### 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

November 2017

Dear Friends,



November is almost upon us: a season of changing weather, falling leaves, cooling temperatures. It is as if the natural order is calling us to look inward, to shed that which no longer has life in us as trees shed leaves. It is a season of Thanksgiving as we count the blessings of life, of family, and of community. It is a season of generosity.

Take a spiritual inventory, for giving thanks and being generous are deeply connected.

It is a season for asking several questions: "What is REALLY going on in my life?" "What do I want to remain faithful to?" "What am I thankful for, even in this time of unrest in our country and our world?" "How can my life, my choices, my check book reflect my deepest spiritual longing?"

Consider how you are rooted in Christ and how your life reflects your deepest values of faith, hope, and love.

Forest Hill Church is pressing onward in its upward call to be the Beloved Community, celebrating every person and every life. We have been blessed with every imaginable gift that expresses God's abundance. Each Sunday, I give thanks for you who make up the community of Forest Hill.

And in response we give freely and generously to the mission and work of this church.

The Stewardship Ministry has asked each of us to increase our pledge by 5.7%. Deanne and I have made the decision to increase our pledge by over 10% over last year. We trust that our tithe on our tithe to the work of this church will be used to glorify God – which is our central mission.

I thank you for being church. I thank you for your support even when you disagree. I thank you for witnessing to the power of the presence of God each and every day as we serve and worship and meet and play.

God bless you!

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Senior Pastor



The Fall Stewardship Campaign "Every Blessing in Abundance" will officially conclude on Sunday, November 5. Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges/gifts for 2018. If you have not yet done so, you will be invited to bring your pledge card forward during worship on Commitment Sunday, November 5. Following worship that day we also invite you to join us for the annual Cornucopia Lunch in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the blessings in abundance at Forest Hill Church!

Elders Ahren Stock, Melanie Alban

Leaders Dave Burleigh, Bill Ladebue, Leslie Pendleton, Peter Williams

As an interim minister I have been charged with bringing "outsider eyes" to the life and ministry of Forest Hill Church, with noticing how the system functions and where its strengths and challenges lie. I've jokingly called myself John's "consigliere" remember the counselors in the old Mafia movies who gave advice to the head of the family? Of course we are not a Mafia family, nor is John "The Godfather," but I've spent a good deal of time talking with John, the Session, and various ministry leaders about my observations of Forest Hill Church. I've been able to do that with some objectivity precisely because I have "outsider eyes."

One of the best things I've observed is that this congregation is passionately involved in spreading the Good News of God's love for all people. From the Food Pantry and luncheon, to the recent Sanctuary project, to the multiple missions that you support, such as GCC and Labre, Forest Hill is very active in service. Adult and children's education, Faith Leader, worship, music, and spiritual care from both the clergy and Deacons are but a few of the ways the church family is nourished and equipped to carry the Good News into the world on a daily basis. The co-pastor model into which you are choosing to live is a profound witness to an often power hungry culture of the importance of collaborative leadership. I am particularly moved by your willingness to engage in conversations about race and in anti-racism training as you live into the call to be The Beloved Community. Let me assure you that when I speak to other colleagues about these efforts they are in awe of the investment you are making in the future of this church and of this world.

So as another Stewardship campaign begins I am excited! I've been through countless campaigns in the churches I've served as a pastor and pastor's wife and it would be easy for me to take the whole thing for granted. But I am keenly aware that Forest Hill Church is important to God's mission right here and right now and for years to come. The portions of God's gifts that you give back in a pledge matter. They support ministries and efforts that will have long-lasting effects on the church and on both local and global community in ways no other earthly institution can. There is so much hopelessness and misery at work in the world. I am thankful that God is also at work in the world and in Forest Hill Church. I hope you will realize how significant your commitment to that work is as you prayerfully consider your pledge. With my outsider eyes I see a faithful congregation leaning into the future in response to God's call for transformation, reconciliation, and healing. May God continue to bless this wonderful church!

Rev. Lois Annich Interim Associate Pastor

## Children's Ministry

October was a busy month for our children. All participated in World Communion Sunday, the Pathways kids used LEGOs to create their interpretation of the story of the Ten Commandments, witnessed the baptism of their friend and classmate Capri Gerteis, learned more about the Labre program from Jack Breisch, and participated in a special Reformation Sunday program. October programming was enlightening! In November, the Pathways children (grades 1-5) will hear from the Deacons about their mission and ministry and spend their Service Sunday creating a giant Advent calendar for the Ministry of Worship. Children's Worship will spend the month of November hearing stories from Exodus and preparing for the start of Advent. Many thanks to the caring adults who have volunteered this fall!

#### 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 retelling, clay, etc.). November's stories include: The Ten Commandments, the Ark & a Tent and How the Church Tells Time. The children will also begin preparations for Advent.

#### Pathways to the Promise Land

November is a busy month for the Pathways children. They will continue with the LEGO Bible Study - focusing on Exodus, hear from John Dugard about the Deacons' ministry and create, during their Service Sunday, a giant Advent Calendar for the Ministry of Worship. This calendar will be put up in Fellowship Hall.

Grades 1-5

## November Dates to Know

# November 5<sup>th</sup> Communion Sunday - KISS

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will worship with their families and take communion. The Children's Worship class will start in their classroom, room 207, on the second floor of the CE wing, and then join their families for communion.

### November 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Bible Study LEGO Sunday**

Pathways children will meet in Bodwell Hall at 11:00 a.m. where they will continue their study of the story of the Exodus; focusing on the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. Using LEGOs, the children will respond to what they have studied, engage in theological reflection and build with LEGOs!

#### November 19th

## **Ministry Sunday**

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will begin in worship and then head to Bodwell Hall to meet with John Dugard, a Forest Hill Church Deacon. The children will hear about the work of the Deacons and their ministry.

## Cherub Choir Meets @10:30 a.m.

### November 26<sup>th</sup>

## Service Sunday

Pathways children will meet in the art room, room 107, at 11:00 to begin work on a giant advent calendar for the Ministry of Worship. This calendar will appear in Fellowship Hall during the advent season.

Peace to all,

*Kate Burleigh* Director of Children's Ministries



November starts with the end of **Daylight Saving Time** on **November 5**. I hope the congregation and choirs will enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

We heartily welcome **new Chancel Choir member** Molly Grettenberger. She is studying to be a music therapist and she plays the harp!

Congratulations to **new Sine Nomine Choir officers**: President Anna Dillenbeck and Vice President Noel Ullom. We welcome new members of this choir: Linnea Koops and Lisa Koops (soprano section leader).

Please mark your calendars for a special **Compline** service on **Sunday** evening, November 12 at 7:00 pm. Compline is an ancient monastic sung service, the last religious observance (office) sung at the end of the day. The entire 30-minute service is sung, mostly unaccompanied, and the sanctuary will be illumined primarily by candles. The cantors (Pastor Lentz and Jack Lentz) and choir will sing from the congregational pews, allowing the congregation to sit in the choir pews, transepts or front of the church. It's particularly nice to be in church at night, in the darkened sanctuary. The prayers, poems and music will be from the lona Community in Scotland.

The Descant Choir will sing the charming *Scottish Penny Song* on **November 19**, and the children will be collecting pennies to donate to the FHC's Abundance Food Pantry. Kindly start saving up your pennies in preparation for throwing them gleefully into the children's baskets.

Anyone wishing to sing with the Chancel Choir for Advent and Christmas should begin attending rehearsals on Thursday, November 16. All are welcome!

Soli Deo Gloria~~

Anne Wilson Organist/Director of Music <u>annew@fhcpresb.org</u> 216-870-2729

## **Connection Ministry Notes**

## Pre-Compline Service Visitor Dinner, Sunday, Nov. 12

A light supper and lighter conversation is planned for visitors interested in learning more about Forest Hill Church on **Sunday, Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm** before the 7:00 pm Compline Worship Service. Please let the office know if you plan to join us so we have enough food and chairs set up!

#### Thinking about Membership? Classes scheduled for Nov. 19 and 26

Share your story and meet the pastors and other church leaders at our next Exploring Membership classes Sundays before worship at **9:30 am on Nov. 19 and 26** (light breakfast provided.)

In our Exploring Membership classes, we:

- Get to know each other –Where do we come from, what are we seeking?
- Learn what it means to join a Presbyterian church
- Learn the vision and values of Forest Hill Church where the church is headed.
- Discuss the meaning and value of church membership what is expected of church and member?
- Review the questions asked of those joining what do they mean to you?

Child care is available. Register your attendance by calling the office (216-321-2660) or by email. (But if you decide to show up at the last minute - come anyway!)

If now is not the time for you to explore membership with us, know that you and your family are welcome to our worship, fellowship, service and education opportunities.

### Brunch for Recent New Members, Sunday, Dec. 3

If you joined the church in the last two years or so, please join other new members and ministry leaders for a light brunch in Bodwell Hall after worship on **Sunday, Dec. 3**. Why?

• Reconnect with members of your Exploring Membership class

- Meet other new members and ministry leaders
- Get answers to any questions you may have about what's happening at Forest Hill Church
- Share your joys and concerns as newer members, how you've become—or want to become—involved, and/or how you're progressing on your faith journey.

Thanksgiving seems to be one of our most loved holidays, perhaps because it is a day when we really take time to count our blessings. Many people have found the practice of

Deacons' Corner

writing down three gratitudes on a daily basis to be very meaningful and powerful. This is one way to center ourselves and gather energy to deal with what can be life's overwhelming challenges.

The deacons want to express our gratitude for all of the volunteers who join us in serving our church community. Greeters, coffee hour hosts, ushers, vocal and bell choir members, C.E. teachers, Labre and pantry luncheon servers, shut-in visitors, flower and meal deliverers...the list goes on and on. Our beautiful British Black Tea on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> showed so many people serving in so many ways. Surely God is in our midst.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100 A psalm of thanksgiving

Thank you!

The Deacons

Check out the website

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Come and see!

### **Reconnecting with God's Creation in the 21st-century**

A class combining scripture, discussion, field trips and more

The purpose of this course is to explore the wonder of the natural world on a spiritual level, our ongoing connection and relationship with nature, an awakening to its power of healing, and our responsibility as Christians for its stewardship.

The course will include examination of scripture, small group discussions, field experiences, journaling, and the development of a Personal Plan of Reconnection for each participant. The course will take place over the span of a year and consist of twelve sessions: two classes and one field experience (e.g., to a nearby park or nature center) each season.

We will look at how political, behavioral, economic and social dimensions affect our relationship with nature. By the conclusion of the course, participants will develop a plan by which they will intentionally draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to better serve God's creation.

Participants will be expected to make every effort to attend each class session and field trip. The first session will be January 14, 4:00-6:00 pm in South Hall

For more information, please contact Kemp Jaycox and Stephen Sedam, class leaders.

Kemp: kempjaycox@yahoo.com or 216-785-5375 Stephen: goldens101@aol.com or 614-783-4467

You may register by completing the form on the following page.

Name

Email (please print clearly)

Phone\_

I have read the preceding description and understand the time frame and general expectations of the class.

## signature

You may return this form in person, in the offering, or by mail. You may also also email this information to the church office, office@fhcpresb.org Or call the office: 216-321-2660

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On our journey to the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC, I realized how much I don't know

about the history of this country that involves black people. Yes, I know the basic story of how they were brought here and how they were treated, even after the Emancipation Proclamation, Reconstruction, and the civil rights legislation of the 60's. But there are so many black people who have made contributions in multiple ways to the fabric of this country whose names I have never heard. One of them is Ava DuVernay. (In my defense, I don't pay much attention to movies, directors or producers.)

Ava DuVernay is an American director, screenwriter, film marketer and film distributor. In 2008, she made her feature film debut with the documentary *This in the Life*, a history of the hip hop movement in Los Angeles in the 1990's. Her narrative feature film *I Will Follow* won the African American Film Critics award for best screenplay in 2010. At the 2012 Sundance film festival, she won the Best Director Prize for her second feature film, *Middle of Nowhere*, becoming the first African American woman to win that award. She is also the first black female director to be nominated for a Golden Globe Award; she was nominated for her film, *Selma*.

Ava DuVernay calls herself a "history geek." When she was asked to do an orientation film for the African American Museum, she decided to tell the story of the many significant events in African American history that have taken place on August 28, which is the title of the film. The film repeats throughout the day, and lasts about 22 minutes. Among the significant events that took place in various years on August 28 are:

• 1833: Slavery was abolished in the United Kingdom, which helped lead to the abolishment of slavery in the United States.



- 1955: 14-year-old Emmet Till was brutally murdered by three white men, which according to DuVernay, "became a flash point in the civil rights movement."
- 1963: Martin Luther King delivered his "I have a dream" speech in Washington, DC.
- 2005: Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, and had a greater impact on communities of color than on other parts of the city.

Ava DuVernay never had the opportunity to go to film school; she got her education on the set. She has said, "If you're doing something outside of dominant culture, there's not an easy place for you. You will have to do it yourself." She has done that!

Kathy Hanna- Stauffer

### FHC Stories Project Forest Hill Church - Being Part of the Kingdom of God

"Everybody has a story," Paul Jennings said, referring to guests of the Abundance Food Pantry as he discussed his role in Forest Hill Church's weekly program. Two guests who were kind enough to sit down and share their stories were John and Rebecca.

John was homeless for nine years and had stayed at the 2100 Lakeside men's shelter before securing an apartment in the Coventry area. He heard about Abundance Pantry by word of mouth. Rebecca lost her job when the golf club she was managing went into foreclosure and suddenly shut down in the summer of 2016. She was directed to Forest Hill's Abundance Pantry through the United Way 211 Help Line. Both have visited the pantry for over a year.

While John is grateful for the food he receives, he also greatly appreciates how he and other guests are treated with respect, tolerance, patience, and love. He talked about the "natural order" of God's love from one person to another. "…It makes me want to follow that order, 'cause when you take the time to do something for someone you don't even know, simply because of the love of Christ, it's overwhelming to me." John indeed continues this order of love himself; he shops for his brother, who has medical issues, and will get baby food for a woman in his building.

Rebecca is a single mom of two, including a daughter with special needs who requires hospitalization. "Money's tight right now trying to get by and take good care of them...I don't come as much when the kids are at school...But, in the summer, honestly, I wouldn't financially make it through." Rebecca also talked about her first visit to the Pantry. "...I was embarrassed because I'd never been in a situation like that and I was crying...She [volunteer, Rosanna Sprague] was so kind and she just made me feel so comfortable, and that there was nothing to be ashamed of and that they're there to help. She's just, they're all wonderful." The Abundance Pantry not only provides food for the body but also respite from the challenges of everyday life. John may have summed it up best when reflecting on the emotional benefits of the Pantry Lunch, held every fourth Thursday, for its guests. "It's a blessing because it gives them a sense of, what's the word, normality? When you're just being normal...Just being part of the Kingdom of God..."

The Stewardship Ministry would like to thank John and Rebecca for sharing their stories with us. Go to the Stewardship page of the church website to read more stories!

Elder Ahren Stock

## Help Gather Holiday Gift Items for Abundance Food Pantry

Every Tuesday is Food Pantry day at Forest Hill Church. A dozen senior citizens from the church come together to do something like the gospel story of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes. We provide 6,000 meals worth of groceries to 150 families in our community.

We also do many things to provide hospitality to our pantry guests. We set up a waiting room in fellowship hall with beverages, magazines, and free books to take home. Once each month we have a luncheon with our guests to get to know them better.

This month we are asking for your help to set up a holiday gift shop to enable our pantry guests to give gifts to the youngsters in their lives. Please help us gather things like toys, games, stuffed animals, children's books, wrapping paper, and Christmas decorations. These can be your own used items, goodwill items, or dollar store items. This might be a good time to clean out your attic! The idea is to let our pantry guests do the wrapping.

From now until Christmas, please put your items in the box marked "Pantry Gift Items" on the stage in fellowship hall.

Thank you.

Paul Jennings, pantry boss

## Long Range Planning at Forest Hill

For several years the Session has contemplated and discussed a long range planning process at Forest Hill. For many reasons the time never seemed quite right. However, now your Elders have discerned that this is the moment to begin looking ahead in a new way.

With the changes that are before us in staffing, it seems right to consider what Forest Hill Church will be in 5 years and what we will need to move towards are call to be the Beloved Community.

Grounded in prayer, worship and service, listening intently for the Spirit direction, the Session is focused particularly on these following areas:

- Outreach and Evangelism how do we articulate our particular mission to those outside the walls so that more might join us in our ministry of racial reconciliation, or deepening our spiritual lives?
- Financial Stability how can we continue to maintain and grow generosity, sharing our abundance for the glory of God?
- Technology how can we keep up with the changing world of technology, improving our communication and connections?
- Building and Grounds how can our building reflect our mission to be welcoming and flexible and friendly?

Over 30 members and friends of the congregation will be involved in this work for the next year. A Long Range Planning communication and coordinating team will gather the input from the four teams described above and produce a guiding document to present to Session by September 2018.

Our hope is to make Long Range Planning and the discernment of God's call to us a central part of the work of the Session in the future.

We will keep you posted!

Dr. Lentz

## You Need It When?

With so many new ministry initiatives, it's more important than ever to understand when, where and how we share information about events and opportunities. Here's a cheat sheet for sharing news of upcoming events:

	What	When and To Whom	Tips
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Weekly Sunda Worship Bulletin	Info relevant to a <i>majority</i> of the congregation about events happening in the next 2-3 weeks	Submit by Wednesday morning each week to Lynda Bernays	be edited for length and clarity Small graphics permitted, but only front and back covers are printed in color
Weekly Email <i>The Week</i>	Info relevant to a <i>majority</i> of the congregation about events happening in the next 7 days	Submit by Wednesday morning each week to Lynda	-Only the essentials, will be edited for length and clarity Small graphics encouraged, <i>preferably</i> in color
Monthly <i>Tower</i> Newslette	Ministry updates, general news, events planned for next 30 days	Submit by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month (watch for due dates) to Lynda	Greater detail than weekly bulletin or email Will be edited for clarity Graphics are fine, but print version is not in color
Website	Events coming up in the next 1 to 3 months	Submit by email at least a week ahead to Peg Weissbrod	Will be edited for web style guidelines Graphics are gratefully received!
Social Media Posts	Current info, news, or reminders	Submit by email anytime to Peg Weissbrod or Share as a post from your own page	If sharing from your own page, be sure your post is published globally

	What	When and To Whom (see below for how)	Tips
Social Media Events	Events to be announced as a Facebook Event	Submit by email to Peg 7 to 10 days before the event	Needs a graphic and designated person for questions and responses
Monthly Heights Observer	Articles about Forest Hill ministries with a Cleveland Heights connection	Submit by email to Peg at least 2 months before the event	Publication deadlines are <i>early!</i> Think ahead! Dec. issue: Due by <i>Nov. 8</i> Jan issue: Due by <i>Dec. 6</i> Feb. issue: Due by <i>Jan. 3</i>
Monthly Heights Observer	Short press releases about upcoming events	Submit by email to Peg 2-4 weeks before event	Press releases will appear in the weekly Heights Observer email and sometimes (at their discretion) in the monthly print issue <i>if</i> submitted early enough

To submit to Lynda Bernays in the office:

office@fhcpresb.org; 216-321-2660; US mail or in person

To submit to Peg Weissbrod:

pegw@fhcpresb.org; call (216) 291-2586, or text (216) 288-3398

Send the same email to both Lynda and Peg for greatest coverage!

When we say "essentials" we mean:

- A brief description
- Date, time, location, cost
- Is a response required?
- A contact name, email, phone

Emails to specific groups of people with more details (ie potluck guidelines, directions, more details about a speaker) can be sent from the office.

If you are giving links to websites, PLEASE be sure your information is correct!

### News of Our Church Family

## Birth

**Jackson Taylor Richards,** son of Alicia and Tim Richards, was born October 15, 2017. He is the great-grandson of Nancy Grube and the great nephew of Carol Leslie.

## Baptisms

**Gavin Bruce Strachan**, son of Leslie and Robert Strachan and brother of Carter, was baptized on October 8. Deanne Lentz was the attending Elder. Gavin is the great nephew of Carol Leslie.

**Capri Montgomery Gerteis,** daughter of Lisa and Mark Gerteis and sister of Sydney, was baptized on October 15. Kate Burleigh was the attending Elder, and Gina Turner is Capri's godmother.

## Marriage

**Charity McDonald and Ahren Stock** were married at FHC on October 7, 2017. Dr. Lentz officiated.

### In Memoriam We Remember

**Donna Chappell Frey**, a member of FHC since 1966, died September 25, 2017.

### New member

Patricia Dunbar joined Forest Hill Church on October 1.

### 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, and Pat Weissbrod

### Volunteer Hours in September: 70

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, and Patricia Jenkins, and the TOWER assembly team of Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane Ishler and Betty Clark – worked a total of 70 hours in September. Thank you all!

#### New contact information: Gretchen Reynolds

180 Northridge Drive, Willoughby, OH 44094; 440-571-5560

From members Meg and Larry Cull, who recently moved to San Diego County, CA

9-12-17 Dear forest Hill Community, We are getting settled into our home in Oceanside, CA. We have a great neighborhood \* Larry is loving his new position. I am the "home manager" until & gualify For my California teaching credentials. By then, I will be certified to teach in Ohio, Utah, \* California - Crazy how it works!

We wanted to thank you all for your warmth + kindness while we attended torest Hill Church. We enjoyed meeting folks + will miss this vibrant commonity. a special goodkye to our "Pace. setters" group + our "Guess Whose Coming To Dinner" Friends. We enjoyed your fellowship. Warmly, Meg + Lany Cull

### **Care Group**

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

Members of the Jericho CARE Group are:

Jason Hidek, Deacon Leader	Jason & Christina Hidek & family
Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner & family	Alexander & Nancy Jamieson
Jennifer Blakeney & Marius Juodisius	Jessica Kelley & family
Jack & Mary Ann Breisch	Charlie Manak
Robert & Wendy Brock	Twanda Patterson
David & Kate Burleigh & family	Laurie Rose
Joseph & Janet Dauer	Mary Sekerak-Hicks
Larry Dorod	Chuck & Lora Smith & family
Marjorie Drollinger	Sarah & Joseph Tan & family
Patricia Dunbar	Sharon & Michael Wiggins
Mark & Lisa Gerteis	Elizabeth & Chris Wollaeger
Catherine & Don Ghiandoni	Katie Zito
Paula & Tom Harvey	

## Social Groups and Circles

**Pacesetters** (40s – 60s): **Christmas Party** (All are welcome!) Join with friends, old and new, including adult children, as we welcome the season, sharing food and fellowship. No gifts.

**Please bring**: an appetizer or dessert to share, and a personal care item or two for the food pantry. Soft drinks and wine will be provided – feel free to BYOB.

RSVPs not necessary. (Because this group is just that good!) Questions? Call Chris or Dave Bell at 216-932-6992.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 pm, 3040 Scarborough Rd., CH

## Iris Circle (all women of the church): Holiday Angels

We will meet to make Christmas ornaments for the FHC Holiday Angel tree. All supplies will be provided; we just need helping hands. We will also put together CARE packages for FHC's college freshmen to help them through their first round of finals.

Bag lunches will be available from Don Ghiandoni. The cost is \$7, with a choice of turkey or roast beef sandwiches. **Order your lunch by contacting** Cathy Ghiandoni (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216 691-1905) by **Friday Nov. 10th.** 

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 11 am, Bodwell Hall

**The Group and Hilltoppers** will attend the Heights High production of *Shrek: The Musical* on November 5 at 4:00.

- **Hilltoppers,** please contact Lucy Conde (216-382-5177) by October 22 for tickets
- **The Group,** please order tickets from ShowTix (866-967-8167, or go to <u>www.ShowTix4U.com</u>, then type Cleveland Hts in the search space). Contact Cathy Ghiandoni (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216 691-1905) for dinner reservations at Anatolia Café.

Announcements! Announcements!			
Lessons and Carols: Dec.17, 11 am	<i>Amahl</i> returns! Dec. 9, 7 pm Dec. 10, 4 pm		
Did you know that your monthly or weekly donation to FHC can be paid on-line with your other regular payments? It's free, easy, and convenient!	<i>TOWER</i> deadlines: 7 am on Nov. 16, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11, 2018		

The church phone number is 216-321-2660. Our website is <u>www.fhcpresb.org</u>

Emails for the staff are as follows:

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Stavros Gazis	Custodial	office@fhcpresb.org
Shannon Headen	Youth	<u>shannon@fhcpresb.org</u>
Rev. Dr. John Lentz J	r. <i>Pastor</i>	pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org
Peg Weissbrod	Outreach	pegw@fhcpresb.org
Anne Wilson	Music	annew@fhcpresb.org

The Sanctuary coordinators may be reached at <a href="mailto:sanctuary@fhcpresb.org">sanctuary@fhcpresb.org</a>

Custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257

	Sundays in November				
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	or 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (see p. 5)				
	Nov. 5: Children stay in worship				
12:15	Coffee & conversation				
4:00	Labre Project				
5:00	Faith Leader				

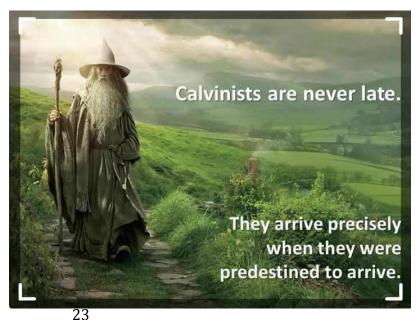
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## And the Reformation continues...

81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity.

82. Such as: "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church?" The former reason would be most just; the latter is most trivial.

*Martin Luther: Theses 81-82* 



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Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted	6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 Al Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA Boy Scout Trp #403	1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 Black History Team 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 Al Anon	
(	Daylight Saving Time ends clocks BACK 1 hour.	Nov. 5! Set your	1 All Saints' Day 6:30 Book of Joy (St. Paul's) – supper and discussion	2	3 8:00 IPM Board mtg	4 8:00 Men's Group 5:00 Private party
5 See "Sundays in November" Daylight Saving Time ends	6 6:00 Apollo's Fire rehearsal	7 Election Day 6:30 am – 7:30 pm Polls open	8 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	9 7:30 FH Swim Club (2)	10	11
12	13	14 11:00 Iris Circle	15 12:00 Bullshevicks 1:00 Hilltop Garden Club 7:00 TransFamily East	16 7:00 am TOWER deadline	17	18 8:00 Men's Group
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