

John C. Lentz, Pastor  
Lois Annich, Rachel McDonald, Interim Associate Pastors

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



## The Tower

April 2017

Dear Friends,

I will begin with an historical note and then invite you to participate in our Easter Vigil!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", is positioned to the right of the text.

I have been teaching the Sunday morning 9:30 Adult Education class on the Sacraments. As Presbyterians we recognize two sacraments: Baptism and The Lord's Supper (communion, also known as the Eucharist).

In the first three centuries of the church, baptism was usually performed either the night before Easter or in the pre-sunrise hours of Easter morning.

Although there is evidence from the biblical sources that infant baptism was performed, the liturgies we have from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century (C. E.) church describe the baptism of someone older than a child.

This person, called the "catechumen," would have gone through a period of study, prayer, and fasting prior to her or his baptism. The baptistery (the place where the baptismal font was kept) would not have been located in the main worship space. So the one preparing for baptism would have never seen the baptismal font or pool.

On the Eve of Easter those prepared for baptism would be taken into a special room, don white robes and led into the baptistery as members of the church sang or chanted. The pastor would either pour water over the person's head or immerse the person under the water. In baptism, one

died and was raised again in Christ. One was cleansed from sin and initiated into the church.

I share this historical note with you as a way of inviting you to our Easter Eve service on **Saturday, April 15**. We will gather outside the entrance to the Sanctuary at **7:30 pm** around a fire and read a psalm together. Then we will process into the sanctuary for a service of reaffirmation of our baptism. This year there may be two young people who will be baptized as part of their confirmation process. It will be a memorable occasion for them.

Come and participate in this ancient rite in a new way. Prepare for Easter with others. Celebrate and welcome new baptized members. Reaffirm your baptismal vows.

God bless you,

Rev. John Lentz, Sr. Pastor

### **Holy Week and Easter**

#### **April 9: Palm Sunday**

11:00 am Worship: Palms will be distributed

7:00 pm *Beyond Boundaries* concert

#### **April 13: Maundy Thursday**

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Worship

#### **April 14: Good Friday**

12 – 3 pm Community Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
(2747 Fairmount, Cleveland Hts)

#### **April 15: Holy Saturday**

7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Baptism

#### **April 16: Easter**

9:00 am Worship with Communion (Chapel)

11:00 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee and Fellowship

*I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.*

*(Luke 15:7)*

*Joan*

I've been using the Loyola Press *3 Minute Retreat* every morning during Lent as a devotional practice. This was the reading of the day recently, and, wow, did it grab my attention! We talk a lot about being God's beloved children, but sometimes I need a new perspective on what that looks like. As I meditated on this verse I suddenly saw an image of the heavenly host going wild with glee—dancing, singing, shouting, and laughing—every time any one of us repents. (Remember that repent means to turn around, so every time we turn back to God we apparently inspire one heck of a party.) I got goose bumps as I thought about all the cheerleaders and supporters on the other side of the veil rejoicing in our repentance!

The question for reflection that accompanied the verse was: "What sins in me need to be forgiven?" Various sins immediately came to mind—failing to be my best self in community, behaving in selfish ways, ignoring God's call upon my life. But suddenly I was moved by a very sneaky sin – not trusting God's forgiveness by hanging onto a sense of myself as terribly flawed and thereby rejecting the gift of God's unconditional love for me.

There are times in our lives when trust comes more easily. Our faith journey is never a straight line. The good news is that no matter where we are on the journey, God always waits with open arms for us to turn ourselves around. Sometimes we need to begin the turning around process by acting as if we really trusted in God's lavish love and acceptance. What difference would it make if we remembered that there's a party going on in heaven every time we honestly confess our brokenness and ask for strength to do better? I know that the thought of the heavenly revelers will make it easier for me to be rigorously honest with God and myself. Knowing that a great cloud of witnesses surrounds me will give me confidence to hit the "reset" button and start over again as many times as I need to. And most importantly, I will remember that when I open myself to God's gift of forgiveness and unconditional love that really makes God happy because, like all of us, I am a beloved child of God.

Wishing you continued peace and blessings in this holy season,

Rev. Lois Annich, Interim Associate Pastor

*I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.*

*Ephesians 1:16*

I have been spending a lot of time in gratitude lately. This has been a season in my life full of joy and opportunity, although it is also bittersweet. I have been given a wonderful opportunity to serve a nearby congregation: South Haven United Church of Christ in Bedford has called me to be their next pastor. My last Sunday at Forest Hill will be Easter, and I will begin at South Haven on May 1. This also means I am planning an ordination service – details to come! Although I will miss you all, I am excited to take this next step in my ministry.



However, I will still be in the area and Josh will still be working at the Presbytery office. We may still cross paths. I will be glad to see any of you! When we do meet, the best way to honor this transition is by not speaking of “church business” at Forest Hill. Ask me about my new call, and I’ll ask you about your family. This is standard church practice and a way that we can show respect to one another. Once I leave, I trust that God is providing you all with the leadership you need.

I am tremendously grateful for the community of Forest Hill Church. It has been a privilege to serve God with you. I am thankful for the cups of coffee we’ve shared and the songs we’ve sung together. I will miss your enthusiasm and joy.

A key part of interim work is preparation. I hope that my ministry with you has begun to prepare you for what’s next. Just as I am being called in a new direction, I see exciting opportunities on the horizon for Forest Hill Church. Know that whatever comes next, the Spirit is with you and guiding you every step of the way.

With thanksgiving,

Rachel McDonald, (soon to be former) Interim Associate Pastor



## Children's Ministries

Lent is building up to **Holy Week**, the week before Easter.

**Palm Sunday**, April 9, reminds us of Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. The people waved palms at him as if they were welcoming a king. Talk with your children and remind them that we wave palms in remembrance of this occasion.

**Maundy Thursday** reminds us of the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. "Love one another as I have loved you," he instructed.

**Good Friday** is a difficult day. "Why do they call it *Good*?" my youngest once asked me. "There's nothing good about it!" True. It is a day that cannot be skipped. We must go through it to arrive at Easter. Jesus was afraid, he suffered, and he died...and yet, God turned his fear, suffering and dying into hope and new life. If we remember that "light shines in the darkness" and is not overcome, we can remember and encourage our children to find the good in even the most difficult of days. We are transformed by God's grace. Nothing will separate us from the love of God, not even death.

Finally, we arrive at **Easter** (April 16). Wake your children with the age-old "*Alleluia, Christ is risen!*" (to which they should reply, "*He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*" instead of "*five more minutes.*") Enjoy the festivities of Easter. Hunt for your baskets, look for the Easter bunny and remember: God is a God of love, grace and mercy. Good news, indeed!

### Children's Worship

#### Preschool and kindergarten (ages 3-5)

The children in this age group follow the play-based model of Young Children in Worship. After listening to a story told in a sensorimotor style, the children are given space in which to respond (using art, story re-telling, clay, etc.). In April, Children's Worship will focus on Holy Week, Easter, and the risen Christ.

## **Pathways to the Promise Land**

## **Grades 1-5**

In April, Pathways children will meet with Charity McDonald to learn more about the ministry of Justice and Mission. Focusing on several of our core values (welcoming, learning, discerning and witnessing), the kids will gather for conversation and activities. Most importantly, they will deepen their understanding of what ministry is and cultivate better relationships with one another.

### **April Dates to Know**

#### **April 2 Communion Sunday**

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

#### **April 9 PALM SUNDAY**

Pathways' children, grades 1-5, will begin in worship and then be dismissed to the Chapel to learn about Holy Week and Easter. Children's Worship will meet in room 207 at 11 am for class.

#### **April 16 Easter Sunday**

All children will celebrate Easter and worship with their families. Nursery care will be available on the second floor of the CE wing.

#### **April 23 Education**

Pathways children will begin in the sanctuary and then move to Bodwell Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor of the CE wing) where they will meet with the ministry of Justice and Mission. Children's Worship will meet in room 207 at 11 am for class.

#### **April 30<sup>th</sup> Service Sunday**

Pathways children will begin in the sanctuary and then join Laurie and Keith Logan in the FHC kitchen. They will prepare food for the Labre meal to be served at Our Family Home Center that evening. Children's Worship will meet in room 207 at 11 am for class.

Peace to all,

Kate Burleigh, Director of Children's Ministries

## Legos, Lunch, and Bible Stories

The Education and Spiritual Formation Ministry will sponsor their second intergenerational event after worship on April 30. All are welcome to join us for lunch and to build with Legos to experience familiar Bible stories from fresh new perspectives.

*More details to come.*

## Welcome Signs

Sharon Shumaker has Welcome Signs available for \$10. These yards signs say "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" in three languages. They were designed by a pastor in Harrisonburg, VA and are spreading across the country.

Contact Sharon ([sms2924@gmail.com](mailto:sms2924@gmail.com) or 216-659-4114) if you would like one.



## Music Notes



Please mark your calendars for a very special concert, *Beyond Boundaries*, on Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. Combining gifts of story-telling, improvisation and musicianship, vocalist **Amanda Powell** captivates audience members, inviting them into a heart-felt journey by sharing music from many cultures, styles and genres. Musicians in



the *Beyond Boundaries* project draw upon roots in classical, jazz and folk music to weave together a program of rich, connective music. Joining Amanda will be Cleveland jazz legends **Howie Smith** on sax and **Dave Morgan** on bass. Anne Wilson will tinkle the ivories, and the Chancel Choir will join the band in Carly Simon's *Let the River Run* and a couple of other numbers.



Please invite your music-loving friends! A free-will offering will be taken.

I look forward to leading the music at upcoming Lenten and Easter services: Palm Sunday (April 9), Maundy Thursday (April 13, worship at 7:30 pm), the Easter Vigil (April 15, worship at 7:30 pm) and our glorious Easter services (April 16, worship at 9:00 am in the Chapel and 11:00 am in the sanctuary).

Please mark your calendars for our family-friendly intergenerational **May Cabaret** on Sunday, May 7. We begin with a pizza supper at 6:15; the show begins at 7:00 pm. If you would like to share a talent (are you a tightrope-walker, a juggler, or a fire-eater?) let me know so I can sign you up! This year, there will be a lot of audience participation—fun contests (math problems, tongue twisters, knowledge of history) that all can enjoy.

Soli Deo Gloria~~

Anne Wilson

Organist/Director of Music     [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org); 216-321-2660, ext. 208

## The Deacons' Corner

On Palm Sunday we will celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem – but even as we do so we are aware of what will soon follow. Good Friday, the somber observance of Jesus' crucifixion, is a time of repentance and reflection, a look into our own souls. Two days later we praise God and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In churches all over the world, people will celebrate Easter and will bring to their worship their personal history, questions, doubt, faith, love, and joy. This is the message of God's extraordinary love for us as seen in Jesus Christ.

Marcus Borg, American New Testament scholar, theologian and author (1942-2015) shared his thoughts in an essay entitled "Engaging the Heart of Christianity; Reflections on Easter"

*[Easter] is about the transformation of this world. Jesus was killed because of his passion for a different kind of world. Easter is about God's "Yes" to what we see in Jesus...Crucifixion and the tomb didn't stop Him. Easter is about saying "Yes" to the Passion of Jesus. He's still here, still recruiting.*

([marcusjborgfoundation.org/Jesus/reflections-on-easter/](http://marcusjborgfoundation.org/Jesus/reflections-on-easter/) ).

We hope you find renewed faith and joy this Easter!

Please visit the greeting card table in Fellowship Hall. Added to our list of those who would appreciate receiving a card, are the names of three young men currently serving in the military: Thomas Taylor (Navy), (Barb Cloud's grandson), Cooper Andrews (Marines), (Betsy and Joe Andrew's grandson) and Army Cadet Jacob Stauffer (son of Laura and Kevin, grandson of Derry Stauffer and Kathy Hanna Stauffer and of LeAnn West). All cards are donated and we address them! You just need to put a name on the envelope and a note on the card.

Happy Easter!

Kathy Carr, on behalf of the Deacons

## ***Forest Hill, a “doing church” where relationships are formed***

LaDon and Shannon Headen became acquainted with Forest Hill Church in 2013 after attending a friend’s wedding. Shannon and their daughter Lotus attended for two weeks, LaDon joined on the third, and they, along with younger children Lyric and Zen, have been coming ever since. Shannon is now the Director of Youth Ministries, and LaDon serves on the Nominating Committee, works the soundboard during worship services, and has taught Hip Hop classes as part of Black History Month programming.

What stood out about FHC to both LaDon and Shannon was its outreach; that, as LaDon said, “it helps other people, did more than just talk about what we should do and actually put things into action...This is a church that was actually doing, a doing church.” What also keeps LaDon coming back to Forest Hill are the connections that he has made and relationships that he has formed here. “And in doing that,” LaDon reflected, “I’ve gotten to know people and stories and events...the talents and time that some of these people give have enriched my life and made my life better.”

LaDon gave the example of how fellow member Jacob Stauffer became a role model for his eight-year-old son Zen. Jacob played on the basketball team at Villa Angela-St. Joseph and graduated in 2016. Zen, while attending a game, observed the discipline of the athletes and how they handled themselves both on and off the court. He was quite impressed with the players and grew in admiration, specifically for Jacob. LaDon commented, “And now Jacob has this admirer, this fan that he never had before...in addition, my son has another person that he could view as a role model.”

In what ways do you think Forest Hill is a “doing church”? What are some relationships or connections you have made at FHC? The Stewardship Ministry would like to thank LaDon Headen for taking a few minutes to share why he and his family are part of the Forest Hill Church community. Do you have a story to tell? Please let us know!

The Stewardship Ministry

Elders Melanie Alban, Ahren Stock

Elected Leaders David Burleigh, Leslie Pendleton, Bill Ladebue,

Peter Williams

## Earth Care Potpourri



This month's edition of the Earth Care message is calendar-based, so pull out your calendars!

- The movie ***Age of Consequences***, about climate change, will be shown **Saturday, April 1 at 11:10 am** as part of the Cleveland International Film Festival at Tower City.
- Many of you have asked about another electronic/metal recycling pick-up. Our previous contact now only does commercial accounts, as the worth of recovered metal is no longer economically viable for them. However, I have been referred to another firm and hope to hear back from them soon. Watch for a date in May!
- A new Disney nature movie, ***Born in China***, opens **Friday, April 21**. It is an excellent wildlife portrayal featuring Pandas, Snow Leopards, and the Golden Monkey – all endangered species – in the beautiful Chinese wilderness. A portion of your ticket price goes to World Wildlife Fund. *Note: as of 3/17, there are no Cleveland theater listings*
- **Saturday, April 22** is Earth Day! The Earthday Coalition's EarthFest will be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 22 (<http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/> for more information).
- Put **Sunday, April 23 on your calendar for Adult Education at 9:30 am**. Harvey Webster, Director of Wildlife Resources at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will lead us in a discussion of wilderness preservation and wildlife conservation with a faith-based perspective. If we care about caring for the earth, it is vital that we be informed and able to advocate! Wild creatures and the places they inhabit are an integral part of God's creation and have been entrusted to our care. Our industrialization and development push many species to the limit of existence. We must find ways to coexist.
- We will do another Forest Hill Park cleanup in May. Watch for more information!

Dave Neff, Earth Care Green Team

## **Black History or American History?**

We just finished celebrating Black History Month in which we examined the accomplishments and the difficulties of Black folk in this country, specifically, in this area. What was amazing about the experience and the experiences of the past 6 years was how little we all, black and white, know about the subjects posted on the wall, developed in workshops and discussions, even heard in the music of a people.

It is my considered opinion that had African American history been an integral part of American history, taught in school right along with other histories there would not be a need for such a month set aside to “honor” the accomplishments of black folk. The development of a gas mask is spectacular; however, Garrett Morgan is not cited as an inventor but a black inventor and largely ignored by the city which benefitted from his creativity and abilities.

Black men and women have been instrumental in the making of America from the 1600s, when they reached this shore, by whatever means. Slaves and indentured servants worked to build roads, towns, commerce, and the home of the president, all aimed at building a country out of new land, inhabited by indigenous people, people which Europeans promptly sought to exploit and marginalize. But that is a whole other discussion.

Building this country was a long and painful process for people of color, most of whom were and are unable to share in the success. A study of history raises some unpleasant questions, such as: How much was lost by the exploitation and marginalization of people of color? How much could have been realized in the past 150 years, by fully utilizing the intelligence, creativity, and unfettered abilities of all people, regardless of color or gender? How many contributions to progress by Black men and women were ignored or ascribed to whites? The answers are equally unpleasant.

Working with the Black History Month committee, doing the research into history, and discussing ideas and issues with others, increased my knowledge and appreciation. Those who participated in the month’s activities also increased their knowledge and appreciation. We hope, as with our committee members, this was just a priming of the pump, that

others would continue to delve into America's and Cleveland's Black history and the current contributions of many unheralded Black men and women. We hope that through this continued study, Black History will not be seen as separate from American History but an integral part of our shared history.

Dorothy Herd

## **Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)**

The #NOTALLIN campaign continued with the March 9 Assembly when over 400 GCC members expressed our passion for justice for the people of the neglected neighborhoods of Cleveland. GCC leaders enumerated the ways that the proposed Quicken Loans Arena renovation plan is not the favorable or honest deal we are led to believe. The proposal would cost the public \$160 million with additional hidden and undefined costs likely.

Three Cuyahoga County Council members were in attendance: Dale Miller, Jack Schron, and Yvonne Conwell. The other 8 members did not make it. Rev. John Lentz called on the councilmembers to respond to 3 questions, to which each consented:

1. Will you work to delay the vote on this proposal until after the state budget is revealed in June?
2. Will you work to create a Community Equity Fund that will provide resources to fund real job training as modeled by University Hospitals; tackle neighborhood capital improvements and blight reduction; and provide treatment for mentally ill and opioid addicted residents?
3. Will you work with GCC to create two mental health facilities to treat mentally ill residents and prevent their inappropriate incarceration?

We heard moving testimony from a 16 year old student of Cleveland schools who shared about the shooting death of 4 close friends last year, and the fear of walking to school or playing. He asked our public officials to "invest in us" and stated, "I can show the county council how to spend \$160 million!" Two mothers who tragically lost a child to street violence called for

public officials to care for “the holes in our streets and in our lives”; to take an interest in making residents, not just the tourists, happy; and to invest in giving moms answers by finding and stopping the perpetrators of violence. Greater Cleveland Congregations leaders have, repeatedly, asked to meet with Council President Armond Budish and Cavs owner Dan Gilbert. Since these requests have gone unheeded, a bus trip to Detroit has been organized for March 21. Along with our liaisons in Detroit, we will meet outside Gilbert’s Quicken Loans offices to make our request for creative funding to include benefits to our Cleveland neighborhoods.

**Teach-In on the Q at FHC, Sunday April 2, 4-6. Come learn more about the concerns and hopes around these issues.**

GCC has made significant impact on this issue by bringing this story into the public forum, having 3 councilmembers agree to our requests, and much media exposure. We need to keep the full court press on the county council. Soon, we will also work with Cleveland City Council.

The FHC Core Team thanks all the amazing support you have given us in so many ways: 27 FHC members attended the assembly, many of you called your council members, asked us questions and shared your concerns. We are so excited to have John Lentz in his new role on the GCC Strategy Team (executive board), and Scott Lafferty jumping in, full force, onto the Core Team!

Blessings, dear family, as we walk humbly with God towards justice,

Jennifer Blakeney, Chair, FHC Core Team

# News of Our Church Family

## Births

Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth Wigger, daughter of Amy Wadsworth and David Wigger, was born February 18, 2017.

## In Memoriam We Remember

Paul Richter, who died March 14, 2017.

## Directory Updates

**Dean Sieck:** cell phone is 216-246-5594

**Marge Thomas:** correct phone is 440-602-2853

**Pat Weissbrod** 216-213-4304  
3151 Mayfield Rd #1329, Cleveland Hts, OH 44118

**Peter Williams:** correct email is pwilliams3495@gmail.com

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

Members of the Canaan CARE Group are:

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| Gretchen Reynolds, Deacon leader | Ginie Mast                           |
| Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker     | Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family |
| Lisa Chuppa                      | John Prentice                        |
| Leslie Clement                   | Rob Reynolds                         |
| Bob & Joanne Dawson              | Margaret & George Sentell            |
| Muriel Dean                      | Franklin & Naana Soadwa              |
| Libby & Andy Dolan & family      | Chuck & Rosanna Sprague              |
| Beth & Bill Forsythe & family    | Joy Stang                            |
| Carol Hopkins-Lutz               | Don Ungemach                         |
| Allan & Zivile Khoury            | Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family   |
| Lisa & Jed Koops & family        | LeAnn West                           |
| Laurie & Keith Logan             | Peggy Yeager                         |

## **Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Al and Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, George Sentell, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas

## **Volunteer Hours in February**

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Joie Hill and Carol Sims, and the TOWER assembly team of Betty Clark and Marilyn Wilk – worked a total of 77 ½ hours in February. Thank you all!

## **Social Groups and Circles**

### **The Group (60s – 70s+) Progressive Dinner**

Come enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship on Saturday, April 8. We will gather at 6:00 pm for appetizers at the Hunters' (853 Hardwood Ct, Gates Mills), go to different homes for dinner, and meet up afterwards for dessert at the Musicks' (369 W. Glen Eagle Dr., Highland Hts). Food assignments will be given when you make a reservation. When we meet at the Hunters' you will be given your dinner location and directions.

RSVP: Barb Hansen ([bjhansen47@gmail.com](mailto:bjhansen47@gmail.com), 440-255-5514) by **April 1** to be sure you are included in this exciting evening.

**April 8, Hunters' home, 6 pm**

### **Iris Circle (all women of the church): Dancing Wheels**

We have a rare opportunity to visit the Dancing Wheels Company at the Masonic Performance Arts Center (36th and Euclid Ave.) on April 18 at 11:00 am. We will have a close up view of the Company as they warm up and train for the rigors of the performance day. We will hear the history of the 35 year old company, learn the methodologies devised in the art form of physically integrated dance, see excerpts of dances performed on the big stage, and be able to ask questions of the dancers.

We will leave from FHC at 10:30 am. We have reserved space at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights for lunch after our visit.

RSVP to Margie Glaros ([mglaros@yahoo.com](mailto:mglaros@yahoo.com) or 216-570-3466) or Joyce Pope (216-406-4042).

**April 18, meet at FHC, 10:30 am**

## Sundays in April

- 9:00** Child care begins  
**9:30** Adult education  
 Youth education (gr. 6-12)  
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
**10:15** Descant Choir activity  
**10:30** Continental Breakfast  
 Chancel Choir  
**11:00** WORSHIP (Communion Apr. 2 and 16)  
 Children's Worship class (preK, K)  
**11:15** Pathways to the Promise Land: Apr 9, 23, 30 (gr. 1-5)  
**12:15** Fellowship Hour  
**4:00** Labre Project

**No classes or children's  
choirs on Easter, April 16**

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| <p><b>April 2: 5 Lent</b><br/>                 9 am – 2 pm Labyrinth open<br/>                 12:00 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser<br/>                 4:00 GCC Teach-In: The Q funding<br/>                 5:00 Lectio Divina</p> | <p><b>Ezekial 37: 1-14</b><br/> <b>Psalm 130</b><br/> <b>Romans 8: 6-11</b><br/> <b>John 11: 1-45</b></p>   |
| <p><b>April 9: Palm Sunday</b><br/>                 9 am – 2 pm Labyrinth open<br/>                 5:00 Lectio Divina<br/>                 7:30 Concert: "Beyond Boundaries"</p>  | <p><b>Palms: Matthew 21: 1-11</b><br/> <b>Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29</b><br/> <b>Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16</b><br/> <b>Philippians 2: 5-11</b><br/> <b>Matthew 26:14 - 27:66</b></p> |
| <p><b>April 16: Easter</b><br/> <i><b>Classes and children's choirs will not meet</b></i><br/>                 9:00 Worship in the Chapel<br/>                 11: 00 Worship<br/>                 12:15 Coffee and Fellowship</p> | <p><b>Acts 10: 34-43</b><br/> <b>Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24</b><br/> <b>Colossians 3: 1-4</b><br/> <b>John 20: 1-18</b></p>  |
| <p><b>April 23: 2 Easter</b><br/>                 8:30 Nominating Committee</p>  | <p><b>Acts 2: 14a, 22-32</b><br/> <b>Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9</b><br/> <b>John 20: 19-31</b></p>  |
| <p><b>April 30: 3 Easter</b><br/>                 10:30 Cherub Choir<br/>                 12:00 Mission Fair<br/>                 Legos, Lunch &amp; Bible Stories<br/>                 5:00 Troop #403 Dinner</p>                 | <p><b>Acts 2: 14a, 36-41</b><br/> <b>Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19</b><br/> <b>1 Peter 1: 17-23</b><br/> <b>Luke 24: 13-35</b></p>  |

Easter lilies may be ordered between now and April 11. Please contact the church office with the following information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (if different – ie the Smith family)

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\_\_\_\_\_ lilies @ \$12 each      TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for

\_\_\_\_\_

**You may put this information in the offering (with payment); email or call the office; or order by clicking the link in the weekly email. Payment may be mailed, hand delivered, or placed in the offering with “Easter lilies” on the memo line.**



## ***Announcements! Announcements!***

The summer schedule will begin on June 4, the Day of Pentecost

Confirmation is  
May 21

**TOWER** deadlines: **7 am** on April 20 (1 week late), May 12, June 16 (for the July-Aug issue)

Order Easter lilies  
now – see p. 18

The church phone number is 216-321-2660. Our website is [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)

Emails for the staff are as follows:

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| Rev. Lois Annich        | <i>Interim Assoc. Pastor</i> | <a href="mailto:pastorannich@fhcpresb.org">pastorannich@fhcpresb.org</a> |
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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<br>7:00 Al Anon<br>7:30 Barton Group AA<br>Boy Scout Trip #403 | 1:00 Abundance Pantry<br>5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class | 7:30 am Bible & Bagels<br>12:30 AA meeting  | 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class<br>6:20 Voices in Bronze<br>7:30 Chancel Choir | 9:30 Al Anon   | 8:00 Men's Group  |
| <b>APRIL 2017</b>   |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| 2<br>See "Sundays in April"   | 3  | 4<br>6:00 Adult Ed mtg                                      | 5   | 6   | 7<br>6:00 Confirmation class                             | 8<br>2:00 AA Anniversary dinner<br>6:00 The Group: Progressive Dinner |
| 9<br>Palm Sunday<br>Holy week begins<br>"Beyond Boundaries" concert | 10   | 11  | 12<br>7:00 Ministries worship<br>7:15 Ministries meet   | 13<br>Maundy Thursday<br>6:30 Dinner<br>7:30 Worship<br>FH Swim Club              | 14<br>Good Friday<br>12:3 Community Worship (St. Paul's) | 15<br>8:00 Men's Group<br>7:30 Easter Vigil                           |
| 16<br>EASTER<br>Worship at 9 and 11 am                              | 17   | 18<br>10:30 Ins Circle to Dancing Wheels                    | 19<br>12:00 Bullsheviks<br>7:00 Trans Family East Campaign for Forest Hills - Community Meeting | 20  | 21<br>7:00 am TOWER deadline<br>6:00 Confirmation class  | 22<br>9:00 Girls in Motion Workshop                                   |
| 23<br>30  | 24   | 25<br>12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch                          | 26<br>10:00 TOWER collators<br>7:00 Session meeting   | 27  | 28<br>9:00 Al Anon Anniversary                           | 29  |

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