

## The Tower

## Forest Hill Church

October 2012

Dear Friends,

“Fighting Words” – James 3:13 - 4:8:

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

*From the Pastors*

*Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

I read the above words from James a few weeks ago looking ahead to its preaching potential. I however thought better of it: too heavy, too serious, too much for a Sunday morning. Hell, fire and brimstone. But, THEN, I watched the Republican and the Democratic National Conventions and am now convinced that James' words were written for politicians more than they were for the church. Oh my-- the vitriol, the fighting, the lies told about each other (yes, lies) were bountiful at each parties' conventions. As I watched, I kept walking in and out of the living room undone by what I was hearing. At times from the party that I support! We have to be (some say we are) at an all-time low in the way this country does politics. We are ultra-polarized. Blaming the other party is the mode of the day. “They” won't share! It's “their” fault that we are in this situation! Each morning during the conventions, I would awaken with tension in my stomach. I had to reflect on why I was so bothered by it all. The hateful speech, the sniggering, the cut-downs are all part of the game, right? After all, it's politics. What was really bothering me—if I am to be honest—is my own willingness to participate in the hatefulness.

My son, Seth, and I read *1984* by George Orwell last week. It is eerie how well Orwell depicted “The Party's” ability to manipulate truth so well that the people lost sense of what was indeed Truth. Fact was no longer fact. Common sense was no longer common. If you were told  $2 + 2 = 5$  often enough, and strongly enough, you'd start believing it, said Orwell. Even when your gut knows it's not true.

Not to be melodramatic, but I feel like that when I listen to pundits, candidates, and political ads. What is true? Who do I believe? Am I being deceived? How do I know in whom I can trust? For every so-called “fact” is an opposite “fact.” Am I paranoid that the wool is being pulled over my eyes?

James' fierce words were indeed aimed at the early church community and are ringing in my ears. We are starkly confronted by James' rebuke. As challenging as it may be, we cannot participate in the political game the way it is currently being played in our country. We have not been given a hall-pass to speak freely using cut-throat methods and biting words. We cannot be people who lie. Tragically, these practices are overwhelmingly evident by those who claim to follow God. The Truth, on the contrary, is that we are

called to love our enemies. We have heard that commandment so many times it's hard to take them in. May we be reminded that to love our neighbors as ourselves means we must give respect to those we vehemently disagree with. Those we are afraid of. Those we do not want to see in office.

We are to be different. Very different. And this is not the Bible's naïve exhortation. This is the hard call of following Jesus. We are warned not to wholeheartedly identify with any political party. That kind of wholeheartedness is venturing into dangerous territory. Our allegiance is to God and God alone.

*4 Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?*

God is jealous of the Spirit within us. When we turn our faithfulness to another god, to another leader in our lives, we stop following the ways of Jesus—the way of peace, and we become enmity with God. As Christians, our values, our actions, our thoughts and attitudes must reflect our allegiance to Jesus Christ. We cannot become enmeshed in the politics of the world to the extent that we jeopardize the peace of the spirit that God has made to dwell in us as a community.

Let's keep each other accountable to a higher standard of dialogue in these last weeks of the political season. May God be with you as you exercise your liberty in the voting booth. May your conscience be filled with the wisdom from above that will produce a harvest of peace. God knows, we need it.

Blessings,



Rev. Clover Beal  
Associate Pastor

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**Faith, Religion and Partisan Politics**

We in the swing state of Ohio are being bombarded from all sides about the upcoming election. Friendships have been strained, or even lost, over political disagreements. What is a person to do? Perhaps enlightenment might be found in the upcoming discussion series "Faith, Religion and Partisan Politics." On four Sundays, over lunch after church, we will grapple with the issues of: the history of the interaction of religion and politics (October 14); How we can talk about it (and remain friends!) (October 21); the mix of money and politics (October 28); and a peek at the future (November 4). There will be a mix of outside speakers with ones you already know, and (of course!) spirited discussion.

Rev. Clover Beal

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

All of our Christian Education programs for children and youth have had a wonderful beginning. The kids are back in the Sunday morning routine and are enthusiastically participating in their classes. Thank you to the wonderful dedicated volunteers who have been teaching, shepherding, and leading this past month.

- In our *nursery* thank you to Danielle Cosgrove, Suzanne Marcy, Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky, Katie Russo and Emily Wollaeger.
- In our *Little Explorers*, thank you to Emily Curry and Laura & Susanne Peterjohn.
- In our *Children in Worship* class, thank you to Lisa Koops and Jessica Kelley-Moore.
- In *Pathways to the Promise Land*, thank you to Molly Bergman, Kate Burleigh, Vikki Nowak, Christina Hidek, Cathy Ghiandoni and Peter Williams.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Little Explorers Three and Four year olds

This month the children will focus on the stories about Noah and Moses. In these series of stories the children will explore how God continues to offer his love to all people. After participating in the story the children are encouraged to respond to the theme in art, movement and retelling. Susanne & Laura Peterjohn will be leading in October.

#### Children in Worship Older four year olds and kindergarten

The children in this age group are asked to respond to the stories they've heard through "I Wonder" questions. There is also a craft response to help them better understand the story. During the month of October the children will explore and participate in stories about Creation, Noah and Moses. Jen Fu will be leading in October.

#### KISS – Kids in Sunday Service

Our children in grades 1-5 will remain in worship on October 7 to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Worship bags with quiet relevant activities in them and a children's bulletin are provided for the children to help them engage and connect to the liturgy.

## Pathways to the Promise Land Grades 1-5

The next rotation theme centers on *Joseph and His Brothers*. Even as Joseph is Jacob's favorite son, Joseph's identity within the family is revealed to him in his dreams. Throughout his trials and tribulations, he never loses sight of who he is, a child of God. The children will explore this focus through movement activities, storytelling and a movie.

### DATES TO KNOW

#### October 7 KISS

Children in grades 1-5 remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper with their families

#### October 14 Gathering Time

Pathways to the Promise Land (Grades 1-5)

Children will meet in the Chapel at 11:00, and will then be excused with their shepherds to the workshops

#### October 21 & 28

Pathways to the Promise Land (Grades 1-5) will begin in Worship

October 21 Cherub Choir meets in room 208 at 10 am

#### October 21 Confirmation Reunion

A gathering Sunday after worship October 21, is planned for FHC youth, Covenant Partners and those youth who are considering Confirmation this year. Mark your calendars; more information will be available as place and exact time are determined in the coming weeks.

Faithfully,



Liz Wollaeger

Director of Christian Education

## Forest Hill Youth

### Sunday Morning Youth

This fall our youth will meet every Sunday morning before worship (9:30 - 10:30 am). During the Sunday morning youth hour, adult leaders blend games, bible study and media to lead an interactive message for our youth.

Our 6th and 7th graders will meet in the Koinonia room. They will be learning about God by reading the “classic” stories of the Old Testament in a new light. Our senior high class of 8th graders and above will meet in Kristen’s office (the old children’s library) The senior highs are studying the Gospel of John this fall.

### Converge

On October 14, Converge welcomes special guests Lon Jordan and DeeJay Doc. Lon Jordan has spoken to thousands of teens nationwide, appeared on ABC News, hosted a TV talk show for youth, and is the author of "Sketched By Design." Lon and DeeJay blend hip hop and dance to present an interactive and meaningful message. The offering for the month is blankets. This will be a special evening. Join us October 14 at 7 pm at First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd).

### October Youth Outings

#### Youth Lock In - Saturday October 6 at 7:30 pm

It’s time for one of our youth group’s favorite events - the Lock-In! The Lock-In starts at 7pm Saturday night and goes until 12pm the next day. Lock-In participants will stay for Sunday Morning Youth at 9:30am and worship at 11:00am.

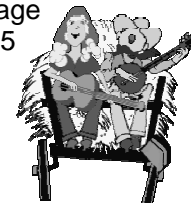
The Lock-In is for all youth (Mid and Senior High) and friends are welcome to join us. We will make pizzas during the evening so bring your favorite toppings. Kristen will provide the dough, sauce and cheese. Also, bring games, snacks, drinks and sleeping gear for the evening.

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### Haunted Hayride - Saturday October 20 at 7:00 pm (Meet at FHC)

All youth are invited for the Haunted Hayride at Heritage Farms. Last year, we had a blast on the hayride. Bring \$15 cash and meet at the church at 7 pm. We should return around 10 pm. RSVP by October 17.



**Leaf-raking** – watch for details

### **A Reading Suggestion Home, by Toni Morrison**

For those going on the October Washington pilgrimage—for anyone interested in learning more about the African-American experience—Toni Morrison’s new novel, *Home*, is a short (160 pages) but moving read. (It is also speaks to the needs of all returning veterans.)

The title evokes that place we all long for, a place of safety and security and acceptance and comfort, a place of belonging. Morrison’s central character, Frank Money, returns from military service in Korea to find that despite his service to his country and the attendant loss and horror of war, he is still a second-class citizen in what should be his home. We follow his search for that longed-for “home” as he journeys from Seattle to Georgia on a mission to save his beloved younger sister from a situation of dreadful abuse. Occasional flashbacks allow us to know his family’s history, their search and journeys to find a true home.

Spoiler alert—Despite the difficulties of his journey, Frank encounters some glimpses of “home”—he does find his sister, and he does find something like home in the place he had hoped to escape. But the challenge of being “one nation ... with liberty and justice for all” still remains.

~Elspeth Peterjohn

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## Music

The choirs are off to a fine start! I'd like to congratulate the new Chancel Choir officers: Jordan Dail, President; Laura Minder, Vice President and Social Chair; Joy Stang, Secretary; Bob Jeffreys, Treasurer; Nancy Grube, Librarian; and Mist'a Craig, Mascot – he's charged with keeping us all in good humor and so far he's done a marvelous job!

And congratulations to the new Sine Nomine Choir officers: Mist'a Craig, President, and Molly Webster, Vice President. The new Descant Choir officers are: Zoe Hartz, President, and Jalen Bailey, Vice President.

Anyone else out there interested in joining a choir? We'd love to include you in our warm and loving choir families!

I'd like to welcome all our new choir members (as of this writing on September 17<sup>th</sup>): In the Chancel Choir, new singers include sopranos Anne Hunter and Mary McPheeters, alto Keona Judge, tenors Jack Lentz and Michael Judge, and basses Paul Weissbrod and Reni Solaru. The Sine Nomine Choir welcomes Michael Judge, Caleb Peters, Will Burleigh, Chloe Birdsell, Audrey Himes, and Aiyanna Adorjan. In the Descant Choir, we welcome Max Winters, Yorrick Trammell, Andrew Burleigh and Benjamin Hidek. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone, but please forgive me if I have.

Our first AWE (Alternative Worship Experience) will take place on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> when we welcome a group from *Roots of American Music* (Kevin Richards, director). We'll be listening to and singing traditional American songs accompanied by penny whistle, fiddle, upright bass, mandolin and guitars. We'll have fun with *The Preacher and the Bear*, sing *Laid My Burden Down (Glory, Hallelujah)*, sing the Cat Stevens version of *Morning Has Broken* and much more. Invite friends to this service!

On Sunday, October 7, our second AWE service will feature both world music and global visual arts. We'll celebrate World Communion Sunday, mindful of the great world-wide community of saints. Many thanks to Eric Muller-Girard for assisting with this service. He has an amazing eye for visual feasts that glorify God.

If you enjoy jazz, a good meal and a fun evening out, please consider coming to **Nighttown**, the renowned Cleveland Heights jazz club, on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> when I will be making my official jazz piano debut ☺. I will be part of a band backing stellar jazz singer Amanda Powell who has led us in Lenten and global worship services here at FHC. This is her debut as a jazz singer and I can assure you it will be a memorable evening. The show begins at 7:00 pm. It's best to make a reservation: <http://www.nighttowncleveland.com> ; 216-795-0550; 12387 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Heights. I hope to see some familiar faces in the audience! (By the way, Amanda will be including in her program one Renaissance lute song and one spiritual, *Wade in the Water*—two pieces which acknowledge her cross-over roots.)

Soli Deo Gloria



Anne Wilson 216-870-2729 [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org)

## News from the Web

Did you know you can find more than just sermons in our Web site's Sermon Archives? Occasionally, adult education recordings and special music performances can be found there as well.

## Forest Hill Church Begins 4th Year of Hosting Homeless Families



Family Promise of Greater Cleveland is a non-profit organization providing shelter, meals, and social services to homeless families with dependent children. This includes households headed by couples, single mothers, single fathers, or another legal guardian. Family Promise serves up to 28 people at a time, usually 8-10 families. It is the only organization in Cleveland that allows families to stay together while they try to find permanent housing. Over 80 faith-based organizations on the east and west side participate.

During the day, families are provided shelter at the Family Promise Resource Center in Tremont. There is a nursery for babies, quiet rooms, showers, laundry, kitchen, and a resource center used for training programs, housing and employment searches. FP's social work staff is housed at the Tremont Center. FP provides transportation for guest children to and from their home schools. FP also provides families with bus passes for guests seeking jobs, housing or other appointments.

Family Promise provides an array of supportive services to surround families with assistance. This primarily occurs through the time and talents of many volunteers. Current programs include budgeting, mentoring, tutoring, resume writing, life skills training, and Welcome Home donated and delivered furniture and household supplies.

Forest Hill Church has been participating in Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) for 3 years. We will begin our 4th year this fall. Our host week is November 25th through December 1st. We are thankful to have several area support churches (Grace Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Noble Road Presbyterian) working with us to welcome our guest families.

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We ask that you consider volunteering to help during our host week. The time commitment is short, usually a two-hour shift with at least one other volunteer, and there is always a Coordinator present. FHC coordinators are Anne Smith (she takes care of all the food coordination), Julie Lustic and Sue Lafferty, who take care of the coordination of all the other volunteers. If you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity, please ask us! We will be signing up volunteers after church in Fellowship Hall on November 4 and 11.

Julie Lustic, Family Promise Coordinator

### ***Discover Your Story Workshop*** **with Kristen Otte, Director of Youth Ministries at FHC** Wednesday, October 3 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

We go through the motions of life - school, work, and church without giving our actions a second thought. We let ourselves believe that we are ordinary and our lives lack meaning and purpose. But it isn't true.

We are all unique and designed by our Creator. We are part of a bigger story.

And that story needs to be told.

During the Discover Your Story Workshop, you will discover your story and begin to see God at work in your life. You will understand how your story has purpose and the importance of sharing your story with others.

Led by Director of Youth Ministries and author Kristen Otte, this workshop is designed to be intergenerational – so bring your children, youth, parents and grandparents.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 3 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Refreshments and dessert will be provided.

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## *Social Groups and Circles*

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

### **The BottleHouse Brewery tour**

On Saturday, October 13 at 5:30 The Group will meet at The BottleHouse at 2050 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights. Their brewers will show us around and answer our questions. Then we can sample their products (they also have wine and bourbon) and enjoy some dinner\*.

RSVP to Ron and Marcia Grant ([mgrant@us.edu](mailto:mgrant@us.edu) or 440-446-8093.)

*\*Although The BottleHouse has a limited menu, they encourage everyone to Bring Your Own Food. So pack your own picnic or pick up something or have it delivered from one of the many Lee Road restaurants. Learn more at <http://thebottlehousebrewingcompany.com/>*

**October 13, The BottleHouse Brewery, 5:30 pm**

**The Group in November:**

### **“Concert of Music and Healing” at Severance Hall**

Please join The Group on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 4:00 pm for “A Concert of Music and Healing” at Severance Hall. The group will also gather after the concert for dinner at Brennan’s Colony, 2299 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights.

Performed by the Suburban Symphony Orchestra, Choral Arts Cleveland, the choruses of Laurel and University School and outstanding soloists, the program includes:

- Maurice Ravel: Piano Concerto for the Left Hand; Emmanuela Friscioni, piano soloist
- Ludwig van Beethoven: Choral Fantasy; Choral Arts Cleveland; Antonio Pompa-Baldi, piano
- Robert Cohen: Alzheimer's Stories; Bonnie Cutsforth-Huber, Ted Christopher, vocal soloists; Choral Arts Cleveland, Laurel School, and University School Glee Clubs

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All works highlight the conjunction of music and medicine:

- Robert Cohen's Alzheimer's Stories is an extremely timely, unique, powerful and yet life affirming work based on interviews with persons who've had close friends or relatives with Alzheimer's disease.
- Ravel was a composer whose career was cut short by a progressive dementia.
- Beethoven struggled with deafness as he composed many of his compositions.

This concert is presented with the support of the University Hospitals Neurological Institute in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Cleveland Chapter and all of the performing organizations and soloists. All profits from this event will be disbursed locally for Alzheimer's treatment, therapy, and research.

Tickets are required for this concert and can be obtained through the Severance Hall ticket office, 216-231-1111. Pricing is varied:

Box: \$60.00

Dress circle: \$30.00

General Admission: \$15.00

Senior and Student: \$10.00

Email Anne Hunter ([anneshunter8@gmail.com](mailto:anneshunter8@gmail.com)) to make a dinner reservation and ask any questions you may have.

**November 18, Severance Hall, 4:00 pm**

**Hilltoppers** (retired singles and couples) in **October:**

### **Lunch and Suburban Symphony**

On October 7, 2012 join us for lunch at 12:30 pm at New Heights Grill, 2206 Lee Rd., followed by a Suburban Symphony concert at University School Lower School, 20701 Brantley, Shaker Hts, at 3:30 pm. RSVP by October 3 to Jean Seeley, 216-321-3042 or Nancy Grube, 440-461-4693

**October 3, New Heights Grill at 12:30, and US Lower School, 3:30 pm**

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### Hilltoppers in November: *Phantom of the Opera* at Heights High

On Sunday, November 4, we'll go to Heights High for a production of their 2012 fall musical – *Phantom of the Opera* – at 4 pm. The cost is \$10 per ticket. RSVP to Dick Peterjohn, 216-991-0424, Lucy Conde, 216-382-5177 or Clyde Loughridge, 216-831-1759.

**November 4, Heights High, 4 pm**

### Iris Circle (all women of the church): **Ancestry**

Join us at Carol Scott's (3380 Rumson, Cleveland Hts) at 1 pm on Tuesday, October 16. LeAnn West will give a talk about her Kansas ancestry.

**October 16, Carol Scott's, 1 pm**

### The Back Row (singles and couples 20s – 40s): **Halloween Party**

Costumed (or not) parents and kids are gathering for a spook-tacular night at the home of the Hideks (5284 Golfway Lane Lyndhurst 44124) on Saturday October 27 at 4:30 pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share, and if you wish, BYOB. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. No RSVP necessary, just come and be prepared for fun & games! Questions? Contact Christina Hidek (216/570-3962 or [christina.hidek@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hidek@gmail.com) ).

**October 27, Hideks', 4:30 pm**



### All-Church Fall Work Day

On Saturday, October 20 from 9 am to noon(ish) volunteers of all ages are invited to join the Trustees and local Boy Scouts to help with fall church chores. Nick Baumgartner and David Hunter will organize and lead us in this most important time of putting away, putting up, and prepping the church for the cooler seasons ahead. Everyone is welcome to join in and the more hands on deck the better! A light lunch will follow the fun and camaraderie. Call Dave (440-646-1853) or Nick (216-382-6385) with questions, and watch for further information this month.

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### Fall Peacemaking Offering



The Fall Peacemaking Offering will be taken Sunday, October 7. Twenty-five percent of this offering goes to support local mission. Last year, these local funds (\$400) were given to Home Repair Resource Center. This year, the local funds will go to support FHC's Committee on Racial Equality (Core Team). The other 75% supports PCUSA Peacemaking programs. Please keep these programs in mind when you make your offering and please give generously!

~ The Ministry of Justice & Mission

### News of Our Church Family

#### Marriages

**Dan Smith and Kristin Medley** were married at FHC on September 2, 2012. Rev. Clover Beal officiated. Dan is the son of Anne and Jeff Smith.

**Beth Smith-Polderman and Erik Zelnik** were married September 15, 2012 at the Mooreland Mansion at Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio. Beth, an FHC member, is the daughter of Ron Polderman and Carol Smith.

#### In Memoriam We Remember

**Johanna Becker Wilcott**, who died August 31, 2012; and  
**Marilyn Canfield Gifford**, who died September 18, 2012

#### New Contact Information

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

Members of the Mt. Sinai CARE Group are:

Barb Cloud, Deacon leader	Mary Lewis
Joanne Bielek	Julie & Gary Lustic
Guy Cameron & family	Brooke Marcy & family
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Jane Frederick & family	Graham & Roz Peters
Donna Frey	Joyce Peters
Sue Gifford & family	Jim Picht, Rebecca Martin & family
Al Gilbert	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Don & Nancy Grube	Gary Sampson
Barb Hansen	Sara & Randy Shaner
Jason & Christine Hidek & family	Anona Stack
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Nina Klein	Ann & Peter Williams
	Warren & Lois Young

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

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, 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, Barbara Harvey, (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother),

**Ushers**

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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**Volunteer Hours in August**

The office volunteers – Peg Weissbrod, Nancy Grube, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn and Fran Thomas – worked a total of 93.75 hours in August. Thank you all!

**A Note of Thanks...**

From Ronald and Florence Klein, for the recent meals, cards, flowers and prayers. It meant so much – more than words can say – to know we were being cared for by the Forest Hill Church family!

Dear FHC friends,

As many of you know, Elaine Tapié, our dear mother and grandmother (we call her Grandy), has had a most challenging year. We are writing to thank you for your incredible support during these last months. Your loving prayers, thoughts, cards and notes, hospital and home visits, flowers, phone calls, meals, and generous hospitality have meant so much to all of us. Grandy has met her challenges with remarkable strength and resilience. She is for us a grand lady—and your showering of affection only affirms for us the blessing we all share in having her with us.

With much gratitude,  
Kris, Bill, and Katie Fay



**Leaf Raking**

Once again, our youth will be raking leaves this fall. Teams of youth will be raking on Saturday, October 27 and Saturday, November 3. Please contact Kristen Otte (440-223-1036 or [kristeno@fhcpresb.org](mailto:kristeno@fhcpresb.org)) by October 21 to schedule a youth team to come to your house. All donations collected for the leaf raking services will go towards our 2013 Mission Trip to Nicaragua.

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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 October 12, November 16, December 7 or 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](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org), ext. 200
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- ❖ 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

Our website is [www.fhcpresb.org](http://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.

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.

## From our Time Machine

