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

Forest Hill Church

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Dear Friends,

"SUBMISSION TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST" REPLACES "FIDELITY AND CHASTITY"

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area became the 87th presbytery to approve an amendment that will remove the constitutional requirement that all ministers, elders, and deacons live in "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness" (G-6.0106b in the church's Book of Order).

The new language reads:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

The new provision reaffirms the long-held right and responsibility of ordaining bodies (local church sessions for deacons and elders or presbyteries for ministers) to determine the suitability of each candidate for ordination. The effect of the new language also opens up the possibility that persons in same-gender relationships can be considered for ordination.

The 219th General Assembly (2010) of the PC(USA) approved Amendment 10-A last summer, but required a majority of presbyteries to ratify the provision for it to become part of the church's Constitution. The change will take effect July 10, 2011, one year after the adjournment of last summer's assembly.

As Gradye Parsons, the General Assembly Stated Clerk, told the Presbyterian News Service, "Clearly what has changed is that persons in a same-gender relationship can be considered for ordination."

Personally I rejoice in this amendment. AT LAST all are welcome to positions of leadership in the church. AT LAST we will celebrate the spiritual gifts of our members and not narrowly define a person's worth by his or her sexual orientation. AT LAST we will be following the invitation of grace offered to all in the name of Jesus Christ. AT LAST we can move on!

Needless to say, there are faithful Presbyterians who grieve over this change. My hope is that in the months and years ahead we can remain united in our focus on the good news of Jesus Christ. We all need to allow time and the Spirit to guide us. Let us be gentle with one another and be open to honest conversation. Remember, unity in Christ has never meant unanimity in all decisions.

Additional resources are available at the Office of the General Assembly website which include a "frequently asked questions" document, liturgical resources, a video podcast by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and Advisory Opinion #24 about the change to G-6.0106b.

In Christ's service,

John

The full text of the church-wide letter concerning the new amendment to the Book of Order follows on p. 3.

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



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

May grace, mercy, and peace be yours in abundance (Jude 1:2).

The debate about ordination standards has been a Presbyterian family struggle for much of the last three decades. We have sought to find that place where every congregation and every member, deacon, elder, and minister of the Word and Sacrament can share their gifts in ministry while, at the same time, the integrity of every congregation, member, deacon, elder, and minister is respected.

This year, the conversation has focused on Amendment 10-A that was passed by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and sent to presbyteries for approval. While we wait for official tallies, it appears that 87 presbyteries have approved 10-A, which is the majority required for approval.

If this becomes official, the new language outlining the gifts and requirements for ordained service will say the following:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G-14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

This decision begins with an unequivocal affirmation that ordained office will continue to be rooted in each deacon, elder, and minister's "joyful submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life."

This action also has important effects on our life together as a church, namely:

- in keeping with our historic principles of church order, each session and presbytery will continue to determine the suitability of individuals seeking ordination within its bounds.*
- persons in a same-gender relationship may be considered for ordination and/or installation as deacons, elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within the PC(USA);*
- all other churchwide standards for ordination remain unchanged.*

Reactions to this change will span a wide spectrum. Some will rejoice, while others will weep. Those who rejoice will see the change as an action, long in coming, that makes the PC(USA) an inclusive church that recognizes and receives the gifts for ministry of all those who feel called to ordained office. Those who weep will consider this change one that compromises biblical authority and acquiesces to present culture. The feelings on both sides run deep. However, as Presbyterians, we believe that the only way we will find God's will for the church is by seeking it together – worshiping, praying, thinking, and serving alongside one another. We are neighbors and colleagues, friends and family. Most importantly, we are all children of God, saved and taught by Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We hold to the strong affirmation that all of us are bound together as the church through Jesus Christ our Lord. "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all," Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:5-6).

It is Jesus Christ who calls individuals to ordained ministries, and all those who are called to ordained office continue to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of all and Head of the church. It is this same Jesus Christ who is the foundation of our faith and to whom we cling.

No doubt, there will be several news stories and other reports about this change in the days ahead. A number of resources, including frequently asked questions and liturgical resources, are available for you at the Office of the General Assembly website. In addition, those who wish to comment on or inquire further about 10-A, please email ga.amendments@pcusa.org or call (888) 728-7228, x8202.

We invite you to join us in prayer:

Almighty God, we give thanks for a rich heritage of faithful witnesses to the gospel throughout the ages. We offer gratitude not only for those who have gone before us, but for General Assembly commissioners and presbyters across the church who have sought diligently to discern the mind of Christ for the church in every time and place, and especially in this present time.

May your Spirit of peace be present with us in difficult decisions, especially where relationships are strained and the future is unclear. Open our ears and our hearts to listen to and hear those with whom we differ. Most of all, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who called the Church into being and who continues to call us to follow his example of loving our neighbor and working for the reconciliation of the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator, 219th General Assembly (2010)

Linda Valentine, Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council

Landon Whitsitt, Vice Moderator, 219th General Assembly (2010)

From the clover patch...



Dear Friends,

Because we had such a long, cold and grey winter – that bled into what should have been a few warmer days in spring -- I find that I am enjoying the blossoming cherry, pear and magnolia trees more than ever before. I drive slowly down my neighborhood streets annoying the cars behind me as I admire the flower buds and the green shoots in each yard. Every spring I am amazed that life returns after such dark days, but this year I am especially grateful.

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Mary Oliver's poem seems perfect for the beginning of summer as we come upon our season of rest and re-creation. Oliver captures above all our deep desire to come to stillness in the breeze of God's love. Drink in the Spirit! Breathe in the Divine Wind! Sit still and be.

May the days of summer bring you many blessings,

Clover

"Coming to God: First Days"

Lord, what shall I do that I
can't quiet myself?
Here is the bread, and
here is the cup, and
I can't quiet myself.

To enter the language of transformation!
To learn the importance of stillness,
with one's hands folded!

When will my eyes of rejoicing turn peaceful?
When will my joyful feet grow still?
When will my heart stop its prancing
as over the summer grass?

Lord, I would run for you, loving the miles for your sake.
I would climb the highest tree
to be that much closer.

Lord, I will also learn to kneel down
into the world of the invisible,
the inscrutable and the everlasting.

Then I will move no more than the leaves of a tree
on a day of no wind,
bathed in light,
like the wanderer who has come home at last
and kneels in peace, done with all unnecessary things;
every motion; even words.

Mary Oliver

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Adult Education Summer Programming

ALL-CHURCH SUMMER BOOK READ and DISCUSSION

August 28 after church

Please purchase this book and join us for a discussion at the end of the summer.

Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived, by Rob Bell

Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"?

Troubling questions—so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud.

But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by *heaven*, *hell*, and *salvation* are very different from how we have come to understand them?

What if it is God who wants us to face these questions?

Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined. Love wins.

This is sponsored by the Adult Education ministry team. For more information, contact Clover Beal or Barry Hartz.

Summer Bible Study: Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Join us for Bible study before worship service each Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to stay engaged in the biblical text, have relaxed conversation, and prepare yourself for worship!

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Church School year has drawn to an end. I would like to thank all of our dedicated and energetic teachers, leaders, shepherds and helpers who have made this year so successful. These volunteers gave their time, energy, and love to nurture our children in our faith. On May 29 we will celebrate all who have been involved in all of FHC's Christian Education.

Thank you for those that helped in our Church School programs in May:

- In our nursery, thank you to Susanne Peterjohn, Christina Hidek, and Ron Register.
- In our Little Explorers class, thank you to Becky West, Diana Johannessen, and Sandy Schultz
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Sarah & Matt Winters and Christina Hidek.
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Kathryn & Peter Eloff, Barb Cloud, Sharon Shumaker, Kate Burleigh, Vikki Nowak, Consuelo Heineman, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Peter Williams.

Children Ministry Summer Programs

Through the summer months there will be child care for infants through five year olds. The nursery/crib room is a wonderful space that parents can leave their young children in confidence that they will be cared for and nurtured. If you would like to help out in our nursery please contact the church office.

Summer Pathways (children entering grades K-6)

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 children 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, and August 7 & 21 during worship.

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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 their Christian faith within families. Using two Sunday mornings, June 5 and 19, the group will meet at 9:00 am to help answer these difficult questions through an exploration of ***Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children*** by Elizabeth Caldwell. Please contact Liz Wollaeger in the church office or at lizw@fhcpresb.org or Laurie Logan at Laurie.logan@att.net for more information and book ordering. Child care can be made available if requested.

Dates to Know

May 29	Teacher Appreciation
June 5 & 19	Family Ministry. 9 am Book Discussion
June 5 & 19	Summer Pathways, 10 am Children entering gr. K – 6 will meet in the Art Room

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

Forest Hill Youth Ministry

Senior Breakfast: All seniors are invited to a breakfast and recognition on Sunday, June 5, beginning at 9 am.

Forest Hill Picnic & Ice Cream Social: Celebrate the beginning of summer with Forest Hill after worship on June 12. We will have a picnic and ice cream social at Forest Hill Park. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

There will be a mandatory Mission Trip Meeting for all participants and parents on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 pm. If you cannot attend, you must schedule a meeting another time with Kristen.

Movie Night: On Sunday, June 26 all the youth are invited to movie night at Severance Theaters in Cleveland Heights. We will go see a movie around 7 pm – exact time and movie will be announced that week.

4th of July Youth Cookout! All the youth and families are invited to Kristen's home for a cookout and games from 1:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, July 3. Friends and family welcome – Please bring either a dessert, drink, or side dish to share.

The 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!

I need your registrations by June 26!

Forest Hill Youth Schedule

Sunday, June 5 Graduation Breakfast at 9am and Recognition of Seniors during worship at 10 am

Sunday June 12 Forest Hill Picnic and Ice Cream Social
11 am- 1 pm at Forest Hill Park

Wednesday, June 15 Mission Trip Meeting at 7 pm (FHC)

Sunday, June 26 All Youth Movie Night at 7 pm
(Severance Theaters)

Sunday July 3 All Youth 4th of July Cookout at Kristen's house,
1-4 pm

Fundraising Update

Thanks to the congregation for their overwhelming support of the youth fundraisers this spring. We have raised approximately \$2,000 this spring through the bake sale, ham sale and stock fundraiser. We are excited about our mission trip this summer to Washington D.C. and are thankful for the ability to make it affordable for our youth through the support of Forest Hill Church.

Happy Summer!

Kristen (Sloan) Otte
Director of Youth Ministries



ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

HEAD OVER TO FOREST HILL PARK FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON JUNE 12 FOR AN ALL- CHURCH PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL. NOT ONLY WILL MORAG WILL BE GRILLING UP BURGERS AND HOT DOGS, BUT BARB CLOUD WILL BE HOLDING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP.

PLEASE BRING

- A POT LUCK SIDE DISH TO SHARE
- PLATES, SILVERWARE AND DRINKS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

THERE WILL BE GAMES AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHRISTINA HIDEK
(440-646-9093 OR christina.hidek@gmail.com)



As the choir season draws to a close, I would like to take this moment to thank all the dedicated, creative and loving people who have faithfully attended rehearsals each week in order to praise God in song (or bells) every Sunday morning. It is a joy for me to work with all the choirs, and I'm grateful to my special helpers: Nancy Grube, the choir librarian; Jaired Birks, Chancel Choir Chancellor; Carl Jenks, Vice-President; Joy Stang, Secretary; Bob Jeffreys, Treasurer; Josh Toombs, Mascot ☺, Ginie Mast, Assistant Conductor; Emily Brock and Emily Klein, Sine Nomine Choir Co-Presidents and Sarah Lentz, Vice President; Lillie Trammell, Descant Choir President and Will Burleigh, Vice-President; Sue Conant, Voices in Bronze President; Lisa Koops, Cherub Choir Director.

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 5 with rehearsals held before the 10:00 am worship service, at 9:30 am every Sunday. The music is easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes in arms) are most welcome to participate (or just sit with singing parents). No hot choir robes – just come as you are. I strongly encourage everyone in the congregation to sing in the Summer Choir at least once. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from “the other side.” The Summer Choir sings every Sunday during June and July.

I wish you good health and safety during your summer travels. My own summer plans include exploring musical and artistic sights in Holland, Belgium and France during June, and attending a Jazz Camp at the University of Louisville in July. Also, I will be giving a workshop on global music and leading a worship service at the Festival of Liturgical Arts in Hudson, OH (last week of June), and teaching service-playing classes for the Pittsburgh American Guild of Organists Chapter in August.

Soli Deo Gloria

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



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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
Dannefer, Kemp Jaycox

From the Web

Did you know...

summer is when many people search for a new church home? Invite your friends to explore our webpage and come to church with you this summer! Special Summer Sunday worship info is listed [here](#) (the summer schedule on the website, www.fhcpresb.org).

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

~Peg Weissbrod, web administrator

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Sundays in June	
9:00	Summer Bible Study
9:30	Child care begins
	Continental Breakfast
	Summer Choir
10:00	WORSHIP
	Summer Pathways (gr. 1-6) (June 5, 19)
11:15	Coffee Hour
3:30 & 6:00	Softball (see schedule, p. 26)

June 5 Summer schedule begins 9:00 Senior Breakfast Children's Ministry Book Discussion 10:00 Worship: Baptism of Patrick Joseph Janor 12:00 Racial Conversations	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11
June 12 Day of Pentecost 10:00 Worship: Communion 11:00 Lunch and ice cream social in Forest Hill Park	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 John 20: 19-23
June 19 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Children's Ministry Book Discussion 11:00 Worship: Baptism of Peyton Yoe	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20
June 26 11:00 Worship: Baptism of Edwin Vason 7:00 Youth: Movie @ Severance	Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42

News of Our Church Family

Baptisms

Brendan Haas West, son of Becky and Brian West, was baptized May 1, 2011. Elder (and grandmother) Sandy Schultz was the attending Elder. Brendan is the brother of Charlie and Jude.

In Memoriam We Remember

William P. Bidelman, who died May 3, 2011.

New Contact Information

Kristen (Sloan) and Brian Otte
5507 Huron Rd.
Lyndhurst, OH 44124
440-223-1036

New emails only

Nancy Burcham: Burcham@roadrunner.com

Care Group

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

Members of the Jordan CARE Group are:

Debbie Adrine, Deacon and Leader	Mary McMillan Jon Newton
Betsy and Joe Andrews	Frank Ragone
Chessie Bleick	Linda Rainey
Dale and Elaine Dannefer	the Schellenberg family
Sally Davis	Jim and Pat Seeders
Ralph and Kathy Dise	Dalma Takacs
Kaye Gardiner	Grace Uhle
Ron and Marcia Grant	Tori Weisberg and family
the Heineman family	Pat and Ray Weissbrod
Colleen and Christian Hunter	Becky and Brian West and family
Carl Jenks	Marilyn Wilk
Ellen McChesney	Diana and Ted Woodbridge

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

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

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

I am looking for low-cost housing for myself, at latest, by the end of June.

I would like to be either in Cleveland Heights, within reasonable walking distance to the top of Cedar Hill, or within walking distance of the Cedar road bus route, or on a frequently running connecting route, so that I can get to work without a car.

I am able to pay up to \$300 per month and I am willing to do lawn or house work in addition.

You can reach me on my cell phone at (216)-372-0402 or at my email, gameplayer471@hotmail.com

Humbly Yours,
Chris McPheeters

Congratulations to all FHC Graduates!

From the family of Forest Hill Church, to this year's graduating seniors:

We wish you well as you move beyond high school and on to the next phase of your life. We watched you grow, be baptized, join Pathways, go on mission trips, be confirmed, sing in choirs and participate in the life of the church. We hope you take faith and wisdom and understanding with you as you move past your high school and college years. May God always be with you.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Jaired Birks
Graduating from Cleve. Hts. HS, will attend Ohio Northern Univ.

Jordan Dail
Graduating from Orange HS, will attend CPCC

Ethan Gifford
Graduating from Solon HS, will attend University of Akron in Biomedical Engineering

Monika Juodisius
Graduating from Montessori HS at University Circle, will attend Ithaca College in Physical Therapy

Jack Lentz
Graduating from Cleve. Hts HS, will attend Kent State Univ.

Ellen McCumber
Graduating from Brush HS, will attend Roanoke College (VA)

Emily Mervine
Graduating from Lake Catholic HS, will attend Ohio University

David Schellenberg
Graduating from Cleve. Hts HS, will attend OSU in Mechanical Engineering

Reni Solaru
Graduating from Orange HS, will attend Miami University

Josh Toombs
Graduating from Cleve. Hts HS, will attend Bowling Green State University

Evan Tuttle
Graduating from Shaker Hts. HS, will attend Sarah Lawrence College

COLLEGE GRADS

Katherine Fay
Graduating from U of Indiana with a BA in Journalism

Emily Logan
Graduating from U of Texas with a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Chelsea Richards
Graduating from Ohio University with BS in Education

Clara Wilson
Graduating from Miami University with a BA in Zoology

Emily Wollaeger
Graduating from Hamilton College with a BA in American Studies



Faith Leader Faith Formation Program

What is it?

A 28-week curriculum specifically designed for the cultivation and development of lay leaders in the body of Christ.

The purpose

To help lay persons who are seeking to grow in their Christian faith to

- *identify* his or her spiritual gifts,
- *cultivate* spiritual practices,
- *provide* a framework for discernment,
- *equip* participants with a Personal Plan for Ministry.

The gift of the Faith Leader program becomes a deeper connection with God, oneself, and others.

The group is limited to 10 participants. The next series will begin September 2011 and end in May 2012. If you are interested, please contact the Leadership Development Team: Elder Laurie Muller-Girard or Rev. Clover Beal (pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org)

My Experience in the Faith Leader Program 2010-2011

During a worship service last year, Clover talked about the Faith Leader program at Forest Hill Church, and I immediately wanted to be signed up. The idea of working with a small group of people on understanding our beliefs about God and faith, thinking about how God fits into our individual lives, understanding how we might recognize and learn to celebrate our individual gifts, and then finally discerning how we might use these gifts in our own personal ministries and within our own spiritual communities sounded exciting to me. I had been struggling with what I believed, and I had been hoping to find others to explore these topics with.

Our Faith Leader group was lead by two lay people, Todd Webster and Ed Gernerchak, who through their openness and vulnerability made the group a safe and loving environment. Over the next twenty-eight weeks, we explored, questioned, cried, supported, discovered, laughed, grew, revealed, and believe it or not, transformed. For example, one of our group members who initially questioned what she had to offer such a group, discovered her faith, validated her many gifts, and began to recognize her beauty. That was the Holy Spirit moving, I have no doubt. At our final retreat, I was asked what I had learned about myself. I said that I realize I have faith, I have learned how to pray, and I now trust the gifts God has given me. I have also made life-long friends with a group of incredible people who will continue to search and discover along with me. What a gift this program has been in my life. Thank you participants, leaders, Clover, and FHC!

Lissa McKinley

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

June 8, Planning meeting at FHC, 1:30 pm

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

The Group will watch Lake County Captains play the Lansing Lugnuts on Saturday July 9th at 7:00 p.m. As a bonus there are post-game fireworks. Please contact Jane and Chuck Ishler (216/382-7590 or chasish@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot with a payment of \$9 per person, due by Sunday June 26. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game.



Saturday, July 9, Lake County Captains, 7 pm

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

When Iris Circle visited 10,000 Villages Shop at Trinity Commons in April, they were told that 10% of their purchases would be donated to a charity of their choice. Last week they received a check for \$100.05 for FHC's food cupboard, their charity of choice. Thank you to all members and friends of Iris Circle who visited and shopped at 10,000 Villages!

FHC – Shaker Heights Group: Backyard Cookout

If you live in Shaker Heights and attend Forest Hill Church, you are invited to a gathering to better know our neighbors. Come to the home of **Eric and Laurie Muller-Girard**, 3352 Norwood Road, Shaker Heights, for a backyard cook-out and time of fellowship on [Saturday](#), June 11, beginning at 6 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring either a side dish or dessert, AND BYOB. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided (this is an evening for **adults only**.)

RSVP to Rev. Clover Beal at pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org or to the Muller-Girards at multimg@wowway.com, and let us know what you'll be bringing. Questions? Call the Muller-Girards (216-752-7006).

Saturday, June 11, Muller-Girards' in Shaker Hts., 6 pm





Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Clean-Up Day on May 7. The church building and grounds are much improved for your efforts!

Nick and Phyllis Baumgartner	Laura Minder
Theresa and Jessica Baumgartner	Eric and Megan Muller-Girard
Dave Bell	Pat Musick
Ruth Brickel	Dave Neff
Robert and Anna Brock	Ron Polderman
Roger, Consuelo, and Grant Heineman	Jim Roosa
David and Anne Hunter	Pat and Jim Seeders
Chuck Ishler	Chuck and Harrison Smith
Scott Lafferty	Ahren Stock
John and Sarah Lentz	Elaine Turley
Kathy Molyneaux	Peg Weissbrod
	Paul Weissbrod

Boy Scouts – Brian Baumgartner, Scout Master - 11 scouts and 4 leaders



And any others who escaped the list but helped anyway – thank you!

*Join Boy Scout Troop #403 for their
Annual Strawberry Festival
at FHC*

Friday, June 3, 6:30 pm

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from a troop member

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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 JULY 15 17 (for the July-August edition), AUG 12, SEPT 16. **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:

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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.

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.

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Dear Friends,

We'd like to give you a brief update about on-line giving. More members are enjoying success with expanding their check writing to Forest Hill Church via their internet banking. Folks are reporting that giving on-line makes it easier for them to remember to keep their giving regular, and has eliminated that hectic feeling on Sunday morning of "where's the checkbook?" An even income stream is very helpful to the church, so we appreciate everyone's help in this regard.

A member recently shared the following –

I have found it very convenient to give to FHC on-line, when I do my other banking and bill-paying. I also like that it is "green", saving paper and money, too. But I struggled with not putting anything in the plate on Sunday morning. I felt that it didn't look right and also set a bad example. I came up with this idea for my spiritual discipline in Lent: every week I selected an aspect of FHC to receive a small cash donation. And there are many opportunities! Hunger, food cupboard, garden, youth mission, IHN, Friends of Music, PC USA, etc... And I also just give extra unpledged gifts to the church budget to support everything we are trying to do in this community. So this solution helps me feel good on Sunday mornings and every day. I'm going to keep it up!

Thanks to everyone for supporting Forest Hill Church.

The Financial Office

Forest Hill Church Softball Schedule: 2011 Season

- 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 31 6 pm: Tournament
- Aug 7 6 pm: Tournament



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Mission Partner Field Trip Home Repair Resource Center Tour

After worship on June 26, join us at the Home Repair Resource Center for a brief presentation of HRRC's work, vision for the future and the challenges that lie ahead, and a tour. HRRC is one of the organizations supported by FHC's benevolence funds, and FHC has a long history of members giving time as volunteers and staff of this organization. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 11:30 am, and the length of the presentation and tour will last no more than 45 minutes. If you wish, bring a brown bag lunch for fellowship and conversation after the tour concludes. HRRC is located at 2520 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.