings), and Jack Lentz (the page). The story is about Amahl, a disabled boy who can walk only with a crutch, who tends to tell tall tales. He and his mother are visited by the Three Kings, and a miracle occurs. Please invite friends to join you at either performance (or both!).

Soli Deo Gloria

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Education & Spiritual Development (Sunday, 9:30 am)

Ekklesia (Sr. High) will continue our discussion about foundational Christian concepts but with a modern twist. Last month we planted a spirit garden which resulted from a lively exchange about spirituality versus religiosity. For curriculum, we are using an adapted version of ***Animate: Faith*** by Sparkhouse.

Logos (Mid-High) will focus on the Creeds. Together we will explore the "Nicene Creed" and figure out what it means to the modern Christian. Our curriculum, also by Sparkhouse, is called ***Re:form***. For additional information about curriculum, please contact Shannon Headen.

Fellowship

Ekklesia, join us **November 8, 2015 from 5 – 7 pm** for RAMEN-O-RAMA!
We will be showing off our culinary skills by creating gourmet dishes with everyone's favorite college staple- RAMEN!



Upcoming Events (times to be decided)

Identity Workshop- Who are we?

Youth Christmas Party

Praise & Thanksgiving

Blessings to our amazing first lady, DEANNE LENTZ, for organizing Youth Labre Sunday.

Thank you so much to our amazing youth group for participating in Youth Labre Sunday! It was wonderful to have such a large group.

Thank you to the Crucifers! You're awesome!

Blessings to all of our dedicated youth leaders! WE LOVE YOU!

Who We Are



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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21

By the time you read this article the 2016 Stewardship Campaign will be nearly complete. We have been excited by the transformational stories shared and further inspired by John’s stewardship message on October 18. We hope that you were too! The Leadership Pre-Campaign, with initial pledges submitted by Session and Ministry members, also yielded positive results of 22% toward this year’s goal!

If you have not done so already, please take the time to read the Narrative Budget and reflect on the wonderful work that is happening in and outside the walls of Forest Hill Church. Thank you for your generous support, financially and otherwise, to keep this work going and create even greater opportunities for ministry at FHC.

If you haven’t submitted your pledge yet, it’s not (never) too late! Though the official campaign concludes on November 1, pledges may be received anytime.

We look forward to celebrating with you the blessings of God through Forest Hill Church at the Cornucopia Lunch immediately after worship on Sunday, November 1!

The Stewardship Ministry

A big Thank You goes to those who have volunteered to be on a meal preparation list for individuals or families who could use extra support during a time of need. How very important / essential food is to all of us, and helping out in this way is a wonderful expression of care and connection. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, who will add your name to the list. Kathy can be reached at 440-565-7297 (home), 216-544-0916 (cell) or email, **khannas@sbcglobal.net**

The Deacons' Corner

Speaking of volunteers...our September 13 Fall Festival was such a great success because of so many helpers...from the beautiful fall decorations to the wonderful food, delicious pies, games for young and not so young, cotton candy, magic, fellowship, laughter...we all worked to make this wonderful event come together. The Deacons might be behind the scenes, but everyone who comes out makes it happen. And, this is of course what makes Forest Hill Church such a vibrant and alive community!

Happy Fall to all!

Kathy Carr and the Ministry of Deacons

All-Church Fall Work Day Saturday, November 7, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Please mark your calendar for the church's annual fall work day, when we get together to prepare the building for cold weather. We need as many participants as possible, because there is a lot to do: washing windows, installing storm windows, and lots of miscellaneous outside work. Your help is vital.

This is a great opportunity to contribute your time and talents while getting to know fellow church members. Lunch will be served immediately after. Please join us!

Eric Rich

Shop with a Conscience at Nov. 22 Fair Trade Festival

Is this the year you decide to slow down and simplify the holidays? The first Sunday of Advent this year is coming up fast: November 29. That's the day our latest SALT project video will appear on our website and Facebook page encouraging us to "buy less, eat less, and worry less."

But how?

This year, consider doing ***all*** of your holiday shopping early ***and*** feel good about your purchases at the ***Shop with a Conscience*** Fair Trade Festival, **Sunday, Nov. 22**, from 9 am – 2 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Why fair trade?

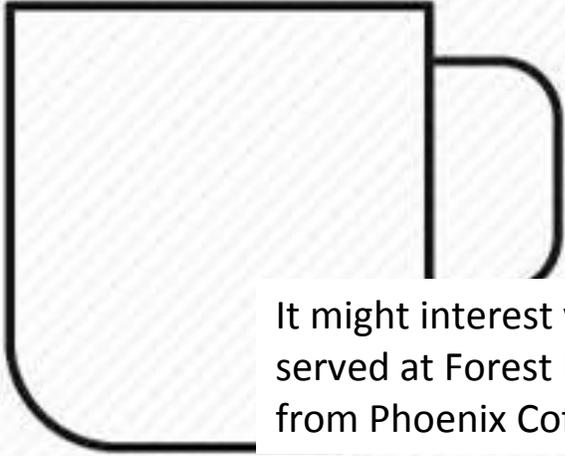
Fair trade gifts benefit not only the recipient, but the people who created the pieces. By paying a fair wage, we help provide a better quality of life for people who otherwise could not get their goods to market.

Fair trade is not just about breaking the chains of poverty in economically disadvantaged regions, but also ensures that no child labor or forced labor is used and that the goods are produced in safe and healthy working conditions using environmentally sustainable resources and practices.

In addition to Ten Thousand Villages' selection of fair trade, hand-made, international items, and Canaan Fair Trade's olive oil and other food produced on small farms in Palestine, local businesses and artists will have their wares on display.

Handmade ceramic beads and pottery from the Kenyan fair trade company Kazuri, located on the estate made famous by the "Out of Africa" film, will be sold by the Amani Children's Foundation. The Foundation raises money to support abandoned infants in Kenya.

Local sellers will include Golden Goddess Cosmetics, a line of organic cosmetics produced and sold by Forest Hill member Ajah Hales. Golden Goddess Cosmetics are produced from sustainable sources so you can feel better about taking care of yourself.



So this year, consider giving gifts that give back from *Shop with a Conscience*. All festival proceeds go directly to the vendors and their fair trade partners.

It might interest you to know that all coffee served at Forest Hill Church is fair trade coffee from Phoenix Coffee Company.

***Save the dates now – Living Prayer begins in February!
February 7 - March 20, 2016, 5-7 pm***

Living prayerfully is a way to find unexpected riches ...but how many of us can find effective ways to live like that every day? *Living Prayer* is a new six-week series at Forest Hill Church, offered to support your spiritual life and designed to help you experience God - *personally and directly* - through various forms of prayer, reflection and weekly small-group conversations. It is a rich multi-week spiritual retreat woven into, and made up of, the fabric of your daily life. Weekly small-group meetings will take place at FHC.

Living Prayer is not the same as last year's well-received "Living in the Spirit" series; however, it is being offered in collaboration with an equally experienced team of ecumenical leaders also trained by the Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland. Save the dates now and be a part of it! **Attendance will be limited to 35 participants; Cost is \$40** (Some scholarships are available.)

Full written information will follow in December, and a "Question & Answer" informational event will open the registration period following worship on January 3. Registration closes Jan. 31. Consider this as a gift to yourself.

Interested? Contact Pastor Lois Annich or Elder Eric Muller-Girard through the church office.

Reflections from the Earth Care Conference at Montreat

I spent a lovely early-fall week at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina in the company of 125 other like-minded Presbyterian souls engaged in Earth Care. Everyone there was concerned with the environment. No one had to defend the premise that climate change is occurring at a more rapid pace, hastened by mankind's actions. Faith and hope for a better physical world abounded!



What was most pleasing was experiencing the conviction that the faith community can make a difference in Earth Care--in our churches, our homes, and our communities--with our words and our actions.

In talking with members of other churches, I was quite proud that members of this church—and especially John Lentz--are often ahead of the curve when it comes to understanding, encouraging, and promoting responsible concern for environmental action.

But make no mistake: there is much work ahead if we are to restore God's intended kingdom of the good earth, air, water, and maintain biodiversity. Especially since environmental degradation directly impacts people—in particular the poor, the marginalized, the disadvantaged.

At one time, many members of the general faith community believed that “prayer is the answer, God will provide.” Certainly prayer is desirable, but it is not enough. As Jay Herbert Nelson (a keynote speaker and the Presbyterian Washington Office of Public Witness representative) said, we need to get off our “blessed assurances” and make it happen!

Dave Neff and the Earth Care Green Team

Is Forest Hill Church Still Involved with Family Promise? The answer is YES!

Family Promise of Greater Cleveland, an agency that provides emergency and transitional housing for families, changed their model last January from hosting homeless families in local churches or synagogues to housing families at two permanent locations. (For 8 years Forest Hill hosted families in the church for a week at a time, three or four times each year.) Since the model change, congregations have strived to remain involved with Family Promise and continue to support these families.

Forest Hill has decided to partner with Coventry Library to host Story Time / Literacy Nights at Family Promise's Kinsman Rd location. Coventry librarians will present age-appropriate reading events and provide tips and books to each family. Since Family Promise is always in need of items for families, this seemed like a good opportunity for our congregation to begin collecting household supplies that families need upon moving to their new apartments.

Supply Drives (and Story Time) will be held in October (just about the time you receive this), January and April. (As this program evolves other ways to engage with families may arise. Stay tuned!)

Although our role has changed, Forest Hill can continue to support families with necessary items for a new and successful life.

Please contact us with any questions.

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Reflections from the Mile-High City

October 11, 2016

It was wonderful to see Clover and Tim in their new house and church community in Denver. She is very happy! As you can imagine her new church (Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church) is THRILLED to call her as pastor.

Montview is a beautiful church. It is a large stone cathedral-like building with a prayer garden, a labyrinth, and a columbarium on well-manicured grounds.

The sanctuary is impressive, the building well maintained. The members of the church share a common view of life and mission with us. In fact, that is one thing that Clover often says: "Montview is just like Forest Hill!" It is, in a way, except for being 3 times larger and having almost unlimited resources. Montview has two "Lead" Pastors, an Associate Pastor, Administrative Director, Music Director, Organist, Building and Grounds supervisor, and paid staff to design the weekly bulletin, and run the sound and lights. Each of these staff members are supported by secretaries, custodians, and a host of volunteers. It is very impressive!

Clover's office has a fireplace and a roof-top balcony!

I really like her colleagues in ministry. Pastor Ian Cummins, Clover's co-pastor is bright, youthful and a very good and thoughtful preacher. Clover has landed. Clover's ministry will take off!

The Installation service was powerful. At the conclusion of the service Clover was choked up in her benediction. She waved to the choir and the outpouring of love was palpable.

I was honored to preach at Clover's service. Clover has been my friend for 16 years and will always be my friend. She was my colleague for 12 years. She changed my life, as I know she changed many of your lives. Many of you call her "friend" too. It is not easy to let her go. It is hard to move on. It is difficult not to wonder "what is in store for me, or us?"

The trip to Denver was good for me. It provided a bit of Clover-closure. I would be a liar to say that I didn't feel a bit hurt when she hugged her new partner in ministry, Ian. (I kind of wanted to punch him!) Or, when she did her little Clover dance, and said the funny thing, and waved to the choir and they waved back, adoring her.... well, it wasn't easy to see another congregation claim her.... After all, CLOVER IS OURS!

We all know better, but it is real. I am keeping it 100%!

As I sat in the airport Monday morning waiting for my flight home I met up with two other Forest Hillians who were on the same flight. We talked about our weekend and shared our reflections. I think it safe to say that we were all looking forward to coming home. We started talking about how much we love Forest Hill; how taken we are by Lois, Rachel, Shannon and Kate. How we all think that no one is better than Anne and the FHC choir is still the BDCITL (Best darned choir in the land!). We shared our coffee and felt blest.

God bless and good luck Clover. We love you! Can't wait to see what God has in store for you. Can't wait to see what God has in store for us.

It is ALL good! Thanks be to God.

Pastor John Lentz



What to Say in Fellowship Hall.... ...When You're Talking Politics

"...the body does not consist of one member but of many...." [I Corinthians 12: 14]

"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up... Put away from you all bitterness and wrath... and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as Christ has forgiven you. [Ephesians 4: 29-32]

With political discourse becoming increasingly uncivil, we tend to avoid political conversations in Fellowship Hall out of sheer politeness. But maybe we **should** tackle those difficult, emotion-filled political issues. Maybe this election cycle is the perfect time to encourage civil, respectful, community-building conversations.

If you're ready for the political deep end of Fellowship Hall, these ideas, condensed from the UCC's *Our Faith Our Vote*¹ program, may help:

Show Respect: Worry less about whether you "won" the argument and more about what insights you gained and how much respect you showed for the other person.

Listen: One of the best ways to show respect is to listen. Ask yourself, "What are they trying to express?" "What is important to them?" "Where do we agree?"

Seek Understanding: Use open-ended questions that invite others to say more about why they believe what they believe.

Share Your Own Views: Be ready to share what you believe and why--honestly, clearly and concisely—using "I" statements, such as "I believe..." or "In my experience..." Avoid exaggeration, sound bites or slogans.

¹ Being a Civil Voice in Uncivil Times, http://www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote_civility

Keep Your Head: If the conversation heats up, pause, take a deep breath, and give yourself time to respond. Continue to act with civility even if others are not. If they interrupt or won't listen— calmly ask that they do so. “You just shared your opinion and I listened without interrupting--could you please listen to mine?”

More Tips²

- Realize that the Holy Spirit is present and active in the conversation and has given each participant a part of the truth you're seeking to discern.
- Listen respectfully and carefully to others. Follow the Golden Rule of treating others as you wish to be treated, even when you disagree with them.
- Make sure you understand each other. Restate what you think you heard someone say and ask for clarification before responding.
- Speak honestly about your thoughts and feelings. Share personal experiences to help explain your concerns and perspectives on an issue.
- Speak for yourself, not as a member of a group, using “I” statements not “You” statements.
- Focus on ideas; don't question your companion's motives, intelligence or integrity.
- Look for and lift up points of agreement, keeping an open mind and heart.
- Seek to stay in community with each other even if the discussion becomes vigorous or tense.
- Pray for God's grace to listen attentively, speak clearly and remain open to the vision God holds for all of us.

So don't be shy. If **we** can't discuss politics civilly and respectfully in church, what hope is there for the rest of the world?

Peg Weissbrod

(author of the series “What to Say in Fellowship Hall...”)

² Tips for Faithful and Respectful Discussion, http://www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote_discussion

News of Our Church Family

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Care Group

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

Members of the Jericho CARE Group are:

Jason Hidek, Deacon Leader

Janet Banis

Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner

Jennifer Blakeney & Marius Juodisius

Jack & Mary Ann Breisch

Robert & Wendy Brock & family

David & Kate Burleigh & family

Joseph & Janet Dauer

Larry Dorod

Marge Drollinger

John & Sheryl Dugard

Elizabeth Farnfield

Cathy & Don Ghiandoni

Tom & Paula Harvey

Jason & Christina Hidek & family

Alec & Nancy Jamieson

Jessica Kelley-Moore & family

Charlie Manak

Twanda Patterson

Jean Seeley

Connie Sekerak-Hicks

Chuck & Lora Smith & family

Rob & Leslie Strachan

JT & Sarah Tan & family

Liz Wollaeger & family

Katie Zito & family

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, George Sentell, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Arlene and Jack Quinn, Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother).

Ushers

Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and all who served as ushers in October. Interested in joining the team? Contact Roger (rheineman@jencen.com or 216-371-6395).

Volunteer Hours in September

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Pat Jenkins, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Chuck and Jane Ishler and Joan Bacon –worked a total of 63.5 hours in September. Thank you all!

Hilltoppers (retired FHC members and friends)

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 4 pm

We have tickets to see the Hts High production of **GREASE** at Wiley Middle School (2181 Miramar Blvd) \$10 per ticket – RSVP to Lucy Conde (216-382-5177) or Nancy Grube (440-461-4693)

All are welcome to join us!

Sundays in November

- 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 class
11:00 Pathways to the Promise Land (Nov. 8)
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5; Nov. 15, 22)
Nov. 1, 29: Children stay in worship for communion
12:15 Fellowship Hour
Sine Nomine Choir (Gr. 6-12; Nov. 1)
2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus (thru Nov 22)
5:00 Faith Leader
Labre Project (2nd, 4th Sundays)



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| <p>November 1: Daylight Saving time ends All Saints' Day 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:15 Cornucopia Lunch 12:30 Interreligious studies class</p> | <p>Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44</p> |
| <p>November 8 12:15 Involvement Fair 12:30 Young Adult Brunch</p> | <p>Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44</p> |
| <p>November 15 10:30 Cherub Choir 12:15 Blood Pressure check 7:00 Service of Compline</p> | <p>1 Samuel 1: 4-20 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8</p> |
| <p>November 22 Reign of Christ 9:00 Fair Trade Festival begins 12:30 Race Conversations gathering 4:00 Performance of <i>Messiah</i></p> | <p>2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37</p> |
| <p>November 29: 1 Advent Worship: Communion</p> | <p>Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36</p> |

Announcements! Announcements!

Important December dates

Dec. 1, 8, 15: 7 pm

Advent Art for Young Adults (20s-30s)

Dec. 20: 11am and 7pm

Amahl and the Night Visitors

Dec. 24:

5 pm Family Worship

11 pm Candlelight Worship



November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends

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216-321-2660. Our website is
www.fhcpresb.org

TOWER deadlines:

7 am on Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan.
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted | 6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 AI Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA Boy Scout Trp #403 | 1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class | 7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA meeting | 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 Voices in Bronze 7:30 Chancel Choir | 9:30 AI Anon | |
| 1 12:15 Cornucopia Lunch | 2 | 3 Election Day Polls open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 8:00 Men's Group 9:00 Fall Work Day |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet | 12 7:30 FH Swim Club | 13 7:00 am TOWER deadline | 14 |
| Haiti trip: November 5 - 13 | | | | | | |
| 15 See *Sundays in November* | 16 | 17 11:00 Ins Circle | 18 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bulshewicks 7:00 Session mtg | 19 5:30 East Cleveland Health class | 20 | 21 8:00 Men's Group |
| 22 | 23 5:00 PWR Meeting, Church of the Western Reserve | 24 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch | 25 | 26 THANKSGIVING | 27 | 28 |
| 29 1 Advent | 30 | DECEMBER 1 7:00 Advent Art for Young Adults | 2 | 3 | 4 Office closed | 5 8:00 Men's Group |

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