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

## Forest Hill Church

### The Tower

September 2011

Dear Friends,

I had my 54<sup>th</sup> birthday this past August. Yes, I know, to some of you that still means that I am still a kid with much to learn! Of course to others, like my children, I am now well past my prime and really have nothing to offer and can't be taught anything new. But whether you are 90 or 10 there are no excuses for not living faithfully and well! Someone gave to me the follow 10 rules for staying young. George Carlin, quoting an unknown author, circulated these:

1. Throw out the nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay her/him.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the brain idle: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop!"
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. Tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants and hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: if it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

These make sense to me! But I might add: a) Don't be so critical, complain less, appreciate more, say "thank you!" and b) Worship at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian!

Enjoy the beauty of September as the summer turns to autumn. Come worship with us and bring a friend. We resume our education and choir programs and 11:00 worship on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Read this Tower fully, check out our website... there is a LOT going on in the months ahead.

God bless you,

John

*John Lentz*  
*Senior Pastor*

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### Exploring Forest Hill Church and Membership

Who are we? Who are you?

Saturday, October 15; 9 am - 12 pm and October 16, 9 - 10:30 am

If you are interested in finding out more about Forest Hill Church, please join us to meet the pastors, learn more about the congregation, discover what Presbyterians are all about, explore ways you might get involved at FHC, but most importantly, to let us get to know you. Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating. There is no obligation to join the church, but an opportunity to do so, if you so desire. Childcare will be available for the class, but we must have your reservation. Hope to see you there!

Please contact the church office: 216-321-2660 or [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)

Dear FHC friends,



John and I have noticed that every Sunday this summer we were honored to have guests visiting church. Sometimes people take summer as an opportunity to attend a church other than their own. Sometimes people who don't otherwise attend a worshiping community take the opportunity in the summer to put a toe in the waters of worship. Others visit our church because they are new to the area—perhaps employment or education has brought them here. And of course we are glad to welcome any relatives or friends visiting our members from out of town.

From our vantage point --on the chancel looking out—John and I can almost always spot new faces. And, I am always delighted to see the warmth of our church family as you reach out to greet a new face. John and I are especially grateful when one of you brings a guest up to meet us after worship. I am grateful to put a face with a name!

If you know a person who has been visiting us and is interested in learning more about our church, please connect them with one of the pastors and tell him or her about our fall Exploring Membership class in October. We desire to connect people with people in the service of God's worshipful work.

Check out the website [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org) Come and see! 3

So, here we go again! September has come, and we have very exciting opportunities for education, spiritual formation, mission and service, fellowship, youth ministry, worship, good stewardship, and of course having fun while participating in all of it. Joy is the surest sign of the presence of God, I believe! And all these opportunities are not only offered for FHC regulars. Invite a friend or two to participate in any activity we offer. Bring a neighbor to church! All are welcome.

May God be with us as we begin another exciting program year,

Clover

Clover Beal  
Associate Pastor

### Kommen Sie zu Oktoberfest!

It's time to get out your lederhosen! The Forest Hill Church Fall Festival will celebrate our new church year with an Oktoberfest-themed lunch and afternoon of fun for all. Join us for games, crafts, polka dancing, oomp music and great German food. We are bringing back the always fun Cake Walk, and are looking for bakers to provide a cake, pie, cookies or cupcakes.

So mark your calendars for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and come meet friends old and new and kick off the fall season and indulge in some beer (that's root beer, as in root beer floats that will be available for a small donation).

*Ein Prosit!*

*A toast to happiness and good health*



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## Children Ministries Summer Sundays

### Summer Pathways

This summer our children participated in activities using the *Parable of the Sower*, Mark 4:1-9, as they explored God's creation. An environmentally-focused curriculum, **ReNew** (published by Sparkhouse) allowed the kids and leaders to grow in faith, have fun and change the world as they practiced stewardship of creation. The kids experienced the Bible story using all five senses to live out a call to care for creation through service-oriented activities. Thank you to the leaders and shepherds who helped the children realize opportunities to care for God's creation: Laurie Logan, Alisha Trammell, Peter Williams, Joanne Shaner, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat & Jim Seeders, Laura Steiner and Robin Mervine.

### Summer Child Care

Thank you to all our child care volunteers who helped out in the crib room/nursery and our 3 & 4 year old room this summer: Jill Roberts, Ron Register, Christina Hidek, Taylor Reynolds, Pat & Jim Seeders, Beth Feroe, Virginia Weiss, Mary Ball, Elizabeth Shaw, and Kay Dunlap.

### Thank You

I would like to extend a personal **Thank You** to all who helped get the classrooms ready as well as with other program-related pieces and parts: Laurie Logan, Grace Uhle, Christina Hidek, Jenny & Caty Himmelman, Megan Tzefronis, Elspeth Peterjohn, Mary & Keara Ball, Emily Wollaeger, and Kate, Will, Colin & Andrew Burleigh.

## Children's Ministry Programs 2011-2012

### Crib and Nursery

Tracy Long, our permanent childcare provider, and Jill Roberts, our substitute, will continue to care for our littlest member of our congregation. We also ask volunteers to help staff this room. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children while they have an opportunity to worship. Child care is offered from 9:15 to 12:30 upstairs in the Monticello wing.

### Little Explorers      three and four year olds

Our focus for this age group is to help these little ones know and experience God's love. The room is separated into a storytelling area, worship area, and play area. Each week the children will have a story read to them; they will then respond to that story using art, drama, or movement activities. In September, the children will participate in stories about their place in the church, and about Jesus' disciples. This class meets from 11:00-12:15 in Room 206.

### Children in Worship      older 4 year olds-kindergarten

This worship experience allows the children to be in an environment where age-appropriate Bible stories are shared. The children are guided through a worship service and are encouraged to respond to the stories through songs, art, questions and retelling of the stories. The children in this class will also be exploring the significance of the Lord's Supper. Parents and their children will take part in a special class in September as these children learn about this wonderful gift of Communion. More information will be available closer to the date. This class meets from 11:00-12:15 in Room 205.

### Pathways to the Promise Land      grades 1-5

Our church school for these children is a workshop rotation model. This model focuses on the variety of ways in which the children learn. Each month the children participate in workshops that explore a topic based on the yearly theme. During a three-week rotation (with an occasional 4-week rotation), the children rotate among workshops to experience the same Bible focus in different learning styles. The lessons are designed as a kid-friendly, teacher-friendly, facility-transforming way to teach Bible stories and truths.

The theme for the upcoming program year is the *Messiah*. From the time of the early prophets, the people of Israel placed their hope on the deliverer. The children will be exploring the people and events that lead us to the Anointed One, Jesus Christ, as the Messiah and the central figure in the Christian faith.

The children will be divided this year in the following groups: **Grade 1/2, Grades 3/4, and Grade 5.**

One of the significant changes in the *Pathways to the Promise Land* program (grades 1-5) is that the children will be attending worship (with very few exceptions) with their families on Sundays when we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These will be called KISS: *Kids In Sunday Service*. The first *Pathways to the Promise Land* rotation theme will be teaching the children the focus of worship as praise and the pattern of the service. For KISS Sundays the children will receive their own bulletin and quiet relevant activities to help keep them engaged in the service.

### Get Connected!

I invite you to consider becoming involved in any of our Christian education programs. There are many ways to help out: hold a baby for an hour, read a story to 3 and 4 year olds, help choose curriculum, be part of an adult core team for our youth groups, be a youth leader, offer your home for youth Bible studies, work with computers..... The experience is rewarding and satisfying. Please contact Liz Wollaeger (church 216-321-2660, home 440-498-0474, or email [lizw@fhcpresb.org](mailto:lizw@fhcpresb.org)) for more information.

### Dates to Know

#### September 11 Beginning of the Program Year

Pathways to the Promise Land children begin in Worship as a KISS Sunday

#### September 18 & 25 Pathways to the Promise Land

Children will begin in worship, then excused to the workshops with their Shepherd.

Faithfully,

Liz Wollaeger  
Director of Christian Education



Martin Luther once proclaimed:

*I wish to see all arts, particularly music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart. The devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.*

Certainly, Martin Luther is suggesting that you join a choir!

The 2011-2012 choir season is about to begin and I'm looking forward to seeing all our FHC musical families getting back to work (and play!). Those who participated in choir last year will receive a letter in the mail, but here's the general information for persons who may be interested in finding out about the musical opportunities at Forest Hill Church:

### *The Choirs*

**Chancel Choir** (adults): First rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 8 beginning with a pot-luck supper and general frivolity at 6:40 in Bodwell Hall. Bring whatever dish you enjoy preparing (or purchasing) and we'll have a fine time getting caught up and electing new choir officers (if you wish to avoid such responsibilities, it's a good idea to show up at the potluck, ahem). The rehearsal takes place from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Our first choir Sunday is September 11th (rehearsal at 10:30 am; worship at 11:00 am).

**Sine Nomine Choir** (grades 6-12): First rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept. 11 in the Chapel after worship. Generally we'll meet every other Sunday (with occasional exceptions) for approximately 40 minutes. We'll elect officers at the first rehearsal (looks good on college apps ☺).

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## *From the Deacon Ministry*

The Deacons would like to thank all of those who have participated in our effort to collect items for soldiers in the war zones who are related to church members. Your gifts of personal care products, snacks, and monetary donations to help defray shipping have been put to good use.

We sent a big care package to Katie Weissbrod's brother-in-law Jerald Chester, who was deployed to Iraq with an Army medical unit from Cleveland. Jerry travels among three medical bases by helicopter, and even though it is a medical unit, they have to wear full body gear and carry their weapons at all times.

Katie reports "he tries to call home every day, and he often can't tell his wife Megan what they have been doing or where he is going." Upon receiving the package, Jerry wrote that he was pleased with all the great stuff and the high quality tooth brushes that were sent; he stated "my unit will have the cleanest teeth in the IJOA. Seriously, it is great to have all those sorts of things so the junior soldiers who don't make that much money...don't have to spend it on toiletries and snacks." He happily passed on many of the items to those he works with. He also appreciated the cards and letters that were sent and posted them for others to see.

Please continue to keep Jerry and Megan in your prayers; his unit is set to return in November.

Deacon Cindy Newton

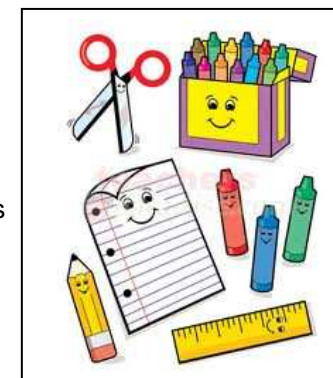
## *School Supplies for Boulevard School*

The Ministry of Justice and Mission will be collecting school supplies for Boulevard Elementary School through Sunday, September 4, 2011. Please place items in the noted boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Any and all supplies are welcome. The highlighted items are frequently missing due to the expense.

Thank you for your help and support.

- **Colored pencils**
- **Markers (thin and thick)**
- **Scissors**
- **Highlighters**
- **Flashcards (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division)**
- **Notebooks**
- **Notebook paper**
- **Dry erase markers**
- #2 pencils/pencil sharpener/ballpoint pens
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks/Elmer's Glue
- Boxes of Tissues
- Crayola Crayons
- Clorox Wipes/Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Baggies/Plastic Supply Box
- 2 pocket folders with and without prongs
- Spiral notebooks
- Ruler
- Mead composition books
- Notecards



Carol Leslie, Ministry of Justice and Mission

| Sundays in September                            |  |
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| <i>The regular schedule begins September 11</i> |  |
| 9:00  | Child care begins                                    |
| 9:30  | Adult education<br>Youth education<br>Descant Choir  |
| 10:15   | Descant Choir activity                               |
| 10:30   | Continental Breakfast<br>Chancel Choir               |
| 11:00   | WORSHIP<br>Children in Worship<br>Little Explorers   |
| 11:15   | Pathways to the Promise Land: Sept. 18, 25 (gr. 1-5) |
| 12:15   | Coffee Hour<br>Sine Nomine Choir (Sept. 11, 25)      |

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| <b>September 4</b><br><b>Summer schedule</b><br>9:30 Continental Breakfast<br>9:45 Child care<br>10:00 Worship<br>7:00 Sr High Movie Night                                    | <b>Exodus 12: 1-14</b><br><b>Psalm 149</b><br><b>Romans 13: 8-14</b><br><b>Matthew 18: 15-20</b>                 |
| <b>September 11</b><br><b>Regular schedule begins</b><br>3:30 Out of Many, One<br>(see p. 11)   | <b>Exodus 14: 19-31</b><br><b>Psalm 114</b><br><b>Romans 14: 1-12</b><br><b>Matthew 18: 21-35</b>                |
| <b>September 18</b><br>8:00 Nominating committee<br>11:00 Worship: Baptism of Walt Reed<br><b>12:15 Fall Festival: Oktoberfest</b>  | <b>Exodus 16: 2-15</b><br><b>Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45</b><br><b>Philippians 1: 21-30</b><br><b>Matthew 20: 1-16</b> |
| <b>September 25</b><br>9:30 Kerygma groups begin<br>11:00 Worship:<br>Baptism of Chloe Russo<br>1:00 Racial Conversations:<br>Closing Retreat<br>5:00 Kerygma<br>Faith Leader | <b>Exodus 17: 1-7</b><br><b>Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16</b><br><b>Philippians 2: 1-13</b><br><b>Matthew 21: 23-32</b>   |

**Forest Hill Church Adult Education**  
*KERYGMA Bible Study Challenge!*  
Fall 2011: September 25 to November 27

After a tremendously successful 2010-2011 Bible study program with over 90 participants, the Adult Christian Education and Spiritual Formation program will continue engaging in a church-wide Kerygma Bible Study Challenge! This year's programs will continue to offer a variety of opportunities for studying scripture in a small group setting.

**Option I: EXODUS: “Gateway to the Bible”**

**Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am or Sunday evenings 5-7 pm**

The book of Exodus, often called the source book of the Bible, initiates great themes of the faith - salvation and revelation, promise and fulfillment, covenant and community. Participants will see how the stories of Exodus lay the foundation for the covenant relationship between God and God's people that forms the cornerstone of the entire Bible. Anchoring us in the testimony of scripture, the study will strengthen and enrich, enliven and inform our faithful living today.

**10 sessions / resource book \$20**

**Option II: EXODUS: “Drawing the Bible”**

**Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Like all the other FHC Bible study groups this fall, this group will use the Kerygma Exodus materials – but will have a special added feature: exploration of the Bible through creating art. Daryl Musick, who has a Master's degree in Art Therapy, will co-facilitate this group with Peter and Ann Williams, who both love making art. We see the making of art as one of many ways that we can prayerfully deepen our understanding of the Bible. As we deepen our knowledge of the Bible through the use of the Kerygma materials, we will also deepen our appreciation of the imagery, feeling, and spirit of the text through the use of art. You do not need to be an “artist” to be in this group.

You simply need to be curious enough to explore the Bible using color, form, and symbols. To allow ourselves enough time for both study and art, this group will meet for 2 hours on Tuesday evening, 7-9 pm. We understand that a 7 pm starting time may stress some people's schedules. So we plan to have a simple supper of soup & bread available at the church at 6:30, immediately before the group begins.

**10 sessions / resource book \$20**



**Option III: EXODUS: “Listen to the Bible with Heart”**  
**Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m.**

This group will explore different contemplative practices as they pertain to listening to Scripture speak to us today. We will share personal discoveries in the group, giving the opportunity to learn and grow together with our hearts open to the Word and to each other. We will read the Kerygma Exodus course material individually prior to each session to inform and enhance our time together. However, it will not be the focus of our shared time together. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m., in the chapel. Drop-ins are welcomed.

**10 sessions / resource book \$20**

**Option IV: BIBLE 101: “Your Bible! The Study Begins”**  
**Sundays, 9:30 a.m.**

This seven-week course of study will acquaint you with the Bible in a broad yet concise way. A brief survey of its two main testaments will help participants see how the parts are related. This brief study will help you improve your knowledge of the Bible. This is a great study for those who feel the need for a stronger foundation in order to feel more confident in reading *Your Bible!*.

**8 sessions / resource book \$12**

**How will the program work?**

There are a variety of ways to be involved in Bible study this fall. Here are some of the ways you can participate in our church-wide Bible Study Challenge:

- Come to Sunday worship and hear the sermons that will be preached from the passages from Exodus studied that week.
- Prepare for Sunday worship through your own independent study of the Kerygma resource book for EXODUS.
- Join a small group that will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. during the adult education hour, or Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m.
- Join the “Listen With Your Heart” group, which will utilize the Exodus passages through contemplative practices Sunday mornings in the chapel.
- Join the Tuesday evening group, “Drawing the Bible.”

- Join in a Sunday morning group even if you haven’t signed up!

You can sign up by turning in a registration form by September 18. For more information contact Rev. Beal ([pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org) or 216-321-2660) or Barry Hartz ([bchartz4752@gmail.com](mailto:bchartz4752@gmail.com) or 216-509-9331). Non-members of FHC are always welcome and dynamic contributors to our small groups.

**The registration form follows on p. 19**

**Exodus 1: 8-20**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

Forest Hill Church Adult Education  
**Bible Study Challenge!**  
Registration Form Fall 2011

I would like to be in a Bible Study Group this fall!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include me in the following group(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus: *Gateway to the Bible*  
**Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am \$20**

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus: *Gateway to the Bible*  
**Sunday evening 5:00-7:00 pm \$20**

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus: *Drawing the Bible*  
**Tuesday 7:00-9:00 pm \$20**

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus: *Listen With Your Heart*  
**Sunday 9:30-10:30 am \$20**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible 101: *Your Bible! Let the Study Begin*  
**Sunday 9:30-10:30 am \$12**

**My previous Kerygma experience:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been involved in previous Kerygma courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have NOT participated in a Kerygma course.

**My level of Biblical expertise:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beginner Bible student

\_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate to experienced Bible student

**Please return this form to the church office by September 18th.**  
**Thanks!**

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**We'll complete this part:** AMT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ / DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
/ INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

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## Forest Hill Youth Program

With the start of school, the Forest Hill Youth Schedule kicks into high gear. This is going to be a great year for FHC youth!

### Mid High Youth

Our Mid High Youth meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Koinonia Room. We will be studying the life of Jesus through a variety of mediums, playing games, and growing closer to one another.

In addition to our Sunday morning meetings, the mid highs will participate in special events and meetings 1-2 times a month. The Mid Highs will gather for Game Night on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm in the Koinonia Rm. Enjoy a meal together followed by an evening of your favorite board and wii games. Friends and family welcome to join the fun!

The other big event for Mid Highs in September is the Fall Retreat. We will meet at the church at 5 pm on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and head to the Logans' cabin in New York. We will spend the weekend with one another playing games and mini-golf, hiking, studying the Bible, and learning about what it means to be a leader in middle school. The cost for the weekend is \$50. We will return Sunday afternoon. Sign up with Kristen. Adults may join us as chaperones for the weekend.

### Senior High Youth

Senior High Youth will have two different weekly gatherings. On Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, senior highs will meet in the library for a time of discussion and study. We will explore the Book of Proverbs and the wisdom this book has to offer us today.

On Thursday evenings, senior highs will meet at 7 pm for "Group Development." We will spend some time in discussion and study of the life of Jesus. We also will eat together, spend some time hanging out, playing games and even watching our favorite episodes of Modern Family or another show. Group Development starts September 1<sup>st</sup> at Kristen's house (5507 Huron Road, Lyndhurst).

In addition to Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings, senior highs will also have special meetings and events. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, youth are invited to the church for movie night in the MOB room at 7 pm.

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### Car Wash!

On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Mid and Senior Highs will host a Car Wash at Forest Hill Church from 10 am-2 pm.

Bring your car to be washed and help raise money for the 2012 mission trip!



Kristen Otte  
Director of Youth Fellowship

### Update: Discernment Task Force

The deadline for the Discernment Task Force's September 28 report to Session on God, Life, the Universe, and Everything, especially Forest Hill Church, is rapidly approaching.

As with most task forces, we've bit off more than we can chew. The end of August and the beginning of September find us frantically trying to simultaneously complete our research and pull together all of our findings. Thank you to all who have assisted.

Here's what we've done (or are working on) so far. We:

- read and sorted through 40 years of Session minutes and Annual Reports to understand the larger historical picture of Forest Hill Church
- studied the membership, attendance, and giving patterns of Forest Hill Church and those of other comparably-sized churches in our Presbytery
- conducted one-on-one interviews with at least 50 different Forest Hill members and visitors, both long-time and brand-new, young, old, and in-between

- surveyed the entire congregation about the role church plays in their lives, what moves them to support the church financially and otherwise, what issues they think we are/should be addressing, and what their vision of Forest Hill's future is
- collected people's favorite stories/ experiences of Forest Hill Church at after-worship Listening Posts
- visited other local churches, including Antioch Baptist, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Church of the Saviour, to glean their best practices in the areas of staffing, programming, missions and mission giving, and just "funding the faith" during this economic downturn.
- invited former member Dr. Mary Grace Neville to lead a one-day workshop on conclusions to be drawn from our research

Please keep the Task Force, its members, Session and one another in your prayers as we continue our commitment to listening for God's call.

*Discernment Task Force members:*  
*Dave Bell                      Stephen Sedam*  
*Barb Cloud                     Elizabeth Shaw*  
*Jeannine Gury                Chuck Smith*  
*Barb Hansen                  Jeff Smith*  
*Melody Obery                Peg Weissbrod*

Elder Peg Weissbrod

### Coming in Early November

The Ministry of Justice & Mission is planning a day of service & action for members of all ages. Plan now to join in this opportunity to build relationships outside our church walls and tangibly live out our commitment to love and justice. Details will be coming soon!

Elder Laura Steiner

## How Do We Elect Our Leaders in Our Church? The Presbyterian Nominating Process

The Presbyterian Book of Order states: "Every congregation shall elect men and women from among its active members, giving fair representation to persons of all ages and of all racial ethnic members and persons with disabilities who are members of that congregation, to the office of elder and to the office of deacon...."

FHC has three Elders from each of six ministries, plus a Deacon, a Clerk of Session, the Pastor, and the Associate Pastor who make up the leadership body called the Session. The Clerk, Elders, and Deacons each serve a three-year term and must be active members of the church. The role of the Elected Leader is to serve for one to three years on a ministry, helping to shape the ministry, handle special projects, develop new programs, and give vision for the ministry. Elected Leaders do not need to be members of the church, but do need to be active in the church.

The Nominating Committee is made up of an Elder from Session, five elected members, a Trustee representative, and a Deacon representative. This handful of people is tasked with matching the gifts of the congregation with the leadership needs of this church. As the chair of the committee, let me tell you, it's not an easy task. All of us in this church are gifted in a variety of ways, but those gifts are not always apparent to ourselves, let alone the Nominating Committee. Between February and December, we meet monthly to brainstorm about the needs of the church and the gifts of our congregation. We utilize the Time and Talents survey. We also reach out to the active members on the ministries asking them to nominate individuals who have been involved. When we think we have found a match, we contact the person to invite him or her to serve. We bring the slate of nominees to the congregation who then votes at the annual meeting in January.

The Nominating Committee is always open to submissions of names to be considered for elected office. If you know someone you would like the committee to consider for spiritual leadership in our church, please feel free to contact me, any member of the Nominating Committee or one of the pastors.

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|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Joanne Shaner (chair) |                |               |
| Chris Davis           | Pat Seeders    | Kevin Steiner |
| Robyn Hales           | Derry Stauffer |               |
| Elizabeth Shaw        | Joy Stang      |               |

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## News of Our Church Family

### Births

**Hayden James House**, son of Heather and Jon House, was born August 9, 2011.

### Baptisms

**Edwin Benard Vason**, son of Edwin and December Vason, was baptized June 26, 2011. Edwin's great-grandmother Barb Cloud was the attending Elder.

**Mason André Knoch**, son of Matt and Jacquelyn Knoch, was baptized July 17, 2011. Rosanna Sprague was the attending Elder.

**Julia Grace Koops**, daughter of Jed and Lisa Koops, was baptized July 17, 2011. Laurie Logan was the attending Elder.

### Marriages

**Leslie Richards and Robert Strachan** were married July 9, 2011. Dr. John Lentz officiated.

### In Memoriam We Remember

**William Burcham**, who died July 17, 2011

**Karen York Murray**, who died July 19, 2011

**Judy Hubach**, who died July 30, 2011

### New Contact Information

**Marie Bourgeois**

330 Davis Rd #106

Ashland OH 44805

**Gene Roy**

1890 E. 107<sup>th</sup> St. #1025

Cleveland, OH 44106

216-231-4004

### New emails only

**Mary Ball**   [ml.ball47@gmail.com](mailto:ml.ball47@gmail.com)

**Carl Jenks**   [carlmjenks@gmail.com](mailto:carlmjenks@gmail.com)

**Barb Morrison**   [bmorrison@ursuline.edu](mailto:bmorrison@ursuline.edu)

**Tricia Dykers-Koenig**   [triciadk@covnetpres.org](mailto:triciadk@covnetpres.org)

### Care Group

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

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Members of the Canaan CARE Group are:

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lisa Chuppa             | Ginie Mast                          |
| Mark Chupp and Sharon   | The Muller-Girard family            |
| Shumaker and family     | Jeanette Nemcek                     |
| Robin Craig             | Vikki Nowak & Todd Webster & family |
| The Davis family        | John Prentice                       |
| Bob and Joanne Dawson   | Margaret and George Sentell         |
| Muriel and George Dean  | Franklin and Naana Soadwa           |
| Val Flechtner           | Chuck and Rosanna Sprague           |
| The Forsythe family     | Anne Taylor                         |
| Cathy and Don Ghiandoni | The Ungemach family                 |
| Allen and Zivile Khoury | LeAnn West                          |
| The Koops family        | Peggy Yaeger                        |
| Keith and Laurie Logan  |                                     |

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, 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), 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

**News and announcements from the FHC family**

**From Daryl Musick**

I am having a show of paintings on the walls of the second and third floors of the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case, 11235 Bellflower Rd (at the corner of Ford and Bellflower). I will give a lunch time brown bag talk on September 14, beginning at 12 noon and running for 30 – 45 minutes. The show starts the week of August 22 and runs through October 4.

## *Social Groups and Circles*

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

**Dinner and a Movie**

The Group will be getting together on Saturday, September 17 for dinner at a Lee Road restaurant and a movie at the Cedar Lee Theater. More information will be emailed to you soon. In the meantime, if you have questions or suggestion please contact Marcia Grant at [mgrant@us.edu](mailto:mgrant@us.edu).

**September 17, 2011, Cedar/Lee district in Cleveland Hts.**

**Hilltoppers** (retired singles and couples)

**Art Museum Tour and Lunch**

We will kick off our program year on Tuesday, September 6 with a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art. FHC Director of Music Anne Wilson, an art museum docent, will take us on a tour of one of her favourite galleries. We will meet in the church parking lot by 10 am and carpool to the museum (there is a fee for parking in the museum garage). The tour will begin by the gift shop on the main floor at 10:30. Following our walking tour, those who wish may have lunch at the museum café. For more information, please contact Don or Betty Clark (216-531-3575) or Grace Uhle (216-514-0304).

**September 6, 2011, Cleveland Museum of Art, 10:30 am**

**Presbyterian Women (all women of the church)**

**Fall Gathering**

Presbyterian Women from throughout the Presbytery of the Western Reserve are invited to a Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts. Jinny McCool from the Synod will speak on the mission trip to a Native American reservation. Morning coffee and lunch will be served. To register, please send a check for \$8.00 to:

Nancy Sabo  
2020 Tillotson Rd.  
Ashtabula, Ohio 44001

**October 8, 2011, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 8:30 am**

## 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 SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 14, NOVEMBER 18.** *We will be distributing TOWERS in the Garden Foyer for a week or two 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](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org), ext. 200
- ❖ Clover Beal, [pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org), ext 201
- ❖ Anne Wilson (music), [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org), ext 208
- ❖ Liz Wollaeger (DCE), [lizw@fhcpresb.org](mailto:lizw@fhcpresb.org), ext. 206
- ❖ Kristen Otte (Youth), [kristeno@fhcpresb.org](mailto:kristeno@fhcpresb.org), ext 207
- ❖ Becky Austin (financial): [beckya@fhcpresb.org](mailto:beckya@fhcpresb.org), ext. 203
- ❖ Lynda Bernays (office administrator), and all other email: [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org), ext. 202

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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.