

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship*

January 26, 2020 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

Please sign in and join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

Reflection:

“Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and the Lord will strengthen your heart. Wait on the Lord.”

--Psalm 27:14

Welcome

Choral Introit

arr. Shawn Kirchner

“I'll Fly Away”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship:

Henry Dyck

Come together, people of God, out of the gloom and shadow of a troubled world.

We come with joy to the great light that God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Come away, people of God, from the jealous rivalries that mar your days.

We come in repentance to confront and overcome all that divides us.

Come to worship, people of God, leaving behind all else that compels your attention.

We come to refocus our priorities and to become more alert to God's action among us.

Amen. Amen!

*** Processional Hymn No. 749**

“Come! Live in the Light!”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you entered our world as light and salvation. Still, we contend daily with fears that hinder us from freely living into your gracious salvation. O Lord, we forget who you are. Forgive us because in forgetting who you are, we forget who and whose we are. Help us to walk in the light of your truth and to be assured by your grace. In your secret-sacred place, teach us to wait on you when we lack clarity and peace. Loving God, restore and strengthen our hearts in service to your Kingdom. Hear us now in silence...

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Estonia

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Whoever follows the Christ will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

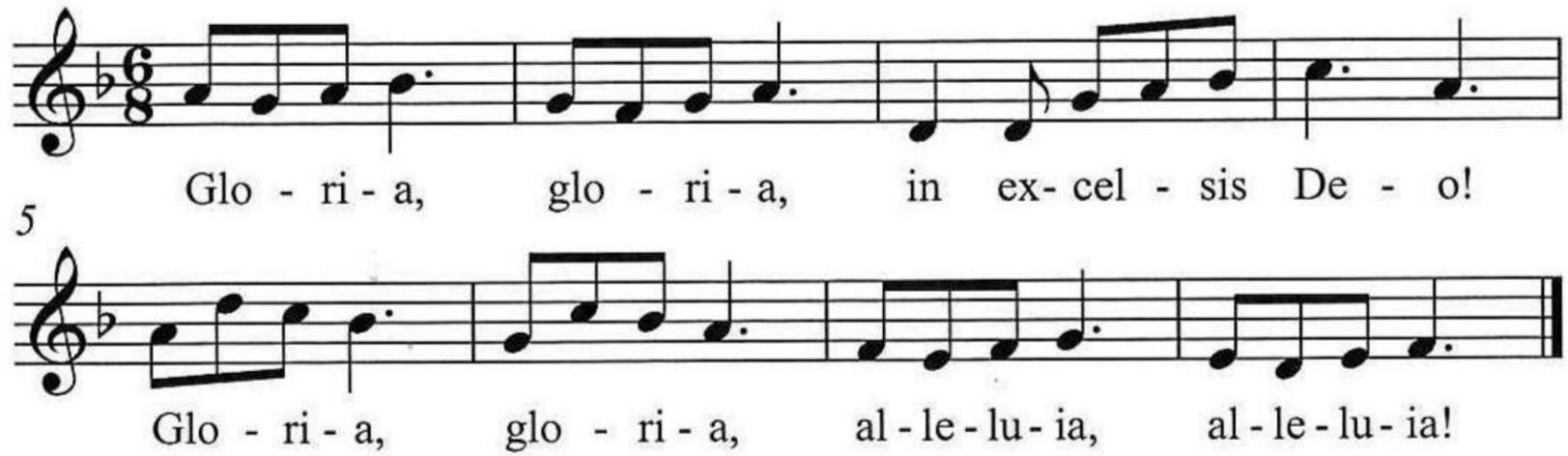
Jesus has come as light into the world, so whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness.

Come now to that light, for in him we are restored and forgiven.

Gloria

Taizé

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.



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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

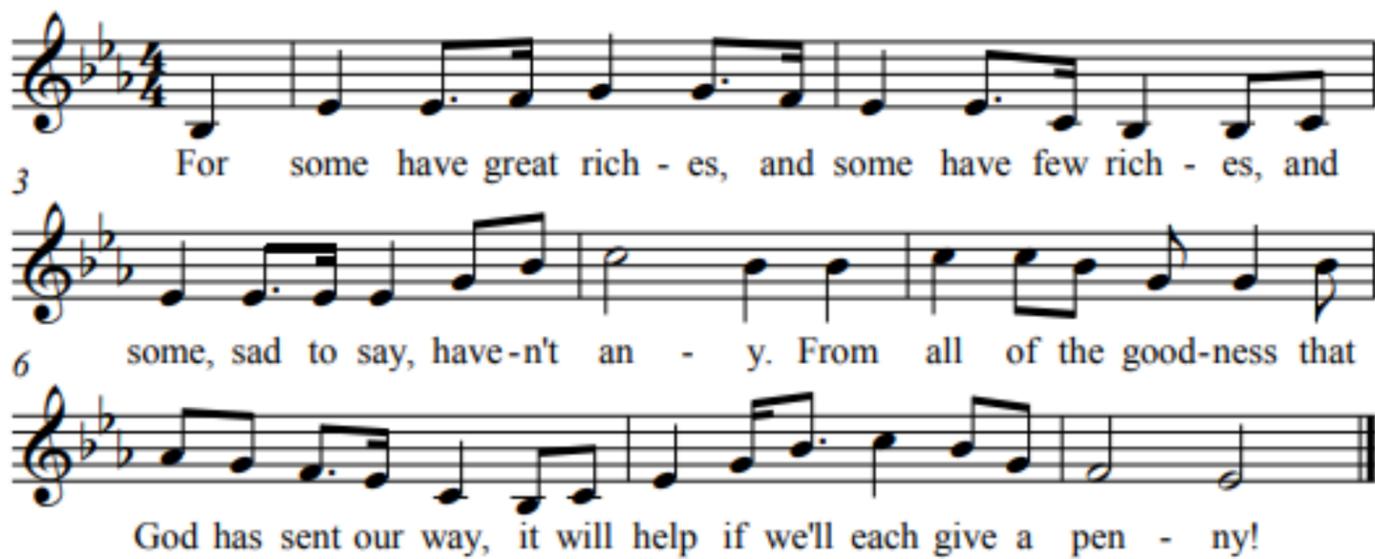
Anthem

Scottish folk song

“The Scottish Penny Song”

Soloists: Colin Webster and Julia Koops

Descant Choir; Congregation sings refrain starting after the 2nd verse



3 For some have great rich - es, and some have few rich - es, and
6 some, sad to say, have - n't an - y. From all of the good - ness that
God has sent our way, it will help if we'll each give a pen - ny!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Passages

Psalm 27 (page 437); Matthew 4:12-23 (page 785)

Henry Dyck

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

After the readings

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

During the hymn, children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“Fear Not”

Prayers of the People /The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory

John Rutter

“This is the Day”

This anthem, donated to the choir by Chris Fuller, was composed for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton and first performed in Westminster Abbey on the 29th of April, 2011.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

Closing Hymn No. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

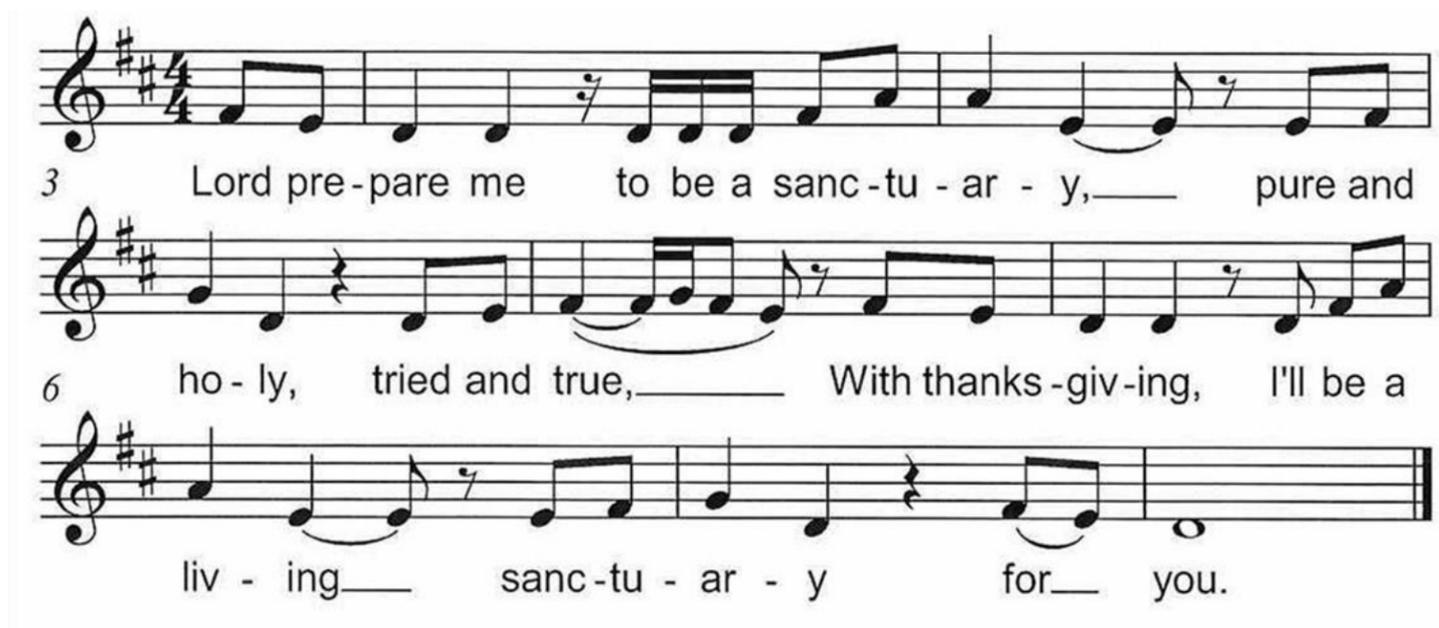
Stanza 3: High Voices

Stanza 4: Low Voices

*Commission and Blessing

*Choral Benediction No. 701

“Sanctuary”



3 Lord pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in Bb Major”



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. **Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!** Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers:

- Grace Uhle in loving of Tom Uhle.
- Linda Martin in honor of her birthday.

Prayer Requests:

If you would like to request prayers for a personal concern, please use one of the slips of paper in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the requests during the middle hymn and pastors will include them in the congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Doris Brandt, Breisch family, Kathy Carr, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, the Loughridge family, Derrick Matthews (custodian), Bill Proudfit, Ron Register and Kathy Hanna-Stauffer.

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.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Care Group: *The Calvary Care Group* will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **January**. 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 leader, Mary Hosier**.

Thank you, Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, along with the rest of today's usher team.

Thank you, all office volunteers: Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith. You are appreciated!

Thank you, sound board team: David Bell, Bader Boland and Steve Marunowski.

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **2/13/19 at 8:00 am**. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Coming Up

TODAY

The Immigration Task Force is seeking volunteers to assist with welcoming our guests from Burkina Faso. Current volunteer needs include: overnight volunteers (male only), daytime hospitality volunteers, and meal drop-off. Future needs may include English tutoring and transportation. **Please email the Immigration Task Force at ITF@fhcpresb.org** if you are interested in becoming involved. Thank you for your support!

Today, the Descant Choir sings the charming *Scottish Penny Song*. They will be collecting your stray pennies (or other loose change) and donating the money to the FHC Food Pantry. Thank you!

The Forest Hill Church Safety Core Team has begun a review and enhancement of the Forest Hill Church Safety Protocols. If you are a Forest Hill Church member with a background in the fields of medicine, emergency management, insurance, security, law enforcement or communications we encourage you to become involved with this process. If you would like to volunteer your expertise toward developing action plans to prepare the Beloved Community to respond swiftly should we encounter emergencies arising from acts of God, accidents, acts of humans or sudden health occurrences, **contact Sandy Moran at 216.990.1046**. Watch for future announcements of member presentations, open comment and training events in the weekly bulletin and TOWER publications.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Micah 6: 1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; and Matt. 5:1-12.**

NEXT WEEK

The Adult Education classes will continue their study of 1st Samuel. Join us as we read and discuss scriptures to determine why it was written for the people of ancient times and what it could mean to us in today's complicated life. Class begins at 9:30 am in South Hall and Bodwell Hall.

The Adult Education class with Pastor Lentz, titled "Questions of Faith," will continue in the chapel at 9:30 am.

Please join our knitting, sewing and crocheting group, "Fiber and Fellowship." Next meetings are: **January 28 at 10 am and February 8 at 9 am.** Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

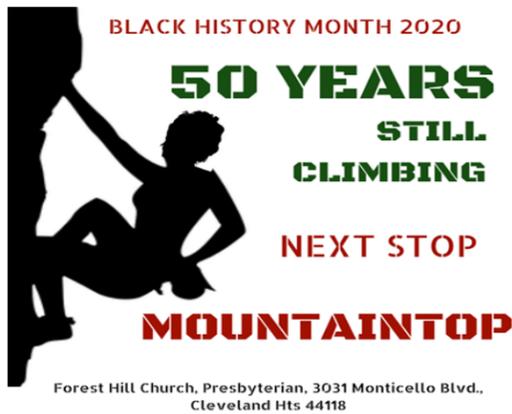
Group/Hilltoppers and anyone who wants to party.

We will have a Super Bowl party at the home of Kathryn and Peter Eloff, 1243 Oakridge Dr., CH on **Sunday, February 2, 2020**, starting at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy chili during the half time provided by our hosts. Bring an appetizer, dessert or your favorite beverage. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni at 216 691-1905 or Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com so we know how many chairs to set up for our TV viewing. It's always a fun time and a little side betting helps us enjoy the game more. Bring your

"BE COUNTED FOR WHAT COUNTS - GCC Public Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 7 PM, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Ave, Cleveland. WE NEED YOU to be part of Forest Hill's commitment to bring 101 people to support GCC's action to secure one or more off-site, pre-booking Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Centers in Cuyahoga County, so police will have an alternative to jail for persons suffering such a crisis. Greater Cleveland Congregations has been pushing for the creation of these centers for the past two years because we know they work; they will save lives and public money – and they will reduce the overcrowding in our County jail that unduly burdens people of color. If you have not already let us know, sign-up and commit to attend on Feb. 27. Carpools will be organized. **We will have signups in Fellowship Hall on Sundays following worship or signup by email to Diana Woodbridge (diana@ninthrung.com) or Scott Lafferty (swlaff@sbcglobal.net)."**

"Reconnecting with God's Creation" is back for a third year! The course is one of several "small plates" offerings by the Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes consist of readings, mixed media presentations, small group discussion, adoption of a place for nature observation, and field trips. Through the course, you will more clearly understand the deep connections between humans and nature and explore how you can act on your responsibility as a Christian for stewardship of the natural world. The 10 classes are focused around 4 themes: preservation and protection, stewardship, wonder and magic, and restoration. Environmental justice and climate change will be emphasized throughout the course. By the end of the course, you will draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to serve God's creation. A suggested \$10 donation by participants would be appreciated to offset the cost of class materials and facility rental fee at one of the field trip locations. Please sign up soon as the course is limited to 12 people. **Classes will take place on Sundays from 4-6 pm March 15 to June 7, 2020 excluding Easter (April 12), Mother's Day (May 10) and Memorial Day (May 24).** They will be held at FHC in South Hall or will include field trips to nearby parks/nature preserves. **If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating please contact Kemp Jaycox (kempjaycox@yahoo.com; 216-785-5375) or Steve Sedam (Goldens101@aol.com; 614-783-4467).**

Black Caucus Book Club: On Saturday morning, **March 21**, in Bodwell Hall beginning at 10 am. We will discuss the book “Strength to Love,” a compilation of sermons given by MLK, Jr. All people of good will are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Caucus has access to a few copies of the book “Strength to Love.” **If you wish to borrow a copy please see or email Nicole Lawrence at nalawrence3@gmail.com.** Although the book is not in the Cleveland Heights library, you can get copies from the ClevNet consortium. Alternatively, one can order the book via EBAY or Amazon. -Black Caucus Book Club



Schedule for Black History Month at Forest Hill Church February, 2020

Unless otherwise stated, all events will be held at:
Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, 3031 Monticello Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44118

A note about “Stone Soup Payments”

The Black History Education Team believes that part of being in community with each other is having each other’s backs when we can. *** Events marked with this string of asterisks have a cost for admission. We want to make these available to our whole congregation regardless of ability to pay. For each of these events, we list the per-person cost to us for providing the event. We encourage those who can pay the full amount to do so. If you can afford to pay for 1 ½, 2, or 3 admissions, please do! If you can pay only part of the cost, or cannot pay anything at all, that’s OK. Just sign up and pay whatever you can. We trust that the extra money from those who can pay more will cover participation for those who can pay less or not at all.

Sunday, Feb 2: 12:30-1:30, Base Camp Basics

There will be a choice of follow-up meetings, times to be announced.

This is a quick, large group meeting where we will prepare for the month ahead. We will read Martin Luther King’s last speech, *“I’ve been to the mountaintop”* and discuss what we need to reach that mountaintop as a community. The Black History Education Team has prepared educational modules to help congregation members build their skills and stamina for the climb. The modules are based on major ideas about racial reconciliation work that has been developed over the last 50 years.

Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28: 7:00-9:00 pm, Netflix and Church: When They See Us

Guided discussion of Ava DuVernay’s hit miniseries, *When They See Us*, a chilling docudrama about the Central Park Five case. Study guide will be required.

Saturday, Feb 8: 3:30-7:30 pm, Intergenerational Movie Night

Join the Black History Education team and the Ministry of Family, Youth, and Children for an intergenerational movie night for families and individuals of all ages. Times are tentative (depending on theater show time) but plan on meeting at church at 3:30 pm for carpool and kids drop off. Kids will watch the movie *Zootopia* as a lead in to a discussion on race and racism. Youth and Adults will go see the film *Just Mercy* in the theater. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

*****Saturday, Feb. 15: 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM, MA’AFA**

A play written & directed by Terrence Spivey and performed at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue. The drama, in song and dance, takes the audience on a mystical journey from present day to witnessing the torturous transatlantic slave trade to the antebellum, in order for a ten-year old girl to learn her family tree and save an African burial ground in the South. We have reserved blocks of tickets for both the 2 PM and 7 PM shows. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 18 and under. Sign-ups are requested.

*****Saturday, Feb. 22: Cooking Class with Chef Eric Wells (Time TBA)**

Chef Eric Wells, of Sky LaRae's Culinary Services, will offer a hands-on interactive program where we will cook a gourmet four-course meal! After preparation, we will all sit and eat communally. Chef Wells is a Cleveland native and a graduate of Loretta Paganini's International Culinary Arts and Sciences Institute. Cost (not yet finalized) will be about \$50/person. The event will be at FHC. Sign-ups are requested.

Sunday, Feb. 23: 5:00-6:30 pm Soul Food Pot Luck, Theme: Soul Fusion

Our traditional Soul Food Pot Luck with emphasis on that cuisine blends elements from traditional Southern cooking with different regional American southern states or other very different cultures (such as Asian, or Mexican). In recent times, innovative African American Chefs have drawn from multiple traditions to create new delicious combinations. Sign up here, and tell us what you plan to bring.

Sunday, Feb. 23: 6:30-8:00 pm Ascension: An Evening of African-American Music

The seventh annual Black History Month Concert Organized by musical director Caleb A. Wright will be an evening of African American sacred music and jazz focusing on the last 50 years. Dear friend of our church and seminarian Shannon Garrett Headon, will serve as host for the evening. Theron Brown, a national jazz recording artist & pianist, will direct a collective of creative local musicians, including Michael Hives, Reginald Bowens, Malika Turner, Adrianna Miller, Sierra Delaine, Toyia Wright-Reynolds and more. Local artist Eris Dyson will serve as our Poet Laureate. This is an evening of phenomenal music that you do not want to miss!

February 27, Greater Cleveland Congregations ACTION.

After our primary BHM events are over, GCC will be convening a 1000-person public meeting at Olivet Baptist, to address and hopefully announce progress in our efforts to have the County commit to the creation of Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Centers in Cuyahoga County. The Black History Education Team encourages all who participate in our events to attend. For more information see the GCC website.

Sunday, March 1: 12:30-1:30, Mountaintop Summit

A large group debriefing where we look back on our climb and assess where we have grown and where we have opportunities for more growth.



Calendar: January 26-February 2

Sunday, January 26:

10:30 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship and Children's
Worship
12:00 pm ~~Coffee and Conversation~~
Congregational Meeting & Lunch
5:00 pm House Church
5:30 pm AA: Promises on Sunday
Anniversary Celebration

Monday, January 27:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
OA Big Book Meeting
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday January 28:

10:00 am Fiber and Fellowship
12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration and Distribution
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
7:15 pm Black History Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 29:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group

Thursday, January 30:

1:30 pm English Country Dance
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 31:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, February 1:

8:00 am Men's Group
8:30 am CEIRS Class
9:00 am Tax Prep
~~Fiber and Fellowship~~
11:00 am Food not Lawns Seed Swap
2:00 pm Black History Wall goes up

Sunday, February 2:

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:10 am Pathways
10:30 pm Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship and Children's
Worship
12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
Sine Nomine Rehearsal
12:30 pm Base Camp Basics
5:30 pm AA: Promises on Sunday
6:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers: Super Bowl
Party

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Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music**