

## Forest Hill Church

### The Tower

January 2014

Dear Friends,

The festival of Epiphany (Jan. 6) marks a new direction in the Christian year. The twelve days of Christmas are over. Epiphany is, according to the tradition, the day that the Magi come from the east to the manger of Jesus. Epiphany comes from a Greek word which is usually translated “manifestation.” “Epiphany” is also a term in literary criticism for a sudden realization – a flash of recognition in which someone or something is seen in a new light.

When the Magi from the east, with all their learning, come to the cradle they see something unexpected. They get a flash of recognition and a new insight. They were thinking king, they get a baby. They were expecting “power” like Herod, and they get “vulnerable” like a nursing child. BUT, instead of feeling gypped and disappointed and running back to Herod to report that there is nothing to worry about, the visitors recognize that something else is going on. They leave their gifts. We are told, by Matthew, that they do not return to Herod but “left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:12)

Poets have had a field day with the “by another road” metaphor. Is it the “road less travelled” of Frost? Or, in the words of T.S. Eliot “We returned to our places, these Kingdoms// but no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,// with an alien people clutching their gods.”

As Epiphany comes and goes and as the new calendar year moves towards February and beyond, be open to surprises and insights. Pay attention and have the courage to follow your heart. If you need to walk along a new path or head in a new direction, may you have the faith and courage to do so. Perhaps hold your expectations loosely. As Alice Walker writes; "Expect nothing and live frugally on surprise!" Who do you need to look at in a new light? A friend, a spouse, yourself? Don't stereotype or judge too quickly. Who knows what God has in store for you this winter!

Whatever road you are on, have a light step and keep your eyes open!

God bless you on the journey,



Dr. John C. Lentz  
Sr. Pastor

In closing I share with you one of my favorite quotes  
that I recall each year at this time.

Dag Hammarskjold —  
*'For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!'*

**Happy New Year!**

**Please remember  
the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
January 26, 2014  
After worship, preceded by lunch**

# Children's Ministries

The busy month of December led the children to investigate the Advent - Christmas season. The children explored the prophecies fulfilled, created crafts in our annual Advent Workshop, focused on hope, and discovered the similarities and differences in the how Christmas is celebrated in the world. Thank you all who were a part of these classes.

- In our Nursery, thank you to Jill Roberts, Peg Weissbrod and Danielle Cosgrove.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Lara Troyer & Jeff Dyck and Susanne & Laura Peterjohn
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land program, thank you to Carol Leslie, Kara Schellenberg, Joanne Shaner, Cathy Ghiandoni, Matt & Sarah Winters, Peter Williams and David Burleigh.

Thank you to Beth Zych for her time and vision as our director in our 2013 Family Christmas Eve pageant. It will undoubtedly be a huge success!

## Children's Christian Education

### **Children in Worship** (older 4s and kindergarten)

In January the children in this program will be exploring and participating in stories about Jesus' early life and his baptism. Be sure to ask your children what the story was about and share the response craft with them. Amanda Mervine and Laura Peterjohn will be leading.

### **Pathways to the Promise Land** (grades 1-5)

Our rotation style church school begins the New Year with *The Beatitudes*. The Beatitudes are Jesus' initial instructions for how to live in right relationship with God and each other. Through miracles, parables and encounters, Jesus showed us how to "walk the talk" (Matthew 5:3-9).

The children will focus on this theme through games, memorization activities and participate in activities about the Sermon on the Mount.

## **Confirmation**

Please keep our Confirmands and Covenant Partners in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their focus of Faith Journeys in their classes. So far the classes has begun to discern how scripture impacts our lives, learned what Presbyterian creeds are, writing a Confirmation Covenant and explored who Jesus is. We will travel to Camp Burton for our weekend retreat in January. Thank you to Pastor John Lentz and Pastor Sally Wile for leading classes in December.

### **Dates to Know**

#### **January 5      KISS**

Children will attend worship with their families to celebrate Epiphany and the Lord's Supper.

#### **January 12      Gathering Time**

Pathways to the Promise Land children begin in the Chapel at 11:00, and will then be escorted to workshops with their Shepherds.

#### **Jan. 17-19      Confirmation Retreat**

#### **Jan. 20 & 27**

Children begin in worship, and will be excused to their workshops.

Faithfully,



Liz Wollaeger  
Director of Christian Education

# VOLUNTEER OPPORUTINITIES

## Nursery

Where can you:

- Eat animal crackers
- Hold a baby
- Play with blocks
- and listen to the worship service all at the same time?

In our nursery, that's where!

Our nursery is in need of volunteers through the winter months.

Please sign up in the nursery or contact the Christian Education office.

## 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.



Dear Forest Hill Friends,

I wish you all a blessed New Year – full of happiness, love and a renewed generosity of spirit as we recover from the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

On January 5, we look forward to singing *We Three Kings* as our three FHC kings journey down the aisle, decked out in their beautiful flowing robes and bright headgear (given in memory of Bill Tapié) as they offer their glittering treasures to the Christ Child.

I would like to heartily welcome new choir members: Cassie Webster in the Descant Choir; and Kathy Carr, Carol Wedell, and Michael Nicoletti in the Chancel Choir. What wonderful vocal contributions these new singers are making!

During January, the Chancel, Descant and Sine Nomine choirs will begin work on ***Song of Hope***, a work for three choirs, soloists and chamber orchestra. I was commissioned by Forest Hill Church to compose a major choral work, and this was the result. ***Song of Hope*** received its premiere on March 28, 2004. It's been ten years since that performance and I daresay it's time for a repeat!

The textual structure of the piece is based on the eight Beatitudes that mark the opening of the Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of St. Matthew. Many believe that the Beatitudes are the most beautiful and wise statements ever made. In ***Song of Hope*** each Beatitude is coupled with a relevant text drawn from many sources, including Carl Sandburg's poem *Masses* (from his *Chicago Poems*); the biblical book of Isaiah; the writings of Louisiana poet Pamela Pegg who described her emotions after the unspeakable events on 9/11; remarks made by Melba Pattillo Beals (one of the original black students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957); Mother Theresa's written inscription on the wall of her Children's Home in Calcutta, India; a poem by eleven-year-old Pavel Friedmann, written during his detention at the concentration camp Terezin during the Holocaust; a passage from a 1953 speech by Dwight D. Eisenhower; and a selection from a speech by Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa (written by poet Marianne Williamson).

**Please save the date: Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
(time TBA as of this writing).

Soli Deo Gloria



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## ***New FHC Officers, 2014***

The 2013 Nominating Committee, under the able leadership of Elder Ron Polderman, has nominated the following FHC members to fill officer positions in 2014:

### ***Elders***

#### **Deacon**

**Barbara Cloud '14**

#### **Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation**

**Consuelo Heineman '16**

#### **Ministry of Justice and Mission**

**Robyn Hales '16**

Robyn has attended FHC for 11 years and joined 9 years ago. She has served as a member of the Ministry of Justice and Mission, as a Family Promise volunteer, on the Black History Month committee and the Racial Core Team; she has also been involved in various youth projects. She is the Program Planning Specialist for the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland and has done extensive community volunteer work, including being president of NOAH (Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope). Her son Jordan Dail and niece Ajah Hales are both FH members.

**Anona Stack '16**

Anona has been a member of FHC for 13 years. She is a member of the choir and has served as Clerk of Session. She works at Aetna as Supervisor of Care Management in the Richfield office. Anona has three grown children and three grandchildren.

#### **Trustees**

**Elaine Dannefer '16**

#### **Ministry of Stewardship**

**Steve Sedam '16**

Steve has attended FHC for five years. He has participated in the Faith Leader class, on the Earth Care Green Team, as part of the Haiti Mission group, as a Covenant Partner and as a Family Promise volunteer as well as on the Stewardship Ministry as an elected leader. He is currently Director of Advancement for the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. His wife Virginia Weiss joins him in many of his activities at FHC.

## **Ministry of Worship**

### **Gary Sampson '16**

Gary (as well as his wife Anne Salsich) has been at FHC since March, 2012. He is a scholar and professor of art history and has been involved with numerous faith communities. He participated in last year's Faith Leader class, is eager to join the Ministry of Worship and writes that "Faith Leader...was a wonderfully affirmative experience for considering how God might be drawing me to use my knowledge and love of art to foster actions of an imaginative reformational nature."

## **Ministry of Vocation and Leadership**

### **Rachel Martinez-Finn '16** (Church Growth)

Rachel and her husband Bill Finn have been members of FHC for a year and a half. Rachel works on the monthly Abundance Pantry Breakfasts. She was an elementary school teacher before moving to Cleveland and helped develop a Cultural Diversity program in western New York. She and Bill have two grown sons who live in Brooklyn, NY.

### **Eric Muller-Girard '16** (Lay Leadership Development)

Eric and his wife Laurie moved to Cleveland from New York City in 1996 and have been members of FHC since shortly after they arrived. Eric is a Deacon and an Elder and has most recently served as an elder and elected leader on the Ministry of Worship. He has participated in the Faith Leader class and is certified as a spiritual director by the Ignatian Spirituality Institute of John Carroll University.

## ***Deacons***

### **Cathy Ghiandoni '14**

Cathy has been a member of FHC for 34 years. She has served as an office volunteer, GROUP, Iris Circle and wedding coordinator as well as a Deacon and Elder. Before her retirement she taught in the Cleveland Hts and Cleveland public school systems.

### **Carol Leslie '15**

Carol has attended FHC for 40 years and has been a member since she was confirmed as a teenager. She works with Pathways as a teacher and shepherd, has been a Covenant Partner and a senior high teacher, has joined several FHC pilgrimages, has completed the Faith Leader course and served on several ministries. Carol works at Swagelok as the Benefits



Program Manager; she shares her life with three young adult children who were all confirmed at FHC.

**Kathy Hanna-Stauffer '16**

Kathy has been a member of FHC for 16 years. She sings in the choir and participates in Iris Circle activities; she has served as an elder on the Ministry of Justice and Mission and continues to participate in justice activities both at FHC and throughout the Presbytery. Kathy has recently retired from her work as a dietitian and diabetes educator. She enjoys cooking, quilting and gardening as well as spending time with her 9 grandchildren.

**Jenny Himmelman '16**

**Kemp Jaycox '16**

Kemp and his wife Cindy Fink have been members of FHC for three years. He is a Green Team member and a Labre Project leader. Kemp works as a sustainability consultant and adjunct faculty member at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea. He and Cindy have a daughter, Kate Jaycox.

**Suzanne Marcy '16**

Suzanne has been a member of FHC for two years. She has participated in Faith Leader and enjoys Iris Circle activities. Before she came to FHC she spent two years in the Peace Corps in Ukraine. In her professional life she was an information specialist in both academic and corporate settings. Her daughter and grandson, Brooke and Caleb Marcy, are both FHC members.

**Pat Musick '15**

Pat and her husband Hal have been FHC members for 39 years. She has served as a Sunday school teacher, Lenten Dinner chairperson, a member of the Chancel and Voices in Bronze choirs, and a member of the Worship Ministry. Pat is a retired Home Economics teacher and has co-led the "Family to Family" class sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health). Her son Daryl, daughter Melody Obery and three grandchildren are all FHC members.

***Trustees***

**Peg Weissbrod '15**

**Bill Finn '16**

Bill has been a member of FHC for a year and a half. He is CEO of the Hospice of the Western Reserve. He and his wife, Rachel Martinez-Finn,

live in Cleveland Hts and enjoy NE Ohio. Their two sons live in Brooklyn NY.

**Annette Himes '16**

### ***2014 Nominating Committee (1-year terms)***

#### **Doris Allen**

Doris has been a member of FHC for 8 years. She has been involved as a Deacon, on the Nominating Committee, and as part of the Black History Month team, the Racial Core team, and Faith Leader.

#### **Jennifer Blakeney**

Jennifer has been a member of FHC for 13 years; her daughters Monica and Elena Juodisius are also FHC members. Jennifer has served as a Pathways teacher, and Elder and Deacon, and on the Greater Cleveland Congregations core team. She is a physical therapist and is married to Marius Juodisius.

#### **Chris Henry**

Although Chris joined FHC in 1979, she has been active since 2002. She has worked with nonprofit organizations all her professional life; at present she is a freelance public relations writer and teaches a course called "Doing Good: How Nonprofits Change Lives." She is married to Ken Montlack.

#### **Charissa Peterson**

Charissa and her husband Erik have attended FHC since 2011 and joined a year and a half ago. She enjoys Adult Education and co-facilitates Kerygma small groups. She works in a cancer genetics laboratory at the Cleveland Clinic.

#### **Jim Roosa**

### ***Elected Leaders***

**Jack Breisch, Ministry of Justice and Mission**

**Ed Gernerchak, Ministry of Worship**

**Laurie Logan, Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation**  
(child team)

**Ann Williams, Ministry of Vocation and Leadership**  
(Church Growth)

**Peter Williams, Ministry of Stewardship**

## *An Earth Care Christmas*

Here are some easy reminders on how to enjoy a green and friendly Earth Care Christmas season:

- ❖ be intentional, pray and renew yourself, study and learn, reflect on the true and sometimes hidden and forgotten meanings of Christmas: life, renewal, promise
- ❖ be creative, give eco-friendly gifts and minimize packaging
- ❖ minimize and carefully plan holiday travel; minimize carbon emissions
- ❖ share the work and holiday-related activities with others; build community
- ❖ serve someone, share the abundance and wealth we have with others by volunteering and helping those less fortunate
- ❖ use greenery as a direct symbol of Life, Creation, and Renewal
- ❖ prepare and serve natural foods grown from ecologically just sources

And above all else:

Slow down and make the Christmas season meaningful!

Dave Neff and the Earth Care Green Team

## **Homeless StandDown, 2014**

This year's Homeless StandDown will be held at Cleveland Public Auditorium on January 25, 9 am - 2 pm. You can get involved in three ways: volunteer for guest services, volunteer to assist guests in personal shopping, or donate one or more Bibles. Volunteers working on-site will be required to attend training on January 12 or 19.

Interested? Contact Kay Dunlap ([sdunlap@jcu.edu](mailto:sdunlap@jcu.edu)) or Jack Breisch ([jbrei@hawken.edu](mailto:jbrei@hawken.edu)) for more information.

General information about the StandDown may be found at <http://www.handsonneo.org/HomelessStandDown>

## *FHC's Holiday Angels*

As a congregation we have once again provided Christmas presents for many different families in our area by supporting three organizations. When the ornaments were made this year for the Holiday Angels program, we had a list of 88 gifts. However, through the generosity of our congregations, this number was increased to 102 GIFTS!! During the past few weeks, many questions were asked about the gifts. I hope the following will help everyone understand how our gifts are being used to brighten the lives of many children and families in our community. If you supplied a gift this year, your tag either had a BF (Boulevard Family), HEFC (Heights Emergency Food Center), or FP (Family Promise) on it. Read on to learn more about where those gifts were delivered.

Many years ago, Forest Hill developed a relationship with Boulevard School, providing school supplies, Christmas gifts, tutors, and much more. Each year we contact Karen Allen, a social worker at the school, letting her know we are willing to provide gifts for families in need at her school. She then sends us a list of ages and wish list items for various families. We provide a toy and a clothing item for each child in those families. This year there were 8 families with 29 children and so a total of 58 gifts! These gifts are wrapped and delivered to Karen, who distributes them to the families.

The Heights Interfaith Council collects holiday gifts for the children of clients served by the Heights Emergency Food Center. Children age 12 and younger benefit from the program. During the month of October, parents submit name, age, and gift suggestions for their children. Gift request cards are then created and distributed to several faith council communities in the Heights area. This year, as in recent years, we have provided 15 gifts each year to this organization and deliver them to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for distribution.

Family Promise provides a store for the families within their program (both current and from the past year). The store is stocked with unwrapped items displayed for selection by the families, free of charge. All the items in the store are donated by people like us. Family Promise posts a list of Holiday Wishes on their website with suggestions of items including toys, clothes, and winter apparel for all ages from kids to parents. Anyone interested may

donate items up until the date the store “opens.” Forest Hill has been providing a minimum of 15 gifts each year to the store. In each of the last three years, additional unwrapped items have been donated for use in the store by our congregation. This year we donated 25 gifts even though we only had 15 ornaments on our tree for Family Promise!

This year, 4 gifts were also provided to a family through the Labre ministry. These ornaments were not on our tree but may be in years to come.

Thank you to everyone who helped brighten the Christmas of one of these families. May you have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Joanne Shaner (Angel-in-Chief)



**Greater Cleveland Congregations:  
Expansion of Ohio’s Medicaid Program to Cover the Working Poor**

*“I was sick and you took care of me . . . .”  
(Matthew 25:36 NRSV)*

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) began campaigning nearly a year ago to support expansion of Ohio’s Medicaid program to cover an additional 275,000 lower income individuals (persons between 100% and 138% of the Federal poverty level without access to health insurance) pursuant to the Federal Affordable Health Care Act of 2010.

Whether one's motivation for participation was based in a reading of *Matthew 25*, the Hebrew prophets, or some other sacred source, this initiative had broad appeal among GCC congregations. GCC created the NEO-MEC coalition with hospitals and other interests here in Cleveland. It then joined Healthy Ohioans Work with other statewide groups based in Columbus, where the Ohio Hospital Association and Service Employees International Union were the lead partners with the deepest pockets.

It was understood that there were several possible routes to accomplishing the goal of expanding access to Medicaid. The Governor's proposed inclusion of Federal funds for this purpose in his 2013-2015 biennium budget was encouraging, and several thousand people massed at the Statehouse last Spring to support the initiative. When the Ohio General Assembly's leadership refused to include Medicaid expansion in its budget, attention turned to advocating with Ohio House and Senate members via calls, emails and letters to enact it through other legislation. Only when this produced no movement did GCC and its statewide partners decide this fall to launch a citizen initiative petition campaign for Medicaid expansion using a mix of volunteer and paid canvassers. Polls showed broad public support for expansion. Then, unexpectedly, the Governor and legislative leaders asked the State Controlling Board to bypass the General Assembly and approve the use of Federal funds to expand Ohio's Medicaid program through mid-2015. Litigation challenging the constitutionality of this action is before the Ohio Supreme Court and may be decided by the time you read this. When the lead partners in the statewide coalition redirected their resources into preparing an *amicus* brief for the Supreme Court case, GCC had already completed its part of the ballot initiative campaign.

We at Forest Hill Church joined GCC and the Medicaid expansion campaign in its latter stages. In the month or so that we were involved, members of our congregation wrote about 20 letters to Ohio legislators, collected over 300 signatures on initiative petitions, and took time to consider the injustice of leaving our poorer neighbors without readily available health care coverage. Our efforts, coming from the newest of GCC's 40 member congregations, received favorable notice within the organization. Our involvement, and that of Greater Cleveland Congregations, in a statewide public policy campaign was not without risks. Chief among them was being a small component of a diverse statewide coalition, with only

limited control over its decisions. The twists and turns of the policy process, and the abrupt end of the initiative petition campaign with the final outcome still in doubt, were both confusing and disconcerting. Yet there seems little doubt that the prospect of having Medicaid expansion on the November 2014 statewide ballot is what finally forced politicians in Columbus to act. Whenever the Medicaid expansion drama concludes, we will know we made an impact on behalf of *“the least of these.”*

Since the time of John Witherspoon, American Presbyterians and other Reformed Christians have felt called to “speak truth to power” in the public arena. It can be an exhilarating, humbling, even messy experience. By engaging in social justice advocacy through Greater Cleveland Congregations, Forest Hill Church gets to share the workload with other vibrant faith communities and improves its chances of being heard.

Dick Obermanns

## **Abundance Pantry: Help Our Pantry Keep Growing**

We want to thank all of you who have so generously supported our Abundance Food Pantry. Even more of our neighbors are now seeking food, especially since food stamp benefits have been cut while people struggle to find jobs and earn a living wage. Last year the number of visits to the pantry increased from 30 to 70 per month. In November of this year, our guests made 101 visits.

Becoming a member agency of the Cleveland Food Bank this past May has helped us keep up with this growth. We are now able to buy food and other goods from them at very low prices. Working with the Food Bank has helped us increase the total amount of food distributed to about 2400 pounds per month. And during this time our average cost has been reduced from 50 down to 15 cents per pound. All the while, we are increasing the percentage of fresh produce and making more healthy food choices available.

Here are some ways you can help us keep up with this growing demand:

1. Write a check to FHC with **Food Pantry** in the memo line. This will allow us to stretch your dollars much further with the very low prices from the Food Bank.
2. Write a check with **Bus Passes** in the memo line to help our guests get winter transportation for health visits, agency appointments, job interviews, etc.
3. Buy some items which are not available thru the Food Bank at a discount grocery like Aldi's. We generally need **tuna, pork & beans, old fashioned oatmeal, raisins, and jam.**
4. Buy grocery cards (for your own use) in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Abundance Pantry receives a portion of the donation made by each grocery store.
5. Collect canned goods, hygiene items, or cleaning supplies at parties and events and bring them to the Pantry Cart. Hygiene items and cleaning supplies cannot be purchased with food stamps.
6. Bring us your empty grocery bags, egg cartons, and plastic containers with lids. We use the bags and egg cartons for distribution, and the containers for our homemade soup.

Contact Barb Cloud (216-526-0859 or [faithleader52@yahoo.com](mailto:faithleader52@yahoo.com)) or Paul Jennings (440-570-6736 or [jennings\\_paul@att.net](mailto:jennings_paul@att.net)) if you are interested in volunteering for any of the following:

1. Helping with the Monday morning pantry distribution.
2. Picking up cases of food at the Food Bank.
3. Cooking and helping serve our monthly breakfast.
4. Making homemade soup at the church each month for our pantry guests.
5. Working in the garden this coming year.

Our progress has been amazing! Thanks again for all of your support!

Paul Jennings and Grace Uhle



## News of Our Church Family

### **Births**

**Sophie Amelia Jean-Mary**, daughter of Michelle and Ralph Jean-Mary, was born November 26, 2013.

### **Baptisms**

**Shawn Bittner** received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 8, 2013. Peg Weissbrod was the attending Elder. Dr. Lentz officiated.

### **New members**

Please welcome these new members, who joined FHC on December 8, 2013:

**Shawn Bittner**  
**Kathy Carr**  
**Libby Dolan**  
**Sheryl Dugard**

**Shannon Headen**  
**Jessica Kelley-Moore**  
**Quentin Smith**

### **Care Group**

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

### **Members of the Eden CARE Group are:**

Carol Leslie, Deacon leader	Bob & Pat Jeffreys
Doris Allen	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Nathan & Lane Baldwin	Suzanne Marcy
Clover & Tim Beal	Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod
Dave & Chris Bell	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jane & Derek Duncan & family	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Jean & Scott Duncan	Elizabeth Shaw
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer & family	Jeff & Anne Smith
Kris & Bill Fay	Elaine Tapié
Carrie Fister	Elaine Turley
Tim & Leigh Henderson	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

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

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, Anne Taylor

**Please pray for those with ongoing prayer concerns:**

Marion Frederick (Jane Frederick's mother), Graham Kiple (nephew of Kathryn Himmelsteib), Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey, (Tom and Paula Harvey's family), Charles Sawyer (Ann Williams' brother), Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother).

**Ushers**

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

**Volunteer Hours in November**

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn and Carolyn Vrtunski – worked a total of 35 hours in November. Thank you all!

**Pacesetters (40s – 60s): Planning Party**

Pacesetters will meet at the home of Dave and Chris Bell (3040 Scarborough, Cleveland Hts) for a planning party on January 11, 2014 at 6:54 pm or so (yes, we do plan our spontaneity!). Please bring food or drink to share and a contribution for the food pantry. Bring a friend! RSVP to Chris (Chris3040@aol.com or 216-932-6992).

**January 11, Bells' house, 7 pm**

## Sundays in January

- 9:00** Child care begins  
**9:30** Adult education  
 Youth education  
 Confirmation (on retreat, Jan. 17-19)  
 Descant Choir  
**10:15** Descant Choir activity  
**10:30** Continental Breakfast  
 Chancel Choir  
**11:00** WORSHIP  
 Children in Worship  
 Little Explorers  
**11:00** Pathways to the Promise Land (Jan 12)  
**11:15** Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5) (KISS, Jan. 5)  
**12:15** Coffee Hour  
 Sine Nomine Choir (Gr. 6-12) Jan. 12, 26  
**5:00** Faith Leader  
**5:40** Labre Project (Jan. 12, 26)



<b>January 5 Celebration of Epiphany</b> <b>11:00</b> WORSHIP: Communion	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12
<b>January 12 Baptism of the Lord</b>	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17
<b>January 19 2 Epiphany</b> <b>12:15</b> Blood Pressure check <b>12:30</b> Black History Month: Workshop on Isaiah	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40: 1-11 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42
<b>January 26 3 Epiphany</b> <b>12:15</b> Lunch <b>1:00</b> Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

***The Revised Common Lectionary readings are listed here.***

## ***Announcements! Announcements!***

### **Remember the Annual Meeting January 26, 2014**

Lunch will be served following worship  
The meeting will follow lunch



### **Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve** 5 pm Pageant

10:45 pm Musical prelude

11:00 pm Candlelight Worship

Followed by milk and cookies reception

**Sunday, Dec. 29**

Worship in Fellowship Hall

**Office closed** Dec. 24, 12 pm – Dec. 27  
Dec. 30, 12 pm – Jan. 1

**TOWER** deadlines:  
**7 am**

on

January 17

February 14

March 14

The church phone number is 216-321-2660. Our website is  
[www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)

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