

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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

December 2010

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The third stanza particularly draws my attention:

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts in human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

During the season of Advent, the call to silence comes loud and clear! Somehow, some way, allow silence into your Advent observance and Christmas preparation. Even thirty seconds of stopping what you are doing and becoming aware of the silence "ringing" in your ears is a way to open yourself to the possible gift of a peaceful moment. Try this Advent discipline: before responding – particularly to a question that irks you – don't be quick to answer. Allow a second to pass and let your mind pause before the mouth speaks.

This verse also reminds me that often times the most powerful blessings come from the simplest things. To smell the pine tree while cutting it down; to listen to the opening track of Handel's **Messiah**; to look at your beloved's face and appreciate without words – these are wondrous gifts indeed.

Be open to surprise for "no ear may hear his coming." Our senses are important and we should hone them to listen better to what is being expressed and to see beyond appearances and to let ourselves feel the depths of our own emotions. However, God is a God of surprises, always sneaking up on us, always surreptitiously entering our space. God precedes us; God is there before us, waiting for us, gracing us, calling us – **present**.

And all this happens in our broken and needy world, "in this world of sin." Sin here doesn't mean evil as much as longing for a connection with God. Sin as separation from our best selves, from those we love; this is our condition – we yearn for wholeness and peace. For those who recognize their yearning, "the dear Christ enters in." Perhaps not in the way we would expect it – but always God comes to those who seek and who are open to surprise.

So even though we won't sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" until Christmas is really upon us, the words of the carol call me to quiet attention of my own heart as I prepare for coming Christ child who is already among us.

John

Remember to attend the wonderful services during Advent. See the schedule on page 3.

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Advent and Christmas Events at Forest Hill Church

- November 28: 1 Advent – Worship with Communion
December 5: Lunch served by FHC Youth
Advent Workshop following lunch
December 5-12: IHN Hosting
December 12: **Ten Thousand Villages** sale before and after
worship
December 14: Iris Circle Pot Luck Dinner, 6 p.m.
Women's Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m.
December 19: Worship: Festival of Lessons and Carols
MOB Christmas Party, 6 – 8 p.m.
December 20: Worship: Christmas in a Minor Key, 7 p.m.
December 24: Family Christmas Eve Worship, 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship, 11 p.m.
December 26: Worship in Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.



Women's Service of Lessons and Carols Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian Chapel

A *Women's Service of Lessons and Carols* is a unique worship service utilizing Scripture's narrative focusing on the female characters of faith throughout the bible. The nine lessons also include contemporary women writers. Anne Wilson will be leading us in music. Numerous women will be reading and leading. Join us for this intimate setting celebrating the coming Light of God. In the darkness of winter, a light shone forth. May that Light illumine our lives. All are welcome. Please invite a friend to this very special worship service.

Rev. Clover Beal



The Clover Patch

Dear friends,

My prayer for each of us as we enter into the waiting period of God's coming, the Advent season, is that we take a few moments each day to lean our ear toward the One who came to be in relationship with us.

May you have a blessed and peace-filled Advent,

Clover

Psalm of an Advent Ear

With prayerful pleas
and Advent songs of longing,
I await the birth of God's Anointed One.
Come, O Gift of heaven's harmony,
and attune my third ear,
the ear of my heart,
so that I may hear,
just as Mary, faithful woman of Israel, heard.
O God, the time is short,
these days are too few
as I prepare for the feast
of the birth of Mary's son.
Busy days, crowded to the brim,
with long lists of gifts to buy
and things that must be done.
Show to me, also your highly favored child,
how to guard my heart
from noise and hurry's whirl,
so that I might hear your voice
calling my heart to create an empty space
that might be pregnant with heaven's fire.
Quiet me within,
clothe my body in peacefulness,
that your Word
once again may take flesh—
this time, with me—
as once it did in holy Mary,
long Advent days ago.

Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, Edward Hays

Children and Youth Ministries

Our children continue to be engaged in all of our Christian Education programs. The lessons, workshops, discussions and projects can all be written with the best intentions, but the teachers are the true reason these programs grow and are meaningful. Our Christian Education leaders give their time and gifts of energy and faith to help our children and youth grow into their faith. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, who have taught, led, shepherded and cared this month.

- In our nursery, thank you to Wendy Brock and family, Christina Hidek, Diana Johannessen, Ron Register and Elizabeth Feroe.
- In our Little Explorers class, thank you to Joanne & Dan Shaner and Diana & Martin Johannessen.
- In our Children in Worship, thank you to Pat & Jim Seeders.
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land, thank you to Karen Loughridge, Eric Muller-Girard, Kathryn Eloff, Emma Chupp, Consuelo Heineman, Jill White and Jeannine Gury.
- In our Trailblazers class, thank you to Jason Hidek.
- In our Senior High Church School, thank you to Pastor Lentz and Pastor Tricia Dykers-Koenig.

Children's Ministry

Little Explorers: Three and Four year olds

Diana and Martin Johannessen will lead this class in December. The children will explore Advent and Christmas themes. Be sure to ask your pre-schooler about their church school lessons. It's a great way to reinforce the Bible lesson and story.

Children in Worship: Older four year olds and kindergarten

Christina and Jason Hidek will lead this class in December. 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 Advent.

Pathways to the Promise Land: Grades 1-5

The next rotation theme centers on the Advent theme of *Messengers of the Covenant*. The birth of Jesus Christ is the bridge between the Old and New Covenants. The Holy Family encounters angels, shepherds, magi and prophets who all confirm the birth of the incarnate God. The children will explore this theme with art and drama.

Youth Ministries

Trailblazers: Grades 6-8

The youth in this program will be focusing on the Reformed tradition of God's self-revelation. Throughout this four week focus the group will explore what it means to be in relationship with God. This group meets in the MOB room from 9:30-10:30.

Senior High Church School: Grades 9-12

The youth in this program will have the opportunity to explore how church school impacts their lives. They will focus on how to shape their church school and participate in activities that help them determine "Why Sunday School?"

Dates to Know

December 5 Advent Workshop

Come join your Forest Hill Church family in this annual intergenerational event in celebrating Advent. Lunch will be prepared and served (under the direction of Morag Keefe) by our Mid-High Youth.

December 12 Cherub Choir

Meet in sanctuary at 10:15 for practice; then sing during worship

December 19 Festival of Lessons and Carols

Our Pathways to the Promise Land children will attend worship with their families and participate in *Festival of Lessons and Carols* service.

December 19 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Children involved in our annual Christmas Eve pageant will be rehearsing after worship.

December 26 There will be only child care on this Sunday.

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger
Director of Christian Education

Music



The four Sundays of Advent begin November 28th. During this time we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. Due to the commercial hubbub of this time in the secular world, we may sometimes wish to skip Advent all together and join our favorite radio programs by singing Christmas carols early in November. But if one honors faithfully the more meditative and preparation-minded spirit of the four Advent weeks, one may find that the actual Christmas holidays (all *twelve* days!) are all the more meaningful. As the pastors choose the hymns and carols during Advent, watch the progression as we gradually move, with anticipation, toward the celebration of the birth of Christ. *O Come, O Come Emmanuel!*

The **Festival of Lessons and Carols** will take place this year on Sunday, December 19th, during 11:00 a.m. worship. The Chancel, Sine Nomine and Descant Choirs are all rehearsing for this beautiful and celebrative service. Consider inviting your non-Forest Hill friends to this service.

On December 24th, Christmas Eve, there will be a 5:00 p.m. Family Service (with the Descant Choir and young instrumentalists) and the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service (with the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs). There will be a fifteen-minute musical prelude before the 11:00 p.m. service.

I'd like to congratulate the many young people at FHC who had roles in the recent excellent Heights High production of *Beauty and the Beast*, especially the two Beasts, Jaired Birks and Josh Toombs, and Lumiere, played by Jack Lentz. These young men all participate in our choirs and we feel especially proud of them.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Anne Wilson
Organist/Director of Music
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MOB: Forest Hill Youth Ministry

Sign up for the 2011 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 12th to reserve your spot.** That is a firm deadline!! This will be a great week of mission! Please contact Kristen with questions.

Advent Workshop Potato Bar

After church on December 5th, the youth group will host a potato bar before the advent workshop. All are invited for lunch. All donations received will go to the 2011 youth mission trip to Washington DC.

Youth Christmas Party

On Sunday December 19th, celebrate the holiday season with the youth group. Bring a gift (under \$10) and extra Christmas lights and decorations for the Human Christmas Tree Competition and the white elephant gift exchange. The party is from 6-8 p.m. Watch the bulletin and website for updates on the location!

Youth MOB Schedule

Sunday December 5th : Potato Bar after Church, Mid High Youth @ 4-5:30 pm & Senior High Youth @ 5-7 pm.

Sunday December 12th: Senior High Youth @ 5-7 pm

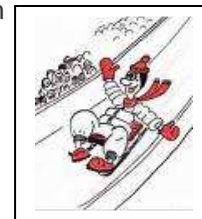
Sunday December 19th: Youth Christmas Party 6-8 pm

Fun Events Coming Up

January: Tobogganing

February: Ski Trip

Kristen Sloan
Director of Youth Ministries



DEACONS' CORNER

December CARE Group

The month of December is a special month in which we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. We, as members of Forest Hill Church, celebrate by CARING for others in our congregation.

The group who CARES for the members in our congregation this month is YOU. The Deacons ask that if YOU are interested in serving this month to contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com).

Services that we need help with are:

- Greeting on Sunday mornings outside either John or Clover's door
- Serving at the Continental breakfast
- Serving at the Coffee Hour after church
- Delivering flowers after church
- Delivering poinsettias after Christmas
- Prepare and deliver a meal to a family in our congregation.

Please let Cathy know if YOU are willing and available to help in any of these services. We hope YOU will contribute in some way during this Christmas season.

In God's service,

Cathy Ghiandoni, Deacon
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Social Groups and Circles

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

Christmas pot luck; Playhouse

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. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com) for reservations and food and gift assignments.

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 (mgrant@us.edu or at 440-446-8093) to reserve a seat.

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

Iris Circle (all women of the church): Christmas Potluck Dinner

Iris Circle invites all women of the church to join us for a Christmas Pot Luck on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Bodwell Hall. We will rejoice in the season and enjoy the fellowship of women from Forest Hill Church. After our Pot Luck we will attend the Women's Lessons and Carols service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a unique service. Any questions, please contact Karen Loughridge (karengr3@gmail.com or 216-831-1759) or Cathy Ghiandoni (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905).

December 14, Bodwell Hall, Christmas Potluck



Calendar 12-13

Sundays in December	
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) (no class on Dec. 19, 26)
12:15	Coffee Hour
4:00	MOB: Mid High (Dec. 5)
5:00	MOB: Sr High (Dec. 5, 12) Faith Leader (no class on Dec 26)

December 5: 2 Advent 12:15 Lunch 1:00 Advent Workshop 7:00 IHN Families arrive	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 24: 36-44
December 12: 3 Advent 10:30 Ten Thousand Villages: Christmas Sale 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11
December 19: 4 Advent 11:00 Worship: Festival of Lessons and Carols 12:15 Blood Pressure check Christmas Pageant rehearsal 6:00 MOB Christmas Party	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25
December 26: 1 Christmas 11:00 Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:00 Russian Cultural Program	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23

Nominees for Office, 2011

Nick Baumgartner (Trustee: 3-yr term)

Nick and his wife Phyllis joined Forest Hill Church in 1972. Nick has served as a Deacon, Deacon Elder, and Elder Trustee. He is currently an usher. He is a Professor of Chemistry at John Carroll University where he has been since 1969. Nick and Phyllis have 4 adult children and 3 wonderful grandchildren. Their daughters, Missy and Sara, live with them and are members of Forest Hill Church.

Jaired Birks (Justice and Mission: Elected Leader)

Chessie Bleick (Trustees: Elder, 3-yr term)

Mary Ann Breisch (Worship: Elected Leader)

Mary Ann Breisch has been a member of Forest Hill since March of 2010. She has created paraments for our sanctuary and is currently participating in Faith Leaders. She is a liturgical artist and is the Associate Head of School at the Lillian and Betty Ratner School. She and her husband Jack live in Chagrin Falls and have a son and a daughter, Ben and Sarah.

Dale Dannefer (Stewardship: Elder, 3-yr term)

Chris Davis (Nominating Committee)

Chris Davis is currently an usher and Sunday School teach at FHC. He and his family, Amy Davis, Peter (7th), and Ben (6th), have been members for three years and have attended longer than that. He is the Primary Art Specialist for University School, teaching art and technology grades 1-5; before that he taught advanced digital imaging and photography at US Upper School for fifteen years. In addition, he coaches middle school soccer and lacrosse as well as travel soccer, baseball, and lacrosse for Shaker youth.

Christine Fuller (Trustee: 3-yr term)

Chris has attended FHC for 37 years, when she joined the Chancel Choir (1973). She became a member of FHC in April, 1975. Chris has served on the Stewardship committee, has been a lay reader, and is a former parish secretary; she is also a bell choir substitute (and former bell choir member). She is the director of the H&R Block Premium office in Beachwood, and also works as the treasurer of Euclid Pediatrics, Inc. Her husband Daniel grew up in FHC, as did her 2 grown children (Scott and Amy.) Chris enjoys reading, walking her 2 dogs, aerobics, and playing bridge.

Robyn Hales (Nominating Committee)

Robyn has attended Forest Hill Church since 2003 and joined in July, 2004. She was a group participant in the Seeking Spirituality Prayer Group lead by Derry Stauffer, has been a confirmation partner, and is a parent volunteer for the Ministry of Believers (MOB). Robyn began working with NOAH during a Get Out The Vote campaign in 2004, was a Co-Core Team Leader with Scott Lafferty and is currently the Board President. She is on the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board and a member of the Downtown Citizens' Circle which counsels re-entrants (ex-offenders). She was last year's Co-Coordinator of the first Forest Hill Fashion Show with Barbara Cloud and youth from FHC and the Cleveland Heights community. Robyn has worked at CEOGC (Cuyahoga County's Community Action Agency) since 2001 as a Program Planning Specialist. Her mother, Dorothy, and niece, Ajah attend FHC occasionally. Her son, Jordan Dail, is a member of FHC and active participant in Sine Nomine and MOB.

Barry Hartz (Education & Spiritual Formation: Elder, 3-yr term)

Barry Hartz and his wife, Jennifer, have been members of Forest Hill for ten years. As a band director at both Brush High School and Memorial Junior High, Barry has taught many Forest Hill musicians over the past 22 years. He has served as an elected leader on the adult education planning committee and is an alumnus of Kerygma and Faith Leaders. He is currently a PhD student at CWRU and an enthusiastic follower of Zoe Hartz's Descant Choir performances.

Brooke Marcy (Stewardship: Elected Leader)**Laurie Muller-Girard (Vocation and Leadership: Elder, 3-yr term)**

Laurie has been a member of Forest Hill Church for nearly 15 years. During that time, she has enjoyed serving as a Trustee, Pathways shepherd, and a member of the Nominating Committee. Laurie is a Managing Director at KeyBanc Capital Markets. Laurie and her husband, Eric, are the proud parents of Megan and Katie.

Stephen Sedam (Stewardship: Elected Leader)

Stephen Sedam, resident of Cleveland Heights, has been a member of Forest Hill Church for three years. Over this period, he enjoyed being a member of the Kerygma class of 2008 - 2009 and is now enrolled in the Faith Leader class which he also finds to be deeply rewarding. His wife, Virginia Weiss, who often helps out in the nursery on Sunday mornings, is a clinical social worker for the

Achievement Centers for Children. Steve currently is employed as Director of Leadership Giving for The Holden Arboretum. Except for a recent 3-year stint with the Cleveland Institute of Music, his entire 34-year career has been devoted to environmental conservation with the last eight years focused entirely on development. Steve is a graduate of Denison University and loves to travel, hike, bike, garden, laugh, cook and eat.

Cathie Kernich (Deacon: 3-yr term)

Cathie joined FHC in October 2009 after attending for about 8 months. She has volunteered for IHN. She is a nurse practitioner and works on the spinal cord injury unit at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. She enjoys cooking, baking, gardening, beading, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

Ron Register (Justice and Mission: Elder, 3-yr term)**Pat Seeders (Trustee, 2-yr term)**

Pat and her husband Jim moved to Cleveland Heights 5 ½ years ago from Huntington, WV. Pat left her retail management job to become the full-time nanny of their granddaughter Devyn Etling. Pat and Jim joined FHC 4 years ago and have been sharing in the teaching of Children in Worship as well as being the primary caretakers of the courtyard gardens.

Elizabeth Shaw (Nominating Committee)**Julie Waring (Deacon: 3-yr term)****Nancy Wyss (Deacon: 3-yr term)**

Nancy Wyss has been a member of Forest Hill Church for 3 years. She has two children, Lauren and Kimberly, and one grandson, Dylan. She has been working as a respiratory therapist at the Cleveland Clinic for over 25 years.

Elder Joanne Shaner, chair, 2010 Nominating Committee

Adult Education News

The Kerygma Bible Study Challenge

This fall our Adult Education program embarked on an ambitious, congregation-wide program to deepen and enrich our understanding of the Scriptures central to our faith and to our relationship with the God of our community. Based on small group study and personal commitment to building a communal as well personal relationship with our sacred texts, the Kerygma Challenge series kicked off in September with four groups meeting during the traditional Sunday morning time, another on Sunday evening and a wonderful Tuesday night group that incorporates visual arts into the curriculum.

While we have asked our members to commit time, attention and prayerful reflection in new and sometimes unfamiliar ways, it has been amazing to see, even at this early point, the sense of excitement and new perspectives gained through this study. John and Clover have centered their pulpit preaching on texts that are studied in the Kerygma groups, and the themes of our study have been integrated into much of our worship and community activities throughout Forest Hill Church. There really is something amazing at work in and through the Bible, and gaining appreciation of the special presence of God in the Word has been a deeply faithful experience.

Clover and I especially wish to thank the facilitators for their hard work, keen insights and spiritual giving: Dave and Chris Bell; Elspeth Peterjohn, Robin Craig, Kate and Dave Burleigh, Elizabeth Shaw, Michelle Jean-Mary, Ann and Peter Williams, Daryl Musick, Kathryn and Peter Eloff, and Peg Weissbrod. Believe it or not, our first 8- week series, "Listening to Scripture," finished on November 21st. We will be starting up our next 8-week series on the biblical book of Acts called "Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles" in January. All are invited and welcome.

Sincerely,

Tom Zych, Elder for Adult Education

The Kerygma Challenge Continues Eight Week Bible Study: January – February "Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles"

This time we'll be studying a book of the Bible. "The Acts of the Apostles" is unique in the New Testament. In Acts, Luke gives us a framework in which to understand how the early Christian church developed and grew. Acts is in many ways an extended discussion of the very nature and purpose of the church, not only for the first century, but for all times. During our eight week study, "students/participants will be challenged to take the Christian church, as well their own faith, very seriously." (Trish Heidebrecht, author of Kerygma series) This course is encouraged for those preparing themselves for this year's pilgrimage, *In the Footsteps of Paul*, in Turkey and Greece in March.

Registrations will begin soon! More information....

Rev. Clover Beal

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Advent Series for Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God, for Protestants

"Despite her prominence in the Christian narrative, Mary has largely been neglected within the Protestant church."

(Dr. Beverly Gaventa, author of *Blessed One*)

Have you ever wondered why Mary, Jesus' mother, plays such a big part in Roman Catholic theology? In these four sessions, we'll ask who is Mary? How does Mary's story intersect with contemporary life? And, what does Mary teach us about God?

Four wonderful professors will lead us in thought, conversation, and interaction with music and art. Invite a friend!

Nov. 28: **Who is Mary?** Dr. Natalie Weaver, Ursuline College

Dec. 5: **Medieval Music and Marian Devotion**

Dr. David Rothenberg, CWRU

Dec. 12: **Depictions of Mary in Sacred Art** Dr. Tim Beal, CWRU

Dec. 19: **Mary in Contemporary Theology and Spirituality**

Dr. N. Weaver, Ursuline

News of Our Church Family

New Contact Information

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Joyce Peters

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Cleveland OH 44106

New members

Please welcome these new members who were received into Forest Hill Church on November 7, 2010:

Derek & Jane Duncan

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Jane, a social worker, is a full-time at-home mom for the three Duncan children (Edie, Nora and Michael). Derek is Associate for Global Advocacy and Education for the United Church of Christ.

Susan Kay Dunlap (Kay)

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Eden CARE Group

Kay is a lecturer in the Department of Education and Allied Studies at John Carroll University.

Calvary CARE Group

Elizabeth Feroe (Beth)

Beth is a social worker and therapist at Beech Brook.

Nazareth CARE Group

Kemp and Cindy Fink Jaycox

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Kemp is a Wind Energy

Consultant at Tetra Tech, an engineering firm; Cindy is Director of Marketing and Communications at the CMA. They have a 3 year old daughter, Kate.

Jerusalem CARE Group

Ahren Stock

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Ahren is a music teacher at Hawken School.

Calvary CARE Group

Care Group

The YOU CARE group will be responsible for meeting members' needs during December. That's right – all of you will have care for each other this month. Contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cggghiandoni@aol.com) if you'd like to offer help of any kind.

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

Ushers in December

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

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 December 10, January 14, February 11. ***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
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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

Our website is www.fhcpresb.org



Restoring the Building – Reclaiming the Mission

Restoration work began in November of 2009 and is now substantially complete. The work remaining to be done is the re-paving of the front one-third of the parking lot, renovating the playground fence and installation of exterior signage. The project has been completed on budget which was established in January and expanded in April as a result of the successful fund raising campaign.

Storm Sewer – the entire storm sewer system for the C. E. Wing has been replaced with a gravity system that will require little ongoing maintenance. The balance of the system has been repaired as needed.

Check out the website www.fhcpresb.org see what's new! 21

Playground – the playground surface has been completely rebuilt with an up-to-date drainage system and six inches of rubber mulch. The fence will be renovated this winter.

Masonry work – all tuck-pointing work was completed as needed. The water leaks that the church was experiencing have been stopped. In total eight damaged bricks had to be replaced which speaks highly of the quality of material.

Painting – the wood portion of the entire exterior have been scraped, sanded, primed and painted with two coats of Sherwin Williams Resilience latex. The interiors of all 43 new windows and 25 C. E. Wing windows were also painted. The sanctuary columns have been stripped, repaired and painted.

Roofing – Over 500 lineal feet of copper box gutters and related downspouts were replaced. All damaged roof tile has been replaced. Five flat roofs have been resurfaced with considerable effort placed on sloping the roofs for proper drainage. Heat cables were installed on the kitchen roof to eliminate ice build-up in the winter.

Windows – Forty-three windows were replaced with high-quality Marvin wood, aluminum clad windows. This included the sixteen large sanctuary and Fellowship Hall windows. Eighty-one other windows were restored by replacing failed balance systems, re-glazing and painting. Storm windows were installed on twenty-two windows resulting in all windows in the church having either double glazing or storms. In addition every window in the building has screens with the exception of the sanctuary.

Doors – The exterior doors were in relatively good condition. Weather stripping is being upgraded and much of the brass hardware has been re-plated.

Miscellaneous repairs – Surprising little miscellaneous repairs were required. This was due to the high quality of materials that were used when the building was built. The three areas that needed repairs were a small percentage of the wood interiors of the box gutters, the fascia trim facing the Memorial Garden and the bases of the Fellowship portico columns. The cost to do these repairs constituted less than one and one-half percent of the entire project.

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Sanctuary Portico – The slate flooring has been replaced. The sandstone steps have been reset and sealed and six of the sandstone step blocks have been replaced. The metal railings were either replaced or restored as needed. Much of the concrete in front of the steps has been replaced to repair sunken or broken concrete.

Parking lot – One-third of the parking lot will be resurfaced next spring. The balance of the parking lot was resurfaced the five years ago.

Landscaping – McKnight and Associates, a landscape architectural firm, has created a master plan for the entire grounds including bid specifications for Phase I of the work. Phase I which includes the sanctuary up to the transepts and the plantings around the front sign has been completed. Full implementation of the plan will take some time and additional funding to complete.

Sustainability – Much effort was spent in recycling materials that the church could no longer use. The Plexiglas storm windows which served us well for twenty-five years were given equally to one of our members, Hope Lutheran Church and Beachland Presbyterian Church. The vinyl office windows were given to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The sanctuary portico slate was divided among four of our members. All copper that was removed was recycled by the roofing contractor. The new rubber playground mulch is made from 2,000 car tires.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a successful project.

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