

# The TOWER

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## March 2015



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## The Tower

March 2015

Dear Friends,

In this Lenten season you and I are called upon to practice Lenten disciplines of prayer and of sacrifice. Lent is also a time to consider who we are as Christians in the world. How do we relate to others who are not Christians? How do we relate to Jews and Muslims?

This is of great importance at this time in our history. The news is filled with horrific reports of the brutality of ISIS – the self-proclaimed Islamic movement that, through the call to Jihad (the spiritual struggle within oneself against sin; also a struggle against unbelievers) is attempting to form a Caliphate (government) across the Middle East that will be ruled by strict Sharia law (Islamic law).

How do we respond? Is ISIS truly the *real* Islam? Are Islamic friends who seem so dear and peaceful not *really* Muslims? Who gets to decide what a faith *really* is and who speaks for it?

Well, just as there are many Christians who hold a variety of interpretations of what it means to be a Christian, how to follow Christ, how to read the scripture, and how to please God; so too are there many Islamic interpretations of what it means to be a Muslim. Unfortunately, at this time in history, fueled by easy access to the Internet and to the media, a group, who have interpreted their sacred texts in ways we find abhorrent, have grabbed the attention of the world. It IS frightening.

It also should not be denied that the actions of ISIS are a reaction to long-standing political, economic, theological and social issues in the Arab world since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that defy easy explanation.

But what is true is this: A vast majority of Muslims abhor the violence just as much as we do. In the Time Magazine of Jan. 9, 2015, the famous Muslim basketball player Kareem Abdul Jabbar wrote a personal and very moving response to those who would misinterpret his beloved Qur'an. Muslim leaders ARE speaking out throughout the world.

As the horrific news continues, you and I must stand with our fellow Heights residents who are Muslims who experience the spoken and unspoken wrath of neighbors in the form of stares and profiling. We cannot tell Muslims what they have to believe, any more than we appreciate people telling us what we believe. But of one thing I am sure, at the heart of Islam is the same longing to align with a God of love - the same God of Jesus and the same God of Abraham.

During Lent perhaps it would be good to keep our eyes open to expressions of Christianity in our culture and around the world that we do not believe express the love of Jesus Christ. Speak out! Commit yourself in your day to day acts to make sure that the faith is expressed by love for all, justice for the oppressed, freedom for the imprisoned. Live your faith in joy and peace yearning to come to know Jesus Christ and to be his follower this Lent.

Peace,

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

Thank you for all the phone calls, text messages, cards, and prayers for Chuck (following his fall and head injury on Feb. 1. A very special thank you to Bill Finn for your quick response to seek medical attention and to Dustin Prins for your comfort and support in the Emergency Room. Please continue to keep Chuck and our family in your thoughts and prayers during the long recovery.

Jane Ishler & family

Dear Friends,

In honor of March as Women's History Month, I share this piece posted on the PC(USA) website about Muslim religious women claiming space for their own unique experiences. I am inspired, and on behalf of their Christian sisters, I wish them strength and courage in their endeavor.



Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

Associate Pastor for Lay Leadership Development

***Muslim Women in Los Angeles Start a Mosque of Their Own***  
**February 4, 2015 Religion News Service**  
**by Mariam Sobh**

A downtown Los Angeles interfaith center that once served as a synagogue was the site of a historic worship service last week, as dozens of women gathered for Friday Muslim prayers in what is being dubbed the first women's-only mosque in the United States. M. Hasna Maznavi, founder and president of the Women's Mosque of America, and co-president Sana Muttalib, said they are following the example of women pioneers at the forefront of Islamic education and spiritual practice.

"Women lack access to things men have, professional or religious," said Muttalib, a lawyer. "I think this is our contribution to help resolve that issue."

Maznavi, a filmmaker, said women-only spaces have been part of Islamic history for generations and still exist in China, Yemen and Syria. In the United States, nearly all mosques separate the sexes. Women pray in the rear of the prayer hall or in a separate room from male congregants. About 100 women attended the jumah or Friday prayer on Jan. 30 in a rented space at the Pico Union Project. Edina Lekovic, director of policy and programming at the Muslim Public Affairs Council, gave the sermon. Several women tweeted after the event, conveying their enthusiasm. But some questioned the propriety of women leading prayers that have traditionally been performed by men.



Muslema Purmul, a chaplain for Muslim students at UCLA, wrote a post on her Facebook page that there isn't such a thing as a woman-led Friday prayer. "A women's jumah is legally invalid according to all the opinions I know about," she said. But Purmul said she wasn't condemning the event and supported the idea of a women's space. "As a community that hopes to move forward and grow together, having a healthy dialogue is necessary as we negotiate solutions for the problems that affect us all," she said.

Meantime, Muttalib said organizers envision more programming that includes men, but the prayers will remain for women and children, including boys under the age of 12. "It's kind of analogous to a women's college," she said. "It's meant to be a space for women to come together and talk about the female perspective." The event also included a Q&A discussion about the sermon, or khutba, something that doesn't often happen in traditional mosques in a way where women can participate. "It's very rare for women to reach an imam after prayer," Maznavi said, referring to the prayer leader. "This is one of the ways we're trying to make women feel more welcome and involved." Maznavi said the idea was not to compete with traditional mosques. "We're not an alternative space; we're a complimentary space. We want to work with existing mosques to improve and make them more women friendly. We never intended for this to compete, it's simply support for women."

*Women's Lenten  
Contemplative Service  
Tuesday, March 17  
7:00 pm  
In the FHC chapel*

Join us for our annual  
Lenten contemplative  
worship service for women.

All ages are welcome.  
Please bring a guest.

## Children's Ministry

February was a busy month as the older children explored the Lord's Prayer and our younger children explored some of Jesus' parables. A big thank you to all our faithful volunteers who shared the love of Christ with our children!

- In our nursery, thank you to Marcie Denton and Zoe Hartz.
- In our Children in Worship class, thank you to Josh & Pam Webster, Lisa Koops, Amber Balogh, and Lara Troyer
- In our Pathways to the Promise Land, thank you to Marcie Denton, Kara Schellenberg, Jennifer Blakeney, Julie Lustic, Jewrett Bailey, Robin Mervine, Joanne Shaner, and Jed Koops.

### **Welcome!**

Kelli Barnes has just recently been hired as our second nursery worker. During the week Kelli works at Animal Zen and attends cosmetology classes. We are happy to have Kelli with us as well as Tracey Long, our long-time nursery worker, as they care for and nurture all our little ones in the nursery! Please welcome Kelli when you see her.

### **Children's Christian Education**

#### **Children in Worship** Pre-School and Kindergarten (ages 3-5)

During March the children in this class will explore and participate in Bible stories about Jesus and the children, Bartimaeus, Zacchaeus, and Jesus the King. Each story has a response to help the children understand the story. Be sure to ask your children what they did in Children in Worship class!

#### **Pathways to the Promise Land** Grades 1-5

In March the new rotation theme is *The Last Supper*. The disciples were witnesses to the presence of God when they participated in the Last Supper. We too witness the presence of God as we participate in and reflect on Holy Communion. In their workshops the children will gain a clearer understanding of the emotional and spiritual dynamics of the Last Supper, learn about the development of the sacrament of communion from the Last Supper to the present and about the significance of the Last Supper in the life of the church. Some of the activities in their workshops

will include creating stained glass windows and recreating the classic rendition of the Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci.

On March 29 the children will participate in a special workshop that will focus on the many events that led up to Jesus' death and resurrection. Everything Jesus did for us made it possible for us to have a chance to be a part of the kingdom of God.

### **Dates to Know**

#### **March 1 KISS – Kids In Sunday Service**

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

#### **March 8 Gathering Time – The Last Supper**

Children in Grades 1-5 will gather in the Chapel at 11:00, then be dismissed with their shepherds to their workshops.

#### **March 15 Cherub Choir (Pre-School and Kindergarten)**

Cherub choir will rehearse in the Chapel at 10:30

#### **March 15 & 22 Pathways to the Promise Land**

Children in Grades 1-5 will begin in worship, then be dismissed to their workshops.

#### **March 29 Pathways to the Promise Land Workshop**

Children in Grades 1-5 will begin in worship, then be dismissed for a special workshop on Jesus' death and resurrection.

#### **March 29 Palm Sunday Processional**

All children can participate in the Palm Sunday processional during the 11:00 service. (More details to follow later.)

Blessings,

Dacia Prins

Director of Children's Ministry

## **Adult Education March 2015**

### **Greater Cleveland Conversations (GCC)**

#### **Recommendations to Mayor Jackson and the Department of Justice**

March 1, 9:30 am

South Hall

#### **FHC's GCC Core Team**

Four recommendations were presented publicly on February 3 at the GCC Action Assembly attended by more than 1100 members of participating congregations and organizations and including almost 40 people from FHC.

Join FHC's core team to learn what the four recommendations are, and why they were selected by GCC as the most essential reforms to be included in the Consent Decree to be negotiated between the Department of Justice and the City of Cleveland. Hear more about the excellent work being done and become more informed on this important social justice issue. We will see how the recommendations are an extension of the GCC Criminal Justice team's efforts to end racial bias in arrests and in the courts. FHC Core Team: Jennifer Blakeney, Barbara Cloud, Gretchen Reynolds, Ed Gernerchak, Ron Register and Diana Woodbridge

### **Race Matters**

March 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30 am

South Hall

The series will begin with the FHC Race Core Team's March 8 presentation on their work and vision. The study on Race Matters will take place on Sundays March 15, 22, 29 with Kathryn Eloff and Ron Register as facilitators.

### ***Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks* by Walter Brueggemann**

March 15, 22, 29; 9:30 am

Book will be for sale

Kermit Lind will facilitate the discussion of this very engaging and challenging book by one of the century's most important biblical scholars and theologians. This book discussion will be groundwork for Dr. Brueggemann's preaching and lecture on June 14.



## **Field Trip! Everyone's Invited (but seats are limited)!**

We have a trip to Detroit coming up on Saturday, April 25. We will visit the First Congregational Church and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (check the internet for details on both of these historical sites).

The cost is \$40 -- this includes bus fare and admissions; bring money for meals. Scholarships are available. Seats are limited. Sign up now!

Contact Barb Cloud (faithleader52@yahoo.com or 216-321-9112)  
or Anne Smith (anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com or 216-932-2932)

The next Exploring Membership class will be held on  
Sundays March 15 and 22 after worship, from 12:30 – 2 pm.

Are you interested in membership?

Curious about what it means to be a member?

Wondering what the Presbyterian Church and especially  
Forest Hill Church are all about?

Come join the class and bring your questions!

Those who choose to join will be received on March 29,  
Palm Sunday.

Please contact the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)) if  
you would like to attend or want more information.

## Music Notes



Please mark your calendars for Forest Hill's second **Compline** service on **Sunday, March 1 at 7:30 pm**. Meditation, chant, prayer and music: these make up the essence of Compline—one of the monastic prayer services of the Christian church and the last religious observance (office) sung at the close of the day. Since the fourth century, Compline has become a meaningful part of monastic life, replacing nighttime prayers said privately. The entire service is sung in the sanctuary illumined primarily by candles. The choir will sing from the congregational pews with Pastor Lentz serving as cantor. The congregation may sit in the choir pews, the transepts or the front of the nave. This service provides worshipers the time and space for silence, meditation, and mystic communion with the Divine. Enter the candle-lit sanctuary in silence and simply receive the blessings of the mystery.

On **Sunday, March 22**, we'll celebrate the **music of J. S. Bach** (the 21<sup>st</sup> was his birthday) in splendid style. I have invited **violinist Jinjoo Cho** to share her prodigious gifts with us that morning. Jingoo recently was awarded the \$30,000 first prize in the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. Although she is still a student at the Cleveland Institute of Music, she is already in demand internationally. The first time I heard her play at Severance Hall several years ago, I literally cried during her entire concerto, I was so moved. Not to be missed!



Please note that Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour and go to bed early the night before!

Soli Deo Gloria

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## **Abundance Food Pantry – 2014**

### **Thanks and Summary from Pantry Man Paul Jennings**

I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your support of the Abundance Food Pantry program this past year. We owe a special thanks to Lynda for starting this effort so many years ago, and to Barb Cloud for launching the volunteer work that we have all continued. Grace Uhle organized the monthly meals program and handed off to Beth Zych. Last fall Anne Smith started leading the Soup Group. I want to also thank Nick Baumgartner and David Hunter for making storage space available for us as we continue to grow. Thanks to Morag Keefe for sharing the kitchen space with us and providing advice on our meals, and to Mike Glaros for driving, lifting, enrolling and serving.

Due to lack of volunteers, we are not going to plant the Abundance Acres Garden in 2015. Many thanks go out to Don and Cathy Ghiandoni, Deanne, Anne Wilson, Mike Glaros, Nick Baumgartner, the Burleighs and other volunteers for keeping the garden going this past year when I was busy with other things. And a very special thanks to Laura Steiner for launching the garden back in 2009.

The pantry continues to grow at a remarkable rate. Here are some highlights of the year.

- We are now distributing about 10,000 pounds of food each month to approximately 400 households in the Fairfax, Hough, Glenville, Collinwood, East Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Buckeye/Shaker Square, and South Euclid neighborhoods. This is equivalent to 8,000 meals.
- The average cost per pound of food from the Cleveland Food Bank is now down to 5 cents. (which is 6 cents per meal)
- 48% of what we distribute is fresh produce
- Our monthly meals continue to delight all of us with great food and fellowship. We had more than 100 guests joining us on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. (*The January meal was equally well-attended – ed.*)



- A number of our pantry guests continue to help us pick up food from the Food Bank, set up for distribution, set up for fellowship meals, and clean up afterwards. Pat Parker is always there to help distribute and Mark Sheber is our backup driver and computer operator. Many others pitch in to help when we need them.
- During the holidays, we enabled our guests to give over 350 gifts to their children, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors and others by gathering and distributing books, toys, games, and wrapping paper.
- Our Pantry Program is included in the book ***Bringing GOOD NEWS: 40 Stories of Congregations and the Ministries That Transformed Them*** by Henry Simmons and Rita Boyer, recently published by the Union Presbyterian Seminary.
- Our budget for 2015 is approximately \$10,000. The Ministry of Justice & Mission, United Way, personal/group donations, and the custodian budget each contribute about \$2500. If you want to see more numbers, we can share the Pantry Progress Report that shows how much we have grown over the past three years. It's hard to believe that three years ago, we were only distributing 160 pounds of food per month.

In response to concerns about custodian costs, wear and tear on the building, and using too much volunteer time, the pantry team has decided to make the following changes to improve efficiencies and reduce our foot print.

1. Reduce pantry distribution two days per week to one (Tuesdays).
2. Bus passes will no longer be distributed.
3. Discontinue the soup group.
4. Serve coffee will only during the 6 coldest months.
5. Discontinue the Abundance Acres garden.

We hope these changes will address some of the concerns and allow us to move forward with the Pantry Program in 2015.

***The Presbytery is sponsoring a Hunger Action Day on Saturday 2/21 from 9:00-3:30 at Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church. We will be explaining how our pantry program evolved in one of their workshops. We would love to see you there!***



In closing, I want to mention a couple pieces of feedback that make us think that we might be on the right path.

=> A person stopped by the church very early one morning last fall, to see if we were going to be open that day. They asked, "Is this where you have the pantry that gives away all of that produce?" I was so very pleased to say "Yes it is!"

=> On January 6th, one of the pantry guests was nearly finished picking up his food when he motioned for me to come over. He said, "I want to give you a donation for the pantry." He reached into his wallet and gave me \$2. My instincts were pulling me toward telling him, Oh no, you should keep this. But, I thought for a second and instead said, "Thank you so much for this most generous gift. We will turn this \$2 into 40 pounds of food for the next pantry day." His big smile said it all. What a special gift from one of the magi!

We are looking forward to more progress in the coming year!

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### Earth Caring

Caring for our earthly home, which is God's kingdom, is a daunting task in this modern era when we need to contend with climate change through excessive and rising carbon emissions, droughts and floods, and pollution. What do we do as individuals in our family home environment, what do we do in our community and nation? Most of us 'get it' at home – we recycle and we try to maximize our energy efficiency in automobile, electricity and appliance use. Some of us are active on the community level to enhance sustainability, working on local projects to clean-up, green-up and otherwise care for the environment. And some of us even contact members of our state and national governments, and NGOs to support and plead for protective legislation....

But this age call for us – more of us – to do more! In the history of the world, great change has often sprung from the efforts of the *people*. Small flickers have (eventually) grown into great flames, burning out the status-quo and allowing for new growth – much like a forest fire is necessary for dormant seeds to germinate.

Is your environmental conscience flickering? Join the Green Team and let's build the flame!

*There is an opportunity for a FHC member to attend the next Presbyterian Earth Care Conference in Montreat, NC, in September.* This is an enriching and meaningful conference combining faith and environmental concerns. If interested, contact me! For more information, go to <http://www.presbyearthcare.org/> .

Dave Neff, Green Team  
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## **2015 Stewardship Campaign a Resounding Success**

Thanks to the immense generosity and loving spirit of the members and supporters of Forest Hill Church, the “God Loves a Cheerful Giver” 2015 Stewardship Campaign was a resounding success.

The 215 “pledging units” who were a part of this campaign included 18 first time pledgers! The total of \$693,270 received in base pledges for 2015 represents a 4.9% increase over what was pledged for 2014. That's impressive. An extra measure of thanks goes to all who participated in the supplemental pledge campaign, especially those who offered anonymous matching gifts that put us over the top.

Clearly, the community of Forest Hill Church is growing in our commitment to giving as a form of spiritual practice and as an expression of gratitude to God for the abundance we have received.

While the total number of pledgers and the amount pledged is worth rejoicing, even more so is what will be accomplished as a result. Most notably, our beloved Associate Pastor Clover Beal will now be able to receive full time pay for her full time service. Our commitment to social justice, to feeding the hungry and caring for homeless will continue to grow. The education of adults and young children will be nourished as they journey on their paths of spiritual growth. The pastoral care which inspires us all, the beautiful music that fills the sanctuary every Sunday, and care for those who need extra help will remain hallmarks of the Forest Hill Church experience.

It's a privilege to be in community with you. We are honored by your generous hearts. Thank you for making the 2015 stewardship campaign such a great success!

With warm gratitude,

The Stewardship Ministry

Elders Scott Peters, Steve Sedam and Ahren Stock

Elected Leaders Melanie Alban, Jessica Kelley-Moore, Joy Stang and Peter Williams

## **Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Update**

### **Department of Justice and the Cleveland Police Department**

We did it! 36 members of FHC were among the 1,100 impassioned and concerned individuals from 40 congregations and organizations of the greater Cleveland area on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Together, we showed US Attorney Steve Dettlebach and Mayor Jackson that we are serious about our recommendations to improve the Cleveland Police Department. The Criminal Justice Team extensively researched Consent Decrees in other cities and the past and current reports from the Department of Justice, to



make recommendations for the binding agreement between the DOJ and the Mayor of Cleveland. The GCC recommendations went beyond the scope of the DOJ report to include addressing racial bias ,creating community accountability, overhauling police department policies and procedures, and insuring financial sustainability of the new programs. More information about this will be presented during Adult Ed on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 there will be another assembly at Olivet Church. This meeting is open to all GCC members. We will follow up on the February 3 Public Action, including hearing details from the meeting with Mayor Jackson. Carpooling will be available if you let us know of your interest. Contact Jennifer Blakeney or Barb Cloud

The Criminal Justice Team also celebrates the steps County Prosecutor Tim McGinty made this month towards equal treatment of arrested juveniles in both the cities and suburbs. GCC has been working on this for several years. There is still work to be done, but we celebrate each step towards justice in the justice system.

### **Education Team**

This group continues to work on supporting better school buildings for Cleveland students and insuring the appropriate use of bond issue funds. The Team has 4 subcommittees: Early Childhood Education, State Funding, CMSD, and Other Districts (including the Heights). Please see Gretchen Reynolds if you're interested in exploring this work.

### **GCC University**

Several of our FHC family have participated in this very worthwhile training in February to better understand GCC strategies, organization, and efforts. Congratulations graduates!!

### **Bulletin Board**

Have you seen our GCC bulletin board in the hall outside of fellowship hall? Check there for timely updates and news flashes. Thanks to Laurie Logan for her careful artistic work to create this wonderful board.



## Core Team

We welcome Charity MacDonald as the representative to the Core Team from the Ministry of Justice and Mission. We thank Noni Stack for her role this past year. We also thank Dick Obermanns for his dedication and inspiration these 2 years. Dick has chosen to step down from the team, but has agreed to help us in a limited way.

Feel free to contact us for more information or for carpooling:

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

Save the dates!

June 13-14

Walter Brueggemann, scholar and  
theologian  
will preach and lecture at FHC

Want to green up  
your Lent? Try  
one meatless day  
and one carless  
day each week.

### **Lent and Easter Worship**

Feb. 17, 7 pm: Women's Lenten Service

April 2, 7:30 pm: Maundy Thurs. worship

April 3, 12-3 pm: Good Friday at St Paul's

April 4, 8 pm: Easter Vigil

April 5, 9 am: Easter Worship (Chapel)

11 am: Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

### ***TOWER***

deadlines:

**7 am** on

March 13

April 17

May 15

## Sundays in March

- 9:00** Child care begins
- 9:30** Adult education
- Youth education
- Confirmation class
- Descant Choir
- 10:15** Descant Choir activity
- 10:30** Continental Breakfast
- Chancel Choir
- 11:00** WORSHIP
- Children in Worship
- 11:00** Pathways to the Promise Land (March 8)
- 11:15** Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
- March 1: Children stay in worship for communion
- 12:15** Coffee Hour
- Sine Nomine Choir (Gr. 6-12) March 8, 22
- 4:40** Labre Project (March 8, 22)
- 5:00** Living in the Spirit class

<b>March 1, 2015 2 Lent</b> 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:15 Petitions of the People 5:00 Youth: Movie Night 7:30 Service of Compline	<b>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16</b> <b>Psalm 22: 23-31</b> <b>Romans 4: 13-25</b> <b>Mark 8: 31-38</b>
<b>March 8, 2015 3 Lent</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> 12:30 Young Adult Brunch: <div style="text-align: center;">Beachland Ballroom</div>	<b>Exodus 20: 1-7</b> <b>Psalm 19</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25</b> <b>John 2: 13-22</b>
<b>March 15, 2015 4 Lent</b> 10:30 Cherub Choir 12:15 Blood Pressure check 12:30 Exploring Membership class 5:00 Dinner: Boy Scout Troop #403	<b>Numbers 21: 4-9</b> <b>Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22</b> <b>Ephesians 2: 1-10</b> <b>John 12: 20-33</b>
<b>March 22, 2015 5 Lent</b> 12:30 Exploring Membership class	<b>Jeremiah 31: 31-34</b> <b>Psalm 51: 1-12</b> <b>Hebrews 5: 5-10</b> <b>John 12: 20-33</b>

**March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday**

11:00 Worship:

Reception of New Members

**Mark 11: 1-11 (Palms)**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

**Psalms 31: 9-16**

**Philippians 2: 5-11**

**Mark 14:1 – 15:47 (Passion)**

*The Revised Common Lectionary readings are listed here.*

## **News of Our Church Family**

### **Baptisms**

Abel Joseph Garache Lafferty, son of Christie Lafferty and Abel Garache and grandson of Sue and Scott Lafferty, was baptized February 8. Scott was the attending Elder.

### **New Contact Information**

**Libby, Andy and Jack Dolan** 216-795-5339

3638 Townley Rd, Shaker Hts 44122

**Derry Stauffer and Kathy Hanna-Stauffer** 440-565-7297

**Dwight and Margie Stauffer** 440-497-5122

Breckenridge Village Fairmount Health Center

36855 Ridge Rd., Willoughby OH 44094

**Ray and Pat Weissbrod**

4730 Bee Ridge Rd #121, Sarasota FL 34233

### **Ushers**

Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

## Care Group

The Mt. Sinai CARE Group will be responsible for meeting members' needs during March. 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:

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Deacon leader	Mary Lewis
Joanne Bielek	Julie & Gary Lustic
Guy Cameron & family	Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family
Betty & Don Clark	Brooke Marcy & family
Barb Cloud	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Jerry Delva & Carline Paul-Blanc	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick & family	Joyce Peters
Donna Frey	Marjorie Ravas
Sue Gifford & family	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Al Gilbert	Gary Sampson
Don & Nancy Grube	Sara & Randy Shaner
Barb Hansen	Anona Stack
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Kathy Hanna-Stauffer & Derry Stauffer
Janet Kickel	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Nina Klein	Ann & Peter Williams
	Warren Young

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

Bill and Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié

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

Arlene and Jack Quinn, Dennis Wedding (Jeannine Gury's brother).

## **Volunteer Hours in January**

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Pat Jenkins, Beth Zych, Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn and TOWER collators Betty Clark and Marilyn Wilk – worked a total of 34 hours in January. Thank you all!



From Priscilla Colville:  
The Colville family wishes to thank the people of Forest Hill Church for their outpouring of support and contributions at the time of Ginny Colville's passing in January.

## **Social Groups**

### **Young Adults (20s-30s): Second Sunday Brunch**

The Young Adult group will meet for brunch at the Beachland Ballroom (15711 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, OH 44110, [www.beachlandballroom.com](http://www.beachlandballroom.com)) on March 8 after worship. Watch for an email from Charity McDonald with details.

**March 8, Beachland Ballroom, 12:30 pm**

### **Hilltoppers (retired): Travel talk**

The Hilltoppers will meet at 1:00 pm on March 20 in South Hall to hear a travel talk on Namibia, presented by Dave Neff. Please note the changed meeting time.

**March 20, FHC/South Hall, 1 pm**

## **Office contact information**

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

The office is generally open from 8:30 – 5, weekdays.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted</b> 1 See "Sundays in March" 8  Daylight Saving Time 15	2 8:45 Tai Chi class 6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 AI Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA Boy Scout Trp #403	3 1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	4 7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA meeting	5 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 Voices in Bronze 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AI Anon	
	9 7:00 Sycamore Group	10	11 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	12 7:30 FH Swim Club	13 7:00 am TOWER deadline 6:30 pm In-home Lenten dinners	14 6:30 pm In-home Lenten dinners
16		17 7:00 Women's Lenten Worship	18 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bullshevicks 1:00 Hilltop Garden Club 6:30 Min. of Stewardship	19	20 1:00 Hilltoppers	21 8:00 Men's Group
22	23	24 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch	25 7:00 Session meeting	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31	APRIL 1	2 Maundy Thursday 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Worship	3	4 8:00 am Men's Group 8:00 pm Worship: Easter Vigil
Holy Week						
5 EASTER 9:00 Worship with Communion in the Chapel 11:00 Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary						

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