

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

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

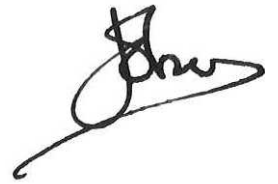


The Tower

December 2017

Dear Friends,

We enter the season of Advent filled with the expectation of Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from Old English, which came from Latin *adventus* 'arrival,' from *advenire*, from *ad-* 'to' + *venire* 'come.'



We await the coming of Jesus. Some await the coming of family home for the holidays. Others await the onset of sadness, loneliness and depression.

As we all know, the coming of Jesus is not the coming of a king in all the finery, or the inauguration of a President. It is not an arrival of someone with earthly power. Jesus comes as one among us, as one of us – as a baby in need of food and attention.

As old and as well-known as this story is I find it fresh every year! When Jesus was born the world was in turmoil. Rome ruled. People who were in Palestine lived a subsistent existence; no one could count on a long or peaceful life.

For Christians to believe in a God that comes as a helpless baby was (and still is, if you think about it) a radical thought. In the first century and in our day too, power was identified with wealth and status. We believe that God was born poor and on the margins.

Christ identifies with the poor and the marginalized. Christ identifies with you. So prepare your lives to receive the infant king. Trust that God loves you. If this is a tender time for you, you are not alone. If this is an overwhelming time for you, you are not alone. If this is a joyful time for you, rejoice and be glad, be generous and take time in the rush to hush and listen. Perhaps this is the year for you to hear the angels singing and the star shining. "For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given!"

Join me for Adult Education on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in South Hall. We will be studying the Advent and Christmas texts of the gospels of Matthew and Luke and reading as a companion book **An Adult Christ at Christmas** by Raymond E. Brown. All are welcome, and the first 20 to ask for a book will receive one free!

God bless you in this season of arrivals!

Pastor John Lentz

Announcements! Announcements!

TOWER deadlines: **7 am** on Dec. 14, Jan. 11 2018, Feb.14

The office will be closed on Dec. 25-26

The church phone number is 216-321-2660.

Our website is www.fhcpresb.org

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As I write this article, the melody and words of the hymn “While We Are Waiting, Come” are playing over and over again in my head. It’s a beautiful piece, one which we sing as the wreath is lit in worship each week of Advent. The music is meditative, and very simply expresses our deepest longings for Christ’s presence in a way that transcends language.

This year’s Advent theme is “Expectation.” There are a variety of ways to think about expectation, such as waiting for good things to come, patiently waiting in hope for that which is not yet seen, and even in a somewhat negative vein setting ourselves up for unrealistic outcomes, as in the saying that an expectation is an anticipated resentment. What does the word “expectation” evoke in you as you think about preparing your heart for the birth of Christ? What expectations do you have as we move into the season of Advent, especially given our culture’s secular expectations of big, “perfect” decorations and celebrations?

John and I invite you to share in some centering practices on Saturday morning, December 9 from 9:00 -11:30 in Bodwell Hall. Our aim is to hold the space for peace and presence so we have tools to wait with open minds and hearts for the birth of Christ. Based on the feedback we received from October’s “Pause That Refreshes” mini-retreat, we know that these kinds of practices are needed and helpful, especially in the busyness of our daily lives. Please come join us for a time of simple music, lectio divina, bodily movement and breath work that will bless and ground our Advent journey.

We need RSVPs to help with planning, so please let the church office know you will be coming. Child care will be provided! We hope to see you on the December 9.

Yours in expectation,

Rev. Lois Annich

Calling a Co-Pastor: First Steps

The Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC) has been working diligently since July to lay the groundwork for calling a co-pastor to Forest Hill Church. The process is one of discernment and is both exciting and daunting. We meet almost every week to ask and answer questions such as: who is Forest Hill Church as a faith community, what is our vision for ministry, how are we called to address the emerging needs of our community and how a new co-pastor will help us achieve our mission. We have spent a fair number of hours discussing the characteristics and leadership competencies that we would like to see in prospective candidates.

The Committee has not started from scratch. We are relying on the recent work of the Discernment Task Force, which recommended the co-pastor leadership model, to develop a clear vision of what to seek in candidates. That recommendation was based on direct input from the congregation, staff and leadership of the church.

Much of this first phase of work has focused on distilling that vision into a concise narrative form that will be approved by both our Session and the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Western Reserve. This information will then be posted on the website of the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC). This website has global access and visibility. The CLC will match the Forest Hill Church information with that of pastors who are seeking positions and then provide referrals to the CPNC.

In addition, advertisements will be provided to select media and seminaries. Other important networks will be explored to find additional ways to reach appropriate candidates. The Committee will screen and interview candidates as referrals and inquiries are received.

We invite you to join us in prayer for the person that God is calling to be in relationship with Forest Hill Church as our co-pastor. We also invite you to pray for our faith community that we will be prepared to joyfully receive that person. And, pray for the Committee's faithful discernment of God's will for Forest Hill Church.

The members of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee are:
Elizabeth Shaw (Co-Chair), Dave Bell (Co-Chair),
Scott Lafferty, Ron Register, Jean Reinhold,
Quentin Smith, Charity Stock, Seth Ungemach.

You can communicate with the CPNC through email
(FHCCPNC@gmail.com) or by placing a note in the CPNC slot in the
mailroom.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19

Elizabeth Shaw, co-chair

Music Notes



The season of **Advent** begins on December 3. During this time we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. Due to the commercial hubbub of the secular world, we may wish to skip Advent all together and join in singing Christmas carols early in December. But if one honors faithfully the more meditative and preparation-minded spirit of the four Advent weeks, one may find that the actual Christmas holidays (all *twelve* days!) are all the more meaningful. As the pastors choose the hymns and carols during Advent, watch the progression as we gradually move, with anticipation, toward the celebration of the birth of Christ. *O Come, O Come Emmanuel!*

I give thanks to our resident trumpeters, Scott Lafferty and Ahren Stock, who will add a festive touch to our Advent and Christmas services.

Musical highlights during December include two performances of Menotti's Christmas opera, ***Amahl and the Night Visitors***, on **Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4 pm**. The main roles will be sung by Henry Dyck (Amahl); Lara Troyer (Amahl's mother); Mist'a Craig, Carl Jenks, Frank Ward (the three kings); and Jack Lentz (the page). The story is about Amahl, a disabled boy who can walk only with a crutch, who has a problem with telling tall tales. He and his mother are visited by the Three Kings, and a miracle occurs. Please invite friends to join you. The rehearsals for this special event are going splendidly. All will be deeply moved by this poignant story and sublime music.



Our traditional *Lessons and Carols* service will be held on Dec. 17 at 11 am. *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* was first sung in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England, and this annual service is now broadcast to millions of listeners worldwide. The service begins with the singing of the carol *Once in Royal David's City*. A young boy singer (treble) is chosen to sing the solo first stanza just before the start of the service, and it is considered a great honor to be chosen.

On December 24, **Christmas Eve**, the children will present the annual Christmas pageant as part of the festive morning service at 11:00 am. The Sine Nomine and Chancel choirs will sing at the lovely 11:00 pm Candlelight Service. A fifteen-minute musical prelude will precede the 11:00 pm service, so come early!

I wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Anne Wilson

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Children's Ministry

Advent is a time of preparation and a season of hope. Our children embody that hope born into the world through the arrival of the Messiah. Waiting can be difficult for anyone, especially children. Thankfully, there are lots of rituals and traditions to help children mark the passing of time. Whether you light candles on an advent wreath, read passages of scripture, mark the passing of days on an advent calendar, or all of the above, remember we are all waiting for the coming of the Christ child. Let us be reminded to slow down and pay attention. What do you see? What do you feel? What is the best part of waiting, and what is most difficult? Prepare the way. Light will shine in the darkness.

Children in Worship

Preschool and kindergarten

During the month of December, the Children in Worship Class will continue their Christmas preparations through play and hearing stories about Mary & Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Magi. What wonderful preparation for the "No Fuss" Christmas Pageant!

Pathways to the Promise Land

Grades 1-5

In December, the Pathways children will have a special Advent lesson on December 3 and spend the remainder of the Sundays worshiping with their families in the sanctuary. Children will be able to enjoy the songs and stories of the birth of Jesus through our Lessons & Carols service as well as Amahl and the Night Visitors.

- ❖ Be sure to grab an advent packet loaded with practices and activities for families to use at home. Packets will be available in the sanctuary at both the pulpit and lectern entrances.

December Dates to Know

December 3 First Sunday in Advent - HOPE

Pathways Advent Program in Bodwell Hall

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will have class in Bodwell Hall.

December 12 Second Sunday in Advent – LOVE

KISS (Kids in Sunday Service)

Pathways children, grades 1-5, will worship with their families and enjoy a special performance of Amahl and the Night Visitors during the service.

December 19 Third Sunday in Advent – JOY

KISS (Kids in Sunday Service)

Pathways children will be in the Sunday service to worship with their families and enjoy Lessons and Carols.

December 24

Christmas Eve and Fourth Sunday in Advent - PEACE

“No Fuss” Christmas Pageant/Family Service @ 11 am

Join us for the Forest Hill Church family service and experience the joy of the “No Fuss” Christmas Pageant.

Peace to all,

Kate Burleigh

Director of Children’s Ministries

Letter from Shannon Headen, Director of Youth Ministries

Dear Youth, Parents, and Friends,

It is with a mixture of anxiety, sadness and joy that I must inform you that this will be my final year at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian. After much prayer and discernment, I am answering God’s call and entering into seminary on an ordination track. I have been accepted into a dual masters program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Carnegie Mellon University where I will earn a Master of Divinity and Master of Science and Public Policy and Management. I will remain in my current position through July 2018.

The past three years in which I have served as Director of Youth Ministries has been an experience filled with growth and love, one which I will always cherish. I am from Cleveland Heights and this church and this city will always be a part of my identity. I went to pre-school here. I was baptized here. I was married here. I preached my first sermon here. Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian will always be my home.

Thank you so much to the families who have allowed me to be a part of their teens' and tweens' lives. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to just be present among so many wonderfully gifted, brilliant and beautiful young people.

To my youth, this is incredibly hard .We've spent the last 3 1/2 years together. We've learned, laughed, cried, fought and a bunch of other stuff that I probably shouldn't mention. To finally settle the debate, YOU ARE ALL MY FAVORITE. You all have become a tremendously important part of my life. I am just so thankful to God who called me here to do ministry with you. Thank you for every memory, every moment, and every minute.

I know you probably have a lot of questions about what will happen next. Pastor John, Education and Spiritual Formation Ministry, and I are currently working on an interim plan. More information will come out as final decisions are made. But I wanted you all to hear the news from me first.

At this point, there's nothing left to do besides have an amazing year. Let's fill this time with fun, laughter, adventure. Above all else, let's fill it with love-love of God, love of self, and love of People. Let everything begin and end with love.

Shannen

Youth Calendar

Dec. 3: Ekklesia – Sr, High after Sine Nomine

Dec. 10: House Church, 4-6 pm

Sharon Shumaker's home

Dec. 17 Logos (Mid-High) to Richmond Mall for
"The Star" (after worship)

Jan. 5-7 Ekklesia: Sr. Highs to Camp Burton
\$75/person; funds due Dec. 24

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

Update from the 2018 Stewardship Campaign: Every Blessing in Abundance

Thank you all for your participation in this year’s Stewardship Campaign. We are nearing our goals of exceeding both pledges and congregational participation from last year. But we’re not there yet! If you have yet to send in your pledge, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize budgets and planning for 2018.

A few highlights from our campaign so far:

- We heard remarkable stories from our members – including Dorothy Herd, Scott Lafferty and Mike Cosgrove – on what Forest Hill Church means to them, and where they see blessings in abundance. The wide range of experiences and feelings always serves to amaze and inspire.
- To provide an opportunity for more to share their stories, “*Where do you see **Blessings** at Forest Hill Church*” cards were distributed to the congregation during the campaign. Hopefully you have seen the dozens of cards displayed on campaign poster boards outside Fellowship Hall. Here’s a sampling:

Being a sanctuary church

We are blessed by the choir

*Black History Education
Committee*

My personal spiritual growth

Our staff

*The Labre Project and Food
Pantry*

*Each person coming up to receive
Communion*

The wonderful opportunities for children

*The physical beauty of the church
and grounds*

*Forest Hill is a welcoming church
for all people!*

- We also enjoyed a festive celebratory lunch at the annual Cornucopia Feast on November 5 (thank you Morag!).

We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to.

If you have any questions about this year's campaign or your own pledge, please contact Stewardship Ministry Elder Ahren Stock or Financial Administrator Becky Austin in the church office.

Deacons' Corner

It is so easy to overlook the deep meaning of Christmas in our modern, materialistic society. Richard Rohr, in his book ***Everything Belongs***, retells the story of the blind man in John 9 to emphasize that we often presume to 'see' when, in fact, we should always be ready to see 'anew.' The author reminds us how often Jesus puts a child in front of the Disciples when they fail to see anew. Christmas invites us to feel the joy of that child within us – vulnerable, but clearly loved.

Consider the words of Hymn No. 138, written by John L. Bell:

*Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
Might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, approved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas day.*

May we all feel and share the true spirit of love, peace and joy this Christmas season!

Kathy Carr
on behalf of the Deacons



Gearing up for Winter

As we prepare for a cold dark winter---at least colder and darker than our summer season---here are a few reminders of how we can be cognizant of ways to help care for our planet:

- When draining gasoline from lawn mowers for the winter, conserve or run the mower. Do not dispose by pouring it onto the ground where it can contaminate any water supply.
- Turn the thermostat down—especially while we’re sleeping---to save on energy, which means fewer fossil fuel usage and subsequent reduce of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Wear sweaters and other warm clothing indoors to be comfortable with a lower thermostat setting.
- Insulate windows and plug unused electrical outlets to prevent colder air from entering the living spaces.
- Close cabinet, closet, room doors to conserve heat in living spaces.
- Turn off electric lights when not in use
- When purchasing clothing for cold weather, be alert to those brands (whom you’ve researched!) that do not abuse human rights in production in overseas factories.
- Prepare and maintain bird feeders for our feathered friends who do not head south.
- This is controversial----but squirrels, rabbits, and even deer need to eat too---so be mindful of these God’s creatures as well.
- Last but not least---have a safe holiday season and be mindful of our Christian responsibilities for Earth Care in these tumultuous and turbulent political times. Continue to contact our leaders---state and national to express your concerns. Go to **Congress.gov** for contact information and to view current agendas

Dave Neff
Earth Care Leader

**Annual Fair Trade and
Cleveland Cottage Industry Bazaar:
December 3, Fellowship and South Hall, 9 am – 2 pm**

Come to our annual Fair Trade and Cleveland Cottage Industry Bazaar.

If the closing of Cleveland Heights' fair trade stores, Revive and Ten Thousand Villages, has left you wondering if you'll be able to purchase fair trade gifts this holiday season, you'll be glad to know that there will be plenty of options at the Bazaar. One World Shop of Rocky River will have wonderful options. Canaan Fair Trade, Holy Land Handicrafts, Around the World Treasures, and Revy Fair Trade will also have terrific items. Local businesses include Golden Goddess, the line of sustainable, organic cosmetics produced and sold by Cleveland Heights resident and FHC member Ajah Hales.

Something new this year are special low-cost items so children can shop for their friends and family.

Fair trade not only helps to break the chains of poverty in economically disadvantaged regions, but ensures that no child or forced labor is used and that the goods are produced in safe and healthy working conditions using environmentally sustainable resources and practices. Purchasing the products of *local cottage industries* makes a significant impact on the owners' finances and benefits our own community in ways that online and big box shopping can't.

Invite your friends and spread the word!!

As in the past, all festival proceeds go directly to the vendors and their fair trade partners.

Jennifer Blakeney

Yoga Classes at Forest Hill Church

Every week yoga classes are offered in the Chapel (on the second floor of the CE wing). Practices are through Lotus Frog Yoga, LLC and taught by Margaret Gwinner, a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance at the 200 hr. level. Margaret strongly believes in a non-competitive practice open to everyone. Come to breathe and keep the body moving in a calming, judgement-free space. Most of all, come let go and relax!

❖ **All classes in the month of December will be donation based.** It's a great way to try yoga for the first time or restart your practice!

❖ **Class Schedule:**

Monday: 10:00 am Chair Yoga and 5:45 pm Hatha Yoga

Tuesday: 6:00 pm Beginners' Yoga

Wednesday: 10:00 am Hatha Yoga and 5:45 pm Gentle Yoga

Saturday: 10:00 am Hatha Yoga

❖ **Description of Classes:**

Chair Yoga: A gentle yoga practice using the breath and a chair to move through poses while sitting, standing or a combination of both.

Hatha Yoga: Is a form of mind and body exercise using the breath and poses as a way of increasing stamina and vitality with the purpose of living a more relaxed day-to-day life. The class both flows slowly *and* holds poses allowing the body to deepen into the postures. Modifications are always offered and encouraged.

Beginners' Yoga: This class is appropriate for those just beginning a yoga practice or for those who have been away from yoga for a while. An introduction to the names of poses is given, easy breathing techniques and healthy body alignment cues. As well as how to use yoga tools and pose modifications to introduce flexibility.

Gentle Yoga: Emphasis is on moving softly and slowly in both seated and standing poses. The class offers a nurturing approach to pose modifications and compassionate awareness to pre-existing injuries.

Please bring a mat and a block/blocks to class. More information may be found at www.lotusfroggyoga.com or by contacting Margaret (margaret@lotusfroggyoga.com or 216.337.2607).

Namaste –

Margaret Gwinner

News of Our Church Family

Care Group In December all members of the church will be responsible for assisting the pastors in meeting the needs of the congregation. Please contact the church office in case of illness, hospitalizations, births or deaths (or other family emergencies) in any FHC family. And please, if you are asked to serve as a greeter or coffee hour host, or to step in to help someone out, say yes!

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

Volunteer Hours in October

The office volunteers – Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, and the TOWER assembly team of Nancy, Ellen, Jane, Chuck, and Betty Clark – worked a total of 85 hours in October. Thank you all!

Social Groups

The Group (60s – 70s): Christmas party

The Group will celebrate the Christmas season on Friday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at the home of Diana Woodbridge, 12620 Cedar Rd. We will also collect and prepare Christmas gifts for a family from Boulevard School (Cathy Ghiandoni) has information about the Boulevard family gift collection. Please bring an appetizer or dessert; BYOB; RSVP by Dec. 6 to Cathy Ghiandoni (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216 691-1905).

December 8, Diana Woodbridge's home, 6:30 pm

Pacesetters (40s – 60s): Christmas party

Join new and old friends on Saturday, December 9 at 7 pm at the home of Chris and Dave Bell (3040 Scarborough Rd in Cleveland Hts). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and an item or two for the food pantry. Soft drinks and wine will be provided; BYOB if you so choose. All are welcome, including and especially your adult children. For more information contact Dave or Chris, 216-932-6992.

December 9, Bells' home, 7 pm

Advent Devotional

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is offering a free Advent Devotional to you and your congregation. Please share this great resource! It's available online and can be printed for your convenience.



Again this year Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will observe Advent with an online devotional. We invite you to read and listen to daily messages written by students in our Doctor of Ministry program. You can access the devotions in these ways:

- » Read online or print and share.
- » Receive daily e-mails.
- » Listen on the web.
- » Follow along on Facebook and Twitter.
- » Download our free Android or Apple app.
- » Request your printed copy.

Visit our website for additional free worship planning resources and music for your youth to perform. Also, our Lent Devotional—and more!—will be available in January 2018.



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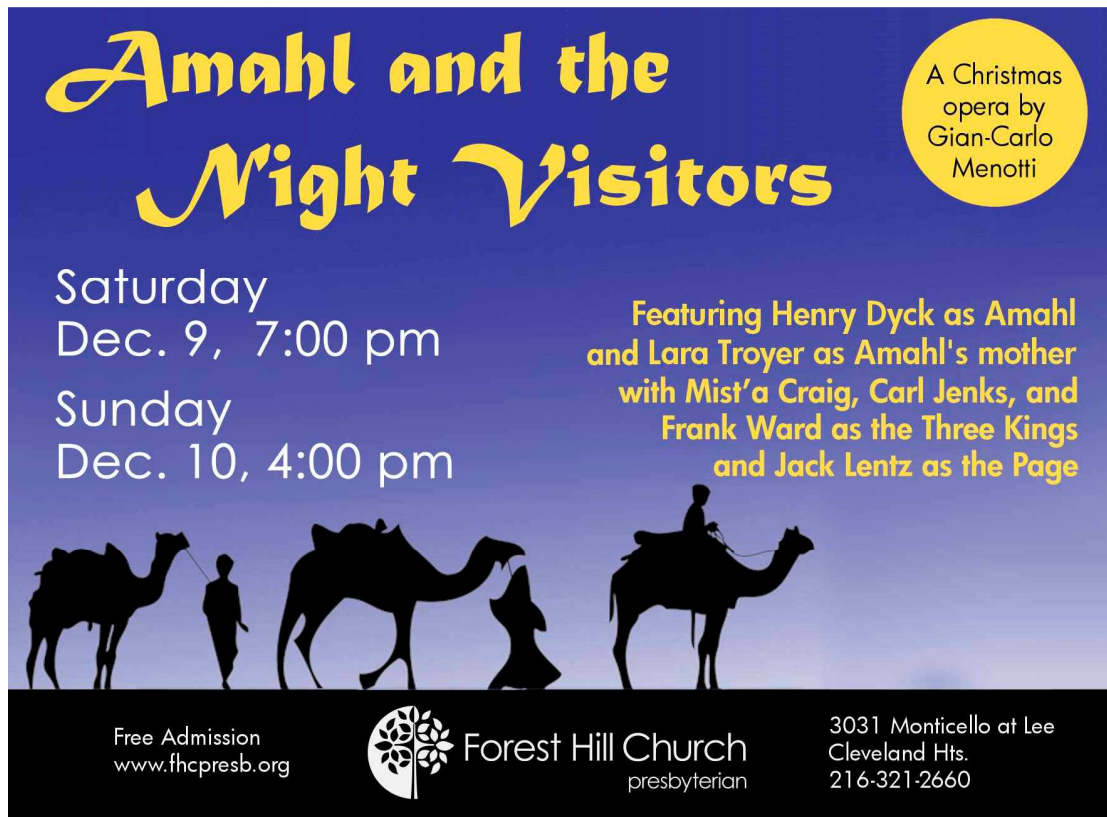
https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1

Advent and Christmas at Forest Hill Church

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am – 12 pm: **Hanging of the Greens**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-11:30 am: **Advent Centering Retreat**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 pm and Sunday, Dec. 10, 4 pm:



The poster features a blue background with yellow text. At the top, the title 'Amahl and the Night Visitors' is written in a large, stylized font. To the right, a yellow circle contains the text 'A Christmas opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti'. Below the title, the performance times are listed: 'Saturday Dec. 9, 7:00 pm' and 'Sunday Dec. 10, 4:00 pm'. To the right of the times, the cast is listed: 'Featuring Henry Dyck as Amahl and Lara Troyer as Amahl's mother with Mist'a Craig, Carl Jenks, and Frank Ward as the Three Kings and Jack Lentz as the Page'. At the bottom, there is a silhouette illustration of three camels and a person. Below the illustration, the text 'Free Admission www.fhcpresb.org' is on the left, the Forest Hill Church logo and name are in the center, and the address '3031 Monticello at Lee Cleveland Hts. 216-321-2660' is on the right.


Amahl and the Night Visitors

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Sunday, Dec. 17, 11 am: **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 am: **Worship with Christmas Pageant**
(note new time for the pageant)

Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 pm: **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship**



United Protestant Campus Ministries

— where head, heart, and spirit connect —

Do you have a heart for campus ministry? UPCaM board needs you!

UPCaM (United Protestant Campus Ministries) is seeking board members willing to invest in the lives of young adults. UPCaM ministers to students at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, and Tri-C. Contact Rev. Barbara Essex (barbara.upcam@gmail.com) for more information.

For more information about UPCaM, go to their website (<http://barbaraupcam.wixsite.com/upcam>)

Charity Stock

Sundays in December

- 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)
- 12:15 Coffee & conversation
- 5:00 Faith Leader (no class on Dec 24, 31)

Pathways children will attend worship on Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31
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Sundays in December (cont.)

Dec. 3 1 Advent Hunger Sunday Fair Trade and Cottage Industry Market 8:30 Nominating Committee 11:00 Worship: Communion Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir & Ekklesia	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37
Dec. 10 2 Advent 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship: New members join 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir 4:00 <i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i> Youth: House Church	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalms 85: 1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
Dec. 17 3 Advent 8:30 Nominating Committee 11:00 Worship: Festival of Lessons and Carols 12:15 Blood Pressure check Logos to "The Star"	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Psalms 126 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Dec. 24 4 Advent; Christmas Eve 11:00 Worship and Christmas Pageant 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalms 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
Dec. 31: 1 Christmas; New Year's Eve No classes or choirs	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Psalms 148 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40

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 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	
See the Advent-Christmas schedule on p. 18						
See p. 14 for information on yoga classes offered by Lotus Frog Yoga.						
3 See "Sundays in December" Fair Trade Market	4	5	6 6:30 <i>Book of Joy</i> dinner and discussion	7	8 6:30 The Group: Christmas party	9 9:00 am Centering Retreat 2:00 pm AA Anniversary dinner 7:00 <i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i> 7:00 Pacesetters: Christmas party
10 4:00 <i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i>	11 7:00 CPNC meeting	12	13 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	14 7:00 am TOWER deadline 7:30 FH Swim Club	15 3:00 Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Staff party	16 8:00 Men's Group 3:00 Wedding
17 11:00 Festival of Lessons and Carols	18	19	20 10:00 TOWER assembly 12:00 Bullshevicks 7:00 Session meeting 7:00 TransFamily East	21 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas – office closed	26 Office closed	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

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