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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

July – August 2010

From the pastor...

Summer is the time to relax and “chill.” Summer makes us feel free to do things that perhaps, we don’t feel free to do during the winter (who wants to go swimming in December?).

Summer at Forest Hill Church is the time to mix it up. We invite lay leaders to preach, to try out their homiletical “chops.” Last summer Clover and I were having a coffee with a prospective member of the church. This person was listing all the things that she liked about FHC; we were so friendly, the music was so good. And then she said: *“The first Sunday I visited, the sermon was outstanding.”* Clover and I looked at each other in smug satisfaction. She then continued to describe one of the lay preacher’s sermons. *“The next time I came,”* she said, *“the sermon was amazing.”* In our humility Clover and I accepted the accolade. She went on to describe yet another lay preacher’s sermon. Maybe we should take a hint? We are blessed to have members who are willing to share their story, their insight, and their faith. It empowers us all. This summer Barry Hartz (June 27), Eric Muller-Girard (July 25) and Deanne Lentz (Sept. 5) will be in the pulpit. You won’t want to miss any of them.

Summer is the time to worship in Fellowship Hall. July 4th and August 22 are the next two Fellowship Hall worship services. Some may not like the informality of sitting on folding chairs and looking at each other’s faces instead of backs of heads. Yet others love it. There is an intimacy that allows us to open up the scripture in new ways, sing new songs, just to be different. On July 4th we will be serving communion. After the service Morag Keefe will prepare a holiday hot dog lunch to celebrate our nation’s birthday.

Summer is a time for me to challenge myself to be different. It feels strange not to wear a collar or robe. It is different to preach from a lectern out front instead of the pulpit. It is good for me to go “off the

grid” of the lectionary and preach on 10 of my favorite Bible passages – just to do it.

Summer is a time when many people shop around for churches. It is time to be especially welcoming and friendly. Many prospective members are looking for churches that are flexible and willing to try new things and not be so serious.

On September 12 we will return to the 11:00 a.m. services, the processional, the robes, the choir, and the pulpit. And all of this will be very good too. By the end of August, I am ready to return to our formal informality and our light hearted seriousness; for heaven’s sake, we never put a hold on laughter and joy in our services.

“Summer time and the livin’ is easy!” So relax and enjoy. Come to church. Bring a friend. *Viva la difference!* God bless you.

Faithfully yours,

John

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Dear friends,

Let's talk Turkey! I am using this space to make the official announcement about our next FHC spiritual pilgrimage!

Clover

Pilgrimage to Early Christian Sites in Asia Minor and Greece

March 25 – April 3, 2011

Join members of Forest Hill Church Presbyterian and Pastors Clover Reuter Beal and John Lentz, Ph.D. in New Testament scriptures along with Dr. Timothy Beal, Ph.D. in Hebrew scriptures for a pilgrimage to the cradle of Christianity in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Greece.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore some of the great cosmopolitan cities of the Roman Empire where the apostle Paul had great success in preaching the Gospel and where the earliest communities of Christians began to take root and flourish.

Our program is part of a series of adult continuing education and faith formation pilgrimages that began two years ago with a rich pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This program continues our journey and enables us to gain further insight into the historical and cultural context of early Christianity, putting people, events and places together. Local expert guides and our scholars-on-tour, Drs. Lentz and Beal, will open our eyes to some of the most fascinating archaeological sites in the world – such as Ephesus, Sardis, Pergamon, Istanbul, Corinth and Athens. Pastor Beal will guide us in worship at historical venues so that we journey in faith together with Paul and other visionary men and women of faith in the 1st century.

Inclusive Features

Our program includes RT airfare from Cleveland to Izmir (Turkey), from Izmir to Istanbul, from Istanbul to Athens and then from Athens back to Cleveland. We will enjoy 8 nights in first class hotels with buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Local transportation will be in deluxe motorcoach. The program includes local guides, full-time tour manager, and entrance fees per itinerary.

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Estimated Costs

\$3500.00-3600.00 per person based on double occupancy.

\$400 estimated airline taxes/fuel surcharges/security fees.

\$500 supplement for single room occupancy

Program is open to members of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian and their family, friends and traveling companions.

To reserve a place on this pilgrimage and indicate your planned participation, please give your name and contact information with \$100 deposit (checks made payable to Illume) by July 31st. to Rev. Clover Beal.

For more information, go to:

www.travelillume.com/trc/hil

Deacons' Corner

The Deacons will be responsible for August's CARE group. Any Deacon or other church member (especially choir members who are available in the summer) is welcome to volunteer for greeting, hosting coffee hour, hosting continental breakfast, or delivering flowers on Sundays. Contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cghiandoni@aol.com) to sign up for these wonderful opportunities to meet and greet friends.

The Deacons' Ministry means CARE – **C**hrist-like **A**ttention **R**eaching Everyone with **E**mpathy. Not only do we make sure that you can have your coffee and donuts Sunday mornings but that someone is here to cheerfully greet you or help you send a card to a friend or neighbor. *Prayer* is also included in our CARE. If you know someone in need of *prayer*, please contact the church. Some needs are short term (surgery, rehab, illness, job or family difficulties) and some are ongoing (long illness, homebound, or loss of a loved one). To see who is in need of *prayer*, check your weekly bulletin, monthly Tower and the FHC website. Please remember these members, friends, and family by calling, visiting, sending a card and *in your prayers*.

Prayerfully,
Cathy Ghiandoni, Deacon

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Children and Youth Ministries

On June 6 we celebrated all of our wonderful teachers, leaders, mentors, and shepherds who have given their gifts of time and teaching to our children as they learn of our faith. These programs are successful because of their dedication, energy and commitment to our children and youth. Thank you.

Child care

During the summer months there will be child care for infants through five year olds. Infants and toddlers will be in our nursery and pre-school rooms. Child care will be available every Sunday 9:30-11:30. Child care will also be available at 8:45 for the summer Adult Education Bible Studies series.

Summer Pathways

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

This year the children will explore being good stewards of God's creation as they help others by participating in activities around Forest Hill Church's Abundance Acres garden. Usually we think of gardens as we plant flowers and vegetables. We also can plant an idea that grows into something that wasn't there before. When we "plant" the idea that God loves us, there is no telling what will happen. This summer we hope to "plant" the idea of helping others through our garden. Laurie Logan and Laura Steiner will be guiding the children, through nurturing of the garden, in taking care of the earth as they help those in need. The children will actually be working in the garden, please be sure your child/children are dressed accordingly.

Summer Pathways dates: May 30, June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22

Our Summer Pathways program is for rising first graders through rising sixth graders.

On non-Pathways Sundays children in grades 1-6 are encouraged to sit with their families during worship. There will be a basket of quiet activities in the sanctuary for children to use; a library cart with many kinds of books will also be available outside the sanctuary.

Youth Ministries

Our youth will be participating in two mission opportunities this summer. Fourteen Senior High youth will explore our faith as they participate in the *Presbyterian Youth Triennium* July 20-24 on the campus of Purdue University. The theme for the 2010 *Triennium* is "For Such a Time as This" – found in the book of Esther, 4:14. The theme will be developed throughout the week through daily presentations, worship, prayer, recreation, and small groups. It is the goal of the event to offer an experience that provides our youth with the opportunity to explore their faith and their faith practices alongside those of the past and present faith communities.

Six Mid-High youth will be participating in the *Pittsburgh Project* July 19-23. The group will spend a week in rebuilding and repairing homes in Pittsburgh neighborhoods. The youth will witness to God's great love and see God in action throughout their visit.

Get Connected!

I invite you to consider becoming involved in any of our Christian education programs. There are many ways to help out, hold a baby for an hour, read a story to 3 and 4 year olds, help choose curriculum, be part of an adult core team for our youth groups, be a youth leader, offer your home for youth Bible studies, work with computers.....the experience is rewarding and satisfying. Please contact me at church (216-321-2660), home (440-498-0474), or email lizw@fhcpresb.org for more information.

Dates to Know

July 11	Summer Pathways
July 18	Youth Mission Trips Commissioning
July 25	Summer Pathways
August 8	Youth Sunday – Reflections on the Mission Trips
	Summer Pathways
August 22	Summer Pathways

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

Restoring the Building – Reclaiming the Mission

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

Storm Sewer – this phase has been completed

Playground – this phase has been completed

Masonry work – this phase has been completed. The masonry work that consisted entirely of tuck-pointing went well. All of the walls were sound and no loose bricks were found. None of the contingency funds were required for this phase.

Painting – after several weather delays the painting is progressing well. The exterior is being primed with oil based prime and then coated with two coats of Sherwin Williams Resilience latex. The exterior, with the exception of the window sashes, is approximately 50% complete. The painting of the sashes began June 16. No damaged wood has been found to-date. The painting with the exception of the new windows will be completed by mid-July. The new window interiors will be painted in August after they are installed.

Roofing – The roof work began on June 1. The gutters on the Lee Blvd side of Fellowship Hall have been replaced and work has started on the Lee Blvd side of the sanctuary. Some of the wood framing of the gutters has been damaged by water over the years and has now been replaced. It is expected that similar damage will exist in other parts of the building. Contingency funds will cover the cost of this work. It is anticipated that the roofing work will be completed by the end of August.

Windows – The 43 new windows, including the large sanctuary and Fellowship Hall windows, were ordered June 7. Restoration work on 81 windows has begun. The restoration work includes making the windows operational, re-glazing and painting. New storms will be installed on the 23 windows that are without storms. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by early to mid-August.

Elder Dave Hunter



Music

This summer's exciting news is a special purchase which Barb Hansen and I made a few weeks ago. FHC is starting our own steel drum band! Barb and I drove to Akron to visit the Panyard, Inc. shop and placed an order for a lead pan, double seconds, and triple cellos—plus two small jumbie jams, cases, stands, mallets and music. We're probably the only Presbyterian church around that will have a steel drum band, so this will be a good reason to invite your friends to come to church here! This purchase was made possible by donations to the Lamont Hansen memorial fund and a gift from the endowment fund. Lamont will be smiling from heaven when he sees us gettin' in the groove with our Caribbean beat!

A quick primer: steel drums are also called pans and the jumbie jams are small pans which only cover an octave. The lead pan plays the melody and has lots of pitches on one pan. The double seconds play the alto part and require two pans because the pitches are lower and need more resonating space. The triple cellos play the tenor part and comprise three pans. We'll need an upright or electric bass player to cover the bass part—any bass players out there? And lots of percussion players, perhaps a drum set. If you are interested in learning to play the pans or would like to participate as a percussionist or bass player, please contact me (contact info below).

Many thanks to our summer guest music leaders: On July 4th, we'll have home-grown talent leading the music (Pastor Lentz and Kurt Haas on guitar, Arvid Whitmore on sax, and Caty Himmelman on clarinet). Carmen Massaro will serve as guest organist/choir director on July 11th and Lynn Balaze will serve in the same capacity on August 15 and 22. I'm always delighted to hear how hospitable the FHC folks are to our guest musicians—thank you for showing your warm appreciation to them.

My summer travel includes a week at the University of Louisville, Kentucky (Jazz Camp), and nine days exploring the Northwest (Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver). Everyone always raves about this area (especially Clover who grew up there!), so I'm going to see for myself.

Have you sung in the Summer Choir yet? This group is not just for regular choir members—it's also for singers who can't commit to the regular Thursday evening rehearsals during the year. A half-hour rehearsal is held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs choir room. The music is easy to learn (unison or two parts), and children (even babes in arms) are most welcome to sit with you. It's so nice to see new faces trying out the choral experience. Summer Choir continues through July. Anyone wishing to offer his/her vocal or instrumental gifts during August, please let me know.

I hope you will consider joining a choir when the fall season begins in September. Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives, one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words, a way for us to understand things with our hearts when we cannot with our minds. The Greeks believed that music is the study of invisible relationships between internal objects. I'm not quite sure I wholly understand that, but it rings true!

Best wishes for a safe, restorative summer.

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson
Organist/Director of Music
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Interested in Learning about Intercessory Prayer?

To pray for others means to offer others a hospitable place where I can really listen to their needs and pains.
--Henri Nouwen

Do you want to learn more about prayer? Are you interested in being part of an intercessory prayer team? Would you like to lift up the prayer concerns of the church on a regular basis? We are interested in starting a prayer ministry for our church and we invite those for whom this is an interest to be involved. Please let us know! Rev. Clover Beal or Laurie Muller-Girard, multimg@wowway.com

July and August at Forest Hill Church

Event	July	August
Monday: Regular meetings 6:00 Al Anon 7:00 Al Anon 7:30 Borton Group	All Mondays	All Mondays
Monday: office closed	July 5	
Monday: Presbytery Meeting, Elyria, 5 p.m.	July 26	
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels 10:00 a.m. TOWER collators 7:00 p.m. Ministry mtgs 7:00 p.m. Session meeting 12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks	All Wednesdays July 14 July 14 July 21	All Wednesdays August 25 August 11 August 18 August 18
Thursday 7:30 p.m. FH Swim Club	July 8	August 12
Friday 9:30 a.m. Al Anon 7:00 a.m. TOWER deadline	All Fridays	All Fridays August 20
Saturday 8:00 The Group to Blossom 7:00 The Group to the Lake County Captains game	July 10	August 14
Mid High Mission Trip: Pittsburgh Project	July 19-23	
Senior High Trip : Presbyterian Youth Triennium	July 20-24	

Sundays in July and August	
9:00	Summer Bible Study (July only)
9:30	Child care begins Summer Choir (July only) Continental Breakfast
10:00	Worship Summer Pathways (gr. 1-6) (July 11, 25; August 8, 22)
11:15	Coffee Hour

August 29 11:15 Summer Book Discussion: <i>The Unlikely Disciple</i>	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
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**SAVE THE DATE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
The regular schedule resumes September 12
Education at 9:30 – Worship at 11 a.m.
Fall Fellowship after church
FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

July 4 10:00 Worship: Communion in FH 11:00 Picnic	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 11 8:15 Nominating Comm. Softball: 6:00 A vs St Anne Parish, FHP 4; B vs Ch of Redeemer, FHP 7	Amos 7: 7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
July 18 11:15 Blood pressure check	Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42
July 25 Softball: 3:30 B vs Grace Luth. RMS 6:00 A vs Ch of the Saviour A, FHP 7	Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13
August 1 10:00 Worship: Communion	Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21
August 8	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40
August 15	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56
August 22 10:00 Worship in Fellowship Hall	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"
You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

From the lectionary reading for July 4

Self-Development of People (SDOP) Grants

The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **Self-Development of People** program empowers grass-roots groups of economically poor or disadvantaged people who are organizing non-profit community organizations or small business enterprises. Established by the General Assembly forty years ago, the program aims to support economic and social justice as envisioned in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25. This spring, three new SDOP projects in the Cleveland area have been funded by different levels of our denomination:

The Presbytery's Self-Development of People committee has selected **EcoVillage Produce, LLC** as this year's primary recipient of support. This four-year old market garden enterprise on the mid-West Side of Cleveland was created from abandoned or land bank lots. Three objectives guide the group: providing fresh vegetables and fruit to the neighborhood, e.g. at the Gordon Square Farmer's Market; improving the financial well-being of its partners; and modeling successful economic development for the Detroit-Shoreway area. A Self-Development of People grant of \$4,700 will help EcoVillage Produce become more productive through the installation of fencing, a rainwater catchment structure, and a modest marketing campaign. Three other smaller grants were also approved by the Presbytery SDOP committee this Spring.

The Synod of the Covenant Self-Development of People committee recently approved additional funding of \$10,000 to facilitate expansion of **Round Two**, a resale shop in Euclid that employs several previously out-of-work individuals. A grant from the Presbytery in 2009 helped Round Two purchase a used van, allowing it to pick up and deliver bulky items such as furniture and appliances. Goods and services this enterprise provides are most welcome in the current economic climate.

Finally, the National Committee on the Self-Development of People, part of the PC(USA) General Assembly Mission Council, has just announced a grant of \$20,000 to **ASL Advocates**, also based in Euclid. ASL (for American Sign Language) is a group of visually and/or hearing impaired persons. They have developed training for themselves and help other organizations become more user-friendly to persons with physical problems. The Synod provided SDOP funding to them last year.

Self-Development of People is entirely funded out of the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Lenten offering. One of every six dollars given in our Presbytery returns to our Presbytery committee for use in local SDOP projects, with additional projects being selected by Synod and National bodies. Your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing is paying dividends in our community.

More information on the Presbyterian **Self-Development of People** program, including a list of projects supported throughout the U.S. and overseas, is available online at: www.pcusa.org/sdop.

Elder Dick Obermanns
Moderator, Presbytery Self-Development of People Committee

News of Our Church Family

Births

Winston Theo Toplitz, son of Traci Ext and Loren Toplitz, was born May 10, 2010.

Baptisms

Anderson John Batcheller, son of Chris and Katie Batcheller and brother of Ellie, was baptized June 20. Keith Logan was the attending Elder. Lindsey and Laurel Batcheller are Andy's godparents.

New Contact Information

Emma Jane Gibbs 440-835-1796

Ellen McChesney: Ellen_McChesney@att.net

Ushers

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

August: Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith.

Care Group

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

Members of the Calvary CARE Group are:

Daryl Musick, Deacon leader	Florence and Ronald Klein
Kevin and Brittani Ball and family	Fred and Joanne Lafferty
Marie Bourgeois	Carol Leslie
Nancy Burcham	Patricia Ludwig
Bruce and Beverly Cameron	Emelia McGuire
Paul Cary and Sue Yelanjian and family	Merdine T. Morris
Gretchen and Jeff Deluca and family	Karen Murray
Rose and Robert Eaton	Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn
Marilyn Gifford	Arlene and Jack Quinn
Robyn Hales and Jordan Dail	Donald Shaner
Judy Hammer	Dwight and Margie Stauffer
Chris Henry	Lee and Cathi Thomas
David and Anne Hunter	Johanna Wilcott
Diana and Martin Johannessen and family	Beryl Williams
	Lauren, Dylan and Nancy Wyss
	Bob and Ginny Young

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Polly Cohen, Molly and Ralph Dise, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Betty Woodruff

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Marion Flanigan (friend of Janet Kickel), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Jason Himmelsteib (Kathryn Himmelsteib's nephew), Connie May, Jay Middleton (Kris Fay's nephew), Alan Peterson (Kara Schellenberg's father), Frank Spisak (Janet Kickel's brother), Debbie Ungemach, Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother), Patti Wisnieski (friend of Janet Kickel)

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

The Group will watch Lake County Captains play the Dayton Dragons on Saturday August 14th at 7:00 p.m. As an added bonus there are post game fireworks.

Please contact Jane and Chuck Ishler either by phone (216/382-7590) or e-mail (chasish@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot with a payment of \$9 per person due by Sunday July 25. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game. All are welcome!

Guess Who's Coming (Back) to Dinner – yes, it's BACK! The Pacesetters are orchestrating the return of **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** on **Saturday, October 2, 2010**. This fun evening of getting-to-know-you involves hosts who don't know who they will be serving and guests who don't know where they will be dining.

Step 1: recruit dinner hosts. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information in general, please contact Mel Obery, Sue Lafferty or Mary McMillan.

Watch later this summer for Step 2: Reservations!

Mel Obery: 216-291-8323; obery@sbcglobal.net

Sue Lafferty: 440-449-2361; salaff@sbcglobal.net

Mary McMillan: 216-382-0953; McMillan@ClevelandZooSociety.org



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 August 20, September 18, October 16. **Note that the due dates are later. We will be distributing TOWERs in Fellowship Hall on the 4th weekend of the month; we will mail only those that don't get picked up. The TOWER will be posted on the website the weekend it is available for pick-up.**

Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

- ❖ John Lentz, pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org, ext. 200
- ❖ Clover Beal, pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org, ext 201
- ❖ Anne Wilson (music), annew@fhcpresb.org, ext 208
- ❖ CE Office: Liz Wollaeger, lizw@fhcpresb.org, ext. 206
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial office): beckya@fhcpresb.org, ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: office@fhcpresb.org, ext. 202

Our website is www.fhcpresb.org

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

Would you like a large-print edition of the **TOWER**? Or a bulletin sent to you if you are ill or away? Please contact the church office with your request.

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

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

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

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

This will insure that your gifts will get 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!**

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?
Selah

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

From the lectionary reading for July 11

GOOD NEWS!

After a long process of seeking a new Director of Youth Fellowships, an offer was accepted by Kristen Elizabeth Sloan. Kristen grew up in Mentor, OH and received a BA in History and Social Studies Education from Ohio Northern University. After graduation she headed to North Carolina to work for Habitat for Humanity and to direct the youth groups at the Rocky River Presbyterian Church of Concord, NC.

Kristen was selected out of a final group of four candidates, all of whom brought excellent credentials. Kristen's references were GLOWING. Here is what Kristen wrote about her call: "I am passionate about youth ministry and I believe in the importance of their generation to the church, our country, and the world. The teenage years are a pivotal time in the development of their faith and it's essential for the church to take an active role in the lives of our youth and young adults. In addition, I am very familiar with the structure and theology of the PC(USA)."

Kristen will be an outstanding addition to our staff, and will begin work Monday, August 2.

Thanks to Mark Chupp and his committee for their wonderful work during this process.

John Lentz