

John C. Lentz, Pastor
Lois Annich, Interim Associate Pastor

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

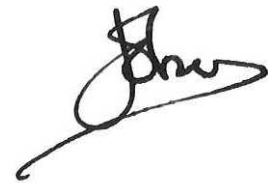


The Tower

July-August 2017

Dear Friends,

I have received many responses to the “rainbow” flag celebrating LGBTQ persons and the green, black, and red flag known as the “International African Flag” or the “African-American” flag. On Memorial Day we also flew the American flag, as we will do on the 4th of July.



I certainly don't expect everyone to have the same perspective on this matter. But let's be open about this and with curiosity begin a conversation about our symbols and their meanings.

It is the discernment of the Session (with which I heartily agree) that the flying of the LGBTQ and African-American flags are signs of solidarity with populations that have historically been excluded or separated from the church body.

LGBTQ persons have not been welcomed in church and only recently have LGBTQ persons been allowed to serve as an Elder, Deacon or Pastor. As is well known, there are many churches where this is still case.

While there is a long tradition of Christianity in the African-American community, what we call the “Black Church” arose from slave communities and because whites refused to worship with Black Christians. The CME, AME, and Pentecostal denominations formed because the Methodist church

and the larger Pentecostal movement excluded Black members. Our own denomination (PCUSA) also had black-only congregations because of segregationist attitudes among white Presbyterians.

For many of us the American flag represents the highest aspirations of our collective society. Unfortunately, to others it represents historic oppression and segregation. I thought it was meaningful that on Memorial Day we had all three flags waving, for as Christians we believe in full inclusion of every citizen of this country.

As a community of Christ we seek to welcome all persons. Sometimes that means we have to signal intentionally what we believe and where we stand, who we welcome and with whom we stand. People who drive by the church and see our flags get a glimpse of what our church seeks to be and become.

The Session still strongly affirms the separation of church and state and therefore we do not fly the American flag (other than during world communion when we often hang many flags of many countries) within the sanctuary. When we walk through the doors into the sanctuary we are Christians and all dividing walls have been broken down through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I hope this brief essay invites you to have discussions with friends, neighbors and members of Forest Hill Church. God bless you. We are all one in Christ.

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





I am just back from a sacred pilgrimage to the west coast of Ireland, running, as Becky Austin humorously described it, on “low wattage” due to jet lag. The temporary dullness of my mind may be an unexpected blessing—it forces me to live in the space of my heart, rather than the noisy space of my mind. I am filled to overflowing with gratitude for the opportunity to have had this study leave, for the scholar and spiritual teacher who led us (Richard Groves of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Oregon), and for the many people from different cultures I met along the way.

We stayed in a tiny village in the Burren region of County Clare, not far from the place where Ireland’s beloved poet, author, priest and philosopher, John O’Donohue, grew up and did much of his writing. John’s life and work became a foundation for our meditations on the pilgrimage. He wrote about the art of listening, of being soul friends with others, and of conquering our fear of death. John had a premonition that he would die at a relatively young age, but was unafraid because he had such a deeply rooted sense of the entirety of life, especially life beyond the grave. Interestingly enough, the headstones we saw in the many graveyards we visited only recorded the date of people’s deaths because that, for many of the Irish, is when life truly begins!

In the sweetness of Ireland, where the “veil is thin” between earth and heaven, the words of St. Paul came alive for me as never before, “We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” (Romans 14:7-9)

Without question, the best part of this trip was slowing down and feeling what we affirm about life beyond death in the deepest recesses of my soul. Life is so much bigger than we often see or acknowledge. We waste our precious energies on trivialities and things that pass, and miss out on the grandeur of life in all its fullness. I am renewed in spirit, having caught a glimpse of the abundance of life on both sides of the veil. My mind is quiet, not only from jet lag, but because I know in my heart that whether we live or whether we die, we belong to God!

Rev. Lois Annich, Interim Associate Pastor

Dear Active Members of Forest Hill Church,

Your Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 25th after the 10:00 a.m. service of worship. At this meeting a motion to approve the calling of a Co-Pastor will be presented for your vote. If this passes then the Nominating Committee will present a slate of names to become the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC): Doris Allen, Dave Bell, Scott Lafferty, Charity McDonald, Jean Reinhold, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Quentin Smith, Seth Ungemach.

Following is the Session's rationale for asking you to support calling a Co-Pastor Nominating Committee. We hope that you will find answers to some of your questions in this letter.

A)History

After Pastor Clover Beal was called to serve as Co-Pastor at the Montview Presbyterian Church in Denver CO, the Session formed a Discernment Task Force. The task force met for almost 10 months. The task force reviewed and assessed the mission of the church. It received and reviewed data from the members and friends of Forest Hill Church. It looked at both immediate and long-term concerns. It recommended changes to facilitate renewed spiritual growth and greater administrative efficiency. It proposed the hiring of a Co-Pastor to share pastoral duties, responsibilities and leadership with Pastor John Lentz. After several months of prayerful study, the Session adopted the task force's report and recommendations.

The Personnel Committee of Session met to discuss the job description, salary and benefit package and its impact on our annual budget. Furthermore, several Elders met with the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, which approved the call of a Co-Pastor contingent on the vote of the congregation.

B)Co-Pastor

Calling a Co-Pastor expresses a core value of Forest Hill Church: “Being a warm, diverse, and inclusive community.” Calling a Co-Pastor celebrates and claims collaborative ministry as a faithful witness to the Gospel. We believe the church is called to model the sharing of power.

We believe that this new model will attract people who are looking for a church with a progressive vision for racial reconciliation, service to the community and evangelism.

Calling a Co-Pastor will send a message to our neighborhood, Presbytery and denomination that Forest Hill Church continues to lead in creative and faithful ways.

The Co-Pastors will share certain decisions but each is given authority over a particular area of ministry.

Each Co-Pastor will be responsible for a “portfolio” of programs and ministry concerns, which will include: outreach and evangelism, spiritual growth and formation, education, social justice advocacy and whole life stewardship. They will continue the “journey inward/journey outward” mission of this church. They will share preaching, moderating Session meetings, and officiating at weddings and funerals. They will train, coach and equip members of the church to take responsibility for ministry and mission.

C)Hiring Process

The Session believes that the path to growth requires hiring a pastor who will embody the mission of the church and appeal to all communities, including women and people of color. Hence, an emphasis will be placed on inviting minority candidates to apply. However, Session will instruct the CPNC to have an open pastoral search process, seeking the best candidates from around the country.

D)Salary, Benefits, and Impact to the Budget

Salaries are always negotiable and the recommendation at this time is to offer a salary commensurate with years of experience of the candidate.

Depending on years of experience this could impact our current annual budget by \$40,000 - \$60,000. This will necessitate the Session making choices, which will affect the annual budget for the foreseeable future. It will mean one or more of the following:

- Recognizing that the Co-Pastor expresses our core mission, we decrease Justice and Mission giving for the short term;
- We limit the number of special building projects (excluding necessary maintenance);
- We re-evaluate staffing, salaries and extracurricular spending;
- We tap Endowment for part of the salary, decreasing the amount annually so that eventually our budget covers the cost;
- We experience an increase in pledging and giving.

\$60,000 is far less than 10% of the annual budget. It is a big number but not impossible, given the generosity of the membership and the resources we have been given.

E) Summary and Conclusion

Session is excited about this proposal. We believe that the call of a Co-Pastor best expresses God's will for Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian at this time in our history. Furthermore, a Co-Pastor reflects the mission and values of Forest Hill Church.

We thank the Discernment Task Force for courageously following its discernment of the Spirit.

It is our hope that this rationale answers some of your questions and lessens your concerns. We understand that change is difficult and at times very confusing. Forest Hill Church has been through times of change and tension before. God has always been good and faithful to us.

In faith, confidence and hope we ask for your support. Any of the Elders will be pleased to speak with you if you wish to share your thoughts or need more information.

Certainly, you must vote your conscience as the Holy Spirit leads you.

God bless you,



Jeff Smith and the Session of Forest Hill Church



Music Notes

From July 11 - 27, I will be visiting Scotland, primarily to spend a week on the isle of Iona. The Wild Goose Resource Group is leading a conference called *Change without Decay*. Here's a description of the week:

For many people in churches, change is a no-go area, a source of stress and the cause of major disagreement. Yet change is the central dynamic of the Christian faith. For many people (especially in the churches), mention of change evokes an immediate negative reaction.

Given that among the primary purposes of Jesus were to call people to repentance and "to make all things new," it is important that people of faith do more than have a knee-jerk reaction to change. It should be a central dynamic in our life.

This is what we will explore together as it affects the worshipping life of a community. The Wild Goose Resource Group will draw on and explore what we have seen and enabled, such as the redesigning of space; solo performer ministries becoming shared endeavors; reluctant assemblies becoming oases of song.



In addition to the Iona conference, I will visit cultural and historic places in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oban and St. Andrews, and just for fun, I'll take one organized day trip to Alnwick Castle (a filming location for scenes from *Downton Abbey* and *Harry Potter*) and the Northumberland Coast. I'll be back at FHC on July 28th,

well-rested and ready to plan the music for the 2017-2018 program year.

Summer Choir continues through July. . .

Soli Deo Gloria

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One Book, One Church

On August 20 we will meet to discuss ***October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World*** by Martin Marty and James Martin (available on Amazon). This will be good preparation for our fall Adult Education program commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Alex Heston and the Adult Education team

Greater Cleveland Congregations

So much has been happening at GCC! I will provide a summary, but I hope you will follow the links on the FHC website to learn more about these exciting developments.

Q Deal #NOTALLIN campaign: GCC met our goal of over 20,000 signatures on the referendum petition in less than 30 days! FHC really stepped up and we covered dozens of shifts, with several folks working tirelessly almost daily. Thanks in particular to Scott Lafferty, Jeff Smith, Margy and Mike Glaros and Diana Woodbridge. The petition seeks to create a referendum so taxpayers can have a say on the deal which commits over \$88 million of taxpayer money for a Q facelift. Our efforts met all the requirements of the Cleveland City Charter. However, the City Clerk refused to accept the petitions and then took the issue to the Ohio Supreme Court. GCC has obtained a lawyer to get our voices heard in court. As a resident of Cleveland, I agreed to be named on the petition and in this suit. You can read the details on the various links on the FHC website (www.fhcpresb.org).

Although the referendum is on hold due to these legal challenges brought by the city and GCC, GCC feels very happy that the corporate powers and public officials are being forced to listen to the voice of the citizens of Cleveland. The Cavaliers Corporation made some minor grants to the neighborhoods and several council members were emboldened to speak up for the concerns of the people. As it stands now, the bonds that were to be covered by the city according to the deal have not been issued, as the deal is so contentious. We continue to seek a seat at the negotiating table to insure that any deal that benefits corporate interests will include significant funding for job support, mental health crisis centers and neighborhood investment.

Education, Listen-Act-Win campaign: In May the Education Team was supported by 100 other members of GCC in asking Cleveland Municipal School District CEO Eric Gordon to approve the requests from 3 of the schools we have worked with over the year. Mr. Gordon agreed to create trauma teams for JF Kennedy High School's Eagle Academy and PACT (Problem-based Academy of Critical Thinking); create full afterschool programming with arts, music and athletic opportunities for 650 students; and summer learning for approximately 220 students at the Downtown Education

Center (in the Juvenile Detention Center). This agreement was reached through careful listening and relationship building between students, parents and staff, along with CEO Gordon. Amazing organizing at work!

Coming up on July 30 at 2 pm is an exciting event you will hear more about. At **Common Ground**, the community is invited to share lunch and conversation at tables on Cleveland Public Square to discuss the question: “what can we do together to create a more equitable and resilient community?” We hope you will consider joining us! There are programs each Tuesday at noon on public square on subjects that will enhance the conversation. Check out the link on the website.

Jennifer Blakeney

A Sampling: My White Experience of Racism and My Hope for FHC’s Future

In 1965, my husband and I were seeking a new home. We began our search in Shakerwood, an area of affordable homes in Cleveland near Shaker Heights. When the realtor showed us homes there, she mentioned the area was “changing,” meaning Blacks were moving in. Noting that we were making a big investment, she wondered if we wanted to look elsewhere. This sounded logical. I did not realize until later that this was my first experience of the insidiousness of racism. And it was just the beginning.

We settled in Cleveland Heights and joined Forest Hill Church (FHC), a great decision! Cleveland Heights was just beginning to integrate. The “prophets of doom” declared that soon we would be an all-Black community like East Cleveland.

Racism was blatant. A few examples from personal experience:

- I “checked” after an apartment owner told a Black woman who worked nearby that he had NO apartments available. I was white, unemployed, age 25; he showed me 2 apartments right away.
- A Black family moved in a block away from me. Their garage was torched; mine was not.
- Racially restrictive housing covenants were now illegal and a few Black families had moved to Forest Hill when I overheard a white mother concerned about whether to let her child swim in the neighborhood pool.

In response to these and many similar events, FHC stepped up and:

- Publicly endorsed integration by passing a Policy Statement supporting Fair and Open Housing.
- Presented educational forums on changing communities and housing. In one class, held in our sanctuary, I remember the Mayor of Lyndhurst making racist comments while sitting directly under the cross - a clear demonstration of the challenges we would face.
- Studied the Confession of 1967, calling for reconciliation across all boundaries dividing us, including race. This was foundational for me and instrumental in moving FHC forward.
- In 1971, Session committed to go beyond education to action and founded what is now the Home Repair Resource Center. Its purpose was, and is, to maintain and improve housing in our City to support Cleveland Heights as an open and integrated community of the highest quality. Session committed \$5,000 (\$30,330 in 2017 dollars) from regular operating dollars to fund it. This was especially courageous as FHC had no endowment and had recently lost members – and their pledges – due to our controversial stands.

Over the years my education has continued, from witnessing egregious high-cost predatory loans that targeted Black homeowners to more recently hearing a Black member of GCC talk about how the refusal of the City to accept the Q petitions brought back the disrespect she experienced growing up in George Wallace’s South.

This is why I am excited to be a member of a congregation with a growing Black membership and the courage to walk the walk together. I hope we will continue to listen carefully, communicate openly, share the experiences that shaped us and forgive each other, when necessary, as we seek to answer the call of Jesus to be the Body of Christ.

Diana Woodbridge

Report of the Endowment Committee

On Tuesday, May 30 the Endowment Committee of Forest Hill Church met to approve the annual distribution of funds. The total assets of the fund are over \$1.5 million and the distribution amount this year is \$57,551.

The Endowment Committee celebrates the work of Justice and Mission, Trustees and Worship!

Camp Lilac (\$4,800) - A residential summer camp for transgendered youth. In the United States there are over 630,000 individuals who identify as transgender. There is great need for safe spaces for young people to have in an environment where they can be themselves. The funding will support the rental of camp space as well as support campers and families who cannot otherwise afford this experience.

Prism (\$4,800) – An intense program that examines the four levels of racism: internalized, interpersonal, institutional and structural. The Ministry of Justice and Mission will host a daylong event for members and friends of Forest Hill Church as well as members and friends of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church – a predominately African-American church in Beachwood.

Black History Month (\$2,000) - This grant will support the programming of the Black History Month for 2018, including a stipend for speakers and choir and seed a fundraising project.

Grant Training for Justice and Mission (\$1,000) - This grant will allow the Justice and Mission team to work with Neighborhood Connections, the foremost small grant provider for Cuyahoga County. Neighborhood Connections will help J&M create commonsense guidelines for its future work.

Race Action Network (\$1,000) – The Race Action Network seeks to raise \$35,000 from our Presbytery to support an initiative passed by the 2016 General Assembly to address the worsening plight of African-American males. Cleveland is one of the cities identified nationally to receive support from this initiative.

Greater Cleveland Congregations (\$529) - This grant will provide a printer for the office of Greater Cleveland Congregations. Forest Hill Church is a lead congregation of GCC.

Superior Elementary School Garden (\$250) – Support the garden program at the school. The money will be used for a composting bin, food scrap holding pail, an aerating tool for the compost and a soil thermometer.

Sanctuary Carpeting and Transept Pew Modification (\$13,784) This grant will fund the replacement of the sanctuary carpeting, which has become very worn. Pews will be modified so that wheelchair bound worshippers will have more available seating. Furthermore, front pews will be removed so that there will be better traffic flow around the chancel area.

Building Manager (\$15,000) – This will support the salary of the Building Manager, Ann Donkin. The plan, over the next several years is to decrease the amount given by the Endowment fund and move towards the full salary being covered by the budgeted operating expenses.

Exterior Maintenance Fund and the Repayment of Endowment Loan (\$14,388) – In 2013, Session voted to designate 25% of the Endowment Fund annual distributions to the Church's Exterior Maintenance Fund as a resource to pay for anticipated exterior maintenance needs. Of this amount, \$11,000 will be used to repay the balance on a prior Endowment loan.

The Committee is grateful for church members who have made gifts to the Endowment Fund through their estate plans or memorial gifts and to the Ministries and Session for their faithful work in making sure these gifts are used to further the mission of the Church and honor the memory of the people who have made gifts.

If you have already made a planned gift to the Church, THANK YOU! Please let us know so we can thank you properly. If you are interested in learning more about how to make a planned gift, please contact John Lentz or David Olson, Chair, FHC Endowment Committee.

David Olson, Endowment Committee Chairman

**You may still register for the Bus Trip to Washington DC
to visit the Smithsonian's new
National Museum of African American History and Culture
July 22-24**

There is still room on the bus!

If you would like to join the group, turn in full payment (\$376/person) with a registration form to the church office

Registrations forms are on the table in the CE foyer or on line:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/db5775>

You may also contact the church office to register.

Use Automatic Bill Pay to Keep Your Commitments Current

Keep up-to-date without writing checks each week by using your bank's online banking services – set up automatic payments to Forest Hill Church! There's no cost to you, and Forest Hill receives 100% of your payment.

- Sign in to your bank's online banking
- Select the automatic bill paying service
- Enter Forest Hill Church as the payee
- Enter the amount and the date you want the money sent
- Click SUBMIT
- A check will be sent to FHC

This can be set up to repeat monthly, weekly, biweekly (or daily, for that matter). You may change or cancel at any time. It is especially helpful when you travel or if you often forget to bring a check to church; it is very helpful to FHC as it helps keep our income stream steady.

Most banks offer this service at no charge. Contact your bank's customer service office if you need assistance. Forest Hill's financial office has no connection with the banks other than being the recipient of their (and your) checks.

Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of Forest Hill Church.

Bill Ladebue
Elected Leader on the Ministry of Stewardship

The Community Is Invited to a Candidates Forum

Featuring Candidates for
Judge of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court

- Sponsored by the Cleveland Heights Housing Team of Greater Cleveland Congregations
- Presentations and Questions will focus primarily on Housing Court and what the Court might do to strengthen housing in our city

Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 pm
Disciples Christian Church
3663 Mayfield Road (at Yellowstone)

To conclude the Forum, candidates will have a chance to respond to this question:

What are your one or two best ideas to improve the Court in its other responsibilities?

News of Our Church Family

Baptisms

Nolan James Baldwin, son of Nathan and Lane Baldwin, was baptized May 28, 2017. Charity McDonald was the attending Elder.

Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth Wigger, daughter of Amy Wadsworth and David Wigger, was baptized on June 18, 2017. Kurt Haas was the attending Elder.

Marriages

Claire Logan and Peter Clerc were married on June 3, 2017. Dr. Lentz officiated at the wedding in Amherst MA.

Chelsea Richards and Josh Macklin were married on June 17, 2017. Dr. Lentz officiated at the wedding in Dublin OH.

New Contact Information

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New emails only

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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, George Sentell, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, Pat Weissbrod

Care Group

The Corinth CARE Group will be responsible for assisting the pastors in meeting members' needs during July, and members of the Jerusalem CARE Group are responsible in August. Please contact the church office in case of illness, hospitalizations, births or deaths (or other family emergencies) in any FHC family.

Members of the Corinth CARE Group are:

Joan Bacon	Linn & Melody Obery
Lynn Bayer	Angela Oetama-Paul
Molly Bergman	Dave & Susanne Peterjohn
Ed Briskey	Bill Proudfit
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	Ron Schmidt
Lia Clement	Sandy Shultz
Nan Dorer	Dan & Joanne Shaner
Kurt Haas & Deedee Pim	Dean & Judy Sieck
Betty Jenkins	Ahren Stock
Cathy Kernich	Harold & Beverly Thomas
Brian Klein & Tish Van Beers Klein	Bobbi Van Dijk
Deanne & John Lentz	Lance Vernon & Jennifer Carr
Charity McDonald	Jill & Kevin White
Diana & Tom McFiggen	Dene Young

Members of the Jerusalem CARE Group are:

Ellen McChesney, Deacon leader John & Pat Borthwick Doris Brandt Lucy Conde Monita Franklin Chris & Daniel Fuller Ed Gernerchak & Sally Wile Brett & Annette Himes & family Steve & Mary Hosier Patricia Jenkins Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family Kate Kolmodin & family Sam & Lauren Miller Pat & Hal Musick	Richard Obermanns Karen Parker Joyce Pope Carol Scott Steve Sedam Mike & Becky Stawovy & family Rob & Leslie Strachan Marjorie Thomas Chris Vandall & Marcie Denton & family Josh & Pam Webster Mark Wedell Anne Wilson Robert & Julie Ann Yoe
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The Group: Saturday, July 8

The Group will gather at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's family cottage, anytime after 2 pm:

Cumings Homestead, 6899 Lake Road, Madison-on-the-Lake, OH 44057

5 pm (promptly): potluck supper (let Kathy know what you plan to bring: appetizer, salad, side or dessert;) Stauffers will provide the meat.

7:30 pm: Rabbit Run Theater, "It's Only a Play" (Note new time for the play.) 5648 W. Chapel Road, Madison, OH 44057

Tickets are about \$20 (depending on how many we order)

RSVP to Kathy (khannas@sbcglobal.net, or 216 544-0916).

The Group: Save the Date – Saturday, August 19

We will have a picnic supper and enjoy jazz from the Cleveland Orchestra at The Grove on Rt 91 in Mayfield Village. Contact Allan and Zivile Khoury (zivile@gmail.com) if any questions. Details will follow.

The Grove Amphitheatre, 425 North Commons Blvd., Mayfield Vil.

The Grove Hotline: 440.471.1070 TheGrove@mayfieldvillage.com

Volunteer Hours in May

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, and the TOWER assembly team of Betty Clark, Ellen McChesney, Marge Thomas and the Ishlers –worked a total of 82 hours in May. Thank you all!

Charity McDonald and Ahren Stock are getting married on October 7! All members and friends of Forest Hill Church are welcome to attend. The service will be held in the sanctuary with pre-ceremony music at 2:30 pm and ceremony at 3:00 pm. Cake and punch will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Congratulations to all Forest Hill graduates

Cameron Andrews graduated from The Gerson School and will attend Ohio University (Athens OH).

John Cary graduated from Vanderbilt University (Nashville TN).

Caleb Gabriel Correa-Marcy graduated from Orange High School and will attend Duquesne University (Pittsburgh PA).

Edie Duncan graduated from Shaker Hts High School and will attend Vanderbilt University (Nashville TN).

James Hare (Doris Bartlett's grandson) graduated from Elon University (Elon NC).

Tim Henderson graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a PhD in Computer Science. He, Leigh and Soren will move to the greater San Jose, CA area where he has a job as a software engineer at Google.

Blake Himes graduated from Shaker Hts High School and will attend Cornell University (Ithaca NY).

Claire Jesberger graduated from Mayfield High School and will attend Lakeland Community College (Kirtland OH).

Monika Juodisius graduated from Ithaca College (Ithaca NY) with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Charles Olson graduated from University School and will attend Trinity College (Middletown CT).

Grace Olson graduated from Laurel School and will attend Emory University (Atlanta GA).

Laurie Rahauser (Doris Bartlett's granddaughter) graduated from Drexel University (Philadelphia PA).

Hal Roosa graduated from Cleveland Hts High School and will attend Allegheny College (Meadville PA).

Trent Porter Swain graduated from Cleveland Hts High School and will attend DePaul University (Chicago IL).

Molly Rose Webster graduated from Hawken School and will attend Rhodes College (Memphis TN).

Announcements! Announcements!

The fall schedule resumes on Sept 10. Worship will return to 11 am and the Fall Festival will follow!	Watch for news of Adult Ed classes about the Reformation
TOWER deadlines: 7 am on Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 13	<i>something new!</i> Aug 20: Outdoor Worship at 10 am

The church phone number is 216-321-2660. Our website is
www.fhcpresb.org

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Sundays in July and August

9:00 Child care begins (9:30 in August)

Summer Bible Study (July)

9:30 Summer Choir (July)
Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP

11:15 Fellowship Hour

**The fall schedule
begins Sept. 10**

July 2

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

July 9

10:00 Worship: Baptism

Gen. 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
 Ps, 45: 10-17; Rom. 7: 15-25a;
 Matt 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 16

11:15 Blood Pressure check

Gen. 25: 19-34; Ps 119: 105-112;
 Rom. 8: 1-11; Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 23

10:00 Summer Pathways
 Youth trip to Montreat leaves

Gen. 28: 10-19a; Ps. 139: 1-2, 23-24;
 Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 30

10:00 Worship: Baptism

Gen 29: 15-28; Ps. 105: 1-11, 45b;
 Rom. 8: 26-39; Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

August 6

Gen. 32: 22-31; Ps. 17: 1-7, 15; Rom. 9: 1-5; Matt. 14: 13-21

August 13

10:00 Summer Pathways

Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105: 106, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10: 5-15;
 Matt. 14: 22-33

August 20

10:00 Outside Worship
 (tbd) One Church, One Book

Gen. 45: 1-15; Ps. 133;
 Rom. 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15: 21-28

August 27

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12: 108; Matt. 16: 13-20

The Revised Common Lectionary readings are listed here.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM with alleluias
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hebrew Scripture readings during July are from Genesis.
 This hymn, with words by St. Francis of Assisi, is one the hymnal
 recommends for a Sunday in July.

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	1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	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	
2 See "Sundays in July and August"	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 th of July OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	July 1 The Group to Madison OH 8
9	10	11 7:00 Black History mtg	12 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	13	14	15
16	17	18 7:00 GCC Housing Team mtg	19 12:00 Bullshevicks 7:00 TransFamily East	20	21	22 Trip to DC
23 Trip to DC	24	25 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch	26 7:00 Session meeting	27	28	29 9:00 Apostles Build
	5:00 PWR meeting – St. Marks PC					
	Youth to Montreat NC					
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