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*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*



The Tower

January 2017



Happy New Year! I trust you will survive (and enjoy) the holidays and are looking ahead to 2017 with faith, hope and love! As we begin the new year, it is important to remember the church's Mission and Values statements:

In God through Jesus Christ we are on a journey of discovery. We seek to discover God's call and dedicate ourselves to passionate action in the service of God's kingdom.

In God through Jesus Christ we celebrate what God's spirit is doing in the world – with us, among us, and through us.

In God through Jesus Christ we witness to God's transformative action – in our local community and our world. We bear witness to the reconciling power of God's love.

To live into this mission we must be:

- A worshiping community – participating in engaging worship.
- A welcoming community – warm, diverse and inclusive.
- A learning community – exploring and deepening our faith.
- A witnessing community – participating in faithful social action.
- A discerning community – discovering and responding to God's call for our lives.

One specific way that we have turned words to action is by adding a rainbow flag to the front entrance of the church. This is a welcome sign to God's beloved children who are GLBTQ. For years the Session and congregation of Forest Hill Church have declared that we welcome everyone into the life of our church. It is important to declare. But how do people know? One of the ways is to give signs and indications that we mean what we say; this is the message sent by the flag.

It has been gratifying and powerful to receive statements of thanks from people who are seeking a church that lives its proclamations.

We enter 2017 in bold accord:
God's Kingdom is among us!



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

**The clergy, office, program, child care and custodial staff of
Forest Hill Church wishes you a very Merry Christmas
and a full journey through 2017.**

Gain
Michael
Marcell
Paul
Chris
Anne
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Come and see!

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3: 22-23

Lois

My mother wrote these words on a large index card she kept tucked in her Bible and read every morning as a way of gathering strength to meet the day. Now as I begin each morning I find them to be a much needed source of inspiration, a powerful reminder that I am loved and held, that each day provides an opportunity to begin again.

As we head into a New Year, can we do so in the spirit of the Assurance of Pardon we so often hear?

The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

That's a tall order, given the personal and corporate griefs and fears we bear. If we are to be faithful to our Gospel proclamation of new life, how should we move into the New Year?

I wonder if we could break it down into simple and gentle steps. I wonder if we could take a few moments each day to let the words of Lamentations sink into our hearts and minds – to ground ourselves in the steadfast love of the Lord, to call to mind the many blessings we receive on a daily basis, perhaps to sing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” aloud as we go about our morning rituals. We are confronted with the world's darkness and our own struggles, and can easily fall into a vicious cycle of worry and negativity that obscures the reality of God's transforming love.

What will you do in the New Year to remember that God's love for you is unwavering, that God yearns to greet you each morning with new life and tender mercy? How will you allow God to equip you for the days and the work that lie ahead? I pray that each of us will find a way to engage in the most important relationship any of us can have, a loving relationship with God. The rewards of regularly taking time with God are great—nourishment, strength and companionship as together we walk through each day and into a New Year.

Blessings to you and yours, today and always!

Rev. Lois Annich
Interim Associate
Pastor



The year is not the only thing that begins in January. At Forest Hill Church we welcome new leaders to our ministries and session in January, officially welcoming and affirming them at our congregational meeting. As our new leaders begin they are welcomed into ministry teams by leaders who have already been serving. Each new set of leaders helps recreate and reform each ministry.

I have learned just how important these leadership teams can be in a church. These groups don't do the business of the church--they are the church.

I invite you to support the leadership of FHC by praying for them. Learn the names of the people on session and serving as elected leaders and include them in your prayers. Helping lead a church is no easy task. During January and February most ministries meet for a time of retreat to get to know one another and discern the direction for the year. These are critical times which need plenty of prayer!

In the United Church of Christ, members of a congregation are invited to receive their leaders with the following prayer:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

May this also be our prayer!

Rachel McDonald
Interim Associate Pastor



Happy New Year! In January, the children will continue to learn more about the ministries of Forest Hill Church. They will meet with the Trustees, after already having met with Stewardship and Education/Spiritual Formation. Stop by the art room and see the creative and reflective art work of our children. Take a close look at FHC Ministries through our kids' eyes! Better yet, engage one of the kids in conversation and ask them what they know about Stewardship, the Ministry of Education or Trustees.

Sincere thanks to elder Laurie Logan for running a mini-Advent workshop during Descant Choir Activity time this past December. It was wildly successful! Young parents organized an intergenerational Advent workshop in December as well. Hooray for these wonderful gatherings!

If you are wondering what is going on for children on any given Sunday morning, please look for the "Today for Children" signage (posted throughout the building).

Children's Worship

Preschool and kindergarten

The children in this age group, ages 3-5, follow the play-based model of Young Children in Worship. After listening to a story, told in a sensorimotor style, the children are given space in which to respond (using art, story re-telling, or clay and other art materials).

Pathways to the Promise Land

Grades 1-5

In January, Pathways children will meet with Elder Mark Wedell to learn more about the Trustees. Focusing on several of our core values (welcoming, learning, discerning and witnessing), the kids will gather for conversation and activities. Most importantly, they will deepen their understanding of what ministry is as well as cultivate better relationships with one another.

January Dates

January 8 KISS Sunday (Kids in Sunday Service)

Celebration of Epiphany & Communion

Pathways children, grades 1-5, remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper with their families. The Children's Worship class will start in their classroom on the second floor of the CE wing. They will then be brought down to the sanctuary to join their families for communion. Children's bulletins will be provided for the kids to help them engage and connect to the liturgy.

January 14 4-7pm: Young Family Gathering at Forest Hill Church

On the second Saturday of the month, young families will gather at Forest Hill for food, fellowship and fun. Please watch for more details.

January 15 Gathering Time

Pathways children will meet in the Chapel at 11:00; then will be excused to accompany shepherds to their workshops.

January 22 Start in Sunday Service

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will begin in worship and then be dismissed to their workshops

January 29 KISS Sunday (Kids in Sunday Service)

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will remain in worship and sit with their families. The Children's Worship class will meet in their classroom at 11am as usual. Children's bulletins will be provided for the older children who remain in the service to help them engage and connect to the liturgy.

Peace to all,

Kate Burleigh

Director of Children's Ministries

Music Notes

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 8 we will observe the Epiphany of the Lord (transferred from January 6). 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.

Remember throwing pennies into the baskets of Descant Choir singers back in November when we sang *The Scottish Penny Song*? Well, you threw in \$165.00 worth of them! This money was donated to the FHC Food Pantry, which offers food every Tuesday to people who need it. Thank you for your generosity.

In the New Year, the choirs will be preparing music for Black History Month, a Compline service during Lent, a Bach Sunday, and a collaborative concert with Beyond Boundaries (with vocalist Amanda Powell, bassist Dave Morgan, and saxophonist Howie Smith). More details will be forthcoming when dates are finalized. I'm so grateful for all the support that the FHC congregation gives to the music program!

New choir members are welcome at any time, but January is a particularly good starting time, since we're learning all new music. Come give it a try! We all need artistic outlets that help us block out the stresses of our world. Singing music, particularly sacred music, is a gift to your soul.

Soli Deo Gloria~~

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Will be held

Sunday, January 29, after worship

Lunch will be served

All FHC members and friends are invited

Members will vote on 2017 Officers and Leaders



New Forest Hill Church Officers and Leaders: 2017

Deacon Elder

Jeannette Nemcek

Deacons

Christine Bell

Chris and her husband Dave joined Forest Hill Church in 1980 and raised their three children here. She has served as a Deacon Elder and in many groups, projects and activities. After 40 years of nursing, Chris is semi-retired and enjoys their children, grandchildren, travel and needle arts.

Wendy Brock

Wendy and her husband Robert joined FHC in 1997; their three children grew up here. Wendy has served as a deacon and on the nominating committee, and has been involved with the youth, with Lilac Circle and with Pacesetters. She works at University Hospital as a research nurse coordinator; she enjoys crafting, traveling, kayaking and being with friends.

Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation

Elected Leaders

Paolo Iannarelli

Joanne Shaner

Joanne has been a member of Forest Hill Church since 1999. She has served as an elder on both trustees and the Ministry of Vocation and Leadership; in the latter role she led the nominating committee for three years. She is an engineer and works in the transportation field. Joanne is married to Dan Shaner; they have two sons, Alex and Adam. Joanne enjoys skiing with her family and watching any sport her sons participate in.

Ministry of Justice and Mission, Elder

Jennifer Blakeney

Ministry of Justice and Mission, Elected Leader

Ajah Hales

Ministry of Stewardship, Elected Leader

Leslie Pendleton

Trustees, Elder

Mary McMillan

Mary has been a member of Forest Hill Church for 10 years, and has served as a deacon, a trustee and a Family Promise volunteer. Mary is the Director of Finance and Operations for the Cleveland Zoological Society, the nonprofit advocate and partner of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. She grew up in Cleveland Heights, spent 10 years in New Haven, CT then moved back to Cleveland to pursue an MBA at the Weatherhead School of Management at CWRU. She enjoys horseback riding, knitting, gardening and sharing her home with a very noisy cat.

Trustees, Elected Leaders

Carol Leslie

Steve Marunowski

Steve has been a member of Forest Hill Church since 1984, and is an essential part of the soundboard crew. He loves to sail, and is married to Peg Weissbrod; they have two grown sons (Andrew and Alex).

Ministry of Vocation and Leadership

Elder, Church Growth Committee

Lia Clement

Lia joined FHC in 2011. She has served on the Church Growth Committee and has participated in Faith Leader, women's retreats, and Adult Education of all kinds. She has also been the parade chairperson for Forest Hill's participation in the Cleveland Pride parade. Lia grew up in Cleveland, has a twin sister Leslie and a grown son Kevin. She is the grandma of Mattox, Mason and Mya.

Church Growth committee, Elected Leaders

Sheryl Dugard

Kate Kolmodin

Kate and her family (husband Joel, children Alanah and Deegan) began attending Forest Hill Church 2½ years ago, and Kate joined in November 2014. She has been a co-leader of Kerygma groups, and both Kate and Joel have volunteered in the Children's Ministry program. The Kolmodin family enjoys being outside and playing games of all kinds.

Lay Leadership team, Elder

Leslie Clement

Leslie attended Forest Hill Church for several years before joining in 2014. She has already served on the Vocation and Leadership Ministry and has participated in Race and Inclusion Committee activities, Faith Leader Small Plates and any activity or group that enhances spiritual development and enhances leadership skills.

Leslie is single and gets to be the best aunt possible! She has been a resident of Cleveland Hts. for 36 years and enjoys baking, candy making, journaling and a variety of crafts as well as riding her scooter (affectionately named Magilla Gorilla!). She is also a die-hard Golden Retriever owner!

Nominating Committee

Jane Frederick

Jane joined FHC in October of 1994. She has been singing in the choir ever since! Jane is a trust officer at KeyBank, and has three children: Mary, who has just started college (at CWRU); Chris, and Matt, who is working on a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University.

Ministry of Worship, Elder

Dorothy Herd

Dorothy, a retired nurse practitioner, has been a member of Forest Hill Church since 2012. She is co-chair of the Black History Committee and a member of the Race and Inclusion Committee.

Ministry of Worship, Elected Leader

Linda Martin

Linda started attending Forest Hill Church a year ago when Grace Lutheran Church closed, and joined last May. At Grace, she served as a worship assistant, a communion assistant, an informal choir leader and other worship-related activities. She has recently joined the FHC choir. She recently retired from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Linda and her husband Paul have three children and four grandchildren. She likes to quilt, read mysteries, and do water aerobics.

Race and Inclusion Committee member

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer

Kathy has been a member of Forest Hill Church since 1997. She has served as an Elder on the Ministry of Justice and Mission and as a Deacon; she is a weekly food pantry volunteer and sings in the choir. Kathy is married to Derry Stauffer, is a retired dietitian and diabetes educator and enjoys quilting and cooking.

A Sneak Peek at Black History Month Activities: February 2017

Speaking of Race: Black Lives Matter Here

The Black History Committee is working diligently, planning an exciting month of activities which promote reconciliation. Reconciliation can be described various ways but always focused on the process of achieving harmony. We believe that a look at what we as a country espouse and what we do, and a look at our successes and our failures, will set us on the path of true reconciliation.

The month will begin with a look at church history of dealing with subject of race and with Forest Hill Church's activities in race relations over the past 100 years.

The graphic novel ***March*** (vol. 1), by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell, is the selected book for 2017. The book will be available for purchase from the Committee. We will also be purchasing all three volumes for the church library and for anyone who wishes to buy all volumes. It should be an interesting and consciousness raising discussion topic as we enjoy a soul food dinner.

This year we will have two separate concerts: a gospel concert and a jazz evening concert.

This year, we will continue to put our faith in action by supporting Black owned restaurants. Last year, 100 FHC members patronized Black owned restaurants during February. This year, we hope even more members will participate. A list of such establishment will be supplied. If anyone has an eatery they wish to add to the list, contact any member of the Black History Committee.

The final weekend will be jam-packed with a film for kids from 2 to 100, workshops, and a taste of New Orleans. The Rev. Robina M. Winbush, Associate Stated Clerk and Director, Ecumenical and Agency Relationships of the PC(USA), will preach. Get ready to enjoy some great food and participate in a life-affirming experience this February! An outline of activities follows. Watch your bulletins for further details.

Black History Month 2017

2/5/17	12:30	A presentation of the history of race relations in the Presbyterian Church.
2/12/17	12:30	An eating-out experience
2/18/17	TBA	A gospel concert
2/19/17	12:30	Soul food potluck, book discussion
2/24/17	TBA	Family film
2/25/17	TBA	Workshop with Rev. Robina M. Winbush, entertainment, a taste of New Orleans
2/25/17	TBA	Jazz concert
2/26/17	11:00	Rev. Robina Winbush delivers sermon
	12:00	Closing reception

Dorothy Herd
Black History Committee

The Deacons' Corner

Dear Church Family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this Christmas season! We all have joys and sorrows; so many emotions arise at this time. We pray that you have a very blessed Christmas and a new year that invites you to grow in the ways you are seeking.

New Year's resolutions often include losing weight, eating better, working harder, exercising more, spending more time with family and friends, volunteering more, going to church more, reading more, earning more, meditating more, getting out more, staying in more, writing and reading more, learning more...more, more, more! There is no end to these lists.

But what if we substituted all our resolutions with one resolution to grow in our faith? What if we decided to start the new year with (in Frederick's Buechner's words) "something strange and new and hopeful"?

Frederich Buechner writes:

Baptism consists of getting dunked or sprinkled. Which technique is used matters about as much as whether you pray kneeling or standing

on your head. Dunking is a better symbol however. Going under symbolizes the end of everything about your life that is less than human. Coming up again symbolizes the beginning in you of something strange and new and hopeful. You can breathe again.

http://day1.org/6417-weekly_sermon_illustration_baptism

Happy New year to all! May you grow in your faith in 2017!

Kathy Carr
on behalf of the Deacons

Greater Cleveland Congregations News

Justice and Jobs Assembly

We did it! 75 Forest Hill Church members attended the Assembly on November 17, helping to manifest GCC's power at 1,300 strong. Thank you for coming! Every person made an impact by giving your time to such an important effort.

We were very inspired by the public officials present who, very enthusiastically, acknowledged their commitment to take steps towards the goals GCC presented. County Prosecutor-elect O'Malley announced how he will reform the county criminal justice system: by addressing overcharging, institute a civil rights division in his office, carrying out independent investigation and prosecution in police lethal force cases, and expanding drug court. In addition, he and Presiding Judge Russo agreed to spearhead a team to build two mental health crisis triage centers in Greater Cleveland to keep our mentally ill in treatment, not in jail. Many public officials were present and committed to join this team.

GCC also announced the goal of creating 1,000 living wage jobs in Cleveland over the next three years by working with public and corporate leaders.

Links to articles on WKYC News, in Cleveland Scene and Cleveland Jewish News were sent by email on December 5.

Friends of GCC

At the assembly, GCC raised nearly \$14,000 to benefit the Friends of GCC campaign. The Metro IAF Strategy Team made an additional donation of \$10,000, making the total intake \$24,000. Many, many thanks to all generous donors! (And if you didn't get a chance to make your end-of-year contribution on November 17, go to www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org to do so now. Yes, it is tax-deductible.)

Next Steps

There are several important next steps to continue GCC's work around Jobs and Justice. On **February 25**, GCC will hold a downtown Subsidy Tour to see who and what our tax dollars benefit. And on **January 10 and 12** from 6:30-8:30, GCC will hold Core Team trainings (same thing, two nights- pick one!) to strengthen the most important organizing base – the core teams. Mark your calendars now, and look for more details to come.

Contact Jennifer Blakeney, Diana Woodbridge, Ron Register, Kathy Hannah Stauffer, Charity McDonald, Barb Cloud or Gretchen Reynolds to get involved.

Stewardship Update...

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

It is a new year and the community of Forest Hill Church is continuing its work of transforming lives. The work is made possible by your involvement and financial commitment to the mission of the church.

As we move forward into 2017, the Ministry of Stewardship would like to express its gratitude to the many people who contributed to the “Serve One Another” campaign.

- Narrative Budget: Session ministries for content input, in-house photographers whose pictures sharpened our story;
- Notes in campaign packets: Members whose personal notes were a campaign highlight;
- Minute for Mission: Members who shared their inspirational stories during worship;
- Cornucopia Luncheon: Everyone who cooked, decorated, served, set up and cleaned up;
- Staff: You went above and beyond to support our efforts.

Most of all, we want to thank all of you, members and friends of Forest Hill Church, for sharing your thoughts on why you give and for your ongoing commitment to the church’s programs and mission projects.

As of the writing of this article, we have reached 96% of the campaign’s financial goal and Session has begun its work to approve the 2017 budget. While the official campaign has ended, it is not too late (actually it’s never too late) to renew your pledge or to pledge for the first time.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Ministry:

Elders Stephen Sedam, Ahren Stock, Melanie Alban

Elected Leaders Dave Burleigh, Bill Ladebue, Lance Vernon, Peter Williams



Earth Care, 2017

As we enter 2017, we have a greater and more urgent perspective on Earth Care. Climate change denial, further opening of public lands for development, and abolishment of the EPA and Endangered Species Act are among several actions which might further damage the earth which God has entrusted to us.

We can neither know for sure nor anticipate the reality of what is going to happen with and by our government leaders. But it is clear that the mandate that **we** have — as a people of faith and good will — is to increase our vigilance and speak out against actions which would harm the well-being of our planet. Activities in our neighborhood, city, state, nation or world that threaten clean air, clean water, forest and wilderness preservation, biodiversity, and agricultural capability must be met with serious concern by each of us.

The Forest Hill Church congregation knows where the importance of maintaining the health of God's earth. Now is the time to become active **advocates** to protect our earth for ourselves, our children, and our children's children.

Get involved..... know your elected representatives.... support Earth Care organizations.... make your voice heard on legislation related to Earth Care! In the coming months we'll provide information which will make it easier for you to advocate.

Dave Neff and Earth Care Green Team

News of Our Church Family

New members

Please welcome new members who joined on December 4:

Mark and Lisa Gerteis, daughters Capri and Sydney

Pam and Josh Webster, children Cassie, Colin and Gavin

New addresses:

Al and Iris Gilbert

Summit Point Assisted Living

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Macedonia OH 44056

216-978-5897

Seth Ungemach

14174 Superior Road #3

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Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Al and Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, George Sentell, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas

Volunteer Hours in November

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Joie Hill and Carol Sims, and the TOWER assembly team of Betty Clark, Marilyn Wilk, Ellen McChesney and the Ishlers – worked a total of 65 hours in November. Thank you all!

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Al and Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, George Sentell, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas

Care Group

The Mt Sinai CARE Group will be responsible for assisting the pastors in 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 Mt. Sinai CARE Group are:

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

from Joy Stang:

Thanks to everyone for prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my hospitalization and convalescence. I greatly appreciate all of you, and knowing that I have such a caring church family helped me immensely.

Thank you!

Announcements! Announcements!

<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Worship</p> <p>Dec. 24, 5 pm Family Worship and No-Fuss Christmas Pageant</p> <p>Dec. 24, 11 pm Candlelight Worship</p> <p>Dec. 25, 11 am Family Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The office will be closed Dec. 26-27 Jan. 2</p>
<p><i>TOWER</i> deadlines: 7 am on Jan. 13 2017, Feb.17 and March 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lent begins on March 1</p>

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Black History Month Request

The Black History Month Committee is seeking information regarding personal or family experiences, anecdotes and/or pictures relating to significant issues of Black History. Selected materials will be displayed during February. You may submit any material to Dorothy Herd (dorothyherd@yahoo.com) or Ann Williams (asw1217@gmail.com), or you may leave it in the church office. We ask that you not submit originals; please make and submit copies of any pictures, letters, or other printed materials. We will return anything not used with our sincere thanks.

Dorothy Herd

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Looking for Volunteer Data Entry Help

Do you have 5 to 10 hours to spare (even after the holidays, if necessary)? Anna Risch, the CGG office administrator, needs help inputting data from our GOTV canvass that will help guide GCC's future decisions, as well as information from the November 17 Action Assembly. Until we get it recorded, we can't act on people's commitments! If you can donate your time and talents, it will be much appreciated and a very important contribution to GCC's work.

For more info, or to volunteer, contact Anna at
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Sundays in January

9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult education
 Youth education (gr. 6-12)
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
 Children's Worship class (preK, K)
11:00 WORSHIP
12:15 Fellowship Hour
4:00 Labre Project

No classes or choirs
on Jan. 1

January 1: New Year's Day No classes or choirs	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23
January 8: Epiphany (observed) 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Pathways: In church with families 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 15-17
January 15 11:00 Pathways: Gathering Time in Chapel 12:15 Blood Pressure check	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 40: 1-11 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42
January 22 11:15 Pathways: Dismissed to classes 12:15 Sine Nomine choir	Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23
January 29 11:00 Pathways: In church with families 12:15 Lunch and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Micah 6: 1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 Matthew 5: 1-12

Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Words by Christina Rossetti
Music: "Garton," Irish trad., public domain

Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted	6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 AI Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA Boy Scout Trip #403	1:00 Abundance Partry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 Black History Month coordinators' mtg	7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA meeting	5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 Voices in Bronze 7:30 Chancel Choir	9:30 AI Anon 6:00 Confirmation class (not Jan 20 or Feb 3)	
1 New Year's Day -- See "Sundays in January"	2 New Year's holiday: Office closed	3	4	5	6	7 Men's Group 8:00 Leadership Training
8	9	10	11 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	12 7:30 FH Swim Club	13 7:00 am TOWER deadline	14 4:00 pm Young Family Get-Together
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bulshewicks 7:00 Session meeting TransFamily East	19 9:30 Abundance Partry Lunch meeting 6:00 Women and the Sacred Arts	20 6:30 Cello Society concert	21 8:00 Men's Group
22	23 5:00 PWR meeting: North Church	24 12:00 Abundance Partry Lunch	25	26	27	28
29 Annual Meeting of the Congregation	30 7:30 GCC Housing meeting	31	FEBRUARY 1	2	3	4 8:30 Session retreat (at River's Edge)

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