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November 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H. Walcha

“A Mighty Fortress”

Janet Kickel

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Let us worship God.

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Gracious God, we confess that we have many gods that we worship before you: money, success, power. We are an idol-filled culture. We misuse your name and misinterpret your call on our lives. We work too much and rest too little. We do not take care of your earth, our home. The front pages are full of killing, adultery, stealing, false witness. We are afraid. Forgive us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

M. Obery

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

Anthem

“Psalm 100”

arr. S. Kennedy

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

Stewardship Moment

Elder Barbara Hanson and Elizabeth Shaw

*** Hymn No. 298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-21

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

“Liberating Boundaries”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

Offertory

J. Rutter

“This Is the Day”

*This anthem was composed for the wedding of HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton and first performed in Westminster Abbey on April 29, 2011.
The music was gifted to the Chancel Choir by soprano Chris Fuller.*

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** Closing Hymn No. 434**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

G. F. Handel

“Concerto in F (Allegro)”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by William Proudfit in memory of Thelma J. Proudfit; by Jean Reinhold in memory of Sally Reinhold, who is missed and cherished; by Chris and Dave Bell in loving memory of Chris' parents Bob and Betty Conklin; and by Anne Stephenson Hunter in memory of her mother Gwen Stephenson.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Robin Craig, George Dean, Sharon Shumaker, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Marilyn Oviatt, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

Please remember Anne Wilson and her family in your prayers; Anne's father William Ferguson died October 30.

This Month's Ushers

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

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked **Hunger** will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Exodus 22: 20-27**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Kerygma classes continue. The lesson for next Sunday is **Exodus 22: 20-27**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Day of Community Service and Action

Please sign up to participate in a Day of Service & Action in the community on Saturday, Nov. 19. The Family Promise team will be cleaning and preparing for homeless guests at Christopher House in Rocky River from 9a-12p. The 2100 Lakeside team will be helping with hands-on projects (i.e. cleaning, painting, or putting up Christmas decorations) at the shelter and sharing lunch and conversation with residents from 10a-2p. Choose the activity & team that you prefer! Carpool arrangements will be made as RSVPs are received. Please stop by the Justice & Mission kiosk in the fellowship hall or contact Laura Steiner by email to sign up: lauramsteiner@yahoo.com.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for Millie Skeivis, who died October 5, 2011, is scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at 11 am.

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during November. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

✦ Members of the November Care Group are:

Ahren Stock, Deacon leader	Alice McKinley
Joan Bacon	Kate Monaghan
Molly Bergman	Margery & James Nokes
John & Patricia Borthwick	Linn & Melody Obery
Ed Briskey	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	Bill Proudfit
Barb Cloud	Ron Schmidt
Priscilla Colville	Sandy Schultz
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Vincent Taylor
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Bobbi van Dijk
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
Tom & Diane McFiggen	Dene Young

Today’s CARE Group volunteers: Susanne Peterjohn, Debbie Adrine (Continental Breakfast); Daryl Musick (Coffee Hour); Alice McKinley (Greeting Cards); Alice McKinley, David Peterjohn (Greeters); Sandy Schultz (Flowers)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

Join us on Friday, November 11 at 1 pm in South Hall for a slide show of last spring’s pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, presented by Dave Bell. All are welcome! Contact Carol Scott (216-932-0313) if you have any questions.

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

On Saturday, November 12, Anne Wilson will lead The Group through the European Romantic Age through Contemporary galleries at the Cleveland Museum of Art. We will meet in the main lobby of the museum at 3:30 pm. Following the tour, we will have dinner at the Trattoria Restaurant in Little Italy. Valet parking is available. Please contact Barbara Hansen, Bhansen@oh.rr.com or (440) 255-5514 if you plan to attend.

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s-60s)

Join the Pacesetters on Saturday, November 12 for great games, great food, and great fun. We’ll have board games plus darts and air hockey tournaments. We’ll provide the soft drinks, you bring whatever else you want to drink, and everybody bring something good to eat that won’t slow down the gameplay. RSVP to Peg Weissbrod or Steve Marunowski (pwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net or 216.291.2586) to let them know you’re coming...or to get directions to their house at 1084 Dorsh Rd. in So. Euclid. (Remember...no one’s too young or too old for Pacesetters!)

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will be decorating ornaments for the Justice and Mission Christmas gifts to Boulevard School children. We will also be collecting and compiling packages to send to FHC college freshmen. We want to remind our college students that FHC is thinking about them as they take their finals. We currently have 11 students on our list of freshmen. Bring whatever you would like to include – gum, candy, popcorn, hot chocolate, etc. – that will help these students get through their first college finals. Cash will be greatly appreciated to help cover the cost of mailing.

This will be a brown bag luncheon. Bring your own or order a lunch made by Don Ghiandoni. Order by Nov. 12 (Sunday), either turkey or roast beef sandwiches, cost is \$5. Reservations needed only for brown bag lunch orders. Call Cathy Ghiandoni at 216 691-1905 or email cgghiandoni@aol.com.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Saturday: Sr High: Meet at Sweetie Fry at 3 pm

Next Sunday: Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship.

All Youth: The first community **Converge** service is at 7 pm at First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount, on November 13.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Exodus 22: 20-27. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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The Exterior Renovation Project is complete and all of the funds have been expended.

Financial summary:


Total cost of project: \$680,000
Pledge payments received to-date: \$580,000
Current bank loan: \$100,000

The church is currently paying \$270 in interest each month. All payments received now will immediately reduce the church’s interest cost.

To-date 62% or 134 of the pledges have been paid in full. Thanks to all of you who have helped keep the financing cost low. As the end of the tax year approaches, please consider accelerating your payments.

David Hunter, project manager

■■■ *Calendar: November 6 - 13, 2011*

 Sunday, November 6 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Stewardship Information session 12:30 20s-40s Brunch 5:00 Faith Leader Kerygma Monday, November 7 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 5: 45 pm Bd of Elections set-up 7:00 pm Al Anon Boy Scout Troop #403 Adult Ed. Committee mtg 7:30 pm Barton Group (AA) Tuesday November 8: Election Day 6:30 am Polls open 6:30 pm Kerygma class (at Williams') 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 7:30 pm Advisory Council mtg	Wednesday, November 9 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Ministry meetings Thursday, November 10 8:30 am PWR: COM meeting 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir FH Swim Club Friday, November 11 9:30 am Al Anon 1:00 pm Hilltoppers: Slide show of Turkey-Greece pilgrimage Saturday, November 12 3:00 pm Youth: Sr High – to Sweetie Fry 3:30 pm The Group – Art Museum tour 7:30 pm Pacesetters – Game Night Sunday, November 13 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Stewardship Information session Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 Faith Leader Kerygma
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A Message from the Ministry of Stewardship

Exodus 20: 1-21

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

As this passage makes clear, stewardship is first of all stewardship of God's grace. Thus, stewardship is central to our mission as a church, as we reach out in hope and joy to a world in great need.

Our theme for this year's season of stewardship is ***Reclaiming the Mission***. We invite you to join us in both *celebrating the successes* and *responding to the challenges* of the last two years. The household of God has been well served, and we rejoice in gratitude for the generous response to building campaign.

Yet as many of you know, last year's lean budget required cuts in mission initiatives and precluded pay raises for our talented and dedicated staff. Overall, FHC had to operate with about 10% less during 2011 than had been the case in recent prior years. We invite you to join the members of the Stewardship of Ministry in reflecting on the abundance of grace God has bestowed upon us, and in prayerfully considering and making a 10% increase in your pledge. And, if you've yet to make a pledge, please consider doing so this year.

Pledges will be dedicated on November 20. We greatly appreciate hearing from you by then.

Yours faithfully,

The Ministry of Stewardship

Brett Himes, Chair

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