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

## Forest Hill Church

### The Tower

### September 2009

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the program year at Forest Hill Church begins. At 9:30 a.m. education classes commence and at 11:00 a.m. the worship service starts. AND, after the service the Deacons will be hosting the annual Fall Fellowship event. This year's theme is "The Love Boat." I don't want to tell you too many details. You will just have to come and see. However, you don't want to miss the drama, the games, the food and the costumes. Trust me, it will be far more fun, entertaining **and** successful than what will be happening at Browns stadium on the same day!

This first Sunday of the new program year is perhaps the best Sunday to bring a friend, or to encourage the person or family who works with you or lives down the street to come to Forest Hill. While we always have dynamic services that are well attended, the first Sunday back is especially energetic and full.

Again and again the studies show that the most effective way to grow a church is by personal invitation. The "Big Give" initiative (soon to be highlighted in **Presbyterians Today**), Abundance Acres, the meeting with Sen. Sherrod Brown, and so many other events drew a lot of attention to Forest Hill Church last year. So many people say, after attending a wedding, memorial service or other special gathering, "Your church is so beautiful. I may need to visit." Perhaps all they need is to be asked.

We are planning a dynamic calendar of events. Anne Wilson is organizing a series of Alternative Worship Experiences (A.W.E) throughout the year. I will be teaching a course on basic Christianity that I hope will appeal to members and visitors alike. Clover will be organizing another "One Book, One Church" program. Lindsey has a full schedule of events for our youth and teens. Liz has the

Pathways education for children ready to go. Peg has created a website that is drawing national attention. Of course our Service of Lessons and Carols, Christmas season programs, Lent, Easter and Pentecost are special seasons that draw many.

You are the best promotion for the church. You, who are active in the community, living out faithful lives in your neighborhoods, jobs, and sports teams. You who care so much for our city and region. There are many people who are seeking a church home of spiritual nurture, intellectual substance, and joyful fellowship. Be yourself, people notice!

I am looking forward to seeing a full church on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can join us. Bring a friend and spread the good news.

Faithfully yours,

John

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Dear friends,

I am feeling less enthusiastic this year about the fall approaching than usual. This year our daughter, Sophie, heads off to her first year of college at Mt. Holyoke in Massachusetts. Our son, Seth, begins high school next week. When we started attending Forest Hill in 1999, our kids were eight and five years old. I know it's cliché, but it really is difficult for Tim and me to get our hearts and minds around the swiftly flowing river of time. I look around at other FHC children too, and I am as stunned at how quickly they are growing.

Even with my mixed feelings about time marching on, I am so proud of the children of Forest Hill Church. The children here are products of a church family who loves them profoundly, who wants the best for them, who wants each child to grow into relationship with God through Jesus out of a sense of belovedness, not out of fear. Our church models how to be open to others unlike ourselves, and how to work to make the world a more just place to live for all people. Mostly, I am grateful that our church is a joy-filled church and that our joy affects the way our children feel about coming.

Sophie and Seth have invited numerous friends to church with them over the past ten years. I have heard on many occasions, "You need to come to my church. It's not like other *boring* churches." Now, that's something to celebrate—especially to a pastor's ears!

So...time marches on. Maybe your child or grandchild or nephew is starting kindergarten; maybe he or she is starting college. Whatever the case may be, we trust that God is the Provider (a young friend of ours calls God that) and God is the one who has each of us – each of our young ones – in the palm of God's hand.

May your fall be filled with the warm colors of the changing season, and the warmth of trust that God is with you, and that God is also with those whom you dearly love.

Blessings be,

Clover



## FALL FELLOWSHIP EVENT "TAKE A CRUISE ON THE LOVE BOAT"

The Love Boat will be docking at Forest Hill Church, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> after service for our Fall Fellowship event. Come to church dressed to take a cruise on the SS Love Boat with your friendly Cruise Director Clover, Captain Lentz and the rest of the extraordinary crew whose only desire is that you have a great time on your trip.

There will be fabulous cruise cuisine, an afternoon of activities featuring the Rocket Car (aka The FHC Life Boat), and a Tiki Bar with Isaac, your bartender, serving smoothies. Look for Gopher, the purser, leading the Karaoke on the Main Stage and Doc running the games for kids and adults alike on the Lido Deck.

*Mandatory lifeboat drill begins precisely at 12:15; all participants must proceed from the Sanctuary to the Main Dining Room of the SS Love Boat and enjoy all the day's activities.*

To offset the cost of the event, freewill offerings will be accepted.

Cindy Newton, Deacon

## ADULT EDUCATION

Here we go again! Another autumn, and another exciting year of educational and spiritual formation opportunities. I want to highlight what I think you won't want to miss—

### ***How Then Shall We Live? Living Faith on the Ground***

Sunday morning adult education classes: 9:30 a.m. in South Hall. Open to all! (see details on p. 5)

### ***Thoughtful Christianity***

Dr. John Lentz will offer an eight-week course on the basics of Christian faith for those who are seeking a more thoughtful, open and vital Christian faith. John's course will be good for those who are new to Christianity as well as those who have been attending church for a long time. Look for further details!

## Children and Youth Ministries Summer Sundays

For six Sundays our Summer Pathways workshops focused on people of faith who made a difference in our world. The children participated in art, cooking, games, storytelling, music and video workshops as they explored this theme. Thank you to all who helped out in this summer: Sue Lafferty, Robin Mervine, Barry Hartz, Kara Schellenberg, Laurie Logan, Barb Cloud, Jenny & Caty Himmelman, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Demo Solaru.

Thank you also to all our child care volunteers this summer who helped out in the crib room/ nursery and our 3 & 4 year old room: Julie Waring, Jill Roberts, Diane Moyer, Jeremy Ryman, Pat & Jim Seeders, Jeannine Gury, Becky West, Sandy Schultz, Diana Johannessen, Lisa & Jed Koops, Lora Smith, Lara Troyer, Kate & Dave Burleigh, and Joanne & Dan Shaner.

### Children's Ministry Programs

All classes and programs begin on Sunday, September 13, 2009. We will have a commissioning service for all Christian Education programs.

#### Crib and Nursery

This summer the Nursery and Crib rooms have undergone renovations. Both rooms have a fresh coat of paint with murals reflecting Noah's Ark. There are new cabinetry, counters, sink, and changing table in the crib room and new window treatments and carpeting for both rooms. Thank you to the team who worked together choosing the theme and décor throughout the summer: Diana Johannessen, Christina Hidek, Lora Smith, and Gary Lusic. Also, thank you to Stavros Gazis for painting the rooms and to Eric Brock for his creative painting of the Noah's Ark animals and murals. This project is in memory of Thelma Proudfit who loved children and wanted them to grow in their faith: "...a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6.

The Children Ministry team is looking for a permanent child care provider. We are asking volunteers to help out a little more until we find the right person. Please sign up in the nursery or call the church office. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children while they have an opportunity to worship. Child care is available from 9:15 to 12:30 upstairs in the Monticello wing.

### **Biblical Literacy**

Dr. Tim Beal (who is a familiar teacher to most of you) will offer a three-session course on reading the Bible with new eyes. Tim's newest book, *Biblical Literacy*, will be released in October. His book addresses the growing biblical illiteracy in our nation, as well as the reluctance and discomfort most Americans have to reading the bible literally.

Tim will offer opportunities to read selections from the Bible with new eyes, making the text come alive and seeing how the bible has impact in the areas of film, literature, media, and music, to name just a few. Tuesday evenings: October 20, 27, and November 3; 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Rev. Clover Beal

### **Adult Education: *How Then Shall We Live?***

After our successful experiment with summer adult education – weekly bible study and the after-church discussion of *The Shack* – our regular schedule of Sunday morning adult education classes resumes on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the usual time and place: 9:30 a.m. in South Hall. This year we will focus on how we **live out** our biblical foundations and our collective history and narratives in faithful, inspired and Christ-like ways. The year's theme is ***How Then Shall We Live?*** We will explore how we can use our faith traditions and callings to bring the prophetic call to action to the many challenges we face in our community, state, nation and world, as well as exploring how we can nurture God's call and inspiration in our own lives. We will study both the faithful journey without and the fulfilling journey within, as we ask ourselves how we can best live the faith we profess.

The first class, led by Pastor Clover Beal and Elder Tom Zych, will set the stage for this year's journey; Pastor Lentz will follow on September 20th to lead our discussion on bringing our faith to life in the larger world. Watch this space, the weekly announcements and the Adult Education board for additional details on this year's schedule.

Elder Tom Zych

### **Little Explorers: three and four year olds**

Our focus for this age group is to help these little ones know and experience God's love. The room is separated into a storytelling area, worship area, and play area. Each week centers around a Bible story that is chosen because of its age-appropriateness and then is explored using art, drama, or movement activities. In September, the children will participate in stories about Creation and Noah. This class meets from 11:00 – 12:15 in Room 206.

### **Children in Worship: older 4 year olds – kindergarten**

This worship experience allows the children to be in an environment where age-appropriate Bible stories are shared. The children are guided through a worship service and are encouraged to respond to the stories through songs, art, questions and retelling of the stories. The children in this class will also be exploring the significance of the Lord's Supper. Parents and their children will take part in a special class September 27<sup>th</sup> as these children learn about this wonderful gift of Communion. More information will be available closer to the date. This class meets from 11:00 – 12:15 in Room 207.

### **Cherub Choir**

Our pre-schoolers will have the opportunity again to come together for songs, movement, dancing, instrument playing and fun this year. They will be meeting in the Chapel from 10:30 – 11:00. Thank you to *Lisa Koops* for leading this choir. The first rehearsal will be September 27 at 10:30. Post cards will be sent home to families as a reminder.

### **Pathways to the Promise Land: grades 1 – 5**

This year's theme of our rotation model church school, Pathways to the Promise Land, is *Witness to God's Presence*. The theme starts with Genesis and continues through the Bible as faith stories are told. The Bible is full of people who witness the very existence of God in their lives and pass that experience on to future generations. To know, feel, sense and experience God in our own personal and corporate lives is a continuing witness to that existence. We are called to share that witness.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> we will gather to celebrate the beginning of the new program year and learn about what will be explored this year. On September 20<sup>th</sup> the first rotation will begin with the theme *Creation*. The children will participate in Movement, Puppetry, and Storytelling workshops to explore that God is present in all Creation

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and in turn, all of Creation acts as agents through which God expresses that presence.

The children will be divided this year in the following groups: **Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grades 4/5.**

### **Youth Christian Education: grades 6 – 8**

These youth will participate in our **Trailblazer** program. This program runs on a three year cycle. This year's focus is *The Word of God*. The youth will explore this theme as it is passed on to us through the Bible and the lives of the faithful. It is from these words that we receive guidance and support as we travel on the journey of faith. From the ancient text of Genesis to the power of Revelation, God's word continues to be relevant to our lives. During the month of September the youth will participate in activities that focus on How the Bible Came to Be. This group meets in the MOB room from 9:30 – 10:30.

### **Senior High Church School: grades 9-12**

These youth will participate in discussions that encourage them to see how faith can be relevant in their lives. The theme for the fall will be *Creation*. The youth will explore this topic through discussions and activities around scripture, stewardship and gifts of the earth. Throughout the year this group will be given opportunities to worship at other churches at other Christian and non-Christian denominations. The Senior High Church School youth meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 in Bodwell Hall.

### **Dates to Know**

- September 13** **Beginning of the New Program Year**  
Pathways to the Promise Land children (grades 1-5) begin in worship, then leave for Pathways Gathering Time.
- September 20** **Gathering Time**  
Pathways children will meet in the Chapel at 11:00 for Gathering Time and will then attend their workshops.
- September 27** **Cherub Choir**  
Pre-School children will meet in the Chapel at 10:30 for music, movement and singing.
- September 27** **Children in Worship: *Come to the Table***  
The children in this class will be joined by their parents to explore what the Lord's Supper means.

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**October 4**

**World Communion Sunday**

Pathways children will begin in their workshops at 11:00, then join their families for Communion.

Faithfully,  
Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

### **The Meg Cameron Memorial Adult Library**

Have you looked into the Meg Cameron Library recently? Not only are the new furnishings in place, but now we have numerous books, new and gently used, shelved and ready to be checked out. FHC members have enjoyed the library resources for many years due to the generosity of the Cameron family. And now we have added a comfortable seating and small group meeting space, and of course access to many volumes of interest to the congregation. We want to thank Grace Uhle, Lynda Bernays and so many volunteers who have labeled and organized the books.

The inventory can be found in the three-ring notebook on the small table. When you borrow a book, please sign, date and leave contact information on the card in the back of the book. Leave the card in the small box. Please return your books within three weeks.

Happy reading!

Rev. Clover Beal

### **Ministry of Justice & Mission Sponsors Bread For The World Offering of Letters**

This fall, FHC's Ministry of Justice & Mission will be asking you to join in the 2009 Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Bread for the World (BFW) is an organization that includes 45 faith traditions, creating a collective Christian voice that urges Congress and other leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. BFW believes we have the resources to do this in our time. But each of us must do our part.

#### **Advocacy for Lasting Change**

Among other things, BFW sponsors an Offering of Letters each year, where people are encouraged to write personal letters and emails to members of Congress about a particular hunger-related issue in this country or abroad. Working through churches, college campuses and other organizations, BFW engages people in advocacy. Why do they do what they do? Jesus was an advocate. So were the Old Testament prophets. They spoke out on behalf of hungry and poor people. They held their leaders accountable to do what was right. One person taking action makes a difference. Many people taking action can create lasting change.

#### **Background Information**

This year BFW is focusing NOT on getting more money for hunger relief, but on making our foreign aid more efficient and effective. Foreign assistance or foreign aid refers to the funding that the US provides to countries for a wide variety of reasons. Sometimes aid is given directly to a country's government, either in cash or "in-kind," meaning items such as tents, food or weapons. US development aid is predominately delivered by nongovernmental organizations directly to local communities to address their needs and support their development efforts.

Since the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 was passed, there have been 400 directives added, with ~140 priorities. Over 50 US government agencies are involved in administering parts of this assistance. The Department of Defense administers 25% of the money. No one coordinates all these efforts. The top 10 recipients of our foreign aid are NOT poor countries; in fact, poor countries get only \$1 out of every \$16.

### **Offering of Letters to support Congressional Initiatives**

There is a huge need for reform, for a comprehensive national strategy for global development, and a need to make US foreign assistance more streamlined, accountable and transparent.

This year a bi-partisan bill, HR 2139, was introduced in the House of Representatives on May 20, that does just that. This Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act has been taken up by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. There are already about 83 sponsors; the goal is at least 100. This bill is a critical first step in making foreign assistance more effective, efficient & transparent.

Senate Bill 1524, the Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act, is also a bipartisan bill that is a good first step to making our foreign assistance more effective and accountable. It calls for a comprehensive foreign assistance policy to promote global development and help reduce poverty and hunger.

### **Stay Tuned...**

Look for more details soon about how you can learn more about these issues, participate in the Offering of Letters and make your voice heard.

For more information, go to <http://www.bread.org/>

***Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.***

Elder Kathy Hanna- Stauffer

**12, 13 calendar**

### **Wanted:**

### **Models for the Fall Fashion Show at FHC**

**Males and females in grades 6 - 12**

**We are also looking for adult models**

**Contact Barb Cloud 216-321-9112, [bcloud1@aol.com](mailto:bcloud1@aol.com)  
or Lindsey Burdette-Lowe (Youth Director) at 216-  
440-2303, [lindseyb@fhcpresb.org](mailto:lindseyb@fhcpresb.org) by September 12**

**The Fashion Show is October 30.**

<b>Sundays in September</b>	
<i>This schedule begins September 13</i>	
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Adult Ed Youth Ed Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Child care begins</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Descant Choir activity</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Worship Little Explorers (3s, 4s) Children in Worship (older 4s, K)</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Pathways (gr. 1-5; 11:00 on Sept. 20)</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir (Sept. 20)</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>FaithLeader (begins Sept. 20)</b>

<b>September 6</b> <b>Last Sunday in the summer schedule</b> 9:15 Teacher Training 9:30 Child care Continental Breakfast 10:00 Worship: Communion 11:15 Coffee Hour	<b>Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23</b> <b>Psalm 125</b> <b>James 2: 1-10, 14-17</b> <b>Mark 7: 24-37</b>
<b>September 13</b> <b>Festival of New Beginnings</b> 12:15 Lunch and Fall Festival: The Love Boat	<b>Proverbs 1: 20-33</b> <b>Psalm 19</b> <b>James 3: 1-12</b> <b>Mark 8: 27-38</b>
<b>September 20</b> 12:15 Blood Pressure check 3:00 Guitar Society concert 5:00 FaithLeader IV begins MOB begins: gr. 6 – 12	<b>Proverbs 31: 10-31</b> <b>Psalm 1</b> <b>James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a</b> <b>Mark 9: 30-37</b>
<b>September 27</b> 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Children in Worship: Come to the Table (parents included) <b>MOB Fundraiser: Car Wash</b>	<b>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</b> <b>Psalm 124</b> <b>James 5: 13-20</b> <b>Mark 9: 38-50</b>

## Music Notes

Does singing in a choir make you healthier? A recent study at the University of Frankfurt (Germany) demonstrates that choral singing has a positive health impact including improved lung capacity, high energy, relieved asthma, better posture, and enhanced feelings of relaxation, mood, and confidence. Singers also reported intense happiness while singing, felt less stressed, and experienced heightened adrenaline and wakefulness.

So . . . . what are you waiting for?

The 2009-2010 choir season is about to begin and I'm anxious to start improving the health and wellness of all our wonderful Forest Hill singers and instrumentalists! Those who participated in choir last year will receive a letter in the mail, but here's the general information for persons who may be interested in finding out about the musical opportunities at Forest Hill Church:

### THE CHOIRS

**Chancel Choir** (adults): 1st rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 10th beginning with a pot-luck supper and general frivolity at 6:45 in Fellowship Hall. Bring whatever dish you enjoy preparing (or purchasing) and we'll have a fine time getting caught up and listening to the choir president's farewell address. New choir officers will be elected (if you wish to avoid such responsibilities, it's a good idea to show up at the potluck, ahem . . .) We'll move to the choir room for rehearsal from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Our first choir Sunday is September 13th (rehearsal at 10:30; the service is at 11:00 a.m.).

**Sine Nomine Choir** (grades 6-12): 1st rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept. 20th after worship in the Chapel. Generally we'll meet every other Sunday, with occasional exceptions, for approximately 40 minutes.

**Descant Choir** (grades 1-5): 1st rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The choir practices every Sunday, and after choir (10:15) there is an activities period in youth hall. At 10:45, (unless the children are singing for worship) the children meet their parents in Fellowship Hall and go from there to the sanctuary.

**Voices in Bronze:** 1st rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept 17th at 6:20-7:15 PM in the upstairs bell room. We have only one opening in this group, so call soon to apply for this spot. This group is open to adults and high school students, and understanding of rhythmic notation is required. Start doing your wrist calisthenics now, ringers!

New members are most welcome in all the FHC musical groups; if you'd like more information, contact Anne Wilson, Organist/Director of Music: home phone 371-9508; email: [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org)

I hope to see lots of new faces and fresh voices intermingled with the "regulars" in the choir family this September. This will be a memorable year as we renew our dedication to singing God's glory at Forest Hill Church.

### So what's new and exciting about FHC music this year?

The details are still being worked out as of this writing, but here's the plan for four innovative evening worship services (with "teasers" during morning worship):

#### Alternate Worship Experiences (AWE!)

**Worship in the Pan Yard:** the FHC choirs with the Akron Steel Drum Band (early fall)

**Dance Afrika Dance!:** the FHC choirs with *Dance Afrika Dance* dancers and drummers (late fall)

**A Global Hymn Festival:** the FHC choirs with Amanda Powell, global song leader (winter)

**Swing to the Lord a New Song:** the FHC choirs with a jazz combo

#### Art & Music Nights

**Art Around the World,** with Amanda Powell singing world music  
**From Villas to Trashcans** (the Gilded Age and Ashcan School)  
And, of course, our traditional FHC events such as Lessons and Carols (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>) and the May Cabaret (May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Watch for Green Eggs and Ham as well as pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

Let us all sing a new song to the Lord! Soli Deo Gloria!

Anne Wilson, Organist/Director of Music



## From the Web

Did you know that....

- all upcoming Forest Hill events are listed and described at the bottom of the [Home Page](#)?  
(To see YOUR event listed there, email the editor at [pwwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net) or Lynda at [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).)
- you can read current and past issues of [The Tower](#) on our website?
- past and current [Worship Bulletins](#) appear as well?
- you can read the text of [past sermons](#) or listen to them online?

Peg Weissbrod

## Greeting Card Ministry

Remember to send greetings to your church friends by stopping by the Greeting Card Ministry table in Fellowship Hall after church each Sunday. Brighten the day of someone and cheer them on to good health, celebrate their birthday or just let them know you are thinking of them. There is a friendly face waiting to assist you. The Deacons wish to thank Rosaneil Schenk for helping with this ministry so often during the past months.

Cindy Newton, Deacon

## Mayor Jackson's Sustainable Cleveland 2019

For three days (August 12, 13, 14) I was one of more than 700 leaders from all over Northeast Ohio who met at the Convention Center downtown. Led by Dr. David Cooperrider, a world-renowned expert on the Appreciative Inquiry method, we envisioned and then committed to working towards a city that could become the most sustainable city in the nation by the year 2019. "Cleveland: A Green City on a Blue Lake" became the driving imaginative hook. The year 2019 was picked because it was in the year 1969 that Cleveland became known for the burning river. We want to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on a positive note!

"Going green" is not some fanciful environmentalist ploy. Rather, moving Cleveland towards an economy that emphasizes our greatest asset (Lake Erie) would transform our industrial base, create new jobs, bring stability to urban core neighborhoods, and change the life style and health of our citizens through recreation and play. All the participants believe that we can and will leverage the abundance of talent and resources to meet the goal.

Let's celebrate the fact that Cleveland has top universities, world renowned hospitals, major sports teams, excellent theater, music, and museums. We have more parks than many cities and we have that blue lake and all its beauty.

"Going Green" is also a biblical imperative. Care for our world and its people are not to be separated. We are stewards of creation. Justice for all includes caring for our ecosystem. It is wonderful to see that care for the creation is an issue that is bring conservatives and liberals, evangelical and progressives, democrats and republicans, labor and management together. That in and of itself is a miracle.

It is also a way to save resources. During the three day event, I heard numerous stories from C.E.Os of big and small businesses alike who testified that cutting waste, using renewable sources of energy, and lessening pollution actually increased profits. When IBM and Walmart declare that they will move towards "smart grids" and "zero waste," well, something major is happening.

The Trustees of Forest Hill Church have already committed to saving resources, replacing light bulbs, recycling, doing an energy audit, buying renewable, compostable and recyclable products. I see many riding bikes and choosing healthier life styles. Our Abundance Acre garden is a fabulous project. Perhaps in the years to come we could not only give from our abundance to hunger centers but sell our produce to local restaurants and stores.

Elder Dave Neff was in Montreat this summer as part of a denominational gathering on the environment and he has committed to educating and agitating us towards more sustainable change.

Sustainability is about creating a city, region, nation and world where the resources of the globe can be used and renewed into an indefinite future. This is good news indeed.

**John Lentz**

## *News of Our Church Family*

### **Births**

**Jackson David House**, son of Jonathan and Heather House, was born June 25, 2009.

**Sophie Olivia Konkoski**, daughter of Molly and Nolan Konkoski and granddaughter of Anne and Jeff Smith, was born June 17, 2009.

### **Baptisms**

**Maya Catherine and Alec Harrison Miller**, children of Steve and Chantal Miller, were baptized June 21. Diana Woodbridge was the attending Elder.

### **Marriages**

**Karen Ishler and Steve Parker** were married June 16, 2009.

**Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak**, attended by Molly Webster and Ethan and Trent Swain, were married June 27, 2009. Rev. Clover Beal officiated.

### **In Memoriam We Remember**

**Dr. Hugh J Leslie, Jr.**, who died July 18, 2009.

**Dorothy Elizabeth Menn**, who died July 25, 2009

**Laurence Schwartz**, who died July 31, 2009

**Lamont Hansen**, who died August 7, 2009

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### **New emails only**

**Brittani Ball:** [brittaniball@yahoo.com](mailto:brittaniball@yahoo.com)

The TOWER can be sent to any college student who would like to receive it and who gives us an up-to-date mailing address. Please contact Lynda in the church office and you'll be added to the mailing list.

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

Members of the Canaan CARE Group are:

Joy Stang, Deacon

Mark Chupp and Sharon Shumaker and family

Lisa Chuppa

Robin Craig

The Davis family

Bob and Joanne Dawson

Muriel and George Dean

Val Flechtner

The Forsythe family

Cathy and Don Ghiandoni

Allen and Zivile Khoury

The Koops family

The Logan family

Ginie Mast

Chuck McDonald

The Muller-Girard family

Jeanette Nemcek

Vikki Nowak & Todd Webster

John Prentice

Margaret and George Sentell

Franklin and Naana Soadwa

Chuck and Rosanna Sprague

Anne Taylor

The Ungemach family

LeAnn and Roy West

Peggy Yaeger

### **Ushers for September**

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

## Calling All Hilltoppers

We will gather at Massimo Da Milano (corner of West 25<sup>th</sup> and Detroit) at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18. Shopping at the historic West Side Market will follow. Guests and friends are welcome. Reserve your spot by calling Lucy Conde (216-382-5177) by September 14. Ride-sharing is available – tell Lucy when you call that you need a ride over to the restaurant.

### Thank You, FHC

Thank you for your prayers, cards and inquires during my hospitalization and recovery from heart surgery.

Chuck Ishler

## Thank You IHN Volunteers!

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of over 50 volunteers, our twelve guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network enjoyed delicious home cooked meals, fun evening activities and crafts, clean and comfortable accommodations in our Sunday school rooms, AND experienced that special Forest Hill hospitality during the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Ministry of Justice and Mission would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to each and every one who volunteered his/her time and talents to make this ministry possible.

The next group of IHN guests will be staying at Forest Hill from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in learning more about being a part of IHN at Forest Hill Church, please contact Julie Lustic ([jlustic@gmail.com](mailto:jlustic@gmail.com) or 216-371-2084) or any ministry member.

Sue Lafferty

## Office News and Reminders

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is every Wednesday morning.

The deadline for the Tower is usually the second Monday of every month. The **TOWER** schedule is as follows: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 7 (**one week early**).

Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

- ❖ John Lentz, [pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org), ext. 200
- ❖ Clover Beal, [pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org), ext 201
- ❖ Anne Wilson (music), [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org), ext 208
- ❖ CE Office: Liz Wollaeger, [lizw@fhcpresb.org](mailto:lizw@fhcpresb.org), ext. 206
- ❖ Lindsey Burdette-Lowe (youth): [lindseyb@fhcpresb.org](mailto:lindseyb@fhcpresb.org), ext 207
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial office): [beckya@fhcpresb.org](mailto:beckya@fhcpresb.org), ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org), ext. 202

Our website is [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)

CDs of the worship service are available each week. Often they are available soon after worship. If you miss that, call or email the church office, or leave a note, and the CD will be in the volunteer office the following Sunday. The cost is \$1 per CD.

Would you like a large-print edition of the **TOWER**? Or a bulletin sent to you if you are ill or away? Please contact the church office with your request.

Sunday flower donations are coordinated by the church office. Please call or email Lynda for information about donating an arrangement. The cost is \$20 per arrangement.

**Did you know that your monthly or weekly donation to FHC can be paid on-line with your other regular payments?  
It's free, easy, and convenient!**

**MOB News For September**  
*Welcome back!!*

**M.O.B. STARTS BACK UP ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
MID & SENIOR HIGH FROM 5:00-7:00PM**



We hope to see you there for dinner,  
fellowship & catching up, and meeting our NEW 6<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Anyone in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades is welcome to come!

HEY- SEEN OUR YOUTH PAGE?? CHECK OUT [WWW.FHCPRESB.ORG](http://WWW.FHCPRESB.ORG)  
PICTURES, CALENDARS, UPCOMING EVENTS AND MORE!

### Senior High Activities in September

Bible Study will start on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 7 – 8 p.m. at **Phoenix Coffee** on Coventry. 9-12 graders, bring your Bible and money to get an amazing drink at Phoenix! Your next Bible Study is the following week, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*We will continue to have Bible Study every Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m., so if you miss this time, come to the next!*

### Mid High Activities in September

Your first Mid High Bible Study is **Tuesday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill Church**. Meet in Lindsey's office from 7-8 p.m., and get ready for what we have planned for you this year! *New to M.O.B.?* If you would like to know more, check out our website [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org), then look for us under the 'Education & Spiritual Formation' tab, or talk to Lindsey!

**All MOB: This month's fundraiser will be a Forest Hill Church Car Wash – September 27**



All Mid and Senior High youth- we will need your help!!  
**All profits go to our youth 2010 summer trips!**  
BRING towels and buckets from home, please.

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