

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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

November 2010

Dear Friends,

I have, on several occasions, shared with you that I see a Spiritual Director. In these monthly meetings I am asked essentially three questions: Are you praying? What are you praying for? What are you hearing and doing in response? Three pretty good questions for each of us to ask ourselves and to ask each other. So often we have decisions to make and choices to take. Properly, we seek good advice from those we respect. However, many times when I ask a person who has come for some pastoral advice: "Are you praying about it?" Their answer is almost always "no."

I wonder why this is? There are many reasons to be sure. Many have questions about how one prays and what one prays for. In a recent episode of the hit television show "Glee" one of the characters believes he sees the outline of Jesus' face on a grilled cheese sandwich. He decides that this is a sign from heaven and he begins to pray to this divine grilled-Jesus! His prayers are very selfish. He prays for things that a typical high school boy would pray for: to be the starting quarterback, to make out with a certain girl. Thankfully the show challenges this shallow experience of faith.

The disciples came to the real Jesus (not the grilled one) and asked: "Teach us to pray." (Luke 11) Jesus then teaches them the Lord's Prayer. (Luke 11: 1-4 and Matthew 6: 9-13) I have found the Lord's Prayer to be words that I recite several times a day. It reminds me that all my specific desires, hopes and dreams, are parts of God's larger "will" (hopes, desires) for the kingdom. God is using everything to bring the entire creation towards reconciliation. I feel free to ask God for anything trusting that God will interpret and answer in ways that will stretch my mind and heart. I am reminded that my sins are forgiven and my debts are paid – I am free to live and move and have my being in Christ. I especially love to pray "Give us this day our daily bread." Each day will be sufficient for the day. I WILL have enough of what I absolutely need to get through.

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My idea of what I want may not coincide with what I need to get by, but I trust that God knows more than I do and wants the best for me. This prayer calls me to trust and not fall into the temptation that I am more or less important than I am. It is also very important that you remember that this prayer is cast in the plural. I am not alone, but part of a community of faithful people. Most of all it challenges me to let go of my attempt at controlling what I cannot control and to identify what I can.

Next time you have something to pray about, frame it using the Lord's Prayer. Offer your deepest yearnings to a God who cares, be open and expectant, trusting that in time you will find that you got what you needed in ways that you could have never imagined when you first bowed your head.

Be at peace,

John

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Dear friends,

Since the tragic suicide of Tyler Clementi, the freshman student at Rutgers University, we have heard a flurry of responses on radio, TV, newspapers and the blogosphere, asking why, how, and what to do to prevent this type of bigoted tragedy again. I breathe a heavy sigh of weariness to all this zeal. Why is it always in hindsight that we ask these extremely difficult questions? Why does it seem to take a tragedy to force us to look into the deepest places within our hearts where biases and prejudices live? Why is it that we cannot view people who are different from us with compassion and appreciation before horrors like these take place? Believe me, I am asking these questions of myself first. But I ask it also of us church folk-types. Aren't we, the followers of the One who offers unending acceptance of all, to be at the front line of proactive acceptance of others who are different from us? Especially those we don't "get" or those we are legitimately put off by? Isn't that our greatest challenge as disciples of Jesus? Being a disciple is not meant to be easy! This might be Jesus' most difficult mandate.

Lately, when I see someone who is different from me in appearance or in his or her viewpoints--on my good days--I quickly pray: "God, thank you for that person who is different from me. Thank you that we were made not to be the same." It's a simple prayer, but it makes me respond with a smile instead of a furrowed brow. It actually works!

As I read about, listen to, and ponder Tyler's death, and our well-meaning culture's response to it, I do hope that we can respond by inching toward becoming a more kind and compassionate people. I hope a few persons will look honestly within their hearts to reckon their secret prejudices with their desire to be good people. (Which I do believe -- that most people are, and want to be, good people.)

The other night, I heard an interview of a father who lost his teenage son, Andy, to suicide four years ago. With him was a young man, Kirk, who after Andy's death had confessed to the father, Nicholas, that he felt responsible for Andy's death. Kirk admitted that he was one of the ring-leaders who had bullied Andy. The conversation was

so honest and, strikingly, unburdened with shame and blame. Together, these two men were creating space for new growth and new life. They now work together to raise awareness about teen depression, and proactively address the need for successful solutions to bullying by helping others to acknowledge their own deep biases.

Friends, may we be the models of acceptance, and even appreciation, for that person(s) who drives us crazy or makes us shake our head. Our difference from one another really does make for a more interesting life to live. And that is how God intended our lives to be.

In gratitude for all your differences,

Clover

Daryl Musick Art Show Opens Friday, November 12th

Plan to come to the opening reception of the show in the Chapel any time from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on November 12. Refreshments will be served and you'll have the opportunity to view Daryl's captivating paintings, prints and sculptures. The show runs through Sunday, Nov. 28th and is open during office hours, on Sunday mornings, and by appointment (call the church office).

Daryl Musick, a member of FHC, son of Pat and Hal Musick and brother to Melody Obery, graduated with an art degree from Ursuline College in 2008 and is currently finishing a graduate degree in art therapy. Having struggled with mental health issues (schizophrenia), Daryl finds his strength and self expression in art. He works for P.L.A.N. of NE Ohio, making a positive difference in the lives of others with mental health challenges. Please come to view his beautiful and perceptive works and perhaps purchase one to take home with you!

Please see p. 22 for Daryl's autobiography.

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 The Lord's Supper, Creation, Noah and Moses.

- In our nursery, thank you to Christina Hidek, Lara Troyer & Jeff Dyck, Becky West, Sandy Schultz, Beth Feroe, and Callie Janor.
- In our Little Explorers class, thank you to Susanne Peterjohn, Lara Troyer and the mid high youth.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Sarah & Matt Winters and Christina & Jason Hidek.
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land, thank you to Don Clark, Laurie Logan, Julie Lustic, Jennifer Blakeney, Jenny Himmelman, Eric Muller-Girard, David Peterjohn, Chantal Miller, Vikki Nowak and Barb Cloud.
- In our Trailblazers class, thank you to Keith Logan and Jason Hidek.
- In our Senior High Church School, thank you to Elaine Turley, Ron Schmidt, John Lentz and Kristen Sloan.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Little Explorers Three and Four year olds

Joanne and Dan Shaner 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. Be sure to ask your pre-schoolers about their church school lesson. It's a great way to reinforce the Bible lesson and story.

Children in Worship Older four year olds and kindergarten

Pat and Jim Seeders 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 centers on *The Ten Commandments*. The covenant made with Moses can guide our every action. The Lord established the covenant with all people. God opens the relationship into a two way street where humankind is expected to respond to God and each other in specific ways. The children will participate in story, art and outreach workshops to explore how these ten commandments should affect their lives.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Trailblazers Grades 6-8

On October 23 the youth in this program begin studying the unique themes of the four Gospels. Each week the youth will identify themes, styles of teaching (i.e. the parables), key narratives and verses of each Gospel. They will also consider the mission of Jesus as it relates to today's world. Jason Hidek will be leading the class in this study.

Senior High Church School Grades 9-12

The next theme, which begins October 24, will focus on is a six week mini course on *Being Presbyterian*. Each week they will participant in activities and discussions that consider our faith around how Presbyterians worship, what we believe, how we are different from other Christian faiths, and why we are called Presbyterians. Pastors Lentz and Dykers-Koenig will lead this study.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 8 & 9 will begin in January! On October 17, youth and families attended an informational meeting about Confirmation at Forest Hill Church. An outline of the classes, dates, and expectations were discussed. If you were unable to attend this meeting and would like to know more about Confirmation at our church, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

DATES TO KNOW

November 7 Gathering Time

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

November 21 Cherub Choir

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

November 28 First Sunday of Advent

Pathways to the Promise Land children (grades 1-5) will remain in worship this morning.

December 5 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 and creative time for the whole family.

Liz Wollaeger
Director of Christian Education



I hope you all enjoyed the special music during October, particularly the Celtic Celebration on Oct. 3rd and the sacred jazz music on Oct. 17th. Looking ahead to November, there are other opportunities to worship through music. On Sunday, **November 7th** we will have **Matt Brubeck** with us during worship. Matt is a classical and jazz cellist and son of the well-known jazz composer Dave Brubeck (I'll bet you're whistling *Take Five* right now, aren't you?). Matt is on the music faculty of the University of Toronto. His eclectic adventures include touring with the Dixie Chicks, Sheryl Crow, and the Indigo Girls, as well as performing and/or recording with Tom Waits, Sarah McLachlan, Natalie MacMaster, Tracy Chapman and others. He was invited to play for the Cleveland Cello Society on November 7th in the afternoon, but I've snagged him for the morning.

On Sunday evening, **November 14th** at 7:30 p.m., our second **AWE** (Alternative Worship Experience) service, ***Bach (and Jenkins) by Candlelight***, will be held in the sanctuary. Bach needs no introduction, but the composer Karl Jenkins probably does. Born in Wales and educated at the University of Wales and the Royal Academy of Music, London, Karl Jenkins is now the most performed living composer in the world. The Chancel Choir will sing *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*, his most performed work, having been performed 900 times since its world premiere at London's Royal Albert Hall in April 2000. It was initially inspired by the Kosovan

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conflict, but the clear message of hope this work brings to so many resounds even stronger ten years later. Intermixed with the Jenkins Mass will be instrumental music by Bach—and all this in our beautiful candle-lit sanctuary. A reception follows the service, and at this writing there is talk of a dinner (a MOB mission trip fund-raiser) before the AWE service. Stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations to the Sine Nomine Choir officers for this year: Co-Presidents—Emily Brock and Emily Klein; Vice-President--Sarah Lentz. This choir is a joy to work with—come up and watch a rehearsal sometime (we're in the Chapel after worship every other Sunday). You'll hear lots of laughter and some gorgeous sounds.

The Descant Choir will sing the charming *Scottish Penny Song* on a Sunday in November, and the children will be collecting pennies to donate to the FHC Food Cupboard. So start saving up your unwanted pennies in preparation for throwing them gleefully into the children's baskets. Watch for the date!



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
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ADULT EDUCATION

KERYGMA Bible Study is booming!

Listening to Scripture: Six Strategies for Interpreting the Bible
has been a huge hit!

We celebrate that on Sunday mornings we have four groups, 14 people each, engaged in studying the Bible together; plus we have one group just for those who “drop in.” On Sunday evening we have a group of 12, and Tuesdays, the Bible and Art group has eight folks. In addition, we have an on-line discussion group. All the groups are led by laity – what a wonderful blessing! (We have such smart people in our congregation!) Pastor John and I preach from the Kerygma “lectionary.” We have synchronized the texts with the study groups. Thank you for all those involved in the program. The end of the eight-week program is November 21st. The adult education team can’t wait to hear your feedback.

Kerygma Lessons: November

One or two lessons each week will be chosen as the preaching text and will be used in the small-group bible studies as well as Bible and Bagels.

November 7: Lesson 6

Matthew 6: 1-18 (Matthew 6: 2-4)

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Micah 6: 1-8

November 14: Lesson 7

Isaiah 61: 1-12 and Luke 4: 18-19

Genesis 11: 1-9

November 21: Lesson 8

1 Corinthians 11: 17-34

Advent Series

November 28, December 5, 12, 19 – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God, for Protestants

Have you ever wondered about why Mary, Jesus’ mother, plays such a big part in Roman Catholic theology? Do you want to know more about Mary’s place in Christian theological history? We are doing a series about Mary from theological, musical, and artistic lenses. Join us for the four-week series!

Rev. Clover Beal

MOB: Forest Hill Youth (Ministry Of Believers)

Announcing the 2011 Youth Summer Mission Trip

This summer the senior high youth will be travelling to Washington DC to spend a week together in urban mission. Possible projects include home repair and renovation, volunteering with soup kitchens, working with children and cleaning up parks. In addition, we will have the opportunity to visit some of the museums and sites, meet with elected officials, and learn about the advocacy and political side of social justice.

The trip is open to all rising senior high youth. That means current 8th graders can go because they will be rising freshmen next summer. We leave Sunday July 10th and will return Saturday July 16th. The total individual cost is \$100 for each participant and all participants are expected to help with the fundraising efforts throughout the year. A \$25 deposit is due by December 13th to reserve your spot. That is a firm deadline!! This will be a great week of mission! Please contact Kristen with questions.

Youth Lock-In (12 hours of fun)

It’s time for one of the youth’s favorite events – the overnight lock-in at the church. On Friday November 19th, meet at the church at 8 p.m for a night of fun, games and more. The Lock-In will end on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Please bring a snack and drink to share for the night (the less sugar, the better!!). Mid High and Senior High youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. If you are a brave adult, please see me about chaperoning for the night!

Family Potluck

On Sunday November 21st, the families of our youth are invited to a potluck from 5-7 p.m. at the church. We will spend some time getting to know one another better, eating, and learning what it’s in store for the youth ministry at Forest Hill Church for the upcoming year. The general rule for potlucks is to bring a dish to share that can feed your entire family. Hope to see you there!

Fundraiser Dinner

On the evening of November 14th, Senior High youth will be preparing a meal before the November AWE experience. All money raised will go towards the senior high mission trip to Washington DC. More details to come.

Youth MOB Schedule

Sunday November 7

Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30 pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7 pm

Sunday November 14

Senior High Youth Fundraiser Dinner @ 5 pm

Friday November 19

Youth Lock In – 8 pm Friday – 8 am Saturday

Sunday November 21

Parent Potluck for all youth & parents @ 5-7 pm

Sunday November 28

Senior High Youth @ 5-7 pm

Looking Ahead:

Sunday December 5

Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30 pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7 pm

Sunday December 19: Christmas Party!

Kristen Sloan

Director of Youth Ministries

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United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM) Asks for Your Help

United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM) is taking a work-mission trip to Laos from December 27 to January 8th. We will be meeting with young adults in the Laotian church, building some sports facilities, learning mushroom farming and helping set up the farms, traveling around the country and visiting Angkor Wat in Cambodia. It will be a great opportunity to experience another culture and do good faith work alongside the Laotian church. The cost of the trip is \$2400.00/ student. If you would like to make a contribution towards our mission expenses which are \$2000.00 or want to contribute to a scholarship for an individual please email cmh66@case.edu or revdonna@upcam.org.

Any monies you give are tax deductible and will go to changing the world outlook of a college student and further the cause of Christ in the world. Make your checks payable to UPCA with Laos in the memo line or go to our webpage (www.upcam.org) and use your credit card or pay pal account.

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Sundays in November	
9:00	Child care begins
9:30	Adult education
	Youth education
	Descant Choir
10:15	Descant Choir activity
10:30	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00	WORSHIP
	Children in Worship
	Little Explorers
11:15	Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) (11 a.m. on Nov. 7; no class on Nov. 28)
12:15	Coffee Hour
4:00	Mob: Mid High (Nov. 7)
5:00	MOB: Sr High (no meeting Nov. 21) Faith Leader

November 7  Daylight Saving Time ends 11:00 WORSHIP Pathways 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir 2:30 I Celsesti concert 4:00 Hilltoppers to Beauty and the Beast at Hts High	<i>The Revised Common Lectionary readings are listed here. The Kerygma Bible Study readings are listed on the Adult Ed page (p. 9)</i> Haggai 1:15b – 2:9 Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38
November 14 5:00 MOB: Fundraiser dinner 7:00 Bach by Candlelight	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19
November 21 Christ the King / Reign of Christ 10:30 Cherub Choir 12:15 Blood Pressure check Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 MOB: Parent Potluck	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Luke 1: 68-79 Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43
November 28: 1 Advent 11:00 Worship: communion	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44

From the Ministry of Justice and Mission...

Resolution on Restorative Justice

Approved by the 214th General Assembly (2002)

<http://oga.pcusa.org/publications/restorative-justice.pdf>

The 200th General Assembly (1988) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted a statement on “Prison Violence and Nonviolent Alternatives” that reaffirmed the theology of previous General Assemblies in urging that “individual Presbyterians and the entities of the General Assembly . . . advocate a social order where compassion and justice characterize efforts toward those in the criminal justice system.” The statement went on to call for “changing a prison system that is based on the concept of punishment to one that encourages the restoration of the offender to the community and the development of alternatives to incarceration.” The statement expressed concern regarding the violent nature of prisons as institutions and expressed “the need to develop a no punitive philosophy that stresses the use of the least restrictive alternatives to imprisonment, including community-based corrections.”

In keeping with this and previous General Assembly actions, the Criminal Justice Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has become an articulate voice within a widespread movement that is best known as restorative justice. Restorative justice is sometimes called transforming or transformative justice, creative justice, relational justice, reparative justice, or healing justice. It is a fairly new term, but it is not a new idea. Christians find its roots in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Restorative justice is a creative and constructive alternative to the widespread understanding of justice as retribution, with its emphasis on retaliation or punishment. Restorative justice is not oriented toward the imposition of penalties, or the exaction of revenge, or the infliction of pain, but toward the realization of the biblical visions of shalom and the kingdom of God. A simple definition of restorative justice is “addressing the hurts and the needs of the victim, the offender, and the community in such a way that all—victim, offender, and community—might be healed.”

Restorative justice understands that there can be no satisfactory justice—no justice of God’s doing—without addressing the consequences of those behaviors that we call crime. For restorative justice, people really matter. There must be healing, a return to

wholeness, a restoration of community, so far as possible—first of all, for those who have suffered because of the harmful actions of others, but also for those who have engaged in such actions. Without such restoration, the initial consequences of injurious actions continue to play themselves out, and continue to be suffered, both by the individuals immediately involved and by the communities of which they have been a part. Theologically speaking, without restorative justice, the laws of consequence and retribution reign. Restorative justice seeks the reign of God’s compassionate regard and transforming grace for all of God’s children.

Submitted by Rev. Clover Beal

Community Service Alliance Campaign Exceeds Goal

The Community Service Alliance operates a residential housing facility for men transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency on Cleveland’s Near West Side, in the former convent of St. Procop Church. Its building is solid but needs a new furnace, new roof, and other updating. CSA came to Forest Hill Church this past Spring seeking help, and we responded with a \$5,000 grant from Endowment for their campaign. Now we have word that they have exceeded their \$50,000 target, and will be able to continue their ministry with the homeless in a more enduring and cost-effective way. This is but one example of how Forest Hill is showing compassion to those most in need in our City. Thanks for your support!

Elder Dick Obermanns
Ministry of Justice and Mission

The Deacons' Corner

Did you realize that the price of coffee has increased? Check out the prices at Starbucks or Phoenix. We ask for a free will offering to offset the cost of our free trade coffee and the donuts that are provided each Sunday. Please help us defray the costs (including the increase) each Sunday. Look for the basket on the coffee and donuts table. Members of each month's CARE Group serve as hosts at Continental Breakfast and Coffee Hour each week.

Did you know that the Deacons offer home communion to those members who are homebound and would like to receive the sacrament? We have a beautiful new communion set to be used for this special time. If you know of a FHC member that would like to receive communion at home please let one of the Deacons know, or contact the church office.

If you are a caregiver for a family member or friend, there are several websites that might be helpful:

- The Caregiver Resource Network
www.caregiverresource.net
- The Faith in Action National Network
www.finanationalnetwork.org,
- The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers: www.caremanagers.org,
- Share the Care: www.sharethecare.org
- The AgeNetEldercare network: www.agenet.com.

We hope that if you have a need you will check some of these out and contact the Deacons for any further assistance.

Cathy Ghiandoni, Deacon

News of Our Church Family

Births

Lola Rose Pinzone, daughter of Bethany and Joe Pinzone and granddaughter of Terry and Jim Daedelow, was born October 1, 2010. Lola is also welcomed by her brothers Jack and Joseph.

New Contact Information

Betty Woodruff
1801 Chestnut Hill #104
Cleveland Hts OH 44118

Care Group

The Corinth 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 Corinth CARE Group are:

Robin Mervine, Deacon Joan Bacon Molly Bergman John & Patricia Borthwick Ed Briskey Jeffrey & Kathy Cameron Barbara Cloud and family Joy Ferguson Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim Robert & Lisa Higgs & family Brian & Tish Klein & family John & Deanne Lentz & family Tom & Diane McFiggen Robin & Mel Mervine & family	Kate Monaghan Margery & James Nokes Linn & Melody Obery David & Susanne Peterjohn & family Bill Proudfit Susan & Randy Reese & family Ron Schmidt Sandy Schultz Dan & Joanne Shaner & family Vincent Taylor & family Bobbi van Dijk Kevin & Jill White & family Dene Young
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Ushers in November

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

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Chuck Brodhead (Jennifer Blakeney's uncle), Robin Dadusc (requested by Kathryn Himmelsteib), Cari Flox (friend of Lentzes'), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Jay Middleton (Kris Fay's nephew), Matthew Peterson (former FHC clergy), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother), Judy (Jennifer Blakeney's neighbor)

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s):

CIM Concert; Christmas pot luck; Cleveland Playhouse

Please join The Group on Friday, November 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Institute of Music for an evening of wonderful chamber music in CIM's Mixon Hall – the new visually stunning and acoustically excellent recital hall. The concert is free to the public, but seating is limited and seating passes are required. **While a block of seats is being held for us, it is not possible to reserve an unlimited number of seats and the concert will have wide public appeal.** Please reserve your place early by contacting Anne Hunter (asm13@case.edu or 440-646-1853). If you are interested in dinner prior to the concert, meet us at 6:00 p.m. at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights.

November 5, CIM, Concert

The Group's Christmas Pot Luck will be held at the home of Joe and Betsy Andrews on Saturday, Dec. 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. We will collect gifts for a Boulevard School family. Details to follow. For reservations (with or without details), please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com.)

December 11, Andrews' home, Christmas Pot Luck

The Group's January outing will be held on Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 pm. We will be going to see *Backwards in Heels*, a vibrant musical based on the life of Ginger Rogers, at the Cleveland Play House. Tickets are \$29.00 and must be reserved no later than Monday, December 13. Please contact Marcia Grant (440-446-8093 or mgrant@us.edu or) to reserve a seat.

January 8, 2011, *Backwards in Heels*, Cleveland Playhouse

Iris Circle (all women of the church): **Christmas Angels**

Iris Circle will gather at FHC on Tuesday, November 16th at 11:30 a.m. and work on our service project for the Christmas Angels program with Boulevard School. We will meet for lunch (bring your own brown bag or order a sandwich – turkey or beef club, made by Don Ghiandoni – for \$4). To order your lunch, contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com). Beverages will be provided.

November 16, FHC, Christmas Angels

Office News and Reminders

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is every Wednesday morning.

The deadline for the **TOWER** is as follows: **7 a.m.** on November 12, December 10 (one week early), January 14. ***We will be distributing TOWERs in Fellowship Hall for two weeks following the due date. The TOWER will be posted on the website as soon as it is available.***

Emails and extensions for the staff are as follows:

- ❖ John Lentz, pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org, ext. 200
- ❖ Clover Beal, pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org, ext 201
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- ❖ Youth Director: Kristen Sloan, kristens@fhcpresb.org, ext 207
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial office): beckya@fhcpresb.org, ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: office@fhcpresb.org, ext. 202

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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 \$25 per arrangement.

A few tips for writing checks, since we have so many active funds right now –

It is perfectly fine to write one check for several purposes, please just be very sure to write in the memo line how much money is for each fund. This same holds true when writing checks on-line; be sure to add a description like Base Pledge, Building Campaign, Flowers, etc.

That way your gifts will get posted to the correct accounts.

**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!**

Micah 6: 1-5 (Kerygma, November 7)

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

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Daryl Musick **A Short Biography**

It has been nineteen years since I last left the C.P.I., otherwise known as the Cleveland Psychiatric Institute. My second go-round in 1991 was eye opening, or at least what can be remembered. A nurse on the floor told me on the day I was released that I had been their star patient and they hoped to never see me there again. You see, in 1991 folks with mental illness, especially schizophrenia, did not get well, ever. There was a concern in the community about how these people would survive once the family passed away. Who will look out for the sons and daughters of the parents who were actively addressing this question? A non-profit was formed and a group started, called P.L.A.N. (Planned Lifetime Assistance Network), to do just that. It saved my life in many ways, and I am indebted to people like Irene, Eugene and Barbara Brudno – my heroes.

As a P.L.A.N. member I met other people who felt the same way about their life experience as a mental health care consumer. I wound up working for the P.L.A.N. group for over seventeen years and learned a lot about using art to help people, art therapy as a way to help or serve this community. I have big ideas for art therapy and went on to earn a degree in Art Therapy Counseling from Ursuline College in the spring of 2008.

As an artist I have been making art since November of 1982, and from the beginning felt it was something I had to do. I was better than some and yet the career path of struggle, then die and then become famous was not for me. I wanted to build parks and revamp the whole city with carvings and sculptural gardens. Maybe it will come true; anything can happen if you try and it is worth doing.

To me art is mainly sweat, and logistics of getting the materials and space together and then sweating over it for a while, taking a closer look and saying, "Oh wow, that's cool, I dig this!"

I hope this show can unite people together in a cause that is necessary to the health of our community: making art.

Yours In Christ,
Daryl Musick

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS FALL AND WINTER
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- December 5:** Lunch and Advent Workshop, 12:15 p.m.
Dec. 5-12: IHN Hosting
December 14: Women's Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m.
December 19: Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 a.m.
December 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.
Office closes at noon
December 25: Christmas Day
- January 1, 2011:** New Year's Day
January 2: Celebration of Epiphany
January 16: Annual Meeting
January 21-22: Session Retreat
January 23: Ordination and Installation of Officers
- March 9:** Ash Wednesday
April 24: Easter

Micah 6: 6-8 (Kerygma, November 7)

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?