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What Ever Happened to the Donkey from Palm Sunday?



By the time that you read this message we will have already transitioned from Lent into the Easter Season. I share with you this story of unknown origin that speaks to all of God's Children:

The donkey awakened, his mind still savoring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride. He walked into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them," he thought. But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing their water and paid him no mind.

"Throw your garments down," he said crossly. "Don't you know who I am?"

They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move.

"Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where the good people are. They will remember me."

But the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to the donkey as he strutted down the main street in front of the marketplace.

“The palm branches! Where are the palm branches!” he shouted. “Yesterday, you threw palm branches!” Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother.

“Foolish child,” she said gently. “Don’t you realize that without him, you are just an ordinary donkey?”

The little donkey in the story reminds us that we too have been called as “Christ bearers.” We are *Christophers* and *Christopheras*, the masculine and feminine forms of *Christo*, meaning “Christ”, and *pherein*, meaning “to bear” or “to carry.” As the donkey quickly discovered, the joy and fulfillment she sought resided in her relationship to the Christ. As long as she carried the Christ, she shared in Christ’s glory. And apart from Christ, her life lacked fullness and meaning.

The lessons we learn from the donkey of Palm Sunday have the potential to carry us through Holy Week, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and beyond. We, like the donkey, have been reserved for willing and faithful service to Jesus Christ. Like the donkey, we carry Jesus openly, in light and truth. Like the donkey, we go where Jesus directs. Like the donkey, we bear the Christ in the spirit of peace. And, like the donkey, we learn that the glory and praise belong to the Christ, and not us—we bask in the glow.

And now, may the power of Christ’s resurrection be made manifest in you.

Shalom, Christophera (Pastor Veronica)

Words from Pastor John



On Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. Forest Hill Church will celebrate the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines as Co-Pastor. This is a momentous occasion for Forest Hill Church and for the rest of Presbyterian Christendom! We have all been blessed, since Veronica's arrival, by her inspiring preaching and prayers. Elders have seen her spiritual leadership at Session meetings, Ministry nights and on retreat. I have been blessed by her friendship and wisdom. We laugh and share stories. We pray together and seek to discern God's will for us and the church. This is exciting and fun!

It was a bold risk that Rev. Goines took, that the church took, and that I took. Pulling up personal and professional stakes from California to come to NE Ohio?!?!? Usually it is the other way around. LeBron goes to LA. Goines comes to CLE!

Forest Hill Church has always been a risk taker; it is part of our spiritual DNA. But still, to move from a traditional hierarchy of the Senior Pastor model to Co-Pastor left some scratching heads and wondering.

I'll name it, as excited as I was by the vision articulated by the Discernment Task Force and claimed by Session, I was scared, and could I do this?

Even though Veronica and I are called to servant leadership, we have egos! Even though we seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we have our styles and ways of doing things. Rev. Goines and I have both been "in charge" of churches for over 25 years.

And yet, we have experienced the joy and grace of shared leadership. It is truly refreshing to preach every other week and to rest and be fed by each other's sermons. Speaking personally, to have a colleague with Veronica's insights and instincts is empowering. To know that we can share power and both be in charge and if one of us is away the other steps in with the authority of our call is redemptive.

In the months ahead, Veronica and I will begin to identify certain areas of the church's ministry that we will staff. Through collaboration with the staff we will make creative and faithful changes to worship and programming as we seek to be open to the movement of the Spirit to do a new thing at FHC!

The faithfulness of Forest Hill has shaken things up; people are noticing! Our denomination (PCUSA) is paying attention. The new members that joined on April 7th celebrates the diversity of those being drawn to this unique ministry model and to God's spirit.

Make sure to attend this momentous occasion on May 5th! Join us as we continue to seek to be open to God at Forest Hill Church! THANKS BE TO GOD!

John

Music Notes



It was wonderful to have John Bell with us on April 8th. He led an inspiring hymn sing, focusing on Lent and Easter songs—mostly songs he has composed. I was thrilled to see so many in attendance, and even though his Scottish accent was a wee bit hard to understand, I hope everyone enjoyed the singing and story-telling. John told us this was the best singing group he had experienced during his North American tour. Indeed, our Forest Hill folks, augmented by lots of other community members, sang the songs in exquisite harmony.

The month of May will begin with an exciting service: the installation service for our new co-pastor Veronica Goines. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th at 4 PM. The Chancel Choir will sing for this service and help lead the joyful hymns.

The Descant Choir will have its annual party at Forest Hill Park (during regular rehearsal time) on Sunday, May 19th. That will be the last rehearsal for them. Last year, we got rained out, so we'll pray for better weather this year!

Anyone interested in owning some organ pipes which were removed from the old organ before our lovely Casavant organ was installed in 1991?

If so, David Hunter has 60 of them he is willing to donate. Contact David or me (contact info below).

As the choir season comes to an end, be sure to thank a singer or hand bell ringer when you see one. These devoted people donate a lot of time to the church, and I am so very grateful to work with all our musicians, from age 3 to 93! Summer Choir will begin when we revert to the 10:00 AM worship time on Sunday, June 2nd. All ages are welcome in the Summer Choir, even children and babes in arms. Give it a try—it's fun to experience worship from "the other side!"

Soli Deo Gloria

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From the Deacons Desk

May! It is a month that is alive in religious and secular ways, with the welcome return of warmer weather and budding trees and flowers. Our religious practices invite us into greater awareness, and personal and collective spiritual rebirth. Within and all around the Forest Hill Family, there are invitations to "Come" and "Be aware."

Some of us start the month being fun-loving "April Fools" and then move into activities and observances unique to our interests and life experiences: Autism Awareness, Organ Donation Awareness, Siblings Day celebrations, Arbor Day and Earth Day activities, Cleveland International Film Festival outings, and Take our Daughters & Sons to Work observances. Have any of us recognized some of the lesser-known April days? Like: "Hug a Plumber Day," "Peanut Butter and Jelly Day," or "Reconciliation Day?" Come to find out, we could spend every day, all day, celebrating something! And maybe that is a lesson worth taking to heart. Celebrate. Hold fast to what is good, render to no person evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, heal the afflicted, honor

all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Elaine Turley

Church Growth

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

FHC’s membership went up by 12 on Sunday April 7. How blessed our church family is to have these wonderful and interesting people join our body. Please take a few moments to view their pictures posted in the back hallway.

The new members are:

Lola Castillo

Molly Castillo Keefe

John Harmon

Marlene Harmon

Emily Miller

Lauren Sharpe

Rick Sharpe

Debbie Wilber

Anne Caminiti

Mason Caminiti

Cynthia Lehman

Jamie Allen

What brought them here? Take some time to find out for yourself. You will not be disappointed.

Lia Clement

Elder

The Ministry of Stewardship

God has smiled on me. The church rejoices.

People do not give to meet the budget of the church, but to further the ministry of the parish, the diocese, the world. They do not pledge to pay utility bills (although they realize that these have to be paid), but to provide light and heat in order that we may worship in the church, to assure warm, well-lighted places where children can get to know Jesus, and where community and church groups can meet to learn and be healed. They give so that the sick may be healed, the world may know Jesus - and that they may have a place in which to offer their prayers and receive the sacraments, especially the body and blood of Christ.

The Ministry of Stewardship

Elders: Leslie Pendleton, Mark Gerteis, Consuelo Heineman

Elected leaders: Sandy Moran, Peter Williams

OUR
WORLD

...TO CARE FOR

Earth Stewardship in May



There are three key events coming up in May for Forest Hill Church members and friends:

On **Saturday May 4**, the Western Reserve Presbytery Earth Stewardship Action Network, of which FHC is a founding member, will sponsor a forum at Fairmount Presbyterian, 2757 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Hts, on “Earth Stewardship Update”. Topics to be presented include Biblical Earth Care Values, PCUSA Earth Care Policies with a guest speaker, and the Keynote will be Kathy Rocco of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District speaking on “Recycling and Waste Minimization”.

--As FHC is an integral member of this network, it is hoped that many of our members will attend. Refreshments are available at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. There is no charge.

Saturday May 11. It’s time for the annual Forest Hill Park cleanup by FHC church members. Give just one hour, at 10 a.m, meeting at the portico to receive trash bags that will be provided. As many of our members who have participated in the past are getting longer in the tooth and less ambulatory (including myself)---how about some of our youth and younger adult members and families coming out for this event to help beautify our local environment!!!

Sunday May 12 the Adult Education Spring Earth Care Day (actually earlier on April 22) program at 9:30 a.m. will consist of an open forum discussion on “*Being Faithful to the Environment*”. It is desired that attendees share their personal stories on how each of us help to care for our local, national, and world natural environment through personal practice, prayer, and activism. At this point a guest speaker has not been selected, but save the date and stay tuned to the weekly emails from Antoinette in May.

Dave Neff
Earth Care Leader



“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.” - Mission Statement of More Light Presbyterians

On March 24, the Youth Ed class unanimously voted to ask Session to affirm the mission statement of More Light Presbyterians and officially become a More Light Member Church.

After several weeks of studying and discussing the issue, when asked whether or not FHC should become More Light, they responded with a question of their own: “Why wouldn’t we?”

What has followed has been only positive. Most of the responses I have received from the congregation since announcing that we were moving forward with this process have been: “Aren’t we More Light already?”

FHC is publicly “open and affirming”, we are on several websites devoted to helping LGBT+ individuals find a welcoming church home. But we are not officially More Light, and thus not on their list of More Light congregations (which some PCUSA members and friends check when looking for a new church home).

The youth and the youth team do not envision this as the fulfillment of being an open and affirming congregation, but rather another step toward full inclusion. They have expressed the desire for this process to lead to more tangible steps for us to live into being a “progressive, open and affirming community that is: welcoming, learning, worshipping, witnessing, and discerning.”

The youth will lead a “More Light Teach-In” on Sunday, May 19 from 9:30-10:30 am. We invite anyone who interested, concerned, confused,

celebrating, or simply available to join us in a discussion about how God is leading our congregation in the mission of More Light.

In that Teach-In the youth hope to inform, discuss, brainstorm, and form an intergenerational task force.

Following the teach-in, we are asking Session to officially vote to become a More Light Church at their May 22 meeting.

I am very proud of the ownership the youth are taking in this process, and in their church.

For more information about More Light, please see their website: mlp.org

-Rev. David Wigger; Interim Coordinator of Family, Youth, and Children Ministries

Your GCC Cleveland Heights Housing Team Seeks Your Support

Please Join Us
Saturday, June 8 1:00 To 4:00
Noble Road Presbyterian Church
“Walk The Noble Neighborhood”

We plan to “Walk the Noble Neighborhood” on Sat. June 8 for the purpose of identifying properties that are significantly deteriorated and to try to determine if they are vacant or occupied. The housing team will then research the ownership and status of each, and ask the city to do a “complaint inspection” on the worst properties, especially those that are vacant, tax delinquent or investor owned. The purpose of the walk is to quickly move forward problem properties to renovation or sale to a family who will live there. Such a result will counter the trend to investor owned rentals, thus strengthening this neighborhood of affordable homes; homes hard hit by racist predatory loans that culminated in the 2007 housing crisis. Renovation of the worst properties is key to restoring property values that remain below market despite recovery in other areas of Cleveland Heights. We cannot accomplish this alone! There is a lot of territory to cover and additional volunteers are essential if our walk

is to accomplish its purpose. Therefore, we are reaching out to you as a member of FHC and to other congregations represented by our team (Shiloh Baptist, Fairmount Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal and Trinity Cathedral, plus non GCC members, Covenant and Noble Road Presbyterian). We hope to have a minimum of 20 from FHC. We will provide a brief training as to the specifics in identifying problem properties, both vacant and occupied before we head out to walk. Walkers will be paired in teams and should be able to complete the walk in an hour and a half.

SOOOO If you enjoy walking, want to easily get in your daily steps, and agree with the purpose of our walk please volunteer to help on Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 pm. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Ministry of Justice and Mission

Funding opportunities from the Ministry of Justice and Mission

It's grant season! The birds are returning and daffodils sprouting. J&M community grants and endowment fund requisition time is here as well. See this important information below.

Endowment Fund:

Each year, Session earmarks at least 25% of the Endowment Fund to Justice and Mission related efforts. This amounts to over \$15,000 this year. J&M Ministry will determine which requests and the amount to present to Session who makes the final recommendation for funding to the Endowment Committee.

Endowment Funds may be allocated for initial or seed funding for activities and programs that meet the mission of FHC. It is not to be the primary source of funds for on-going programs or projects, but can be used to build capacity in existing efforts or for "unique opportunities". Previous recipients include: Camp Lilac, PRISM training, a printer for GCC.

Groups or individuals may contact J&M Elders to discuss the project. Applications are available. Please email JM@fhcpresb.org to receive more information.

Community Grants:

These are open to ministries and groups within the church, as well as organizations outside of the FHC. The purpose of Community Grants is to support equity, justice or charitable work in our congregation, the community, and internationally. The grant can provide operating funds for ongoing programs or seed funds for new initiatives. Priority will be given to groups that have a connection to our congregation, that do not have many other sources of funding, that meet local needs and provide community/self-development. Non-profit organizations can apply, but the Community Grant application has been revised to be more accessible for individuals or small groups. Previous recipients include: HOLA, Abundance Pantry, Cleveland Co-Op (economic development).

Applications are available now **through May 6th**. J&M has a total of \$29,474 to distribute over the year.

Small Requests: Throughout the year, groups or individuals can request support for specific peace, justice and mission related events or opportunities. Examples include: lunch for a GCC event after church; supporting a fundraiser for the Ron Register Scholarship Fund.

Send a request by email to JM@fhcpresb.org, who will bring it to the ministry for consideration.

April 28 Adult Education/ wrap up discussion

- How did the 'Privilege Fast' go for you?
- How did this draw you closer to God?
- Would you do this again or recommend it to others?

Jennifer Blakeney

To all FHC members and friends: Please save the date ...

Sunday, May 19 starting at 12:30 p.m. a reception to honor and celebrate the first recipient of the Ron Register Scholarship Fund at Forest Hill Church.

A little over a year ago, at the request of the Black Caucus, Forest Hill Church approved a grant of \$5000 to establish a scholarship fund in honor of Ron Register, Elder at FHC, for his numerous contributions to “the world as it should be;” his compassion, his selfless dedication to justice, racial equity, and inclusion; and his steadfast commitment over 16 years to quality public education for all students in our CH-UH Public Schools.

The Ron Register Scholarship Fund (RRSF) Committee, consisting of both community and FHC members, was formed to raise additional monies, select award recipients and generally oversee the functioning of the Fund. To-date, generous church and community members have contributed an additional \$20,000, an amount that will enable granting of up to two \$2500 scholarships each year over the next 5 years to deserving students of our CH-UH Public Schools, thus helping to make their dream of a college education a reality. All monies are held by the Church and all disbursements are made by the Church.

The selection Committee is currently hard at work reviewing applications to determine which of our applicant’s best exemplify Ron’s incredible commitment to justice, equity and excellence in education in our CH-UH Public Schools.

Please plan to be present May 19th to honor Ron and to hear from, applaud and celebrate the Fund’s first recipients!

If you would like to help make the Reception special, the committee would appreciate:

- 1) Ten volunteers to either help set up or serve food on the day
- 2) Donations of cookies, desserts of any kind and/or plates of fruit, veggies, cheeses, other appetizers or small “tea” sandwiches.

For contributions please contact Doris Allen gramdoll1@att.net or Diana Woodbridge Diana@ninthrung.com.

Thank you RRSF Committee!

Quentin Smith, Chair, Doris Allen, Barb Cloud, Reggie T. Evans, Darla Character-Johnson, Susie Kaeser, Vikki Nowak, Louisa Oliver and Diana Woodbridge.

Black Caucus Committee

Once again, the Caucus pulled off an unqualified successful event. Love, warmth and the Spirit filled Bodwell Hall the evening of March 30, where we held our "Meet & Greet" co-pastor dinner. Everyone had a wonderful time, witnessed by numerous folk hanging out and talking long after dinner was concluded.

The strength of the Caucus is her membership. Raising more than 23k for the Ron Register Scholarship is a testament to the fact as was the dinner held last Saturday. Twenty-two people gathered and we had three guests John and Deanne Lentz and Veronica Goines, making a total of twenty-six people who were present. Just about everyone present contributed to the dinner's success.

John Dugard set the stage with his own CD of inspirational music, which played as we gathered and set up. Indeed, the music played throughout dinner.

Leslie Pendleton, Ajah Hales, John Dugard and Sharon Wiggins were our table hosts. They were responsible for keeping their table discussions lively. They were also tasked with explaining our game and introducing each person as each dinner guest told the larger gathering a story unique to them. All did an excellent job!

Deb Adrine opened with prayer. Sharon Wiggins closed the dinner with prayer.

Both Barb Cloud and Deb Adrine deserve our collective thanks for designing the dinner; from the menu, to the decor, to the game for our dinner conversation, well for the entire program! Thanks to Barb and Deb we shared stories and got to know one another, including the co pastors much better.

A dinner is not one without food. We had delicious food and plenty of it.

We began with appetizers: shrimp salad, salsa dip and corn chips; and a veggie platter.

Choice of entrees were: Jerk chicken, red beans and rice, baked ham, fried chicken and spicy honey chicken.

Dinner also included dinner rolls, scrumptious green beans, a tossed salad and mac and cheese platter.

Dinner was buffet style and we had four full tables. Our dinner conversation revolved around a questionnaire developed by Barb Cloud and Deb Adrine. At one point, we shared our individual experiences with the larger group. This part of dinner was the most fun and informative also. We learned about ski misadventures; trips abroad; information gained about heritage and lineage from ancestry.com; unfortunate experiences with racism; and yes even a romantic story or two were added to the mix. Our playfulness indicated we were at home amongst ourselves and enjoying interacting with each other.

Before we ate, Elizabeth Shaw welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the history of the Caucus and noted some of our accomplishments. After Elizabeth spoke everyone stood and we sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Deb Adrine then said a prayer and we commenced to eat and continue with the program.

Dinner concluded about 7:50 with Sharon Wiggins closing the evening in prayer. Before leaving we hung around and took a few group pictures.

The following people were present:

Deb Adrine; Cheryl Anderson; Doris Allen; Michael Broadwater; Veronica Chapman; Lia and Leslie Clement; Barb Cloud(Left early); Muriel Dean; John

and Sheryl Dugard; Ajah Hales; Dorothy Herd; Sharon and Mike Wiggins; Elizabeth Shaw; Beverly and Harold Thomas; Leslie Pendleton; Quentin Smith and Karen Smith-Wong.

Honored guests: Veronica Goines; John and Deanne Lentz



News from the Adult Ed and Spiritual Formation Ministry

We will not be having an official Adult Ed program for May but there are other ministries that are presenting programs. Please mark your calendars and try to attend as many of these as possible. We need to show our support if we expect their support in our endeavors.

On May 5-Ann Williams with Camp Lilac (9:30 am), May 12-Dave Neff, an extension of Earth Day (9:30 am), May 19-David Wigger-A teach in with the youth and you the congregation on Light Presbyterians (9:30 am), and May 26-Class with Pastor Lentz-subject to be determined (9:30 am). Also do not forget the combined class with Justice and Mission on April 28. We will come together to discuss our experiences that we shared in the three different offerings that we had for Lent-“Why Did Jesus Have To Die”, Pastor Goines’ Spiritual Practices, and Justice and Mission’s Privileged Fast.

Small Groups

We are beginning a few small groups and hope to add additional groups in the fall. Small groups will occur at various times during the week and provide an opportunity to grow in faith with fellow FHC members and friends. Requested commitment: five meetings with your small group. Current offerings are listed below. If you would like to sign up for a group, please email the group leader listed below. If you would like to lead an additional group, please email Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com).

Leader: Debbie Wilber, debbiedooski@yahoo.com

Location: Wilbers’ House in Shaker Heights

Every other week on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8pm, starting Thursday, May 2nd

- Space for 10-12 people total
- Open to singles, couples, and families of all ages
- Format: We'll share a meal (potluck style) then gather for 30-40 minutes while kids watch a movie or play.
- Focus: Initially, we'll share our testimonies as a way to get to know each other, and pray. Later, group can decide together on what to study.

Leader: Liz Wollaeger, lizwollaeger@gmail.com

Location: Forest Hill Church

Lectio Divina-Divine Reading. Thursdays, 7:00-7:45PM, April 25-May 23

One of the most ancient Christian spiritual practices, Lectio Divina helps you find the bible as a contemplative pathway to the presence of God. This kind of prayerful meditation with scripture helps in deeper understanding of God's word. We will follow the four steps of this classic spiritual practice.

Lectio-listening

Meditio-reflecting

Orati-responding

Comtemplatio-resting

For five weeks we will study scripture texts that follow the events after the Resurrection. This small group is open to all ages. Please join us Thursday evening April 25 in Forest Hill Church's chapel 7:00-7:45.

Leaders: Lisa & Jed Koops, lisa.koops@gmail.com

Location: Koops's House in Shaker Heights

One Saturday a month, 4:30-6:30 PM, starting Saturday, May 4

-Space for four additional families

-Focus: "Homebuilders" - we will follow a 6-session informal curriculum developed by David Wigger's parents, "6 Common Realms for Religious Practice (Summarized from Wigger, *The Power of God at Home*, Jossey-Bass, 2003).

-Format: We'll share a meal (potluck style) then kids play or watch a movie while parents talk for 20-30 minutes about a topic related to families and spiritual development (no outside reading/preparation expected)

Lisa Koops

News of Our Church Family

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mary Ball (foot surgery), Clover Beal (death of mother Adele), Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Chris Wollaeger and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group (Group Leader-Bader Boland): The Jordan Care Group will for assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during April. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

Thank You to all office volunteers!

The office volunteers and TOWER assembly team– Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Anne Smith, Thank you all!

Social Groups and Circles

Calling all Pacesetters – Save the date! Saturday, June 1st is Transplant House of Cleveland Spring cleanup day with picnic lunch

The Pacesetters are once again partnering with Transplant House of Cleveland (THOC) for a Spring Cleanup Project and Potluck Lunch with THOC guests on Saturday, June 1st. THOC, located near University Circle, is a local non-profit that provides affordable, temporary housing in a home-like environment for organ transplant patients and their families before and after organ transplantation. FHC members Elaine Turley (Co-Founder and Executive Director) and Deanne Lentz (Operations Manager) and Wesley McDonald as (Volunteer Coordinator) serve as staff, and several Pacesetters

volunteer at THOC! Watch the FHC emails and the weekly bulletins during the month of May for more details.

Susan Lafferty

Iris Circle (all women of the church):

We will have a Bible study, Tuesday, May 21st, in Bodwell Hall at NOON. This will be one of our fabulous Pot Lucks since we have such wonderful cooks at FHC. Bring whatever you want.

Come and join us for an enlightening afternoon.

Cathy Ghiandoni

THE GROUP: Planning Dinner

It's time for the annual potluck dinner at the Khoury's to plan next year's activities. Fresh ideas and new friends are always welcome. Bring an appetizer, dessert, or salad to share, as well as brochures or ideas for events. Come and help us decide where The Group will go in the coming year. Some favorite past activities have included Suburban Symphony concerts, Indians games, guided tours of the Art Museum, movies, dinners, and, most recently, wine and chocolate tasting at Fantasy Candies. We welcome new members and new ideas. If you have an idea for an event but can't come to the dinner, please share your idea with us.

Please E-mail or call Zivile (zivile@gmail.com or 440-461-8235 or 440-465-1234) or Cathy Ghiandoni (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216-691-1905) for a food assignment.

Time: Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 PM
Event: Dinner at Allan & Zivile Khoury's
930 Worton Park Drive, Mayfield Village

Sundays in May

9:15	Childcare begins
9:30	Adult education
	Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
	Youth education (gr. 6-12) and Confirmation (May 5 and 12)
10:10	Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00	WORSHIP
	Children's Worship class (pre-K, K)
12:00	Sine Nomine Choir Rehearsal (every other Sunday)
12:15	Coffee & conversation

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<p>May 5 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Service 4:00 pm Pastor Veronica's Installation</p>	<p>Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19</p>
<p>May 12 11:00 WORSHIP</p>	<p>Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 30 Revelation 7:9-17 John 13:31-35</p>
<p>May 19 11:00 WORSHIP</p>	<p>Acts 11: 1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35</p>
<p>May 26 11:00 WORSHIP</p>	<p>Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10;21:22-22:5 John 21: 1-19</p>
<p>June 2 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Service</p>	<p>Acts 16: 16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26</p>



April 18: Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6:30 pm and Service at 7:30 pm



“Tenebrae” is Latin for “darkness” or “shadows.” During the service we experience a symbolic portion of Christ’s pain and suffering the day of his crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we reflect on the great emotional and physical

pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. The hidden candle is then restored to its place on Easter morning. By dim light we all depart this service in silence.

April 19: Community Good Friday Service from 12 – 3 pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount (at Coventry), Cleveland Heights. Pastor Lentz will be the officiant for the first hour and Pastor Goines is expected to preach around 1:30 pm. Individual anthems by Antonio Lotti, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart , George Oldroyd, Daniel Pinkham, Franz Liszt, and others.

April 20: Holy Saturday- 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

The Great Vigil of Easter can be traced to early Christianity. It proclaims the universal significance of God’s saving acts in history through four related parts consisting of the services of Light, Readings, Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter. At Forest Hill Church we observe a variation of this ancient service. We begin outside around a fire, lighting the Christ Candle that had been extinguished on Maundy Thursday. We process into the darkened sanctuary to read a series of lessons reminding us of the promise of God’s salvation to all people. We remember our baptism. This year we will celebrate the baptism of two coming to Christ. In the early church baptisms often took place at the Easter Vigil. Our Easter Vigil begins outside the main entrance of the Sanctuary and lasts about an hour.

April 21: Resurrection of the Lord- 9:00 am service in the Chapel and 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary. The Eucharist (Thanksgiving) or The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated at both services.

Announcements! Announcements!

Pastor Veronica's Installation Service:

I'm happy to announce the date and time of my Installation Service: **Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m.**, here at Forest Hill Church. I do hope that you will set this time aside for an afternoon of joyful celebration—both the culmination of three years of discernment, and at the same time, a new beginning to the unfolding of God's new thing in and through FHC.

On May 4th from 9 am-noon. Come Play in the Dirt!!! Spring work day is approaching! We will spread mulch, take down storms, wash windows, and put up screens to let in the breezes of summer!!! FHC needs you!! Childcare and bagels are available. **Please email Ann Donkin (adonkin@fhcpresb.org).**

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TOWER deadlines: **8 am** on May 16, June 13, and July 11

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