

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

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

May 2011

Dear Friends –

Happy Easter! Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

In this season of new life and new hope, your Session has called two groups together to discern God's direction for Forest Hill. Both groups will include opportunities for congregational involvement.

Exploring Racial Diversity and Inclusivity within Our Church Community

Since last November Mark Chupp, Ron Register, Doris Allen and I have been exploring ways of engaging the Forest Hill Church community in a deep and courageous conversation about race. With the expertise offered by Cassandra Washington and Gina Cheverine from the YWCA and Adele Kiouss, from Currere, Inc. we have fashioned a program that will guide us in this pilgrimage of trust, honesty, hope and power.

The purpose of this conversation will be to “engage willing and interested members of Forest Hill Church in exploring what racial diversity and inclusivity means to their community and congregation.” Some initial guiding questions include:

- While we are known as a welcoming and hospitable congregation, what does racial diversity and inclusivity mean to us?
- What is the experience of people from different backgrounds in our congregation? What insights do they have about how we could be more welcoming and hospitable?
- Is racial inclusivity a current core value? If so, what would it be like and look like to live that value more fully?

The process will include a 4 hr. opening retreat after church on Sunday, June 5th, three dinner dialogues led by a trained facilitator during the summer, a congregational summit in August and a closing retreat in the fall.

Check out the website www.fhcpresb.org Come and see!

The hope is to find 40-50 people who would be interested in joining this process. If you are interested please talk to Mark Chupp, Ron Register and Doris Allen.

Session Task Force on Envisioning Our Future

In response to the difficult budget decisions made last January, the Session has called together a task force to re-articulate Forest Hill Church's core values and how they will shape our faithful decisions about church growth, financial stability, and our future on the corner of Monticello and Lee. It is important to note that the capital campaign formed to restore the building was called: “Restoring the Building and Reclaiming the Mission.” We believe that we have restored the building and now it is time to pursue the second of the promises made.

The Task Force will be co-facilitated by Elders Melody Obery and Jeff Smith. Others who will be serving include: Chuck Smith, Peg Weissbrod, Elizabeth Shaw, Barb Hansen, Dave Bell, Barb Cloud, Stephen Sedam and Jeannine Gury.

The work will include gathering data and learning of our past; auditing our present programs, staffing roles and giving patterns; receiving input from the members; describing how FHC has responded to God's call in the community; and finally, investigating future trends in church and society. Based on what they learn, the task force will articulate our core values and apply them to both our short term and longer term decisions about budget, benevolence, staffing, program, and building.

God has blessed us richly with talented and faithful leaders who bring skill sets suitable to the tasks before us. Please be in prayer for the work that is ahead of us. Support us with your time, talent and treasure.

In this season of “resurrection madness” let us be open to the spirit of the risen Christ among us.

John

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Come join the Spring Work Day – May 7 from 9 am – 1 pm. The main tasks will be washing windows, installing screens, and spreading mulch. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Consuelo Heineman (216-371-6395 or rogedoge@aol.com) if you can come.

Thanks, from the Trustees of Forest Hill Church

Dear friends,

I cannot believe that our group of pilgrims has been home from Turkey and Greece for over two weeks already! When we were away, it was so easy to immerse myself in the beauty of the countryside, the magnificence of the ancient sites we visited, the daily laughter and reflections of our group, the spiritual quiet of the presence of God in each place, and the immense gratitude I felt leading a tremendous group of people. A few more days on the Greek seacoast would have suited me well.

We returned from our long-awaited and much-prepared-for pilgrimage as changed people. I think each person could give testimony to a particular moment that held deep meaning for him or her. The difference between a tour and a pilgrimage is the depth of intention one brings to the experience. The tourist enjoys the sights; a pilgrim is changed by the sites. The tourist takes from the experience; the pilgrim is transformed by each experience during the trip. Our pilgrims were intentional about their journey by preparing themselves intellectually and spiritually. While there, they engaged in the spiritual practices of journaling, reading scripture, praying, worshipping, and enjoying Christian fellowship.

There were many, many highlights. One of them for me took place on the first morning in Turkey. We gathered on that sunny Sunday morning for worship around the fifth-century baptistery within the ruins of the Basilica of St. John near Ephesus. We sang "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent," the lyrics taken directly from the fourth century liturgy of St. James that inspired our worship. A Christian gentleman from Delhi, India joined us; he was surprised and delighted to have found a Christian group worshipping in that ruin. It's a challenge to find many Christians in Turkey today. It was a profound experience praising God under the open sky, in an ancient land, connected to early Christians nearly 2,000 years before us.

I encourage you to ask those who went on the trip to share what was most meaningful to them about the pilgrimage. We will be offering a slide show with reflections on May 15 in Adult Education, 9:30 a.m. I hope you can join us. Enjoy the reflections also in this Tower written by a few of the participants. I hope you are inspired and might consider coming along on a pilgrimage in the future.

Blessings to each of you,

Clover
Reflections from Our Pilgrims

Elsbeth Peterjohn

As we visited one ancient site after another and saw the ruins of temple after temple to the old deities, our leaders frequently reminded us that this was the world into which Paul, and others like him, carried the Gospel. It was a world of many gods, a world of emperor worship, a world in which the idea of one God through whose Son we might gain relationship with God must have seemed preposterous, a world in which “the Way,” the teachings of Jesus, must have seemed absurd. Yet the message Paul carried took root. The ancient civilization crumbled and the old deities are no longer worshipped, but Paul’s message is still challenging those who will listen. Just as we finished our communion service not far from one of those ruined temples, bells rang out from a church we could see just beyond the ruins. Their sound was a powerful reminder of the enduring truth of Paul’s message.

At the same time I was struck with the notion that as Christians today, we, like Paul, bear witness in a world which worships many false gods. Indeed, I too often pay tribute to these gods myself. Artemis and Apollo and Athena may have lost their place, but gods like money and material possessions and social position and national power and a sense of entitlement and a desire to protect what we think is ours – the list is endless – these gods stand in opposition to the Gospel message just as surely as did those old gods. Doubtless they are the old gods in a twenty-first century form! So I think the pilgrimage challenged me to live in a way that reflects the truth that Paul preached, that I am being saved by grace to turn away from false gods, follow as closely as I can teachings of Jesus, and share my experience of the good news with others.

Dave Bell

Ephesus (in Turkey) was dripping with empire. The streets are magnificent, and the vista down the main road, lined with temples to various deities (including the emperor), conveys the grandeur and power for which Rome was justly famous. That empire allowed the construction of a library that was one of the largest in the ancient world. And it was in the very amphitheater where we sat that Paul’s “no small disturbance” with the silversmiths proceeded (see Acts 19.19-29). The city came to have some identity for me, a sense of place, of personality. I feel that I know more about the Ephesians to whom Paul wrote. It presents the “other” side of the Roman empire,

that there were parts that really worked well. And the patronage system fed, supported, and ultimately corroded it. That was the world into which the Apostle Paul tried to introduce a new way of understanding power - Rome sought peace through victory; Paul preached peace through equality and justice.

Istanbul (then called Byzantium) was a city that so far as we know Paul never visited. But it was too good to pass up since we were in Turkey. I marveled at the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia (originally a Byzantine church, later a mosque, and now a museum), and the indulgent splendor of the Topkapi Palace, with its breathtaking views of the Bosphorous, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara, its successively more restricted courtyards, and its projection of unimaginable wealth and the power of empires. What really struck me, however, was listening to Dr. Fearer, a Presbyterian pastor working in Turkey to facilitate connections with members of the Muslim community. In a country of some 70 million people, Dr. Fearer believes that perhaps 3,000 Muslims have been converted and adopted Christianity. Converts to Christianity in this overwhelmingly Muslim country face threats and violence, loss of jobs, and being shunned by family and others. The impetus for these conversions is simple direct human compassion. It has not been theology, but love which has brought about the conversions. That speaks to the task before Paul, and the one we face today.

Karen Loughridge

I felt so at home in the ruins of Corinth. Paul was guiding and advising that early Christian community, just as John and Clover are guiding and advising us today.

Important Dates in June

June 5	Summer schedule begins 9:30 Summer Choir June and July) 10:00 Worship Summer Pathways (every other week) 11:15 Coffee Hour 12:00 Racial task Force conversation
June 12	Picnic in the Park after Church! Ice Cream Social included!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION

In April our children explored the events and stories of Jesus' ministry, crucifixion and resurrection. Our younger members took part in activities around stories of people who met Jesus, such as Zacchaeus, Bartimaeus and the Woman with the Alabaster Jar. Jesus welcomed all who wanted to be part of God's family.

- In our nursery, thank you to Beth Feroe, Jeff Dyck, Virginia Weiss, Susanne Peterjohn, Mary Hill and Jill Roberts.
- In our Little Explorers class, Joanne & Dan Shaner and Susanne & David Peterjohn.
- In our Children in Worship class, Sarah & Matt Winters
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Molly Bergman, Carol Leslie, Jeannine Gury, Robin Mervine, Vikki Nowak, Jane Kowall, Alisha Trammell, Kate Burleigh, Chantal Miller and Cathy Ghiandoni

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Little Explorers - three/four year olds

Children in Worship - older four year olds and kindergarten

Throughout the month of May our pre-school will explore and participate in Bible stories about post-Easter events such as Jesus' appearance to his disciples, the commissioning of his disciples and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Each lesson has an activity response to the story to help the children better understand the meaning. Diana Johannessen and Becky West will be leading in the Little Explorers class and Sarah & Matt Winters will be leading in the Children in Worship class.

Pathways to the Promise Land - grades 1-5

In the month of May the children will be experiencing workshops concerning *The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. They will explore this theme by focusing on the corporate church as a place where common beliefs are shared and celebrated and a place where individuals can express their faith by offering their talents and spiritual gifts. The children will be participating in workshops using art, storytelling, and cooking.

CONFIRMATION

"...those who seek, find me." *Proverbs 8:17b*.

The five Confirmands and Covenant Partners have been meeting each Sunday morning to learn more about our faith. They have been taking part in Sunday morning classes, Bible studies, service projects, attending another faith's worship service and discussing faith statements. Please join in celebration of Confirmation on May 15.

Anna Brock – Laura Minder
Peter Cary – Robert Brock
Jessica Klein – Dele Solaru
Sarah Lentz – Peg Weissbrod
Megan Muller-Girard – Deanne Lentz

SUMMER PATHWAYS

This summer our children will be using the Parable of the Sower, Mark 4:1-9, as they explore God's creation. An environmentally-focused curriculum, ReNew (published by Sparkhouse), will inspire kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation. The kids will experience the Bible story using all five senses and live out a call to care for creation through service oriented activities. Summer Pathways dates are June 5, 19, July 10, 24, August 7 and 21 at 10 am (during worship).

FAMILY MINISTRY

NURTURING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IN FAMILIES

What do you say when your child asks about God?

How do you respond when your child asks about heaven?

When is the best time to talk about life and death?

**Do you want to include more faith practices in your family,
but need help in finding resources?**

The Children's Ministry Team is offering a book discussion for parents, grandparents and any other interested adults as an opportunity to explore how to help nurture Christian faith within families. The group will meet at 9 am on June 5 and June 19 to explore the book ***Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children***, by Elizabeth Caldwell, to help answer these difficult questions.

Please contact Liz Wollaeger (email lizw@fhcpresb.org or call the church office), or Laurie Logan (Laurie.logan@att.net) for more information and book ordering. Child care can be available if requested.

DATES TO KNOW

- May 1 Gathering Time**
Pathways to the Promise Land children begin in the Chapel at 11:00, and will then be excused to workshops with their shepherds.
- May 4 Confirmation Bible Studies**
Meet in the Koinonia Room 7:30-8:30 pm.
- May 8 Bible Presentation**
Bibles will be presented to our grade school children who have not yet been given a bible from Forest Hill Church.
- May 11 Confirmation Dinner**
Confirmands will meet with members of Session at 5:45 for dinner and discussions.
- May 14 Confirmation Service Rehearsal**
Meet at 9:00 in the Sanctuary.
- May 15 Confirmation**
Pathways to the Promise Land children will remain in worship to celebrate Confirmation.
- May 22 Communion**
Pathways to the Promise Land children will begin in workshops, then join their family in worship for Communion.
This is the last day of all Christian Education classes
- May 29 No Church School Classes**

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

Adult Education

The Rise and Fall of the Bible: The Unexpected History of an Accidental Book

9:30 a.m.; May 1, and May 8

FHC member **Tim Beal** has been a favorite presenter in our Adult Education classes for several years. His work as the Florence Harkness Professor of Religion at CWRU and as the author of the recent books *Roadside Religion* and *Biblical Literacy* explores the interaction of religion and culture. His latest book explores the ways in which the development of the Bible from a collection of scrolls into a single bound and canonized volume has affected our interpretation of its contents. Tim's book includes some of the latest research available on "biblezines", manga Bibles, and other contemporary formats for the ancient scriptures. Tim's classes on May 1 and May 8 will continue to discuss the historical development of the Bible and shed light on ways in which the format of our Bible can influence our interpretations in ways we may not even be aware of. Tim's engaging teaching always provides thought provoking experiences both for people who haven't cracked the binding of a Bible in years and for grizzled veterans of our Adult Ed classes. Please join us in South Hall at 9:30 for this engaging series!

Elder Barry Hartz

Additional Adult Education in May

- May 15** There will be a slide show presentation of the pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey
- May 22** Cynthia Bolbach, PC(USA) Moderator, will speak

New Book in the FHC Library

Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years

Diarmaid MacCulloch. Viking Press 2009.

Although this is a massive tome of over 1,000 pages, MacCulloch does a masterful job of making the history of the church interesting, provocative, and revealing. He makes the story of our faith come alive and shows that most, if not all, of the contentious issues of the early church are still very much alive.

John Lentz

Sundays in May	
<i>All 9:30 Programs End May 22</i>	
9:00	Child care begins
9:30	Adult education Youth education (Mid and Sr High) Descant Choir Confirmation (through May 15)
10:15	Descant Choir activity
10:30	Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir
11:00	WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) – May 1, 22
11:15	Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) – May 8
12:15	Coffee Hour
5:00	Holy Conversations (May 1, 8)
6:00	Softball (schedule on p. 22)

12-13 calendar

May 1 2 Easter 11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Brendan West 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir 6:15 May Cabaret	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31
May 8 3 Easter Mother's Day 9:30 SH Youth: Car Wash 11:00 WORSHIP: Grade School bibles given 4:00 Concert: "St Petersburg to Broadway"	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35
May 15 4 Easter 11:00 WORSHIP: Confirmation 4:00 Concert (Russian community)	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10
May 22 5 Easter Last day for 9:30 programs	Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14
May 29 6 Easter	Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66: 8-20 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21

Forest Hill Youth Ministry

Fun & Fellowship Events for May

Senior High “Group Development”: Thursday May 5th at 7 pm at Phoenix Coffee on Lee Road in Cleveland Heights. Bring friends!

Mid High Movie Night: On Friday May 13th, the mid high youth will gather for a night of fun and fellowship from 6-8:30 pm. We will eat a meal together and watch a fun movie. Friends welcome! Location to be announced in the coming weeks.

Spiritual Development

Senior High Sunday School: In the month of May, John Lentz will be leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. The class meets in the library from 9:30-10:30 am with bagels!

The Mid High Youth are studying stories in the Old Testament and the implications of these stories for our lives and faith. Mid High meets from 9:30-10:30 am every Sunday morning in the Koinonia room.

Car Wash

The youth will host their annual car wash on Sunday May 8th (Mother’s Day) to raise money for the summer mission trip to Washington DC. The car wash will take place during and after worship. Bring your mom’s dirty car and get it washed for her!

Forest Hill Youth Schedule

Sunday May 1st: Mid High Youth @ 9:30 am, Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am, Sine Nomine at 12:15 pm

Thursday May 5th: Senior High Gathering at Phoenix Coffee, 7 pm

Sunday May 8th: Mid High Youth @ 9:30 am, Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am, Youth Car Wash

Friday May 13th : Mid High Movie Night at 6 pm (location to be announced)

Sunday May 15th : Mid High Youth @ 9:30 am, Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30 am

Sunday May 22nd : Mid High Youth @ 9:30 am, Sr. High Kerygma @ 9:30am

UPCOMING EVENTS

The High School Seniors and Families will be celebrated on Sunday June 5th with breakfast before worship and recognition during worship.

Mid High Summer Retreat is July 29-31, 2011. We will be heading to the Logans' cabin near Peek'n'Peak resort. We will swim, hike, play mini golf, study the bible, worship and have tons of fun. The retreat is open to rising 6th-8th graders. The cost per youth for the weekend retreat is \$50. Sign up now to reserve your spot!

Celebrate the beginning of summer after worship on June 12th. We will have an all-church picnic at Forest Hill Park, complete with ice cream social. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Kristen Sloan
Director of Youth Ministries

Note: Kristen will be out of the office May 19 - 31 for her wedding and honeymoon. Best wishes from all of us, Kristen!



I hope to see everyone at the annual **MAY CABARET** which will take place on Sunday, May 1, beginning with a Morag Keefe-prepared supper at 6:15 pm, and continuing with our family-friendly variety show at 7:00 pm. Some highlights this year include: the debut of the Forest Hill Steel Drum Band (playing *Day-O*), the Descant Choir's singing of "Mama Don't 'Low", a James Bond thriller piece by the Zych family, waltzing couples in tuxedos and gowns accompanied by the bell choir, and the much loved Male Ballet.

Check out the website www.fhcpresb.org Come and see! 15

We are pleased to welcome new Chancel Choir members JT and Sarah Tan. Their charming infant daughter Esther came to the first rehearsal and enthralled all of us! (Yes, children are welcome at rehearsals ☺). JT played a gorgeous piano prelude on April 10th. (He doesn't know it yet, but I'm gonna put him to work playing some of the difficult accompaniments so I can conduct standing up!)

The Forest Hill Steel Drum Band (Team 1) had its first rehearsal on April 3rd and had a smashing good time! The members learned that playing the pans is not as easy as it looks, and individual private practice time is necessary. But it's great fun. In addition to the May Cabaret, the FHSTB will play for worship later in May. Let me know if you'd like to be on one of the teams.

Some choir notes:

- Sunday, May 1 is the last Sine Nomine practice. They will sing for worship on the 15th, which is Confirmation Sunday.
- The Descant Choir's last meeting will be Sunday, May 22 when we'll go over to Forest Hill Park for a little year-end party during the normal rehearsal time. (who will win the cartwheel contest?).
- Sunday, May 19th is the last Chancel Choir meeting, and Voices in Bronze will end their season at the May Cabaret.
- Sunday, May 29th will be the last 11:00 am service. Worship will be at 10 am from June 5 – Sept. 4
- The Summer/Family Choir begins on June 5. All ages are welcome in this Sunday morning group, even children and babes in arms. There is a brief rehearsal from 9:30 to 9:55 am in the downstairs choir room. Give it a try—it's fun to experience worship from "the other side!" Summer Choir meets all Sundays in June and July.

Soli Deo Gloria

Anne Wilson

Organist/Director of Music 216-371-9508 anne@fhcpresb.org

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REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Do you know someone fighting on the front lines in Iraq or Afghanistan? How about a family in your town that has a loved one serving? Legendary newsman Tom Brokaw says if you can't say yes to one of these questions, then you don't really care about the war or the men and women who are fighting in it. Tom says what concerns him most is that people don't think about the sacrifices that these brave soldiers and their families are making for our freedom.

The current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are the longest in United States history—longer than World War II and Vietnam. Tom says it's not just the length of time that has made these current wars different than past ones—it's our country's level of engagement. He says World War II united our country in an effort to save the world, and while we were deeply divided during Vietnam, the whole country was still very aware about what was happening. Today's wars are not something the typical American thinks about every day, and according to Tom, "less than 1 percent of the American population is bearing 100 percent of the burden of battle."

"I, as a political reporter, believe very strongly that this democratic republic cannot have something that involves our blood and treasure assigned to only a very small part of our population, and nothing else is asked of the rest of us," Tom says. "That's not just unjust. In a way, it's immoral."

Tom says we all have to "re-enlist as citizens." That means raising our consciousness about the wars—to think about the men and women who are fighting every day and losing their lives—and also to do something about it.

"However you feel about the war and the appropriateness of it, you must honor these people and their families," Tom says.

This information is from an Oprah show this season that introduced you to some of the soldiers that have been injured, their families and the struggles they share; along with the stories of those who have given their lives in service to their country.

The Deacons are planning to gather items that can be sent in care packages to soldiers within the FHC family. We will have a box on the Fellowship Hall stage starting May, 1, 2011. Following are some of the items that are needed:

- Baby Wipes - packets are better than tubs.
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Energy Bars (Power Bar, etc.)
- Hot Sauce (Tabasco, Red Devil, etc.)
- Sunflower seeds
- Peanuts
- Seasoning Salt (Lawry's, etc.)
- Atomic Fireballs / Jolly Rancher hard candy (for service member use)
- Smarties or SweetTart candies (for local children who prefer sour style candy to build relationships with community)
- Powdered Energy/Electrolyte Replacement Drink Mix (Gatorade, etc.)
- Chewing Gum
- Avon Skin So Soft - great for removing face paint and also reputed to be an effective bug repellant (the latter seems variable based on personal experience and reports)
- AA-cell Alkaline Batteries
- Personal Hygiene Gear: Disposable Razors, Toothbrush and Tooth Paste
- Eye Wash / Drops for flushing dust and sand out of the eyes
- Pre-paid Phone Card so service member can call home

We ask that all members who have a relative serving in the military anywhere, not just in a war zone, please contact us with their mailing address so we may include them in our efforts. We would also like to show our support to their families that are waiting here at home with cards of support, so please let us know their contact information. Please direct all information to Cindy Newton at newtonoh@aol.com or 330-656-1295.

Deacon Cindy Newton

From the Web

Did you know?

New links on our home page in the right-hand menu take you to:

- **Upcoming Sundays** with sermon titles, lectionary links and more
- **Giving Options** with Paypal link
- **Online Directory** access—a great fast way to get info on your Forest Hill friends

If you haven't explored our website lately... **Come and See!**

Peg Weissbrod, web administrator

Upcoming Sundays

<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>

Online Directory

<http://www.fhcpresb.org/get-connected/online-directory/>

Giving Options

<http://www.fhcpresb.org/about-us/giving/>

News of Our Church Family

Baptisms

Katherine Ann Jaycox, daughter of Kemp and Cindy Fink Jaycox, was baptized on April 10, 2011. Keith Logan was the attending Elder.

In Memoriam We Remember

Hazel Frankie Reynolds Grant, who died March 26, 2011

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

Members of the Eden CARE Group are:

Doris Allen	Suzanne Marcy
Mary Ball	Lissa McKinley
Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal	Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski
Dave & Chris Bell	Clayton & Julie Minder
Colleen Bloom and family	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Jean & Scott Duncan	Elizabeth Shaw
Derek & Jane Duncan & family	Jeff & Anne Smith
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Elaine Tapié
Kris & Bill Fay	Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger
Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle	Paul & Katie Weissbrod
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	
Sue & Scott Lafferty	

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

Chuck Broadhead (Jennifer Blakeney's uncle), Robin Dadusc (requested by Kathryn Himmelsteib), Judy (Jennifer Blakeney's friend), Marion Frederick (Jane Frederick's mother), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother),

Ushers

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

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s) **“Americana”**

The Group invites you to enjoy “Americana” with the Singers’ Club of Cleveland. FHC choir and Group member Don Grube performs with the Singers’ Club.

Join us at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts at St Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland. Tickets are \$15 (a group rate) – please make your check payable to **Singers’ Club of Cleveland**. Please get your reservations in to Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com) by May 1st.

Saturday May 14, 2011, St. Ignatius HS, 7:30 p.m.

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples) **Spring Luncheon**

Snow and winter be gone! The Hilltoppers’ Spring Luncheon is May 13, 2011 at 12 noon at Alfredo’s @ The Inn (Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village). We will have a family-style meal, cash bar and guest speaker Greg McBride, the account executive for the Cleveland Indians. The cost is \$28 per person. RSVP to Nancy Burcham (halkerston@sbcglobal.net or 440-446-0832).

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s – 50s):

Toy Adaption Party (a Pacesetter-sponsored mission project)

You are invited to spend two hours on Friday evening, May 6, playing with toys! In collaboration with the not-for-profit organization **RePlay for Kids**, we will adapt toys with assistive devices for children with disabilities.

Robert Brock, FHC member and dedicated member of RePlay for Kids, is the host for the evening and has agreed to help even the least ‘handy’ of us to help make a difference. All you need is a willingness to help - he will provide the expertise, tools and the toys. RSVP to Melody Obery at obery@sbcglobal.net or 216-291-8323 by Wednesday May 4th. Thank you!

For more information about RePlay for Kids, go to

<http://www.replayforkids.org/about.htm>

Friday May 6, 2011, Dinner and Toy Adaption, 6 – 9 pm

Iris Circle (All women of the church)

Come join us on a tour of Turkey and Greece presented by several women from Iris Circle who went on the pilgrimage last month. We will be able to discuss the entire trip and discover the blessings of being on a pilgrimage.

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Pilgrimage Presentation, 7:30 pm, FHC

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Forest Hill Church Softball Schedule: 2011 Season

May 1	FHC-1 vs St Ann’s, Forest Hill Park #7, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, FHP #4, 6 pm
May 8	NO GAMES
May 15	FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-A, FHP #4, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Church of the Redeemer, Roxboro MS, 6 pm
May 22	FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist, FHP #7, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS, 6 pm
May 29	NO GAMES
June 5	FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-B, Roxboro MS, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Church of the Saviour-A, FHP #7, 6 pm
June 12	FHC-1 vs St Ann’s, Monticello MS, 3:30 FHC-2 vs Grace Lutheran Church, FHP #4, 6 pm
June 19	FHC-1 vs Grace Lutheran Church, Monticello MS, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Central Bible Baptist, Roxboro MS, 6 pm
June 26	FHC-1 vs FHC-2, Monticello MS, 3:30
July 3	NO GAMES
July 10	FHC-1 vs Hillcrest UMC, Roxboro MS, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Church of the Saviour-B, Monticello MS, 6 pm
July 17	FHC-1 vs Church of the Redeemer, FHP #7, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Hillcrest UMC, FHP #4, 6 pm
July 24	6 pm: Make-up or tournament games
July 30	6 pm: Tournament
Aug 7	6 pm: Tournament



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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 MAY 13, JUNE 17 (for July-August) and August 12. **We will be distributing TOWERs in the Garden Foyer 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
- ❖ Anne Wilson (music), annew@fhcpresb.org, ext 208
- ❖ Liz Wollaeger (DCE), lizw@fhcpresb.org, ext. 206
- ❖ Kristen Sloan (Youth), kristens@fhcpresb.org, ext 207
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial): beckya@fhcpresb.org, ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: office@fhcpresb.org, ext. 202

Our website is www.fhcpresb.org

If you are in the building and need a custodian, or outside needing to get in, and a custodian is on duty, he may be reached at 216-217-5257.

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.

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.

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 speedily posted to the correct accounts.

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Earth Care

By now you know that it's official! We are confirmed as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church USA. The Earth Care Team at FHC has coined the following Mission Statement:

Care of the Earth is central to all discipleship and stewardship in our lives and is achieved through encouragement and education, enabling change within our individual lifestyle, church and greater community.

The Earth Care team is now busy planning activity and programs to encourage and assist our congregation in fulfilling this mission as the months proceed. Stay tuned!

Earth Care Team:

Dave Neff, Diana and Martin Johannessen, David Hunter, Christina Hidek, Steve Sedam, Keith Logan, Mark Chupp, Dale Danefer, Kemp Jaycox

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