

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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

April 2010

Dear Friends –

Soon it will be Easter Sunday and I look forward to that day of great celebration. Spread the news and bring friends! I came across the wonderful book by Frederick Buechner entitled: ***Whistling in the Dark: An ABC Theologized.*** Buechner unpacks Christian language and makes it real and living and provocative. Here are excerpts from his entry on Easter (p.40-41):

Christmas has a large and colorful caste of characters...with Easter it is entirely different. The Gospels are far from clear as to just what happened. It began in the dark. Matthew alone speaks of an earthquake. In the tomb there were two white-clad figures or possibly just one...Confusion was everywhere... If the Gospel writers had wanted to tell it in a way to convince the world that Jesus indeed rose from the dead, they would presumably have done it with all the skill and fanfare they could muster. Here there is no skill, no fanfare...The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt. The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. You can't make it into pageants and string it with lights. It doesn't move people to give presents to each other or sing old songs... He rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. If it is not true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers both, life has never been the same again. For some, neither has death. What is left now is the emptiness. There are those who, like Magdalen, will never stop searching it till they find his face.

God bless you in this Easter season.

John

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Thanks!



Dear friends,

I want to share with you a letter I came across that was written last year by the pastor of the church we worshiped in while we were in Bethlehem. Rev. Mitri's ministry, Bright Stars of Bethlehem, is an organization our church now supports through our Justice and Mission's benevolence fund. I found this letter very inspiring and hope you do too.

Easter blessings be yours,
Clover

**Easter Message from the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb
Pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem**

April 20, 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Dear Friends,
Salaam from Bethlehem during this Passion Week.

The passion story could have ended with three men hanging on the cross: the first a criminal who was taking advantage of the instability under the Roman occupation, the second a fighter resisting the foreign dominance, and the third an "innocent" proclaiming the reign of God. And Palestine could have proved to be yet again only a battlefield on which empires can demonstrate their powers, or a cemetery full of tombs of martyrs. And the disciples could have just indulged like so many others in singing litanies of death, cursing the Romans, taking an oath to retaliate or going around trying to win sympathy for their just struggle. This would be a normal scenario in Palestine.

But what happened on Easter Sunday had nothing to do with normality. It was something extraordinary, an occurrence never heard of, and an event truly revolutionary. It wasn't a continuation of the human tragedy in Palestine, but it was a divine intervention. Through this intervention, the land known formerly as a battle field became a Holy Land, and where once cemeteries stood turned into a garden where angels appeared; and those mourning their hero became agents of transformation. The disciples could have spent their entire lives weeping over their lost cause, their killed victim and their shattered hopes.

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Instead and because of the divine intervention, they caught an incredible vision, they acquired tremendous courage, and they went around proclaiming the crucified as living. They were not anymore mere victims asking for help, but they were transformed to become people with a message that the world is eager to hear. What they have experienced firsthand was an answer to a global longing for life abundant that grows in the context of death, for true hope that shines through helpless situations and for lives that bloom in windy seasons. What God achieved in Palestine on that Easter Sunday through the resurrection of Christ from the dead is still felt today. This is the reason for our being here, and this transforming power is what our ministry is all about.

Thank you for being to us a resurrecting power and support. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

Adult Education in April and May

April 4 EASTER – No Class

The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage

April 11 From Tourist to Pilgrim

April 18 American Pilgrimage

April 25 The FHC Pilgrims
(Panel of Participants on Past Pilgrimage)

Where is God . . .

May 2 In my Family?

May 9 In the workplace?

May 16 On Days other than Sunday?

May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

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Christian Education Children and Youth Ministries

The youth and children explored the events and mysteries of Lent in many ways. Our younger members participated in classes and workshops on that explored the Last Supper. The youth participated in activities that focused on who Jesus is. Thank you to all who guided our children and youth during Lent.

- In our nursery, thank you to Katie Russo, Erin & Bill Armstrong, Lisa Higgs, Mary Hill, and Ron Register.
- In our Little Explorers class, thank you to Kate & David Burleigh.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Pat & Jim Seeders,
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Kara Schellenberg, Jenny Himmelman, Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard, Cindy Newton, Lora Smith, Cathy Ghiandoni, Robin Mervine and Carl Jenks.
- In our Youth church school classes, thank you to Elaine Turley and Ron Schmidt.

Children's Ministry

Little Explorers - three/four year olds

Children in Worship - older four year olds and kindergarten

During the month of April our pre-school will explore and participate in Bible stories about Easter and Jesus' resurrection. Each lesson has an activity response to the story they heard to help them better understand the meaning.

Pathways to the Promise Land - grades 1-5

The next rotation, *Walk to Emmaus*, is a four week rotation which will begin the Sunday after Easter. The disciples were able to witness to the presence of god when they saw with their hearts as well as their eyes. The story of the Walk to Emmaus serves as a reminder that we too must open our eyes and see the presence of Jesus in our lives. The children will explore this theme through movement, art, cooking and computer.

Youth Ministries

Trailblazers - grades 6-8

The youth will be continuing to explore their faith and identify their beliefs. Throughout the month of April the group will be focusing on prayer: why we pray, how we pray, and how we know God is listening to our prayers.

Senior High Church School - grade 9-12

Using the *Book of Confessions*, the *Book of Order* and different Bible versions, the youth will explore our faith traditions as they focus on the Holy Spirit. They will be participating in activities that discover: Who is the Holy Spirit, How we sense God around us, What does the Holy Spirit do for us, and What does the Holy Spirit do through us?

Dates to Know

April 4 Happy Easter

No church school

Child care for children through Kindergarten, 9:00-12:30

April 11 Gathering Time

Pathways to the Promise Land children will meet in the Chapel at 11:00, and will then be dismissed with their shepherds to go to their workshops.

April 18 Bibles

Bibles will be presented to our grade school children who have not yet received a Bible from Forest Hill Church.

April 25 Cherub Choir

Pre-school children will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:15 for rehearsal.

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

Volunteer Opportunities Nursery

Where can you:

- Eat animal crackers
- Hold a baby
- Play with blocks
- and listen to the worship service all at the same time?

In our nursery, that's where!

Our nursery is in need of volunteers through the spring months. Please sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger (LizW@fhcpresb.org).

Christian Education

Are you looking for a way to get connected in the life of the church?

Consider teaching in one of the Christian Education programs for children and youth.

It is a great way to share your faith and get to know our amazing younger members. Curriculum is teacher friendly and life relevant.

Please contact Liz Wollaeger for more information on how you can enrich your faith as you lead a Sunday School class.



Fabulous Food Fridays were a Huge Success!

A tremendous thanks to our chefs for our *Fabulous Food Fridays* dinner series in February and March! Barry Hartz, Jenny Himmelman, Laura Stauffer, and Matt Russo prepared, educated and served delicious meals to the guests! We averaged 20 guests per evening, and the people are crying out for another series. Stay tuned for Fabulous Food Fridays, Season III! \$330 was donated to the FHC food pantry as well! Barry Hartz and I want to thank you all for playing along.

Clover Beal



Music

Easter comes early in April this year – who knows what weather to expect? (Do you remember the Easter blizzard three years ago?) On Easter morning, we'll celebrate this festive liturgy in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. with a small choir, and at 11:00 a.m. with the full choir singing music of Handel and Utterback (a contemporary American composer). We'll continue our tradition of singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* with anyone who'd like to sing. Seems like there are more people singing that chorus than sitting in the pews – it's glorious!

The fourth in our season of **AWEs** (Alternative Worship Experiences) will be held on Sunday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. That's "Low Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), but there will be nothing "low" about this service. **Swing to the Lord a New Song** will feature the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs accompanied by a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson (my brother) and trumpeter Jack Schantz. Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group which several of our FHC youth sing in (Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach, and Jaired Birks). Please invite your music-loving friends to this event!

On Sunday, April 18, the music will honor our attempts to be mindful of environmental stewardship. The anthem will be "We Belong to the Earth", by yours truly. Former pastor Ned Edwards will be preaching that day, and the Chancel Choir will honor his visit by singing a lovely setting of *Non Nobis Domine* written by Tim Edwards, Ned's son.

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson
Director of Music
annew@fhcpresb.org



Thank You for Supporting the 2010 Homeless Stand Down!

The Ministry of Justice and Mission would like to express its thanks to all those Forest Hill members who so generously donated items for 55 personal care kits (bags filled with a variety of hygiene and personal care items) which were given to guests who are currently homeless in the Cleveland area at the 2010 Homeless Stand Down.

For three days during February and March, men and women currently experiencing homelessness (many who are military veterans) were invited to the Cleveland Convention Center to participate in a day of relaxation, renewal and service. Volunteers from Northeast Ohio donated personal care and health services, prepared hot meals, provided entertainment, clothing, and spiritual support as requested. Guests were paired with "personal shoppers" and were able to pick out much needed items of clothing that had been donated for the event and were given a personal care kit.

Several Forest Hill members volunteered for the Stand Down and saw how thankful many of the guests were to receive a warm jacket, new socks, or a much needed bag with personal care items.

Anyone interested in learning more about Cleveland's Homeless Stand Down please ask a member of the Ministry of Justice and Mission or check Interact Cleveland's website for details.

Sue Lafferty

NOAH News *Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope*

Please join members of the Forest Hill congregation in South Hall on Sunday, April 18 immediately after worship for a meeting that will focus on NOAH's activities in East Cleveland, answer your questions, and tell you how you can join Forest Hill's NOAH committee.

Ron Register

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Montreat Conference On Faithful Politics

Perplexed by the seeming dissonance between the Christian Gospel and aspects of local, state or national public affairs? Then you may be interested in attending:

Montreat Conference On Faithful Politics

"If God Doesn't Quit When Things Get Political, Why Do We?"

August 8-11, 2010

For details and registration for this and other programs contact:

Montreat Conference Center

P.O. Box 969

Montreat, NC 28757

Phone: 800-572-2257

Web: www.montreat.org

Montreat is a Presbyterian Church (USA) continuing education center supported by Forest Hill Church.

Elder Dick Obermanns

Save the Date! For Clergy and Church Leaders

A Conversation with

Dr. Walter Brueggemann

Biblical Scholar and Theologian

William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament

Columbia Theological Seminary

*"What is the Church's Calling Today?
And, What on Earth is the Leader's Role?"*

Saturday, April 17th 10:00 -11:30 a.m

Sponsored by **Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian**

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Sundays in April	
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 April 11)
12:15	Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir (April 11, 25)
5:00	FaithLeader (April 11, 18) MOB: Sr High Evangelism Group (April 11, 18)

Classes and children's choirs
will not meet on Easter, April 4

12-13 calendar

April 4: Easter 9:00 Worship: Communion 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:00 Bake Sale	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18
April 11: 2 Easter 7:30 AWE: Swing to the Lord a New Song Reception following	Acts 5: 27-32 Psalm 118: 14-29 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-31
April 18: 3 Easter 11:00 Worship: Presentation of Pathways Bibles 12:15 Blood pressure check NOAH meeting	Acts 9: 1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19
April 25: 4 Easter 10:15 Cherub Choir	Acts 9: 36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 10: 22-30

Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week Recap

Every time we host families from the Network, we gain more experience about what works and what doesn't. During our February week of hosting, the food was a big hit with both children and adults. We had the right amount this time around and didn't run out of anything major. We also didn't have as many impromptu shopping trips during the week. Thank you to all who contributed fabulous food. Our guests commented about how good everything was and were appreciative of our efforts.

We are grateful for all your work to make sure our guests were well cared for while they were at FHC despite the fact that, at times, they were challenging. It is important to remember the strain these families are under when they come to us and how difficult the situation is for them. Communication remains the key to a smooth-running program. We continue to work on getting pertinent information to all our volunteers in a timely manner.

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to find out more about this mission program at FHC, please email Julie Lustic at jlustic@gmail.com or Anne Smith at annejeffsmith@yahoo.com.

Julie Lustic

Next Host Opportunity
May 2nd through May 9th
Sign-up will be April 18th and 25th after worship

Empowered Parenting

with Amy Speidel

Sundays, April 18, 25, May 2

9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be available.

Empowered Parenting—We upgrade cell phones and computers. Now it's time to upgrade the tools we use when helping children work through conflict and personal frustration. Learn the Conscious Discipline® principles that are based on current brain research and transform your home into a place of connection and cooperation.

4/18 CALM AND ENCOURAGING PARENTING

Learn how to stay steady in the midst of your child's storms.

4/25 SUPPORTIVE AND ASSERTIVE PARENTING

Understanding your child's behavior. Setting helpful guidelines.

5/2 CREATIVE CONSEQUENCES AND CHOICES

Giving positive choices. Use consequences to teach life's lessons.

Amy Speidel comes to you as a presenter with 20+ years of Early Childhood experience as a teacher, director and parent educator.

She earned the distinction of Teacher of the Year from the Cleveland Association for the Education of Young Children in May, 2000 and is a Loving Guidance Associate as well as a certified Parent Coach and presenter for Senders Parenting Center, the educational wing of Senders Pediatrics. She works extensively with teachers, parents, pediatricians, nurses and others in the medical field.

Amy brings a humorous and insightful perspective to her presentations by sharing many personal insights about the challenges and delights of children. Having been a foster parent, a birth parent and an adoptive parent, Amy knows the beauty and the mess of the journey with children. As a presenter, she offers you a meaningful perspective of how the skills and strategies of Conscious Discipline® can support you every step of the way.

\$40 per person for the series

\$60 per couple for the series

Open to the public! Tell a friend.

YOU MUST REGISTER with Liz Wollaeger

lizw@fhcpresb.org.

Thank you!



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Deacons' Corner

We cherish our relationships with our Forest Hill Church Family. Is there someone you know who has been ill? Is there someone you know who has experienced a loss of a loved one? Is there someone you know who has had a joy in their lives like a new baby, new job, success at school or work, or just joy in the beauty of the day? Send a card or make a phone call. BE a Deacon. Visit the greeting card table in Fellowship Hall, near the coffee, and send out a remembrance to a friend or acquaintance. Someone will be grateful to be remembered. The cards are free and we will even address and mail them for you. Let someone know you are thinking of them.

Cathy Ghiandoni,
Deacon



Calling All Bakers!

Multi-grain bread, mini carrot muffins, banana-nut bread, cornmeal-blueberry scones. Yum!

I know many of you would like to see a healthy baked item offered in addition to the fat- and sugar-laden donuts at Sunday morning Continental Breakfast and Coffee Hour. WE CAN DO THIS! I'm willing to be the coordinator. If we had 6 volunteers, each person would take one Sunday every 6 weeks. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each person needs to do this. You can team up with someone else if you prefer. Or if you only want to sign up for one Sunday, that's OK, too. We probably need 2-3 loaves of bread or 2-3 dozen baked items each week, half before church & half for after. (Risk: this could become more popular than the donuts!)

I know you're out there. Call or email me and I'll put together a schedule, probably 3 months at a time, and email it to people plus post it somewhere in the kitchen at church. It's time to make FHC Coffee Hour healthier and more sustainable!

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer: 381-6599 OR khannas@sbcglobal.net

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Abundance Acres Returns

Last year Forest Hill members and friends created Abundance Acres, a garden in the front yard of the church where we planted and tended over 20 types of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. By fall, we had harvested over 400 pounds of fresh produce to share with our neighbors through the FHC food pantry, Heights Emergency Food Center and other local food programs. Plans are underway for this year's garden, including some creative changes and additions, and we will again need volunteers for many jobs. Keep your eye out for upcoming announcements, and come join the fun!

As we look forward to another joyful summer, we also want to remember the dedicated volunteers who made our inaugural garden flourish. Special thanks go out again to the *many* church members and friends who gave of their time, resources, energy, and wisdom to nurture this little piece of creation! The following volunteers helped with regular maintenance throughout the growing season last year by participating in our "tending teams": Debbie Adrine, Brittani and Kevin Ball, Kaye Gardiner, Valerie Greenlee, Kathy Hanna Stauffer, Mary Hill, Jenny Himmelman, Paul Jennings, Sue Lafferty, Deanne Lentz, Keith and Laurie Logan, Jeanette Nemceck, Sandy Schultz, Jeff Smith, Joy Stang, Laura Steiner, Elaine Turley, Grace Uhle, Carolyn Vrtunski, and Becky West. If you see one of them, thank them and ask them to tell you about their memories. We hope to see even more of you digging in and experiencing the abundance at the garden this year!



For more information or to share ideas or to volunteer, contact Laura Steiner at 216-870-0119 or lauramsteiner@yahoo.com.

Sustainable Heights

Celebrating and strengthening a community that takes care of its piece of earth now and for future generations.

On April 30 (Friday) from 1-5 p.m. at Forest Hill Church, key leaders from business, politics, faith, non-profits, schools, and the neighborhoods of Cleveland Heights and University Heights will gather in Fellowship Hall to begin what is envisioned as a three-year process. The goals and objectives of the initial meeting are these:

1. Celebrate the many ways our community already supports sustainability from our urban design and natural environment to sustainable programs and activities that promote the best and most efficient use of our many assets.
2. Define what sustainability means and identify the larger issues of common interest which may lead to an action agenda for the Heights.
3. Build a network that will promote an even greater role for us as part of a "green city on a blue lake."
4. Develop an assets map and an agenda for a large Sustainable Heights summit in the fall that will be open to the entire Heights community and ideally become a model for the region.

The longer term vision includes gathering stake holders and innovative people from East Cleveland, Cleveland and University Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and Lyndhurst to shape a regional collective agenda, so that by 2019 Cleveland's east side will be known as the most sustainable and hospitable region in the country.

The design team consists of: Mark Chupp, Professor at Case Western Reserve University; Lana Cowell, Acting Executive Director of Heights Community Congress; Deana Fisher, Executive Director of Future Heights; Julian Rogers, Executive Director of Education Voters of Ohio; Sarah Wean, Community Activist; and John Lentz, Pastor of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian.

Once again, Forest Hill Church is at the center of positive change and faithful action.

John Lentz

News of Our Church Family

Births

Sloan Christine Secor, daughter of Scott and Karen Secor, was born March 2, 2010. She is the granddaughter of Dick and Mollie Secor.

In Memoriam We Remember

C. W. Olson (Bill), who died March 4, 2010. Bill joined FHC in 1936, was an Elder and a Deacon, and was the father of FHC members Dave Olson and Liz Wollaeger.

Care Group

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

Members of the Nazareth CARE Group are:

Cindy Newton, Deacon leader	Jean Izant
Doris Bartlett	Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer
Marcia Beck	Cathy Kernich
JoAnne Black	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Barb & Kermit Lind
Ron and Patty Console and family	Dave & Allie Neff
Jeff and Holly Daedelow	Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family
Jim and Terry Daedelow	Lois Reilly
Pat Drake	Jim Roosa and family
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family	Peggy Sasso
Jennifer and Barry Hartz	Kevin & Laura Stauffer and family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family
	Matt & Sarah Winters and family

Ushers for April

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

New Contact Information

Scott, Amy, Alex Bell

220 Highland Dr.
Medina, OH 44256

Bill Bidelman

Sunnington Assisted Living #367
1658 New Lascassas Pike
Murfreesboro, TN 37130-1609

New emails only

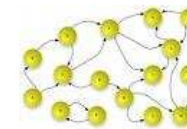
Carol & Leighton Scott: caroleight@yahoo.com

To my Forest Hill Church family

Many thanks for your visits, cards, phone calls and flowers during my recent illness. Your caring thoughts and encouraging words have been most appreciated. I'm improving day by day and am DELIGHTED to be back in church.

My fondest regards to all of you.

Hazel Grant



From the Web

Did you know that Forest Hill has an active Facebook presence in addition to our webpage? If you're on Facebook, go to <http://facebook.com/ForestHillChurch> and click "Become a Fan" at the top of the page. You'll have access to easy links to upcoming sermon topics and scripture texts, as well as easy links to the weekly sermon, both audio and text. Upcoming events are always posted on the page as well, and any member is free to post comments, add photos and links. There's even a link to the Presbyterian News Service on the page. Join us....it's fun! (And if you're already a fan, suggest our Facebook page to your friends!)

Peg Weissbrod

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: April 12, May 10, June 7 (for the July-August edition), August 13 (adjusted for vacation).

Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

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

Our website is 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.

Both the bulletin and the **TOWER** may be found on our website. Please contact the office if you would like to discontinue your printed copy of the **TOWER** and ONLY read it on line.

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!**

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s – 50s)

Come join the Pacesetters as they celebrate National Poetry Month at the Lafferty's (1969 Bromton Drive Lyndhurst) on Saturday, April 17th at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite original verse or poems that have been penned by others, along with an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOWoB (Bring your own wine or beer). Soft drinks will be provided. It will surely be a delightful, relaxing evening of poetry reading, good food and great fellowship!

No need to RSVP, but if directions are needed, please call or email Scott or Sue Lafferty 440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Please plan to meet at the Gathering Place East on April 20 at 7 p.m. The Gathering Place is a special place that supports and helps family who are touched by cancer. Do you ever wonder if anyone knows what you or your family is going through? Or what to say to a friend who has been diagnosed with cancer? Come join women of FHC as we explore the resources available to all of us.

The Gathering Place East is at 23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood, near Green and Chagrin. We will "gather" there at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Joanne Bielek and Pat Seeders. Any questions please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com.)

Softball Season Is (almost) Here!

Spring Training is practically upon us! We are looking for five or six more players to add to our teams for the upcoming season. Any member, visitor, family or friend wishing to join the Forest Hill softball teams (actual softball skills not needed!), please contact Jason Hidek @ 330-284-5007 or jason.hidek@att.net. Save April 9 for an introductory potluck supper.

