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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

November 2009

Dear Friends,

As you know I was part of the Sustainable Cleveland 2019 project this past summer. I volunteered to be part of a small group that was commissioned to write a document expressing the vision of the project. Beginning on page 3 is a draft. We still have work to do. But it is a start. As you read it, ask yourself: "As a Christian at FHC, what resonates in the document? What do I like about it? Is there a way that I can participate?"

Our Adult Education crafted a wonderful series in October shaped around Sustainability and the Stewardship of Creation. Tim Beal set the biblical context. Paul Alsenas, the Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission shared the good news of what the county is doing to promote sustainable development, and Dave Neff and Keith Logan offered their knowledge about energy and faithful conservation.

Bless you. Always give thanks for the abundance of grace that is ours in Jesus Christ,

John

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I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping,
To be one too.

Lesbia Scott
Hymn No. 364

**The Cleveland Commitment:
A Promise for Our Sustainable Future**

Vision

We see a green city on a blue lake:

- Where wind, sun and water are respectfully harvested for energy;
- Where the natural environment is intentionally restored and preserved;
- Where nothing goes to waste.

We see a bustling metropolis:

- Where children are healthy and well-educated;
- Where adults are engaged in challenging, rewarding and meaningful labor;
- Where everyone is appreciated for their contribution to our collective growth and happiness.

We see a thriving economy:

- Where wholesome food is locally grown;
- Where businesses adopt sustainable practices;
- Where personal drive and ingenuity are supported.

Values

The Cleveland Promise reflects these truths:

- Our lake, rivers, and the land they define are the source of our physical, social and economic health;
- We have, over many years, led in response to great challenges by joining tradition and hard work with innovation to create practical solutions.
- Cleveland was at the center of the industrial revolution, and the time has come to embrace the sustainability revolution now unfolding before us.
- We can create, produce, and consume in a sustainable way;
- We can build a better future for our children, a future rich in happiness and a strong sense of community and a commitment to be faithful stewards for generations beyond our own.

The Cleveland Commitment embraces these goals:

- We will celebrate diversity and inclusiveness.
- We will eliminate poverty and racism.
- We will seek justice and promote safety.
- We will foster spirited engagement in local, national and global commerce and exchange of ideas.
- We will create vibrancy in the core community through regional cooperation, collaboration and interdependence.
- We will inspire innovation, reduce waste, and create a competitive environment.
- We will strengthen our economy, community and long-term security through sustainable practices that produce local food and energy, minimize waste, provide public transportation, promote community health, and support education for all.

Pledge

My Personal Commitment

I promise to be open to change and to challenge how I act, think and solve problems by

- *Listening, teaching, and leading by example*
- *Asking for input from those not like me*
- *Seeking solutions beneficial to all*

I promise to consider social and environmental consequences before choosing to buy something; I will become aware of the consequences of my purchases by learning

- *What materials make up my purchases and belongings, and how they're manufactured*
- *How they are transported to me*
- *Where they end up when I dispose of them*

I promise to support a strong, sustainable, regional economy by

- *Doing my part to strengthen our community's school system*
- *Encouraging the recruitment and retention of sustainable businesses that invest in our workers*
- *Buying locally from socially responsible farmers, suppliers, manufacturers, and vendors*

I promise to reduce my carbon footprint by

- *Reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting, toward a goal of zero personal waste*
- *Making my home, school, and work place energy efficient*
- *Using energy-efficient modes of transportation*

I promise to make a personal commitment to this compact by

- *Making these goals a part of my daily life*
- *Celebrating small victories*
- *Continuously re-committing to ever-greater challenges*
- *Encouraging others to do the same*

I, _____, pledge to support
The Cleveland Commitment with my time, energy, talents, and
prayers, with gratitude for the abundance of my life, and in humble
acknowledgement of the resources with which I am entrusted on
behalf of generations yet to come.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Clover Patch



Dear friends,

I returned yesterday from a wonderful two-day retreat with eleven Forest Hill adults. I am on a retreat “high”—the kind one gets when she feels like she’s been to the mountaintop. The group of eleven is participating in the Faith Leader program which always begins with an opening retreat away from home. Many of you have heard about this 28-week program that takes a committed group of individuals through a multi-faceted journey in exploring their spiritual development. This is the fourth year we have offered the program at FHC. It has been a joy to witness the growth in each participant’s faith and life.

We spent the weekend exploring the theological and biblical concepts of our spiritual gifts, those gifts and skills that an individual outwardly expresses in his or her daily life. Do you ever get so caught up in something you love that you lose track of time? Do you forget the world around you? What do you love to do that comes naturally for you, that you are good at, and that others recognize you do well? Your answers most likely point to your spiritual gifts.

Trusting that God has gifted each of us differently, we can be assured that God wants us to love what we do! God wants us to use our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, as well as serving the world. But God doesn’t want our service to be something we dread doing. The key to the theology of spiritual giftedness is that if we are using our God-given gifts, we will be energized by our activity, not enervated.

The Nominating Committee, led by Elder Kate Burleigh, has worked diligently to identify, discern, and invite individuals into elected positions of leadership through this belief in each person’s gifts. The committee is commissioned to elect officers to serve in positions that are well-matched to their spiritual gifts. A person who is well-matched to an office that expresses his or her God-given passion is likely to love what she or he is doing, and less likely to burn out.

If you are interested in exploring what are your spiritual gifts, let me know. I would be more than happy to discuss it with you and help you uncover and claim your God-given gifts. All the gifts are essential for building up the Body of Christ, said the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12. We depend upon each other!

Blessings be,

Clover

Children and Youth Ministries

Thank you to all the teachers, shepherds, leaders, and helpers who shared their faith and time in our church school programs. The children continue to be involved in their classrooms as they explore our faith with lessons and stories of Creation, Noah and Moses.

- In our nursery, thank you to Julie Waring, Sandy Schultz, Jill Roberts, Mary Hill, Matt Russo, Jen Fu, Diane Moyer and Jeremy Ryman, and Christina Hidek.
- In our Little Explorers class Carol Leslie, Jaiye Sampson, Diana Johannessen, and Becky West.
- In our Children in Worship class (older 4s & kindergarteners) thank you to Pat and Jim Seeders.
- In Pathways to the Promise Land (grades 1-5), thank you to Amy Davis, Sue Lafferty, Don Clark, Peg Weissbrod, Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak, Cindy Newton, Peter Williams, Consuelo Heineman, Joanne Shaner and Cathy Ghiandoni.
- During Descant Choir activity time, thank you to Jim Roosa, Susanne and David Peterjohn, Tori Weisberg, Consuelo and Roger Heineman, Alisha and Mark Trammell, Jack and Shelley Jesberger, Todd Webster, and Laurie and Eric Muller-Girard.
- In our Trailblazers program (grades 6-8), Lindsey Burdette-Lowe and Robert Lowe.
- In our Senior High Church School, thank you to Elaine Turley and Ron Schmidt.

Children's Ministry

Little Explorers Three and Four year olds

Julie Ann and Robert Yoe will lead this class in November. The children will explore the story of Moses after the Exodus from Miriam's viewpoint. They will participate in activities that will also explore how God's people say thank you.

Children in Worship Older four year olds and kindergarten

Christina and Jason Hidek will be teaching this class in November. The children in this age group are asked to respond to the stories they've heard through "I Wonder" questions. There is also a craft response to help them better understand the story. This month the children will hear stories about Jacob and Moses; they will also explore how the church tells time.

Pathways to the Promise Land Grades 1-5

The next rotation theme is centered on *Moses in the Wilderness*. The Hebrew people witnessed God's presence in the Wilderness. They built a Tabernacle to be a constant reminder of God's presence. We

too look for constant reminders of God's presence in our lives. The children will explore this theme in the following workshops: *Bible Improv* where an Ark will be built, *Where in the World* as they explore the Israelites' travel through the Sinai Desert, and *Bedouin Encampment* in creating a woven curtain for the Ark.

Youth Ministries

Trailblazers Grades 6-8

During November the youth in this program will focus on the Psalms. The psalms are both God's word to people and people's words to God. For generations, these scriptures have given insight into the nature of God and the relationship between God and the people of faith. They will explore this theme in music, outreach opportunities, games and writing. Brian and Tish Klein will be leading this group in November.

Senior High Church School Grades 9-12

The youth will explore the theme of *Covenant* during the month of November. Covenant is one of the continuing themes in the Bible. It is through a Covenant relationship with God that the Hebrews begin to understand how to live out their lives. They will explore this topic through discussions and activities around scripture on how this Covenant is relative to their lives.

Dates to Know

November 8 Gathering Time

Pathways to the Promise Land children will meet in the Chapel for Gathering Time at 11:00, then be escorted to their workshops with their Shepherds.

November 22 Cherub Choir

Pre-School children meet in room 207 at 10:15 for songs, movement and fun.

November 29 Advent Adventure and Communion

The Pathways to the Promise Land children will gather at 11:00 for an Advent Adventure workshop then join their families for communion.

December 6 Advent Workshop

This annual intergenerational event begins after worship with lunch prepared by our mid-high youth. Then join the fun in Youth Hall to create some Advent and Christmas decorations. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun creative time for the whole family.

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger, Director of Christian Education

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A Women's Book Group

NATIONAL BESTSELLER
Rabbi Harold S. Kushner's
Living a Life That Matters

Six Thursdays
Oct. 29th-Dec. 10th
(excluding Thanksgiving)
9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

Led by Reverend Clover Reuter Beal
Contact pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org to register.
Depending upon need, childcare is a possibility.

From the Church Growth Committee

Interested in learning more about Forest Hill Church and the membership process? Want to get to know John, Clover and other members better? We're getting together for dinner and conversation on November 14th and would love for you to join us, but we need your contact information. Please write "DINNER" on the Friendship Register along with your contact information. We'll send you an invitation with all of the details. We hope you'll join us for a fun evening!



Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Ministry of Stewardship has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Brett Himes
Ministry of Stewardship NCS Chairperson



Forest Hill Church Nursery Evolution in Modern Times

Often, when a project of any kind kicks whether it is a house or work related, I've seen three very distinct personalities: The Designers, the Talkers and the Doers. In the case of this project, we had a great combination of Designers that happened to also be Doers. Of course we liked to talk too, but only when we were squeezing in a meeting, conference call or replying to a string of emails to make decisions. This tends to be the norm of a "modern mom." Let's get it DONE was our instant motto.

Liz Wollager approached a group of us sitting in the library one Sunday morning with a proposition to assist in designing a new Forest Hill Church nursery. We all eagerly joined – and once discussions were off the ground, there were 2 major goals that permeated throughout the project:

1. Use of sustainable products where possible given our budget
2. Creating an energetic yet spiritual place for the children, using a fresh and modern style

We delegated to one another, showed up to meetings with options, and had lots of energy. We made most decisions quickly and called in the orders. The decisions that were a bit tougher we debated

consciously and kindly. We were very diligent in making sure we were on time and staying within our budget. We had a meeting with chocolate chip cookies and lemonade, a conference call and another onsite meeting at the church. Then everything else was done via email or phone. We trusted each other to get it done and it did!

Once all the tactics were completed, we engaged with Erick Brock, a talented member of our church, Heights High student and passionate artist to assist with the very important finishing touches of the room - the Noah's Ark murals. We gave him creative liberty and overnight it seems - the animals were jumping out from the walls in vibrant colors. All I can say is that when you stop by, just look at the children's faces. WOW!

This is a story of designers and doers with a little bit of action oriented talking. I have to say personally, it was one of the most pleasant projects I've ever been involved with and it was because of the people involved, combined with this wonderful place. And don't forget to stop up and look at the children's faces. Close your eyes and envision Thelma Proudfit sitting side-by-side with the children in this special new space at Forest Hill Church.

Thank you to all that participated in making this project happen:

- Lora Smith, Christina Hidek, Diana Johannessen, Liz Wolleger, Gary Lusic for all major design decisions
- Architectural design and Green product expertise - Martin Johannessen
- Eric Brock for design development of murals, and to The entire Brock family (Bob, Wendy, Emily, Anna) along with Jason/Christina for painting the mural details
- Husbands involved in implementation – Jason Hidek, Chuck Smith, Martin Johannessen
- Stavros for painting and final preparation of room
- Lynda and Becky for all of their support out of the FHC office

and a HUGE heartfelt Thank you to Dr. Proudfit for making this happen!

Diana Johannessen

Sundays in November

9:30 Adult Ed
 Youth Ed
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 Child care begins
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
11:00 Worship
 Little Explorers (3s, 4s)
 Children in Worship (older 4s, K)
11:15 Pathways (gr. 1-5; 11:00 on Nov. 1, 8)
12:15 Coffee Hour
 Sine Nomine Choir (Nov. 1, 15, 29)
 MOB: Mid High (Nov. 8, 22)
5:00 FaithLeader (no class Nov. 29)
 The Thoughtful Christian class (ends Nov. 22)
 MOB: Sr High

November 1 All Saints' Day 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:15 Teacher training 3:00 Guitar Society concert	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44
November 8 2:30 Cello Society concert: I Cellesti	Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrew 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44
November 15 12:15 Blood pressure check Session lunch 2:00 Messiah Society rehearsal 7:30 AWE: Dance Afrika Dance!	1 Samuel 1: 4-20 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8
November 22: New Consecration Sunday Christ the King / Reign of Christ 12:00 NCS Congregational Lunch 4:00 Messiah Society performance and reception	2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37
November 29 1 Advent 12:15 Teacher training	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36

Music



First off, I'd like to thank all of you who celebrated my 20th anniversary at Forest Hill Church last month. When I arrived in September of 1989 with a newborn baby and a three-year old, I never dreamed that I'd still be here 20 years later! There's just something about this church that grows on ya. Many thanks to all of you that make this church such a wonderful place.

Congratulations to the Sine Nomine Choir officers for this year: President, Seth Ungemach; Vice-President, Megan Muller-Girard; Senior Representative, Kurt Haas. This choir is a joy to work with and I thank them especially for their part in the *Worship in the Panyard* service and for their worship leadership on October 11th.

The Chancel Choir welcomes Elaine Dannefer to its ranks. Elaine is a soprano and is a delightful addition to our choir family.

Looking ahead to November: On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday as we remember those who have died in the past year. Karl Jenkins's haunting *Angus Dei* from *The Mass for Peace* will be sung. This is a new mass setting for the Chancel Choir, and we are grateful for the purchase of this music by Carl Jenks (not to be confused with the composer!).

On November 7th, the Chancel Choir will sing a jazz matins service for the Covenant Network gathering at Church of the Covenant on Euclid Avenue. The service will start around 11:15 a.m. and all are welcome.

Our Descant Choir will sing the charming *Scottish Penny Song* on Sunday, November 15th, and the children will be collecting pennies to donate to the FHC Food Cupboard. So stuff your pockets with your unwanted pennies that morning and throw them gleefully into the children's baskets.

Later that same day, we'll have our second **AWE** service (Alternative Worship Experience) at 7:30 p.m. This time, we'll worship in African style with guest artists **Dance, Afrika, Dance**, a Cleveland dance and drama group specializing in African arts. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs will lead us in spirited and worshipful music from many nations in Africa. Please invite your friends to join you this evening.

If anyone would like to sing the Advent/Christmas music with the Chancel Choir, give me a call (371-9508) and start attending rehearsals in the middle of November. This is a good way to get a little taste of the choir experience without making a full year commitment.

There is one opening in the bell choir (Voices in Bronze)—going once, going twice? Contact me for more information. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:20-7:15.

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson
Organist/Director of Music
annew@fhcpresb.org

Voice and Piano Lessons

Amanda Powell has openings for new students of all ages. Please contact her at: amandapowell4@gmail.com or 413-949-3366



Holiday Angels

Be an FHC Angel this Christmas season and support families of Boulevard School! On November 22 and November 29, find the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall and choose an ornament. The ornaments contain gift suggestions for a Boulevard child. Anyone may take one of the ornaments home, buy and wrap the gift, and return it to the church no later than Sunday, December 6. FHC volunteers will deliver the gifts to the school for distribution to the families. Thanks in advance for helping to bring a smile to a child!

The Ministry of Justice and Mission

Upcoming Justice and Mission Events

Homeless Stand Down

For more than 15 years the Homeless Stand Down has been a growing event during which homeless persons receive much needed care, support, encouragement, clothing, food, and personal care items. It is coordinated by the InterReligious Partners in Action of Greater Cleveland – InterAct -and has served over 4000 people in the past two years. Forest Hill Church has been a supporter of InterAct Cleveland through benevolence giving for the past several years. There are many opportunities for involvement to help serve those in need. The Ministry of Justice and Mission is asking FHC members to be generous once again by donating personal care kits for distribution at the Homeless Stand Down 2010.

The Personal Care Kits should contain the following items:

Liquid soap	toothpaste	deodorant
Wash cloths	chapstick	small lotion
Small shampoo	toothbrush	small conditioner
Razor and shaving cream for men		
Maxi pads/tampons for women		

Optional items: small hand towels, small hand sanitizer, travel size tissues, baby powder, band-aids, nail file, cough drops, mini comb/brush.

Please place items in a large Ziploc bag and mark M for male or F for female. Justice and Mission has a large plastic box on the stage in Fellowship Hall for the collection. If you have miscellaneous items you wish to donate, just place them in the box and we will pack them up.

We thank you all for your generosity throughout the year in serving others in need. Please watch for information about more ways to be involved in this event.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Host Week: November 29 through December 6

Volunteer sign up will be after church on November 8th and 15th or by email to Anne Smith (annejeffsmith@yahoo.com) for meals, and Julie Lustic (jilustic@gmail.com) for all other jobs. Please consider volunteering for more than one shift during the week so that you can get to know our guests. Families are encouraged to volunteer together.

If anyone has the following items that they would like to "recycle" we would be happy to have them:

- A toaster
- Small bedside table lamps
- Small radio/CD players
- X boxes with controllers and video games

Elder Julie Lustic

A Get Together for Forest Hill Church folks from Shaker Heights

Dessert and Wine Night
Saturday, November 21st
7:30 p.m.
hosted by
Eric and Laurie Muller-Girard
3352 Norwood Avenue
Shaker Heights

If you live in Shaker Heights and attend Forest Hill Church, you are invited to a gathering to better know our neighbors. We share a love for our city and a love for our church!

Bring a dessert or a wine to share. Coffee and tea will be served. RSVP to Rev. Beal at pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org if you plan to attend (this evening is for adults only).

News of Our Church Family

Baptisms

Jackson David House, son of Jon and Heather House, was baptized October 18, 2009. Dave Neff was the attending Elder.

In Memoriam We Remember

Roy Seale West, who died October 4, 2009.

New Contact Information

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New members who joined FHC on October 18:

Janet Banis 3608 Blanche Rd Cleve Hts OH 44118 216-382-2798 janetpeckbanis@yahoo.com	Janet is transferring her membership from Noble Road PC. She and her husband John have a daughter, Melanie, who participates in FHC youth activities. Janet sings in the FHC choir and is an education aide in the Cleveland Hts. Schools. Jericho CARE Group
Dale and Elaine Dannefer 2711 Derbyshire Cleve Hts OH 44118 216-371-8981 dannefe@ccf.org dannefer@cwru.edu	Although they are unable to be here this morning, Dale and Elaine are joining by Letter of Transfer from Christ Clarion Presbyterian Church in Pittsford NY. Elaine is Director of Med Ed Research and Assessment at the Cleveland Clinic, and Dale teaches sociology at Case Western Reserve. Elaine has just started singing in the choir. Jordan CARE group
Cathie Kernich 1407 Willshire Rd Lyndhurst OH 44142 440-720-0393 Ckernich2@sbcglobal.net	Cathie is a nurse practitioner at University Hospital, and is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. Nazareth CARE Group

Matthew and Jacquelyn Knoch 3470 Woodridge Rd Cleve Hts OH 44121 216-382-9668 jmknoch@yahoo.com mfitzyk@yahoo.com	Jacquelyn works in the Twinsburg City Schools as a school counselor and teacher. Matt is a pulmonary/ critical care fellow at University Hospital. He is joining by reaffirmation of faith; Jacquelyn is joining by Letter of Transfer from Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley, OH. Jerusalem CARE Group
Fred & Joann Lafferty 35 Winterberry Lane Moreland Hills, OH 44022 440-248-7886 fwlafferty@aol.com jslafferty@aol.com	Fred and Joann are the parents of long-time FHC member Scott Lafferty. They are joining by Letter of Transfer from First Baptist Church in Shaker Hts. Fred is a physician with the University Hospital system, and Joann is a docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Calvary CARE Group
Matt and Katie Russo 3383 Ormond Rd Cleve Hts OH 44118, 216-397-9558 Russo3235@yahoo.com	Matt and Katie and their son Nikolas (15 mo.) live in Cleveland Hts. Matt is a Graphic and Web Designer with SageQuest. Katie is the daughter of FHC members Anne and Jeff Smith Mt. Sinai CARE Group
Laura and Kevin Steiner 891 Roanoke Cleve Hts OH 44121 216-297-9865 lauramsteiner@yahoo.com steindog10@yahoo.com	Laura and Kevin have attended FHC for 5 years and are now joining by Letter of Transfer from Orrville Mennonite Church in Orrville OH. Laura was instrumental in starting Abundance Acres; Kevin was one of the 2009 lay preachers. He is a grad student in an MD/PhD program at CWRU, and Laura is a social worker with the Achievement Centers for Children. Bethlehem CARE Group
Vincent Taylor 2410 Woodmere Dr Cleve Hts OH 44106 216-297-5660 Vvtaylor747@aol.com	Vince is joining by Profession of Faith. His children Victoria and Christopher are active in the youth program, and his mother Barb Cloud is a member Vince is a contractor working at University Hospital. Corinth CARE Group

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.

Interested in enrolling in the Paperless **TOWER** Program? Did you know that you can read the tower online at the Forest Hill Church website? (<http://www.fhcpresb.org>). REMEMBER, it takes, colored paper, ink, copier toner, staples, and postage, not to mention the labor and energy from people and machines to produce a copy of the **TOWER**. If you would like to opt out of receiving a mailed copy of the **TOWER** because you prefer to read it and/or download from our website, please contact the church office.

THINK GREEN

Jason Hidek, Trustee

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

Members of the Jericho CARE Group are:

Jennifer Blakeney, Deacon and Leader

Tom and Paula Harvey
Candice Hoke and George Taylor and family

Marius Juodisius and family
the Brock family
the Burleigh family
Jim and Carol Conway
Joseph and Janet Dauer
Marj Drollinger
Elizabeth Farnfield
Beverly Gairing
Al Gilbert

Carol Hopkins-Lutz
the Jamieson family
the Lindquist family
the Manu family
Carol Phillips
the Sampson family
Jean Seeley
Chuck and Lora Smith and family
Ann Tutton
the Wollaeger family

Ushers for November

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

From Ruth Schwartz:

I can't begin to thank you, our Forest Hill Church friends, for the many lovely and kind cards you sent to me and my family after Laurence's passing away. It was such a comforting thought as feeling for me to know that so many remembered us after we left in 2005 to be near our daughter in Orlando FL. I am now getting around in a wheelchair and am quite comfortable in a rehab center. Good health to all of you and, again, many thanks.

My best wishes,

Ruth M. Schwartz and family
2242 Langley Circle
Orlando FL 32835

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

Join the Hilltoppers on November 20 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and tour China with the Burchams. There will be no charge for this event, but we ask that you bring donations for the food cupboard (hearty soup, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pasta and sauce) to help meet a great need in our community. Mark your calendar now to be transported halfway around the world!

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to decorate the Holiday Angel tree. Each ornament will have information about a Boulevard School student; members of the congregation will select ornaments on November 22 and 29, and bring gifts on December 6.



Adult Ed in Full Swing!

The Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation's Fall Adult Education season is well on its way. In our Sunday morning sessions we continue to explore "How, Then, Shall We Live," challenging ourselves to discern and explore how our developing faith calls us to live out our lives in faithfulness to God's call. From the local to the national to the global; from sustaining God's physical creation to nurturing the health and well being of our fellows near and far; from examining how we treat, consume or even destroy what God has given us to steward; and from the economy to our own roles in war and peace, our classes cover a wide range of challenges and opportunities to bring God's will and hopes for us into reality.

This Advent season we will again explore in the festive holiday season how the abundant joy that comes from a life lived in the Spirit brightens our seasons and our days. We will look at the Scriptural foundations of celebrations, look at how other faiths center on their feasts and celebrations as a way of more deeply appreciating both their and our observances, and study how our memory of the birth of Jesus became Christmas in the first place. And, to top it off, FHC member Barry Hartz returns with "My Favorite Things: The Music of Christmas." Join us Sunday mornings for study, discussion, and the usual good fellowship.

Elder Tom Zych

Adult Education: November and December

- Nov. 1 Faith and the Economic Crisis:
Mr. Ensign Cowell, CEO Tower Capital Management
- Nov. 8 Was Jesus Always a Pacifist? Mennonite members of FHC
- Nov. 15 Taking Care of the Stranger:
Mr. Tom Mrosko, Director of Office of Migration and
Refugee Services,
Catholic Charities
- Nov. 22 Living Faith at the Local Level
- Nov. 29 Holy Days and Feasts in the Bible: Dr. Tim Beal
- Dec. 6 The Origins of Christmas: Dr. Joe Kelly
- Dec. 13 Holy Days in Islam and Judaism: Imam Ramez Islambouli
- Dec. 22 My Favorite Things: The Music of Christmas Barry Hartz



Do some Christmas shopping on Sunday, December 13 when Ten Thousand Villages comes to FHC

At Ten Thousand Villages, we work with over 130 artisan groups in more than 38 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to bring you fair trade jewelry, home decor, gifts and more. As one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations, we build long-term relationships with artisans that are based on mutual understanding and respect. Fair trade enables artisans to earn a fair wage and provides the opportunity for a better quality of life. – from the TTV website, www.tenthousandvillages.com

Interested in other gifts that give more than just a package on Christmas morning? Take a look at www.thehungersite.com for both fair-trade items and donations (***Gifts that Give More***), and www.heifer.org for Heifer International gifts that can make a world of difference!

Save these dates

Nov. 29 – Dec. 6: IHN Hosting
December 6 – Advent Workshop
December 13 – Ten Thousand Villages sale
December 15 – Women's Lessons and Carols
December 20 – Lessons and Carols (11 a.m.)
December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. Family Worship, 11 p.m. Candlelight Worship
December 27, January 3 – No classes or children's choirs

Women's Service of Lessons and Carols *Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.* *Forest Hill Church Chapel*

A Women's Service of Lessons and Carols is a unique service utilizing the scripture's narrative focusing on the female characters of faith throughout the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Anne Wilson will be leading us in music. Numerous lay women are involved in leadership. Join us for this more intimate setting for the celebration of the coming of the Child of God. In the darkness of winter, a light shone forth. May that Light illumine our lives. Please use this opportunity to invite a friend.

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: November 9, December 7 (**one week early**), January 11, February 8.

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!

It's not too late to catch the end of...

Biblical Literacy

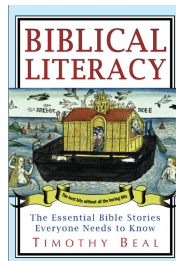
a 3-week series

Mondays: October 19, 26, November 2

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at FHC

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CWRU professor of religion and Forest Hill member Timothy Beal will lead a series of three conversations based on his new book, ***Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know***, which offers a fun no-experience-necessary reading experience with the Bible's "greatest hits," those stories that have had the most influence on art, literature and politics in western culture, past and present. Tim's work has benefitted from classes he's taught at Forest Hill. He hopes the book will be ideal for study groups, as well as religious and non-religious readers of all kinds. So join us, and be among the first to test it out! *Free and open to the public*



They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And God's love made them strong;
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier and one was a priest
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

Hymn No. 364