

Forest Hill Church

The Tower

June 2012

Dear friends,

*From the
Pastor*

I don't fly very often but when I do I have a ritual. Some might call it a superstition but it settles me. As the plane heads down the runway, I close my eyes and breathe deeply and picture those whom I love most and hand them over to God.

Sometimes, I am asking for forgiveness because I left home in a sour mood, or was too distracted to say goodbye to the kids or Deanne. Sometimes I board a plane feeling overwhelmed by all that I have to do, and all that cannot be done because I am away. Oftentimes I am wishing that I was not on the plane at all. Sometimes I remind myself of something that will be waiting for me when I return, a conversation I need to have.

This moment on the runway gives me a strange peace. No matter my mood upon boarding, there is release.

Just before Mother's Day I flew to Washington D.C. to visit my parents and to drive them to Cleveland. They had a great time (they LOVE Forest Hill Church and believe there is no church like it... I agree!) Then I drove them back to their home in Virginia and flew back to Cleveland. [In fact, I am writing this on the plane ride home!]

As I was settling into my seat at Hopkins awaiting take off, I went through my ritual and I had a rare moment: all was well. I had had a really pleasant time with Deanne, Jack, Meg and Sarah in the days before the trip. The girls' lacrosse team was having success. Jack was just home from his freshman year in college. Things were going well at church. I had just returned from Haiti. The weather was beautiful. I was really content at that

moment and said "thank you" to God. What a lovely feeling to have. To have your heart warmed by gratitude. To feel that peace that passes all understanding.

I have a good friend who says the best prayer in the world is "Help me! Help me! Help me!" and "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" (quoted from Anne Lamott in ***Travelling Mercies***) I like that prayer. It reminds me of what Meister Eckhart once penned; "If the only prayer you ever pray is 'Thank you!' that would suffice."

There is another influential person in my life who no matter what (and this person has faced many a difficult time and many a health scare, and is, in fact, in the hospital now,) who always says "Thank you God!" This attentiveness is inspiring.

As you go about your day, think about what is important ...**REALLY** important. Who are the people who you care about the most? Have you told them that you love them? Have you ever thanked God? Have you ever told God you love her/him?

Life is full of challenges and often time the stress overwhelms and concerns burden, the needs are ever present, and fears mount up and strangle joy, but then there are times of presence and peace and power and I want to take them seriously too. In fact I want that security to shape my reality.

I am home now and on the ground.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
Sr. Pastor

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Dear friends,

As I write this, my mother is packing up her home to move into a retirement community in Seattle. It has been a difficult decision for her to move out of her long-time home. So many of you know exactly how it felt (or feels) to make that decision. Frankly, my family wasn't sure we would ever see the day when my mom would agree to moving and at times it was frustrating to us. The poem "Repotting" by Lynn Sharon Schwartz (on p. 4) came at a good time for me. The poem's metaphor of the plant's tender roots needing gentle care while being moved from one pot into a new one struck a chord. This image encourages me to be more understanding of my mom as she is being repotted. "Who isn't shaky, moving into a new home?" Change is difficult for all of us. So, let us be gentle with each other and ourselves as we face life's constant and important changes.

Clover

Blessings be,

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal
Associate Pastor

Repotting

The healthy plant outgrows its pot
the way a healthy child outgrows its clothes.
Don't let it suffer constriction. Spread the Sports
or Business section of the New York Times
on the dining room table. Find a clay pot
big enough for fresh growth. In the bottom
place pebbles and shards from a broken pot for drainage.
Add handfuls of moist black potting soil,
digging your hands deep in the bag, rooting
so the soil gets under your fingernails.
Using a small spade or butter knife,
ease the plant out of its old pot with extreme
care so as not to disturb its wiry roots.

The plant is naked, suspended from your hand
like a newborn, roots and clinging soil
exposed. Treat it gently. Settle it
into the center of the new pot, adding soil
on the sides for support—who isn't shaky,
moving into a new home?
Pack more soil around the plant,
tapping it down till you almost reach the rim.
Flounce the leaves as you would a skirt. Then water.
Place the pot back on the shelf in the sunlight.
Gather the Sports section around the spilled soil
and discard. Watch your plant flourish.
You have done a good and necessary deed.

"Repotting" by Lynne Sharon Schwartz, from *See You in the Dark*. ©
Curbstone Books, 2012.

From ***The Writer's Almanac***, May 15, 2012

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 June 10 we will celebrate all who have been involved in all of our Christian Education.

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

- In our nursery, thank you to Emily Wollaeger, Danielle Cosgrove, Lara Troyer and Virginia Weiss.
- In our Little Explorers class, thank you to Joanne & Dan Shaner and Susanne & Laura Peterjohn.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Sarah & Matt Winters and Kate & Dave Burleigh.
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Laurie Logan, Chantal Miller, Robin Mervine, Christina Hidek, Vikki Nowak, Dave Peterjohn, and Jane Duncan.

Pathways to the Promise Land, grades 1-5

Throughout the program year our children in Pathways to the Promise Land program have participated in many mission/service opportunities. I am thrilled with their can do attitude and sensitivity to those who are in need. The children made possession bags for the children who stayed at Forest Hill Church in the Family Promise program. They made soup for the families who come to our Abundance Acres Food cupboard. Cards and notes went sent to our shut-ins. A dinner was prepared and delivered to a Forest Hill Church couple. Breads were baked to raise money for a need yet to be decided. Seeds have been planted for the garden. WHEW! Thank you to all who have nurtured these opportunities in workshops and homes.

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 there 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

Throughout the summer the children will be participating in workshops that explore the world as it was in the times that Jesus lived. Each Sunday will focus on a type of profession such as a metal worker, carpenter and seamstress or how things such as cooking and entertainment were done in Bible times. The workshops center on a Bible passage or story, then engage the children in connecting the story to the craft that will help the children understand the story as they experience the culture of the time. Summer Pathways dates are June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

Where can you eat animal crackers, hold a baby, play with blocks, sit in a rocker and read a story book and listen to the worship service? In our nursery, that's where! Our nursery is in need of volunteers for the summer months. Please sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.

Christian Education

Are you looking for a way to get connected in the life of the church? Consider teaching in one of the Christian Education programs for children and youth. It is a great way to share your faith and get to know our amazing younger members. Curriculum is teacher friendly and life relevant. Please contact Liz Wollaeger for more information on how you can enrich your faith as you lead a Church School class.

DATES TO KNOW

June 10

Teacher Appreciation

June 10 & 24

Summer Pathways – Children will begin in worship, then be excused to the workshop

Faithfully,



Liz Wollaeger
Director of Christian Education

FHC Youth News

Converge!

Converge meets on June 10th before breaking for the summer. Our June offering is toothbrushes and toothpaste. Join us at 7 pm at First Baptist (3630 Fairmount Blvd, Shaker Hts) for an awesome hour of worship with other students in the community.

Pre-Mission Trip Gathering

7 pm on June 20th

Come to Kristen & Brian's for a pre-mission trip gathering. We will take care of some business by going over the packing list and trip details before spending the rest of the night playing games and catching up. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Kristen.

Fourth of July Youth Cookout: 1 - 4 pm

On Sunday July 1st, all youth and their families are invited to Kristen's for a cookout. Bring your favorite yard games and super soakers for an afternoon of fun. Please bring a side dish or snack and drink to share. Kristen will provide burgers and hot dogs. The address is 5507 Huron Road, Lyndhurst.

Reminder for Summer Trips

All payment and paperwork for the summer trips (Mid High Mission Week, Senior High Mission Trip and Camp Aldersgate) is due June 3rd.

Our youth will be participating in Mid High Mission Week June 11-17 and Camp Aldersgate June 24-30. Pray for renewal and transformation for our youth and those they encounter during those weeks.

Kristen

Kristen Otte
Youth Director

Instrumental Musicians Wanted!

Psalm 98 says “With trumpets and the sound of the horns make a joyful noise before the Lord.” With this in mind, musicians of all ages, players of strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments are invited to perform in ensembles during worship services and other church-related events. If you are interested, contact Ahren Stock (astoc@hawken.edu or 216.691.3758). Please provide your name, instrument, and years of experience on the instrument.

Summer Adult Education

A Summer Study of the Prophets

“God’s Tough Love: Plain Speaking in Tough Times”

June 17—July 29, 2012

Sundays, 9:00 am, South Hall

God’s word has great power to comfort and encourage; but it also has the power to challenge us to examine our lives and the life of our culture to see whether and to what extent God’s will, and God’s love, is the compass for and the fruit of our actions. This summer we will examine the writings of the Prophets (Jeremiah, Isaiah, Micah, Jonah, Amos....), Scriptures that speak to us in plain and sometimes uncomfortable ways from across 2500 years of human experience and our ongoing relationship with the God we claim to serve. Continuing our group discussion format, **we will meet at 9:00 Sunday morning, before worship, beginning on June 17th and continuing through July 29** (or longer if folks want to!) and together unpack these great texts. This is Summer Bible study, so there will be **no textbooks or study guides**, just the writings of the Prophets and your own insights. **The group is open to all levels of Bible experience**, whether these texts are new and mysterious to you or you are looking for new insights on what you already know and cherish. All are welcome. Facilitators: Tom Zych, Kathryn Eloff, Clover Beal

One Church, One Book

Summer Read!

August 26, 11:30 a.m, brown bag lunch in Bodwell Hall

Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion **by Sara Miles**

"One early, cloudy morning when I was forty-six, I walked into a church, ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine. A routine Sunday activity for tens of millions of Americans — except until that moment I'd led a thoroughly secular life, at best indifferent to religion, more often appalled by its fundamentalist crusades. This was my first communion. It changed everything." So writes Sara Miles in the opening paragraph of her spiritual memoir. This unusual book by an atheist who turned Christian offers a colorful and oftentimes compelling account of radical faith in the city of San Francisco where one can dine in some fancy restaurants or rub shoulders with street people who are hungry every day. Miles converts thanks to the liturgy and emphasis on the Eucharist at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church. She is attracted to Jesus, who eats with everyone and refuses to turn anyone away from God's abundance.

The author grew up in a family where religion was shunned. She traveled the world as a left-wing journalist and, as a lover of food, she also was restaurant cook in various places. By the time Miles reaches the turning point in her life, she is ready, willing, and able to find a new way to feed others, to incarnate the radical love of Jesus for the poor and the dispossessed. She starts St. Gregory's Food Pantry and is soon feeding thousands of people a week. Miles puts her body, mind, and soul into this service and then receives a huge financial gift. She starts many more pantries with it. "Supper with God" is what animates her life.

Rev. Clover Beal

The book is available from Amazon.com as a hard-cover, soft-cover, used and for Kindle, and from the library (although you may need to request it from another branch)

Lay Leadership Development Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program

Everyone is a leader in his or her own way, and God has gifted each and every one of us mightily. The Vocation and Leadership team is committed to helping people realize their full potential by sponsoring programs that facilitate personal spiritual development and by creating meaningful small group experiences. One of the most powerful programs we have offered is the FAITH LEADER 28-week adult spiritual formation small group experience. We just completed our sixth group! Over 60 individuals have completed the program. Truly, lives have been transformed. Our church has been impacted greatly by the fruit of these gifted individuals who are emerging with a deepened faith, more able to communicate about how God is working in their lives, and witnessing how God is calling them to use their spiritual gifts in the church and world.

The Faith Leader small group program will begin again in September 2012 and will run to May 2013. If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Rev. Clover Beal.

Faith Leader Reflections by Elder Todd Webster

Faith Leader is a small group program designed to encourage and foster - for each participant - a deepened relationship with God. Faith Leader participants, through the development of spiritual practices and shared conversation about ideas and experiences, develop language to understand and express their own faith concepts. Based on the view that all people are gifted by God and called to employ those gifts toward the creation of God's Kingdom here on Earth, Faith Leader asks us to get to know ourselves better and then become an active participant in God's ongoing creation.

What I have just written is good "Pamphlet" language. I will confess that I did not own that language or share that view when I became involved in my first Faith Leader circle. I could certainly see the giftedness of others and deeply admired the way that some seemed to walk with God. I yearned for the kind settled connection that I seemed to witness in others and I felt a deep hunger for a relationship with God. I said "yes" to my first circle hoping that - through some form of "Karmic Osmosis" - I might receive a little of what those other people already had just by being near and in community with them.

That first circle has now turned into many for me. I have helped facilitate several of the groups that have convened over the last many years. I have gained much from each Faith Leader experience - both as participant and facilitator. I have had the great honor to walk my own faith journey with others who are similarly seeking to deepen their relationship with God. I have witnessed the Holy Spirit active in my own life and in the lives of others in both subtle and powerful ways.

To say that Faith Leader has been transformative for me feels like understatement. It has entirely shifted how I view myself and our community within God's ongoing creation. It has given me language to understand my own experience and it has equipped me with spiritual habits by which I more comfortably open myself to God's continual presence. Faith Leader has challenged me to live within God's community rather than just visit occasionally.

This new lens through which I view my life empowers me to trust God's presence and to move into my life with confidence.

Peace,

Todd Webster

If you are planning a program...

Forest Hill Church is experiencing a time of rich blessing. The formation of small groups has increased. Interested members are organizing around issues of Race and the Environment. More and more members are reserving rooms and asking that dates be saved on the calendar. The Session and staff of Forest Hill Church celebrate the spirit of the times and we want to give permission to all to follow their discernment.

However, with the blessing comes the responsibility. We are Presbyterians, after all, and that means doing things “decently and in order”! Trying to coordinate all the activities needs a process that allows maximum and equal access to all.

When you, or a small group of which you are a part, wish to reserve a room and a date on the calendar, PLEASE contact Lynda, our Administrative Assistant, **as early as possible**. She will ask you a series of questions about size of group, audience, and what ministry or staff person is sponsoring the event. While we affirm the movement of the spirit among individuals, we believe that visions need to be affirmed and confirmed by a ministry or a staff member.

The program and support staff, who meet every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 pm, are responsible for coordinating the calendar of events through the year. Your request will be presented and discussed soon after you have contacted the office.

Thank you for your support.

John Lentz

News of Our Church Family

Baptism

Sarah Rose McKenzie Castillo Keefe, daughter of Molly Castillo Keefe and Maria Delores Castillo, was baptized May 20. Morag Keefe was the attending Elder. Sadie is the granddaughter of Morag and Tom Keefe and niece of Brynn and Megan Keefe.

In Memoriam We Remember

Sue Bartlett Conant, who died April 26, 2012.

New Contact Information

Doris Brandt 330-995-2367

Marjorie Nokes Nason Center #22, 36859 Ridge Rd, Willoughby OH 44094

New emails only

Barb Cloud faithleader52@yahoo.com

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:

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, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Care Group

The Corinth 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 Corinth CARE Group are:

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

Dear Friends,

It seems like a very long time that illness prevented me from being in your midst. Yet throughout those months I felt much supported by you; it was your prayers, cards, e-mails, calls, visits, errands, the sanctuary flowers, and meals focusing on healing that kept us close. They helped me visualize the worship service, fellowship times and adult ed and pray for the church --connections so important to me. It is heartwarming to be a member of the strong family of faith that FHC is.

I thank God that I am mending and I am sure that your caring and thoughtfulness has contributed much to my progress toward better health and fuller participation with you in the life of our congregation.

Bless you all,

Grace Uhle

Volunteer Hours in April

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn and Fran Thomas – worked a total of 61 hours in April. Thank you all!

From the Deacons: Calling Foodies Who Love to Share

The Deacons have had numerous requests recently to provide meals for FHC members who have an ongoing need for help during an extended illness. We have used the website www.Foodtidings.com to help coordinate meals and have found it to be very useful. We'd like to compile a list of people who can be contacted when a site is set up for a family – we can email you and say "The Brown-Forward family needs meals twice a week for a month. Would you like to help out? Here's the link to their schedule." You would then click on our link, sign in, and choose a day when you can help.

If you would like to be part of this team, please let Lynda Bernays know (office@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660) AND go to www.foodtidings.com and register yourself. We'll let you know when there is a site ready for you to help cook for a family.

We can also accept portions of dishes that can be frozen (soup or casserole), stored in the church freezer, and distributed as needed.

Thanks for all so many of you do to help out.

Deacon Carol Hopkins-Lutz

Food  Tidings

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

On Friday, June 8th the Hilltoppers will have their last meeting of the season. It will be a combination dinner party and planning session for next season's meetings. We are going to the Mayfield Hilton Garden Inn (700 Beta Drive, off Wilson Mills Road just east of I-271) for a delicious luncheon at 11:30 am. Reservations must be made **by June 3rd** and will be taken by the Youngs (440-946-3130) or the Loughridges (216-831-1759). Cost (including tax and tip) is \$17.00 for a chicken salad with strawberries, pecans and goat cheese; or \$23.00 for grilled chicken breast, potato and vegetable.

June 8, Mayfield Hilton garden Inn, 11:30 am

Iris Circle (all Women of FHC): Planning Luncheon

We will gather for a scrumptious potluck luncheon at 12 noon on June 19, 2012 at the home of Nancy Burcham. You will be delighted and surprised with our truly pot luck. Bring whatever dish you enjoy. This is our opportunity to plan for another fabulous year for the women of Forest Hill Church. We do service projects, field trips, Bible study, and informational programs, and we eat well. Come join us for food, friendship and planning. All women of FHC are welcome. Please contact Nancy Burcham (440 446-0832 or **burcham@roadrunner.com**) to let her know you are coming and to receive directions.

June 19, Nancy Burcham's (420 East Glengary Circle, Highland Hts), 12 noon

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

The Group will watch Lake County Captains play the Beloit Snappers on Saturday July 14 at 7:00 pm. As an added 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 July 1st. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game.

July 14, Lake County Captains, 7 pm

Pilgrimage
Early Christian Roots in Rome and Italy
March 8-17, 2013

In 2009, Forest Hill Church pilgrims journeyed through the Holy Lands of Israel and Palestine. In 2011, we followed in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Turkey and Greece. In 2013, we will be exploring the roots of the early Christian church in Rome and Italy. This eight-day trip will include five days in the extraordinarily beautiful city of Rome and three days in Florence, Assisi and Tuscany. The approximate cost of the pilgrimage will be \$4500 which will include air travel, all accommodations, most meals and all museums and exhibits. Exact itinerary and details to come! Maximum number: 30. Reserve your spot!

Information meeting will be 9:00 am, June 10 (before worship) in South Hall. Please contact Rev. Clover Beal for more information and interest.

2012 Forest Hill Thunder Run



After a hiatus in 2011, the Forest Hill Thunder Run is back and will take place at 8 am on July 21, 2012, with proceeds benefitting Future Heights, whose mission is to promote a vibrant and sustainable future for Cleveland Heights and

University Heights, Ohio, through innovative ideas and civic engagement.

The Thunder Run starts near the east parking lot of Forest Hill Park and loops through the trails, around the lagoon and past the breathtaking overlook on the west side of the park before returning to the finish line next to the softball fields. Participants then receive refreshments while prizes are awarded for overall winners and winners in each age group. In addition to being an enjoyable experience, the event is a great way to support worthwhile causes in our community. Runners and walkers can register for this year's event by visiting www.thunderrun.org and clicking "Register."

We are actively seeking companies and individuals who would like the opportunity to be a sponsor of the event, at any financial level. Past sponsors have ranged from small companies like Pizzo Bogo, My Happy Feet, Pure Water Technologies, Dick's Sporting Goods, Huron Hospital and Huntington Bank. Sponsors may choose to have their name listed on the official race T-shirt and on promotional materials. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Jed Koops or Jim Roosa at info@thunderrun.org.

FHC Spring Workday

Many thanks to those who made the church workday a big success. All scheduled work was completed including the washing of 75 windows and installation of 110 screens, spreading of 20 yards of mulch and 6 yards of top soil. Considerable amount of work was done on the church's gardens. Fifty-two members and Boy Scouts contributed their time.

Phyllis Baumgartner
Theresa Baumgartner
Jessica Baumgartner
Chessie Bleick
Robert Brock
Kay Dunlap
Mark Chupp
Cathy Ghiandoni
Don Ghiandoni
Kyle Gifford
Roger Heineman
Anne Hunter
David Hunter
Paul Jennings
Scott Lafferty

Laurie Logan
Steve Marunowski
Eric Muller-Girard
Daryl Musick
Hal Musick
Ron Polderman
Lorraine Ranchod
John Schellenberg
Dick Secor
Jim Seeders
Ahren Stock
Rosanna Sprague
Julie Waring
Becky West
Brian West



Boy Scouts – Brian Baumgartner, Scout Master - 18 scout and 4 leaders

Also, thanks to the custodians Anthony and Michael who provided the much support.

Dave Hunter, building manager

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 June 15, August 17, September 14. ***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, 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 Otte (Youth), kristeno@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 (\$2 to be mailed).

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.



Forest Hill Church will celebrate this year's graduates on June 10.
As of the TOWER deadline,
this is the list of those in the (extended) church family
who graduate from high school, college, and graduate programs this spring:

High School Graduates

Ian Adams, son of Jon Adams and Pam Conover, graduates from Shaker Heights High School. He will attend Colorado College.

Chris Gemerchak, son of Ed Gemerchak and Sally Wile, graduates from Shaker Heights High School. He will attend the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Sharif George, current choir member, graduates from Cleveland Heights High School and will attend Kent State University.

Colin Higgs, a member of FHC and son of Robert and Lisa Higgs, graduates from Cleveland Heights High School. He will attend OSU to study music performance.

Meg Lentz, a member of FHC and daughter of John and Deanne Lentz, graduates from Cleveland Heights High School. She will attend Stanford University to play lacrosse and study international studies or economics.

Demo Solaru, a member of FHC and son of Damos and Dele Solaru, graduates from Orange High School. He will attend Miami University.

College Graduates and Graduate Degrees

Bryn Adams, FHC member and daughter of Jon Adams and Pam Conover, graduates with a B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Aspasia Bell, wife of Mark Bell and daughter-in-law of Chris and Dave Bell, graduates from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry.

Chanae Curtis, former choir member, graduates from Ashland University with a B.M. in Voice Performance.

Alex Gazis, son of head custodian Stavros Gazis, graduates from Allegheny College with a degree in Environmental Studies.

Megan Keefe, FHC member and daughter of Tom and Morag Keefe, graduates with a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Wooster.

Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Chris Henry, graduates from Cleveland State University with a Master of Arts in English//Creative Writing. She is an editor at American Greetings.

Matthew McPheeters, FHC member and son of Jane Frederick, graduates from Case Western Reserve University with a major in Biochemistry and Engineering Physics. By August, he will have completed a Masters in Biomedical Engineering. He has accepted a position with GE in Twinsburg, in their energy division.

Maya Ranchod, daughter of Arun and Lorraine Ranchod, graduates from St. Francis University (Loretto, PA) with a BS in health science. She begins a year of medical rotations and exams for a Physician Assistant degree.

Alex Seeley, grandson of Jean Seeley, graduates from DePaul University with a major in Theater Arts. He won a \$10,000 scholarship for the best actor in his senior class.

Brad Shoger, son of Elaine Turley, graduates from The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business with a B.S. in Business Finance concentration. He will relocate to Atlanta in July to begin employment with Duff & Phelps, an international business consulting firm.

Julie Wolfram Smith, choir member and soon-to-be FHC member, graduates from Case Western Reserve University with a PhD in Pathology. She begins a Post Doctoral Research Fellow at MetroHealth Medical Center in the Heart and Vascular Research Center.

Sarah Sprague, FHC member and daughter of Chuck and Rosanna Sprague, graduates from Harvard University with an Ed.M in Education. In the fall she will be Chair of the Science Department at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville CT, and will teach 9th grade biology and 8th grade Physical Science.

Michael V. Stidham, son of Sylvia Herd, graduates with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (his 2nd Bachelor's degree). He is hoping for a residency in New Mexico, then plans to work toward a Master of Fine Arts.

Emily Tuttle, FHC member and daughter of Mary Hill, graduates from Fordham University with a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in American Studies. She'll be working as the Press Officer for the Manhattan District Attorney.

Music



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; Alex Jamieson, Chancel Choir President; Julie Minder, Vice-President; Joy Stang, Secretary; Bob Jeffreys, Treasurer; Mist'a Craig, Mascot ☺, Ginie

Mast, Assistant Conductor; Mist'a Craig, Sine Nomine Choir President and Grant Heineman, Vice President; Will Burleigh, Descant Choir President and Zoe Hartz, Vice-President; the late Sue Conant, (she will be greatly missed!) Voices in Bronze President; Beth Zych, Cherub Choir Director.

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 3rd with rehearsals held at 9:30 AM every Sunday before the 10:00 AM worship service. 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.

Elsewhere in the Tower you will read about Ahren Stock's plan to start up inter-generational instrumental groups. I hope you will sign up—go ahead and dig out that dusty trombone from your closet! This will be great fun and I look forward to the debut of the first group in late June.

I wish you good health and safety during your summer travels. My own summer plans include serving as Conference Organist at the Worship and Music Conferences at Montreat, North Carolina the last two weeks of June, and vacationing in Colorado en route to attending my daughter Rachel's wedding the last week of July. (She was 3 when I started at FHC and Barb and Kermit Lind used to care for her and sister Clara on Thursday nights during choir rehearsals. . . time flies). The rest of the summer will be spent on some composition projects, and lots of house projects—hurray for Home Depot!

Soli Deo Gloria

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne".

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The summer schedule at FHC starts June 3

- 9:00 Summer Bible Study: The Prophets (June 17 - July 29)
- 9:30 Child care begins
Continental Breakfast
Summer Choir (June and July)
- 10:00 Worship
Summer Pathways (every other Sunday, beginning June 10)
- 11:00 Coffee Hour

Summer Worship - Come and See!