



Forest Hill Church  
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## The Tower

June 2019

### ***In Phil. 1:3-6, Paul writes to the Church at Philippi:***

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Still elated from my May 5 installation service, I take this opportunity to say, "I thank my God every time I remember you."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John C. Lentz Jr.', is written to the right of the text.

Initially, I thought of my installation service would be a formality. Still, I brought my best to the planning, as did our congregation, and beyond. Our collaborative work was liturgy, in the truest sense of the word, *the work of God's people*—work and worship anointed by God.

I was on the edge of my seat, in the moment, taking in every word, song, prayer, smile, belly laugh, and reflective moment.

So, I thank and acknowledge everyone who participated in this celebration of God's faithfulness to Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, and to me: my Co-Pastor and friend, Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Jr., Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Rev. Carol Wedell, Scott Lafferty, Laura VanDale, Lon Brown, Rev. Barbara Essex, Rev. Mary Ellen Azada, Anne Wilson and the Chancel Choir of Forest Hill Church, The Wright Family Singers and ensemble, Antoinette Richardson, Peg Weissbrod, Peter Williams, Morag Keefe and Sou-chefs, Worship Ministry and Ushers, Steve Marunowski, Ann Donkin, custodial staff, and volunteers. If I've omitted anyone, please charge it to my head, not my heart.

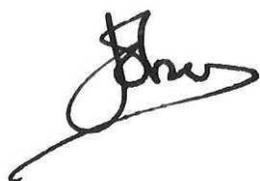
Finally, I thank and acknowledge my family—my beautiful, beloved daughters and sons-in-law: Nicole and Codany Holiday— soloist at the May 5, 11 a.m. worship service; Amber and John Logan, and toddler, my dear grandson, Axel Logan, and my dear friend and prayer partner of 28 years, Rev. Mary Ellen Azada.

Forest Hill Church, your thunderous applause and reception of me as your Co-Pastor was pure joy. I was overwhelmed by your love for me. Turns out, the installation service was necessary for us all.

We move forward with the confidence of Paul, *“The same God who has begun this good work in us will complete it, until Jesus comes.”*

Amen! And THANK YOU!  
Pastor Veronica

### **Words from Pastor John**



*This is a reprint of my “Charge” to the Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines at the celebration of her Installation on Sunday, May 5, 2019. John*

“Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; if it is, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

(Matthew 9:17)

Jesus had gathered his disciples and was talking to them about the fasting of the Pharisees. Jesus had nothing against the Pharisees really; they shared the love of God, the desire to make God’s kingdom real in the life of the people. Jesus’ interpretation of the law was more expansive than the Pharisees but at least they were talking about the same tradition, the same scripture, the same God.

Jesus wasn't trashing the old, disrespecting the status quo, or throwing verbal "shade" at the tradition. He was simply stating the obvious: you don't put new wine into old skins .... If you are going in a new direction, don't go backwards! Claiming to do a "new thing" but being more concerned about keeping everything the same just doesn't work.

And no mistake... Jesus was bringing a new perspective to the religious arena: God's kingdom was not in the by and by, oh no – it was close and near, EVERYBODY was in, if you 'repented' *metanoew* – not "I'm sorry" but "get a new mind for a new age," which is what *metanoew* really means.

The prophet Isaiah had a new mind for a new age: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

And today IS A NEW DAY. Reverend Dr. Veronica R. Goines, Co-Pastor Veronica, my new sister... God is doing a new thing at Forest Hill. New wine is being poured.

And so, on this day I charge you.... (But in charging you I charge myself – for we are in this together...)

Let's get this party started! It is going to be tempting sometimes to keep oiling the old skins – doing it the way we have always done... same liturgies, same songs, same committees....

Forest Hill Church is quite the old and wonderful wine skin... it has a long history of social engagement and faithful action. But God is doing a new thing.

God is bringing new wine for us to age in a new wineskin. No resting on laurels. God did not call you, Veronica, to come all the way from the Bay Area to the North Coast if you were only to be a new beautiful bauble, a jewel acquisition to place upon the old diadem of FHC. God didn't call you or call us to check off a box of "hiring" a black woman Co-pastor.

I don't believe either one of us responded to the call of God for that. God called you to bring the fresh new wine from the west coast, just south of Napa Valley, to the north coast vineyards and together we are going to get some fresh wine skins made and let God do what God does: "pour out his spirit on all flesh!" God called you and me to respond to God's new thing here at Forest Hill.

St. Francis got the call to re-build the church... you and I are called to repair the church, to repair the breach gaping in our world: A woman and a man, sharing leadership – as Co-Pastors. (To some doesn't feel right.) But God is doing a new thing.

Two very experienced pastoral leaders giving up power and control; (doesn't somebody HAVE to be in charge?) But God is doing a new thing. Two gifted people who take seriously the call of God. So seriously that we are willing to risk it all for the kingdom. So seriously that you move from your home and family; risking it all to follow the call. I risk 25 years of a successful ministry to follow the call. Can you not perceive it? It is springing forth. God is doing a new thing!

We don't know if this is going to work. There may be times when we wonder: "what have we done?"

Nevertheless, you and I have to fight the urge to keep things calm, and not shake things up, we can't play it safe, or seek to stay comfortable. We have cast ourselves into the rushing current of God's driving spirit and so we better learn how to paddle! You and I have to have each other's backs so completely that nothing will come between us. You and I can disagree in private and hold each other accountable. But once we walk out the door....watch out!

So, the charge is to be SO deep in prayer - to be tapped into the tap root of spiritual power – it is going to be THE most important thing. The charge is to hold things loosely and trust that "nothing is good or bad until God gets through with it!" I charge you and myself to be as honest as possible, to wrestle with God's call, and struggle with whatever spiritual warfare we have to struggle with. AND we may come up limping like Jacob after he wrestled

with the angel. We may get new names: Like Brangelina – Ver-on-ijohn or Johnica!

We have to trust God that we are not called to failure but to the Kingdom! I charge you, and myself to love these people – Forest Hill took a risk too. We all want to taste this new wine: structured, subtle, bold, aromatic, and full bodied. I charge us to have fun and don't take anything too seriously.

What a privilege it is to share ministry with you, to learn from you, and I hope you can learn from me a little bit and think it is a privilege to share ministry with me too.

Veronica, if we even get semi close to what God is calling us to do...OH MY is God going to be praised and the Kingdom of God glorified, and Christ the crucified and risen honored and followed. And we might just catch a glimpse of all God's children coming together around the table of the kingdom feast drinking new wine for a new day, having new minds for a new age.

God bless you, and all of us! New wine, new wine skins... God is doing a new thing...do you not perceive it? AMEN

John

### Music Notes



As the choir season draws to a close, I would like to take this moment to thank all the dedicated, creative and loving people who have faithfully attended rehearsals each week in order to praise God in song every Sunday morning. It is a joy for me to work with all the choirs, and I'm particularly grateful to my special helpers: Nancy Grube (choir librarian), Seth Ungemach (music intern), the choir officers, and all the singers and instrumentalists who share their faith through music.

**Summer Choir** begins Sunday, June 2nd with rehearsals held at 9:30 AM every Sunday before the 10:00 AM worship service. The music will be easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes-in-arms) are most welcome to

participate. No hot choir robes--just come as you are. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from *the other side*. The Summer Choir sings through July.

I wish you good health and safety during your summer travels. My own summer plans include exploring rural Italy for a couple of weeks in July where I will walk in the path of St. Francis in the town of Assisi and then visit Orvieto, Siena, Cinque Terre, Volterra and Rome. In August, I'll attend an Early Music and English Country Dance camp in Plymouth, Massachusetts. I know that you will give my summer guest musicians (Fern Jennings, Lavert Stuart, Lisa Koops and Tim Robson) an enthusiastic and warm FHC welcome.

I wish you all a restorative summer!

Soli Deo Gloria

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### **From the Deacons Desk**

Attention knitters and crocheters! The abundance of babies born into this congregation has meant oodles of joy! Because it is the tradition of this church to give every infant a lovingly-made blanket to welcome him or her to our FHC family, the proliferation of babies has also meant a depletion of our collection of handmade baby blankets! If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or even fleece-tying baby blankets, please consider donating them to this ministry. Chris Bell is the Deacon most involved in this program and would be happy to teach knitting and share the bag of donated yarn that was given to her. Chris can be reached at [chris3040@aol.com](mailto:chris3040@aol.com). If you already have blankets to donate, you can leave them in the FHC Volunteer Office. Thank you! Let's wrap those little ones in colorful warmth!

Elaine Turley

## Happy Anniversary, Pastor John!

Twenty nineteen is a very special year in the ministerial life of Rev. Dr. John Lentz. This year marks the 30th anniversary of his ordination and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a pastor at Forest Hill Church.

John was ordained at the First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Virginia in the spring of 1989 where he served as the Associate Pastor for five years. One Sunday afternoon, while sitting at the dining room table in their home in Winchester, Deanne found an ad for a pastor position at Forest Hill Church in “Outlook” magazine. FHC was a church described as socially active, called to racial reconciliation, as well as to the “inward journey” of spiritual growth. Both he and Deanne “KNEW” that they had found their next home.

To celebrate his milestone anniversaries, Barb Hansen and Jeff Smith recently interviewed John over lunch. They wanted to ask questions that might not always be asked for everyone to get to know him even more intimately.

Before answering the questions John reflected on his 25 years. “Who would have thought that 25 years after seeing that ad, Deanne and I would still be at FHC! Thanks be to God! I remember the first time Rev. Dr. Ned Edwards, the Senior Pastor from 1970 until I was called, came back to preach – probably in my second or third year. I was so scared that everybody would be so glad to see him that all would see that they had called the wrong guy! It was Linn Obery who told me to ‘grow up’ and live into my call. Ned preached a great sermon and has been a friend and supporter ever since! The FHC legacy grows on.”

John then reminisced on how close he has felt to everyone in the congregation over the years. He talked about how much he values his relationship with Anne Wilson. He feels so honored to have worked with many amazing colleagues, including: Beth Harrington-Hodge, David Ensign, Clover Beal, Lois Annich, and the administrative staff. But while it is great to remember, celebrate, and learn from the past, John makes it clear that he is focused on the present and living for the future of our beloved church. With the call of Rev. Goines, John has renewed energy and commitment to follow

where God is leading us into the future! He has never been more excited about his call to ministry.

### **What are your top highlights at FHC over the past 25 years?**

Pilgrimage trips, becoming a Sanctuary church, softball championships, Haiti trips, Youth Group trip to Native American reservation in South Dakota that Deanne and I chaperoned, calling a Co-Pastor.

### **What are some of the things you are most proud of?**

My marriage to Deanne, and my children: Jack, Meg, and Sarah. That the FHC community is always willing to take a risk and staying open to God's "new thing!"

### **When did you decide you wanted to be a minister?**

Church was always important to me even as a youth. I belonged to an activist church. The people I most admired were people of faith. I love people. Love big ideas. Driving back to Kenyon College after a Christmas break someone in the car asked me: "John, what are you going to do after graduation?" I immediately responded: "I want to go to Seminary." I had NOT been thinking of that. So I will claim that God was taking me by the nape of the neck and pushing me in the direction God wanted me to go. I am glad because I have no idea what I would do if I were not a minister! I guess that is what they mean by a "calling!"

### **What are your favorite foods and drinks?**

Pizza, hamburgers, swordfish, salmon, steak, baked potatoes, Reuben sandwiches, lemonade and a cold beer.

### **What happy memories will you cherish forever?**

Falling in love with Deanne, the births of our children, and the first time I was standing in the narthex of Forest Hill Church looking through the windows into the Sanctuary. I so wanted to be called to this church.

### **Who inspired you the most while growing up?**

When I was growing up, Dr. Jack McClendon, Associate Pastor, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was the first person to really take my

spiritual quest seriously and then the Rev. Dr. Herb Meza whose preaching and praying let me know that those were art forms!

**If you could have lunch with one person, alive or dead, who would it be and why?**

Paul of Tarsus. I think he was a genius. I'd like to find out what he was really like.

**What were some of the best trips of your life?**

Sabbatical trip with family (England, Scotland, Amsterdam, Paris); family trip to national parks; the church pilgrimage to Rome.

**Where in the world do you still want to go?**

I want to hike to the top of Machu Picchu and walk the "Camino de Santiago."

**Tell us something that most people don't know about you.**

I feel like "what you see is what you get." I love people but I am an introvert. I drive Deanne crazy sometimes about how anti-social I can be.

**What was your best bad decision? (Or perhaps worst good decision!)**

Setting a percentage amount required of our congregational vote for calling a Co-Pastor. The Session debated whether to choose 66% or 75%. I am the one who said: "75%." I think the vote was 73%! Oh my!

**If you were having a dinner party and you could invite one performer, one politician, one famous couple, and one family member, who would you invite?**

Beyoncé, Robert F. Kennedy, Barack and Michelle Obama, and Deanne, (maybe LeBron and Bruce Springsteen!).

**What does your perfect day look like?**

Up early, coffee, reading three newspapers; take Leo for walk; come to church, three hours of writing, get everything else I want to accomplish done; go for a swim; no night meetings; sit on the deck sipping a cold beverage as the sun sets!

### **What makes you angry?**

Harmful, closed-minded, judgmental ignorance. Folks who have no sense of humor!

### **What are your favorite things about being a minister?**

People, weddings, funerals, Sunday mornings, kids, hospital visits, being invited into the important moments in people's lives and preaching!

### **Your favorite books? Favorite movie?**

Books: *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. Other favorite authors include: Doris Godwin, Cormack McCarthy, Daniel Silva, and James Baldwin.

Movies: *Godfather I*, and, I admit, the *Harry Potter* series!

### **Describe yourself in 5 words.**

Routine, friendly, optimistic, healthy, well balanced.

### **What's on your bucket list?**

Travel to Machu Picchu, paint, write a book, be the lead guitar at a concert.

### **What's your idea of heaven?**

Being with people I love, good food and drink, feeling contentment after a long summer's day, the CAV's championship came pretty close!

### **What is the best piece of advice you ever received? Who from?**

I was at a low point while writing my PhD. dissertation. I was almost ready to quit. My brother Peter, who was dying of cancer at the time, said; "*John, even if it sucks, keep writing.*" I did!

### **What are your professional and personal goals for the next five years?**

These are tied to the success of FHC. I am so excited to be a Co-Pastor with Rev. Goines. God is doing a "new thing!" and I can't wait to see how our shared leadership and the ministry of the church goes! Ultimately, when I retire I want to look back and know that I was faithful!

**What part of the day are you most energetic? Least energetic?**

I am most energetic in the morning and least energetic at nighttime meetings.

**What is your favorite candy? Favorite dessert? Favorite song?**

Candy: Good & Plenty, Milky Way, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Desserts: Pecan Pie, Hot Fudge Sundaes

Songs: Born to Run (Bruce Springsteen), Somewhere Over the Rainbow (Judy Garland), The Girl With the Flaxen Hair (Claude DeBussy), "O Mio Bambino Caro" an aria from Gianni Schicchi by Puccini and "Midnight Train to Georgia" by Gladys Knight and the Pips.

**What do you like to do when you are not working?**

I like to watch sports, play guitar, exercise, read, and watch TV.

**What's your favorite holiday?**

Thanksgiving. I am with family eating delicious food, without any gifts.

**What's the most beautiful thing about nature?**

I love the mountains, the beach, a lovely warm autumn day, and the first large snow of winter.

**What challenges are ahead at FHC?**

With the calling of Rev. Goines as Co-Pastor, we are off to great start of living into our vision of being the "Beloved Community." It is so exciting to feel the Spirit at work among us. The Holy Spirit is leading us towards the future and with this movement comes inevitable tensions. We have to hold things loosely and perhaps give up some of the old cherished ways of doing things while we try new things. Of course we also have to grow the church's membership and stay financially healthy. These are challenges for any church. However, because we trust that the Spirit is at work among us, we can be hopeful and joyful as the future unfolds!

# The Ministry of Stewardship

## Stewardship is Your Own Business

“Good Christian stewardship does indeed begin with ourselves. It begins with “Me!” It is “My business!” It is the Heavenly Father’s business. “All things come of thee, O Lord, and thine have we given thee.”

Excerpt taken from One Minute Stewardship Sermons, Charles Cloughen Jr.



## Practice, Proactivity, Prayer

Global warming is real. The average worldwide annual temperature rise above historical average is nearing 1.5 degrees Celsius. Scientists predict this rise could go to 2-3-even 4 degrees Celsius by 2100---with dire consequences for the planet and all living things. Global warming is caused by the CO2 greenhouse blanketing effect, now above 400 ppm in the atmosphere.

There is a strong scientific correlation of the greenhouse effect and climate change. Droughts, floods, iceberg and glacier meltdowns, wildfires are on the rise. Climate refugees and conflicts are also increasing. Threatened extinctions of millions of plant and animal species are possible. What are we to do? Fortunately, many of us are indeed doing ‘new things’ for the environment: refusing, re-using, recycling; planting flowers for pollinators---which are absolutely necessary for our fruits and vegetable generation; minimizing water usage; eliminating plastic bag and bottle usage as much as possible; driving economically, combining trips; etc. Such **PRACTICES** are great, but our own personal actions are not enough.

We must work toward developing a critical mass in order to engage our governments worldwide. Only *political will* and *policy* will enable our society to right the wrongs our man-made degradation of the environment has caused in all aspects, and take actions to arrest the increase of CO2

emissions which is the root cause of global warming and all its ills. Thus we must become **PRO-ACTIVE** in partnering with our elected representatives and also with reputable non-governmental organizations which are championing environmental action.

For the next several weeks, contact information sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to pick up and take action contacting these folks! Finally, do not forget **PRAYERS!** God didn't put us in this mess with his/her Creation, but God can surely help us out of it in many, many mysterious ways, affecting not only nature but the minds of men and women such that positive changes on both small and large scales can evolve.

Dave Neff  
Earth Care Leader

### **Words from The Black History Team**

Come and enjoy the Celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day! On Sunday, June 2, 2019. We are celebrating the announcement of the abolition of slavery. On June 19 1865, Union Troops came to Galveston, Texas and notified the slaves of their freedom. This is now a State Holiday in Texas.

This is a joyful time of food, music, and fellowship! All ages are invited  
Menu hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages! All pot luck dishes will be greatly accepted!

The Black History Team

## **Web Update**

A Bit of Breeze: If you're on a ministry team, you may have noticed you've been getting meeting minutes from every ministry—not just the one you're serving on. This is not a mistake! It's to help insure all of our church leaders are on the same page and make sure the left hand knows what the right hand is doing.

## **GCC Update**

We are reaching out to ask for your help on Saturday, June 8 from 1 to 4. As you may have seen in the Tower the GCC housing team is sponsoring a neighborhood walk in the Noble area for the purpose of identifying properties that are seriously deteriorated and to try to determine if they are vacant or occupied. We are hoping to have 20 volunteers from FHC (but we're happy to take more!) to assist us along with teams from other GCC congregations. This walk is our final team push to bring properties to the attention of the city housing department so that they can be rehabbed and/or sold, hopefully to an owner occupant.

Volunteers will meet at 2780 Noble (Noble Road Presbyterian Church) at 1:00. At that time you will have a brief training regarding the specifics of how to identify properties, a review of the purpose of the walk and materials. You will then be paired with a walking partner and assigned streets. We will meet back at the church when you have finished. We will provide water and pray for a nice weather afternoon.

There is a lot of territory to cover and we have worked hard to study maps and plan user friendly routes! We anticipate the walk to take an hour or hour and a half at the most. If you enjoy walking and if you support sustainability in neighborhoods such as Noble, an area still struggling to recover from the housing crisis of 07, then please do contact us to join us on Sat. June 8 at 1:00. THANK YOU!

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**Civil Rights Tour and Pilgrimage**  
**Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery**  
**October 17-20, 2019**

The FHC Racial Inclusion Committee is planning a FHC Pilgrimage to Alabama to experience together the history of the struggle for civil rights in our Nation. Take a look at the outstanding itinerary and let us know a.s.a.p. if you are interested and considering participation. This will allow us to complete plans and get back to you. The cost while in Alabama is \$600 per person, which includes the hotels, all museum admissions, three breakfasts, and bus transportation. We are checking to see if there is a way people can arrange their own transportation to Alabama, if they choose, should they prefer to drive or perhaps have airline miles that can be used. Let us know if that would be of benefit to your consideration!

Firm reservations will be needed by the end of June, but for now, we just need to know your interest. If you would like to RSVP, please fill out the form below or email [vikkinowak@gmail.com](mailto:vikkinowak@gmail.com). You may also contact Barb Cloud (216-526-0859) if you have any questions.

Thursday, October 17

Arrive in Birmingham and visit focal point of Birmingham's Civil Rights District, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Richly detailed exhibits in the institute reveal slices of black and white life from the late 1800s to the present. Return to hotel to share insights on the day.

Friday, October 18

Breakfast at the Birmingham hotel and travel by bus to Selma to the Selma Interpretive Center – This center serves as a welcome center for the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail and is located at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge. We'll travel the Trail to Montgomery and visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the national lynching memorial. Return to Selma hotel to share insights on the day.

Saturday, October 19

Breakfast included at the Selman hotel and visit the Civil Rights Memorial and then to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church – in this National

Historic Landmark, see the modest pulpit where Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. first preached his message of hope and brotherhood. We'll visit Martin Luther King Jr's Parsonage home. Return to Selma hotel to share insights on the day.

Sunday, October 20

Breakfast included at the Selma hotel and travel back to Birmingham to the Church at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and drive by Birmingham Jail – where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was imprisoned as a participant in nonviolent demonstrations against segregation. Leave for the airport.

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The Pilgrimage sounds great, I am definitely interested!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions/Comments:  
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## Do You Have Furniture that Needs a New Home?

Many of you remember Forest Hill Church's years of hosting families during our relationship with Family Promise (formerly the Interfaith Hospitality Network), an agency that provides emergency and transitional housing, as well as counseling and support services, to homeless families. You may also remember that several years ago Family Promise was able to begin housing their clients in a single building that has since been renovated to accommodate up to 23 families at a time.

One of the support services Family Promise provides is to help furnish apartments once families are ready to move into permanent housing. They often need furniture, kitchen supplies, and linens. They can take furniture only when they are preparing an apartment for a family; they have limited storage for other things. If you are in the midst of or anticipating a move, here is what you need to know about making donations to Family Promise:

- **Thea Mozingo**, Volunteer Engagement & Supportive Resources Coordinator, is the contact person for all donations (216-751-3010 or [tmozingo@familypromisecle.org](mailto:tmozingo@familypromisecle.org))
- **Furniture:** They are especially interested in beds and dressers, small kitchen tables and chairs, and small couches. When you contact Thea, she will tell you if they have a move-in scheduled soon, and will collect information from you about the furniture you are offering. If Family Promise is unable to use it, she will recommend other places to contact. If Family Promise can use the furniture, they will pick it up from your house.
- **Kitchen supplies:** Family Promise will accept dishes (sturdy! These are families with children) and cooking supplies (utensils, pots and pans). Call Thea before you deliver anything.
- **Linens:** Twin and double sheets and blankets, as well as pillow cases, are welcome. Again, call before you deliver.
- **Clothing:** Seasonal children's clothing is always welcome, but again, call before you deliver.

Volunteer opportunities are also available at Family Promise – again, contact Thea Mozingo if you are interested. For more information about Family

Promise of Greater Cleveland, go to [familypromise.org](http://familypromise.org) or contact Lynda Bernays ([Lyndabernays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lyndabernays@sbcglobal.net)).

Family Promise is located at 3470 E 152<sup>nd</sup> St, Cleveland – it's off Kinsman just west of the Shaker Heights Public Works Department.

Lynda Bernays

## **News of Our Church Family**

**Have you ever wondered** how people know when to stand to sing hymns? There's a trick to it! To prepare us all to sing, Anne Wilson plays the refrain for us. When she's two measures from the end of the hymn, that's when everyone stands up! If you read music even just a little bit, you can follow along as she's playing and know exactly when to stand up. (If you don't read music at all, you can keep doing what you've been doing--wait for the people in front of you to stand!)

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** 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, Ann Williams 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-Margie Ravas):** The Corinth Care Group will for assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during June. 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, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Anne Smith, Thank you all!

**Flower donations are needed!** Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. Please email [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org) if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.

**Abundance Pantry News:** The pantry provides an average of 50 pounds of groceries for 180 families. Monetary donations to the pantry ministry may be made to Forest Hill Church; in the memo line, please write Abundance Pantry or Abundance Lunch. Abundance Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-3 pm. Volunteers are needed. The next pantry lunch is June 4. Email Paul Jennings ([jennings\\_paul@att.net](mailto:jennings_paul@att.net)) for more info.

**Communion Volunteers Needed!** Anyone who is an active member of FHC may serve communion. If you are willing to add your name to the list of servers please email [worship@fhcpresb.org](mailto:worship@fhcpresb.org).

## Social Groups and Circles

**Calling all PACESETTERS and friends!** Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is Transplant House of Cleveland Spring Clean Up Day and Picnic Lunch. The Pacesetters are partnering with Transplant House of Cleveland (THOC) again this year for a Spring Cleanup Project and Potluck Lunch with THOC guests on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00-12:00. Our crew of Pacesetters will gather at 9 am to spruce up the grounds of THOC (raking, mulching and planting annuals) and to complete a variety of indoor tasks in the guests' living quarters. Bring your own work gloves and garden tools and a potluck dish (salads, veggie trays, fruit, or desserts) to share. Burgers and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Sue Lafferty ([salaff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salaff@sbcglobal.net) or 440-669-4885).

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

All women of the church are invited to partake in great food as we gather and plan our activities for the coming year, 2019-2020. We encourage all new ideas to grow and contribute. Come join the fun!!!

When: Tuesday June 18th

Where: Home of Kathy Hanna-Stauffer  
6362 Woodhawk Dr.  
Mayfield Heights, 44124

Time: NOON, Salad Pot Luck

Please RSVP to Kathy at [khannas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khannas@sbcglobal.net) or 216 544-0916

## **Ragtime! At Cain Park with the Pacesetters and The Group**

Pacesetters and The Group invite you to join them at Cain Park for a performance of the musical *Ragtime!*

A sweeping portrait of early-20th-century America, *Ragtime!* Explores what living in America means for three diverse families: African Americans, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Harlem musician; upper-class suburbanites, represented by Mother, the matriarch of a white upper-class family in New Rochelle, New York; and Eastern European immigrants, represented by Tateh, a Jewish immigrant from Latvia. The Tony-winning score includes the ragtime rhythms of Harlem and Tin Pan Alley, klezmer music from the Lower East Side, up-tempo banjo tunes, period parlor songs, and expansive anthems.

Ticket prices are \$32/adult for the June 13-30 performances. Watch the weekly email newsletters and worship bulletins for date and time, and contact Peg Weissbrod (216) 291-2586 with questions.

### **Sundays in June**

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| <b>9:15</b>  | <b>Childcare begins</b>                                 |
| <b>9:30</b>  | <b>Continental Breakfast<br/>Summer Choir Rehearsal</b> |
| <b>10:00</b> | <b>Worship</b>  |
| <b>11:15</b> | <b>Coffee &amp; conversation</b>                        |

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**TOWER** deadlines: **8 am** on June 13 and August 15

Custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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# SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

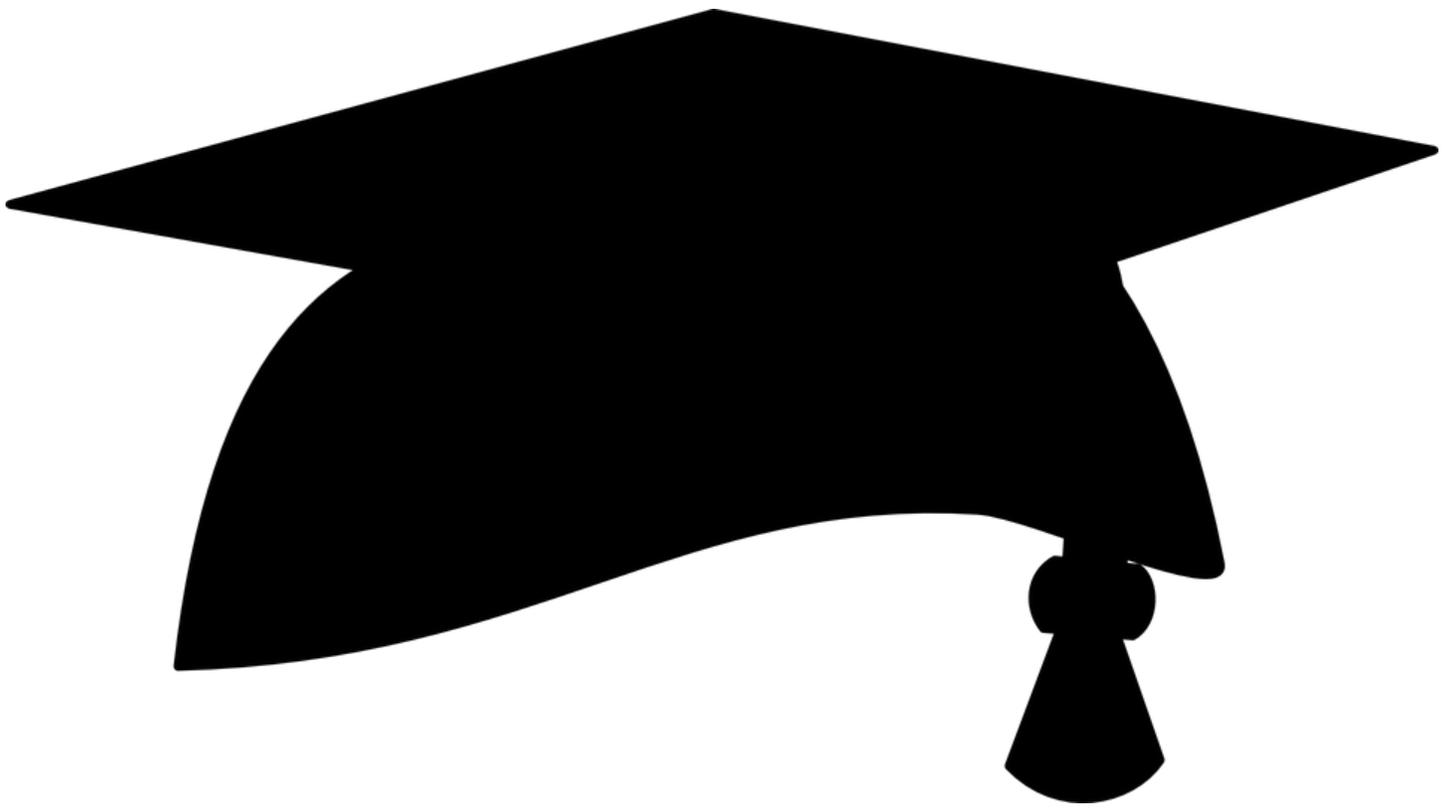
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Then you will let your children know:  
"Israel **crossed over** the Jordan here"  
-Joshua 4:22

*Check out the website*

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*Come and see!*



**Forest Hill Church would like to extend our warmest congratulations to all of the 2019 graduates. Best wishes in all your future endeavors.**

- Folakemi Sampson
- Eric and Dara Williams
- Ellie Vahey
- Anna Brock
- Sarah Lentz
- Stefanos Gazis
- Olivia Sormaz
- Will Burleigh
- Ellie Vahey
- Sammy Stawovy
- Nora Duncan
- Caleb Peters

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted</b>	6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm AI Anon: Now There's Hope OA Big book Group 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Trp. #403	12:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class	7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm AA: Women's Group	1:00 pm English Dance 4:00 pm ICE vigils Girls Drill Team 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class	9:30 am AI Anon: Hand in Hand	
<b>May 26</b> 9:30 am CE potluck 12:30 pm Scholarship Reception 2:00 pm Wedding Ceremony	<b>May 27-Office Closed, Groups will still meet.</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b> 4:00 pm Strawberry Festival	<b>June 1</b> 8:00 am Men's Group
<b>June 2</b> 10:00 am Summer Session Begins 11:00 am GCC 4:00 pm Eagle Scout	<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 4</b> 1:00 pm Pantry Lunch 6:00 pm Endowment Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Black History Meeting	<b>June 5</b>	<b>June 6</b> 5:30 pm Training the Trainer	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>June 9</b> 11:00 am Black Caucus Meeting	<b>June 10</b> 1:00 pm Safety Town	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 12</b> 7:00 pm Ministry Meeting	<b>June 13</b> 8:00 am TOWER deadline	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 15</b> 8:00 am Culture Camp setup
<b>June 16</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp setup	<b>June 17</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp	<b>June 18</b> <b>Food Pantry Closed</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp 7:00 pm Black History	<b>June 19</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp 10:00 am Safety Town 7:00 pm TransFamily Meeting	<b>June 20</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp	<b>June 21</b> 9:30 am Culture Camp 6:00 pm Culture Camp Fiesta	<b>June 22</b> 4:00 pm Juneteenth Celebration
<b>June 23</b> 12:00 pm Juneteenth Celebration	<b>June 24</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>June 26</b> 1:00 pm Safety Town 7:00 pm Session Meeting	<b>June 27</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 4-Office Closed</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 6</b> 8:00 am Men's Group