

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

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Service of Worship June 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

* The Gathering Song

"Surely God Is in This Place - Holy Ground"

The Blessings of Creation for the Living of These Days

* Opening Hymn

Cameroon

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

Prayer

O God, set your blessing upon us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Recognition and Celebration of the Graduating Seniors

■■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

The Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

We Listen Together for the Word of God

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Song

"Behold, How Pleasant (Psalm 133)" Congregation, sing refrain:

Music here

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The Offering of Our Gifts for the Work of the Kingdom

The Offertory R. Ascencio (Mexico)

"I Am the World's True Light" Congregation sings: La la la la la la

* The Response

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. (2x)

And now, let the weak say "I am strong;"

let the poor say "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

* The Prayer of Dedication

■■ Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Song India

"Rejoice, Hallelu" Carl Jenks, cantor

■ ■ Parish Notes

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson Fran and Pat Drake Rebecca Martin William and Verna Bidelman Marian Frederick Aiesha Minor Dick Bloomquist **Dorothy Hales** Austin Schwaderer Jason Himmelsteib Debbie Ungemach Allen Bloomquist Ralph and Molly Dise Dennis Wedding Carson Kent Carolyn Doggett Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey Jane Little

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Bill and Ginie Mast in loving memory of their parents; by Jim and Penny Chapman in honor of Agnes Newell and in memory of Boyd Newell and Matt and Loretta Chapman; and by Judy Hammer in loving memory of her husband, David.

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, George Dean, Muriel Dean, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Tish Van Beers-Klein, Brian Klein. Sam Manu, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■■ Announcements

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked "Hunger" will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we divide the money collected in thirds and send it to Heights Emergency Food Center, the Garden Valley Hunger Center, and the Hot Meals Program at First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland.

Congratulations to these Spring Graduates Graduating from High School

Sophie Beal will be attending Mount Holyoke College

Eileen Dise will be attending Stern School of Business at New York University

Elena Eberhard will be attending Ohio University

Elena Juodisius will be attending Allegheny College

Maura Logan will be attending the Ohio State University

Amanda Mervine will be attending Mt. Union College

Dana Obery will be attending the College of Wooster

Mia Pollock will be attending Miami University

Joey Register will be attending Bowling Green State University

Emily Shumaker-Chupp is undecided

Alexis Smith will be attending Ohio University

Sarah Smith-Polderman will be attending the College of Wooster

Elizabeth Stiles will be attending Allegheny College

Caleb Wright will be attending Columbia College

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^{*} The Commission and Blessing

^{*} The Passing of the Peace

Graduating from College

Daniel Eloff graduated from San Jose State with a B.S. in Justice Studies

Laura Jenks graduated with a B.A. in African and Afro-American Studies and Sociology from Brandeis University

Julie Lafferty graduated with a B.A. in Studio Arts from the College of Wooster.

Meryl McCumber graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a B.A. in Politics and Government

Laura Minder received a Masters in Accounting from Miami University

Jessica Minder graduated from Kent State

Tim Richards graduated with B.S. in Business Administration from the Fisher College of Business at OSU.

Marissa Williams graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Willamette University

Summer Schedule

The summer schedule begins this morning. Worship is at 10 a.m. through September 6. Summer Pathways and children's story time will meet every other week through August 16, and the Summer Choir will sing every Sunday in June and July. Summer Bible Study, at 9:00, begins next week.

Softball

Forest Hill Team A split a double header with First Baptist Church last Sunday. John Lentz delivered the game-winning single in the extra inning to win 12-11 in the first game. Forest Hill Team B dropped both games against Fairmount Presbyterian, 8-5 and 9-3. Kevin Steiner led the team with 5 hits.

Today: Team A vs Church of the Saviour C at 3:30, Roxboro Middle School; Team B vs Grace Lutheran, 6 p.m., Forest Hill Park.

Next Sunday: Team A vs Church of the Saviour B at 3:30, Monticello Middle School; Team B vs Hillcrest UMC, 6 p.m., Roxboro Middle School.

Thanks to Interfaith Hospitality Network Volunteers

Our latest week hosting homeless families at the church concluded successfully on Pentecost Sunday. Our guests included a mother and 4-month old infant, another mother and two younger children, and a couple with children and youths of various ages. Thanks to all those who prepared and served meals, organized activities, stayed overnight, and helped with set up, laundry, and other housekeeping tasks. Our experience suggests that the Spirit is moving among us at Forest Hill Church!

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. This week's scripture is **Mark 4: 26-34**. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Adult Education Begins

Our summer Adult Education classes will begin next Sunday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. in South Hall. We will study and discuss the biblical text that will be preached that day in worship. Bring your minds, hearts and spirits for this community bible study.

Chanae Curtis in Recital

Chanae will present a vocal recital next Sunday at 3:00. All are invited. Chantae won a coveted spot in the vocal program at Chatauqua Institution this summer and will share her new repertoire with us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for 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.

→ Members of this month's Care group are:

Mark Waring, Deacon

Jon Adams and Pam Conover and family

Katie & Chris Batcheller

Dick Bloomquist

Clarence and Eloise Boyd

Kay and Bill Currie Carolyn Doggett

Peter and Kathryn Eloff

Louise Fuller Sharon Hansen

Jenny Himmelman and family

Joan Kandare

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Morag and Tom Keefe

Elizabeth Kosnik

Karen and Clyde Loughridge

Dorothy Menn

Bethany and Joe Pinzone and family

Ron Register and family

Jean Reinhold Baldwin Sawyer Rosaneil Schenk Mollie and Dick Secor

Millie Skeivis Carolyn Vrtunski

Mark and Julie Waring and family

Blanche Winston

Beth and Tom Zych and family

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Missing from the Library

New Interpreters' Bible commentaries, vols. 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12. Please return these important resource books!

Social Groups and Circles

Heather Circle (retired women)

Heather Circle will go to Donna Frey's home for lunch on Tuesday, June 16.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet at Barb Hansen's for a potluck-planning meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.

■■■ The Lessons

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary reading for each Sunday is included in the "Sundays in June" page of the *TOWER*.

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■ ■ ■ Calendar: June 7 - 14, 2009

Sunday, June 7: Trinity Sunday Summer schedule begins

8:30 Exploring Evangelism

9:00 Nominating Committee

9:30 Child care begins Summer Choir

Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall

Summer Pathways Children's story time

11:15 Coffee hour:

Celebrate John Lentz's 20th anniversary of ordination

3:30 Softball: Team B vs Church of the Saviour C at Roxboro MS

6:00 Softball: Team A vs Grace Lutheran, Forest Hill Park

Monday, June 8

3:00 p.m. Church directory photos 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Tuesday, June 9

3:00 p.m. Church directory photos

Wednesday, June 10

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

3:00 p.m. Church directory photos

6:00 p.m. Trustee committees 7:00 p.m. Ministries worship

7:15 p.m. Ministry meetings

Thursday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Ministry of Justice & Mission mtg

7:30 p.m. Forest Hill Swim Club mtg

Friday, June 12

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

Saturday, June 13

Wedding of Lindsey Burdette and Robert Lowe

Sunday, June 14

8:30 Exploring Evangelism

9:00 Summer Bible Study

9:30 Child care begins

Summer Choir

Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Alex Bell

11:15 Coffee hour

Special Session meeting

3:00 Recital: Chanae Curtiss, soprano

3:30 Softball: Team A vs Church of the Saviour B, Monticello MS

6:00 Softball: Team B vs Hillcrest UMC, Roxboro MS

REMEMBER – WE'RE ON THE SUMMER SCHEDULE! WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10 A.M.

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