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



## The Tower

March 2018

Dear Friends,

We are well into Lent now – by the first full week of March we will be halfway through the spiritual journey that began on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and will continue through Easter (April 1). How is it going? Are you praying more? Are you still not eating candy, or having that glass of wine? Do you read the Bible? Are you focused on acts of justice as the prophets Micah and Isaiah call us to? Remember that Jesus went through forty days in the wilderness trying to discern his call and struggling with the temptations brought by loneliness and emptiness.

At Bible and Bagels (we meet at 7:30 am every Wednesday morning!) our Lenten journey began with the admonition of Isaiah (58:1-12):

*Cry aloud, do not hold back.  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet.*

The prophet goes on to describe the fast that God requires:

*...let the oppressed go free, share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house.*

If we are committed to this kind of justice

*...then your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt...  
you shall be called repairers of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to dwell in.*

In Matthew we are reminded not to make a show of piety but to pray in solitude and give alms without fanfare (6: 1-6, 16-21).

Our faith must be directed both inward – creating space for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us – AND outward towards specific acts of justice. Pray for Leonor, who has been living in Sanctuary with us for almost six months. However, if you *care* about Leonor, call Senators Portman and Brown (see contact info below) and tell them to support DACA and the undocumented who live among us.

*Cry aloud, do not hold back.  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!*

As the people of God we are to rebuild the ruins and restore the streets – this takes political action. As people preparing the way of the Lord and awaiting the resurrection we must be mindful of who in our nation and in the world are being left out. THOSE are the people God tells us to pray for but also to defend and support! Ask yourself this question: who is building what for whom, and for whose benefit?

In a few weeks we will be reading the stories of Holy Week, when Jesus prayed, then entered Jerusalem, went to the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers – an act of political and religious significance that led to his death.

We must never forget that the call of Christ is to take up a cross and follow. And yet our faith reminds us that the cross is not the end and soon the tomb will be empty and the power will come to lead us on.

Pray and act!



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Sr. Pastor

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## Calling a Co-Pastor: Next Steps

The Co-pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC) is moving steadily along the path to completion of their charge to recommend top candidates for co-pastor. They have completed a description of the candidate we are seeking; the Session has approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) which is available on our website ([www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)). The MIF was uploaded to the Church Leadership Connection which then provided a list of people who may match our requirements. Each candidate supplied (or will supply) a Personal Information Form with responses to narrative questions, a statement of faith, and his/her education and work experience.

The CPNC is trying to discern which candidates could help:

- FHC better live into our mission: *Discovering God's call, Celebrating the spirit's presence and Witnessing to Christ's transformative power*;
- Equip the saints to fulfill God's mission;
- Drive social action through individual and group efforts towards mercy and justice;
- Transform FHC into a church which more closely reflects God's earthly creation;
- FHC become a place where all of God's children are heard, seen, exalted and equal.

The CPNC is evaluating candidates with consistent criteria to determine who will move further in the process. We will also be seeking candidates from other sources: seminaries, organizations and personal connections. If you know of anyone who might be a strong possibility, please encourage the potential candidate to reach out to the CPNC or send the committee the candidate's name.

This work will take time, yet we are certain that - at some point - we will land in a kairos\* moment, one ripe for action and imbued with God's blessing.

Frederick Buechner said, "Go where your best prayers take you." Please join the CPNC as we pray for the person God is calling to be in relationship with Forest Hill Church as our co-pastor. Pray for our faith community as we prepare to joyfully receive that person. Lastly, pray for the committee's faithful discernment of God's will for Forest Hill Church. Thank you for your patience and hope.

The members of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee are:

Dave Bell (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Shaw (Co-Chair)

Scott Lafferty	Quentin Smith
Ron Register	Charity Stock
Jean Reinhold	Seth Ungemach

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

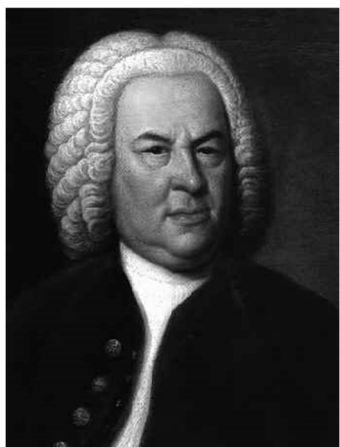
*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*  
*Isaiah 43:19*

*\***Kairos** was an ancient Greek word meaning "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time." Another Greek word for "time" was chronos. A sequence of moments was expressed as chronos, emphasizing the duration of the time; an appointed time was expressed as **kairos**, with no regard for the length of the time.*



## Music Notes

Please mark your calendars for an ancient, monastic service of **Compline** on **Sunday, March 4 at 7:00 pm** in our candlelit sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will sing (mostly *a cappella*) from the congregational pews and the congregation may sit in the choir pews, transepts or pews in the front of the church. This peaceful, 30-minute service (led by cantor John Lentz) will calm your heart and spirit.



During our worship service on **Sunday, March 18**, we'll honor the **music of J. S. Bach** with **guest cellist Derek Snyder**. Derek is a founding member of The Phoenix Ensemble and cellist in the tango band Oblivion Project. He is also the founder and education director of The Cleveland Cello School.

I've written a new anthem called *Love Thy Neighbor* (it was commissioned by the Western Reserve Chorale and premiered during their December concert). Our Chancel Choir has been learning the score and will sing it on March 11. We certainly live in times during which "love thy neighbor as thyself" needs frequent reiteration.

Please note that **Daylight Saving Time** begins on Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour and go to bed early the night before!

Lastly, I would like to thank my Forest Hill family for the generous outpouring of support and sympathy upon the death of my mother, Joan Ferguson. All your cards and words of comfort have been greatly appreciated.

Soli Deo Gloria~~

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## **Lent 2018 at Forest Hill Church**

**Fridays, March 2 and March 16: Lenten Dinners and discussion  
(see following page for details)**

Reservations are required; child care will be available. Please use form on the following page or the online link from the weekly email.

**Sunday, March 4**

7:00 pm Service of Compline

**Holy Week: March 25-31**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Worship

**Good Friday, March 30**

12:00 Community worship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Easter Vigil, March 31, 7:30 pm**

If you are interested in being baptized (or having a child baptized) at this service, please contact Rev. Lentz.

**Easter: April 1**

**Worship at 9 and 11 am**

**Adult Education in Lent (Sundays, 9:30 am)**

On March 4 we will begin a study of the Gospel accounts of Easter using Raymond Brown's book, ***A Risen Christ in Eastertime***.

This book is available online. We will have a limited number available for \$13 each.

**Lenten Dinners:**  
**Exploring an Easter Church through Justice and Mission**

**Friday, March 2 (please reserve by Feb. 28)**

**Friday, March 16**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

A free-will offering will be collected for the meal.

You are invited to two all-church dinners exploring our call to seek justice.

- Week one will focus on our vision for the beloved community. How does your prayer life reflect this vision and what allows you to be persistent in working towards this goal?
- Week two will focus on action and opportunities. Learn about direct service, organizing, and advocacy. What is the balance of these methods and what are some common pitfalls?

**Reservations for March 2 and March 16 dinners**  
**“Exploring an Easter Church through Justice and Mission”**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/we will attend \_\_\_\_ on March 2    \_\_\_\_ on March 16

How many adults for each dinner? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need child care? For what age(s)?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this to the church office*

## Adult Education this Spring

On March 4 we will begin a five-week Lenten and Easter season study using ***A Risen Christ in Eastertime*** by biblical scholar Raymond Brown. In five concise essays, Brown examines how the stories of the risen Christ fit the theology and plan of the individual Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. This book discussion will be facilitated by Revs. John Lentz , Lois Annich and Laury Larson, and will meet from 9:30-10:30 am in South Hall on March 4, March 18, April 8, April 15 and April 29. Participants are asked to read chapter one, *The Resurrection of Mark*, in preparation for the March 4 gathering. Brown's book is available to purchase (\$13) after the worship services on February 18 and 25. It is available on Amazon and you are of course welcome to order your own copy.

On March 11, Dale Hilton will speak to us about the Art of the Passion. Ms. Hilton is the director of the Adult and Distance Learning Department at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and President of Cleveland Decorative Arts. She has worked as a museum curator for over 25 years, lectured extensively, and authored numerous publications.

On April 8, Dr. Sheila McGinn will speak on “Welfare Wastrels or Swanky Socialites,” which draws from Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians. The lecture title comes from the last chapter of her book ***By Bread Alone: The Bible through the Eyes of the Hungry***. Dr. McGinn is Chair of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University and Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, and is well published.

If you questions please feel welcome to contact Pat Seeders ([plseeders@gmail.com](mailto:plseeders@gmail.com)) or Alex Heston ([aheston241@aol.com](mailto:aheston241@aol.com) , 440-465-6876).

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE ?

Deacon's  
Desk



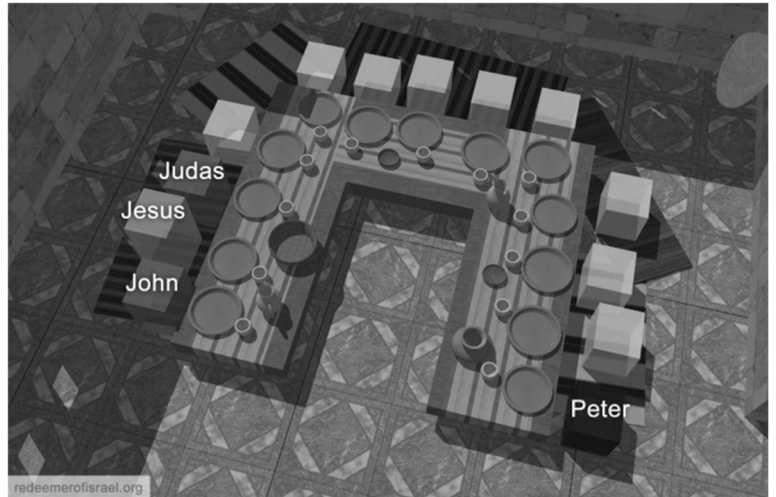
## THE LAST SUPPER

*If you said “**the seating arrangements**” you are probably right, according to historians. However, regardless of how you visualize this historic Passover Meal, what is important is what significance it holds for you. This is a comfortable visualization for me but according to history, the seating arrangement is wrong.*

This is a depiction of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. Da Vinci's vision shows Jesus in the middle, flanked on each side by the apostles. This image has been burned into our minds for centuries. According to Roman and Jewish history it is quite inaccurate. Study of the culture of the time, as well as several scripture verses in the gospels, uncover a much different setting and seating plan.

The setting would have been the home of someone of significant wealth because the meal occurred in an Upper Room, implying wealth because of the second floor. Therefore one can assume that the meal would have been served in a custom worthy of the setting.

The most prominent furnishing of the room would have been a low-to-the-floor table shaped as a “U” and called a triclinium. This was a Roman style that varied in size and in design. The Jews of the first century adopted this style. Along the outside of the table, cushions would have been on the floor so that guest could recline rather than sit. The center inside of the table would be open so service of food or entertainment could occur.



The guests would lie on their left sides facing the inside, leaving their right hands free to eat the meal. This would mean that each guest could lean on the bosom of the person to their left if they needed to talk. Their legs would be towards the outside, allowing feet to be washed. The host of the feast (**Jesus**) would not sit in the middle, as is often depicted in artwork of the Last Supper, but instead second to the left, with the guest of honor on his left, (**Judas**) and a trusted friend to his right (**John**).

The seating then continued around the triclinium, the most important guests seated on the left, then going around the table, with the least important sitting on the far right. The servant, if seated at the table, would occupy the last position, closest to the door, so they could go and obtain more food if needed. (**Peter**)

**SURPRISED?**

**Tune in next month**

In the April edition of The Tower we will delve deeper into the seating arrangement supported by scripture. This will allow you some time to do your own research (should you choose).

Deacon John Dugard

## Define “Stewardship”

At its recent retreat, Pastor Annich challenged the Ministry of Stewardship to examine its understanding of the term “stewardship.” The dictionary defines it simply as “an individual’s responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others.”

The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) reminds us

*God sends the Church to share in the stewardship of creation, preserving the goodness and glory of the earth God has made. God cares for us through the gifts of creation, providing all that we need in abundance. As caretakers of God’s creation, we are called to: tend the land, water, and air with awe and wonder at God’s gifts; use the earth’s resources wisely, without plundering, polluting, or destroying; use technology in ways that preserve and enhance life; measure our production and consumption in order to provide for the needs of all; foster responsible practices of procreation and reproduction; and seek beauty, order, health, harmony, and peace for all God’s creatures.*

J. Clif Christopher, noted author and speaker on the topic, says that as Christians, stewardship is “everything we do after we say, ‘I believe’.”

During the next year, the Ministry of Stewardship will continue to explore and deepen its understanding of stewardship in terms of whole life, discipleship, responsibility, abundance, relationships, generosity, spiritual practice, and use of our time, talents and treasure at Forest Hill Church. We invite you to join us on this journey and to share your thoughts on stewardship with us.

The Ministry of Stewardship

Elders: Melanie Alban, Leslie Pendleton, Mark Gerteis

Elected Leaders: David Burleigh, Bill Ladebue, Peter Williams

# Greater Cleveland Congregations

**Strengthening Campaign:** The delegates approved the recommendation of the Strategy Team to focus the next 18 months on internal leadership development and on building relationships with a broader base of congregations and organizations throughout greater Cleveland. This will increase our power to have a greater influence on public officials, and build on our past successes. Issue Team work will continue with Gun Safety, Education and Jobs, and Criminal Justice. See updates below.

**Criminal Justice Team:** The primary focus continues to be on the establishment of 2 Crisis Centers to provide treatment and cool down for individuals brought in by police. This is essential to keep 80% of persons in mental health or substance abuse crisis out of jail, and saves the local governments hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. GCC has facilitated conversation between County Prosecutor O'Malley and the ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services) board. Possible facilities are being considered. Look for a large assembly in April to keep the pressure on O'Malley and Judge Russo.

**Gun Violence Team** convened a meeting in January where we received the following updates on our work with the national **Do Not Stand Idly By (DNSIB)** campaign which is:

- Pushing the manufacturers to develop and market Smart Gun technology that would limit use of a gun (primarily handguns) to its legal owner and thus virtually eliminate the chance for children to unwittingly discharge a gun. To date 24 companies are working on some aspect of Smart Gun technology. Fourteen companies have pledged to conduct a Smart Gun technology fair that would highlight the technology for police and law enforcement and governmental buyers.
- Asking manufacturers to agree not to sell to gun stores that do not follow Federal gun laws or limit sales to felons.
- Encouraging governmental jurisdictions throughout the country to sign the DNSIB pledge that they will only buy the guns needed for their police or law enforcement personnel from manufacturers who are developing and employing Smart Gun technology. To date,

123 jurisdictions have signed this pledge, including the City of Los Angeles.

National leaders of DNSIB, including members from Cleveland's GCC, made a presentation at the National Conference of Mayors about Smart Gun technology in January.

Locally, **Ohio legislative action is needed**: Please see the recent email from FHC session regarding H.B. 233, the bill that would remove any criminal penalty if a person holding a concealed carry license brings the weapon into a prohibited space, such as a church, school or public restaurant, if they leave upon being discovered and do not return for at least 30 days. Our Session and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve have voted to oppose H.B. 233 and to send a letter stating our opposition to area Ohio senators and to Senator William Coley, Chair of the Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. You are encouraged to do so and a sample script is in the email.

**Education Team** The January meeting was led by Rev. Connor , with James Pearlstein, and Tazz, GCC intern. A 7-step plan was presented that will lead to a "Listen – Act – Win" Action in April focusing on the schools in which GCC congregations are already engaged. Next steps will include

- Building relationship with the Principal to get buy-in
- 1-1 meetings with parents and staff, leading to house meetings
- Conducting research on issues
- Holding a pre-meeting with CEO Gordon in preparation for the Action

Schools targeted include Riverside Elementary, Case Elementary and Gallagher on the west side, and FDR Academy, Marion Sterling, Willow School, JFK, Glenville H.S., and Roxboro Elementary (with St. Paul's Episcopal) on the east side.

The meeting also gave us practice using demonstrated strategies for 1-1 and house meetings. Pitfalls to avoid when building relationships between GCC partners and school parents and principals were also provided.

**Cleveland Heights Housing Team** Many FHC members are involved in this team, and a detailed update follows this article.

**GCC University:** This 3-day training is instrumental in developing leaders in the organization. One more member of FHC was trained earlier this month. Look for another training coming up as well as shorter trainings that may be more convenient for many.

Scott Lafferty, Eileen Vizcaino and Jennifer Blakeney  
FHC Core Team

## **GCC-Cleveland Hts Housing Core Team and Our Recent Meeting with U.S. Bank: An Update**

Seven members of GCC's Cleveland Hts. Housing Team met with Melissa Borino of U.S. Bank. She is in charge of the Bank's Community Development and CRA (Community Reinvestment Act, where banks report what they are doing to invest in communities from which they take deposits). The meeting was the result of communication with U.S. Bank's headquarters about the substantial number of foreclosed properties in our Noble neighborhood—more foreclosed properties than any other lender for the second year in a row.

The short version is that it was a very productive meeting that exceeded even our best hopes.

We started at the Home Repair Resource Center's office where FHC member Kay Dunlap told the story of her neighborhood; then the three neighbors on our team took Melissa on a tour of nine properties attached to U.S. Bank, some already foreclosed, some pending. Thanks to the research capabilities of a member of our team, we had absolutely current information on the properties – research that caught U.S. Bank not following the law to get the required point of sale on 3 of the properties, for example. A couple of the properties had been sold to investors who have not repaired the homes as required, and Melissa heard and saw evidence of that as they toured. We approached the problem without blame, but with the call to partnership—and

she was ready. The three tour guides from our team provided lunch at one of their homes, then all returned to HRRC to meet with the rest of us.

We had substantial expertise around the table. Three GCC congregations (Fairmount, Forest Hill and Trinity) are represented on our team. We each shared a bit about why we were involved, and I talked about GCC and its origins in (and relationship to) the Industrial Areas Foundation.

We talked about ideas we had come up with, and found an openness to ALL. We began by requesting a monthly call that would allow us to raise any problem properties and to talk about each one that is potentially for sale. Should it be sold to a homeowner or should it be donated to a nonprofit?

Melissa was delighted to hear about HRRC's down payment assistance and pre-purchase counseling that can be employed to help bridge a financing gap, and offer opportunity to an LMI (low-moderate income) potential buyer. We talked about purchase/ rehab financing and how important that can be—and she will be getting us information on their American Dream program that can fill that gap. She talked about donating homes that need more substantial repair, and about establishing a fund to enable a nonprofit to fill the receiving role for those properties . . . and more.

We meet again on March 9. Melissa plans to bring several key U.S. Bank officials, and we will be including other possible program partners and a couple of people from Cleveland Hts. Of course the proof is in the pudding, but we have a next meeting date, a commitment to a monthly call and lots of partnership possibilities.

All in all, this was very positive!

Diana Woodbridge  
FHC Core Team and GCC Housing Team



## Climate Change and PCUSA

I'm confident that our congregation understands that climate change and extreme weather events are very real, and that these events undermine our responsible care for the Earth's environment – and the welfare of God's people near and far.

Recently, the New Covenant Presbytery (Texas) has initiated an overture (a petition) to the PCUSA General Assembly, which is meeting this year, addressing a request for specific actions to be taken by the full church body, nationally as well as locally. These actions include:

- Advocating socially responsible investing (and divestiture where appropriate)
- A carbon tax on emissions
- Responsibility to impoverished peoples worldwide who are affected by climate change
- Actions by all peoples to engage in activities which mitigate the effects of climate change
- Support of alternative energy usage
- Respectful engagement with those who disagree with climate change.

While the New Covenant document is long, it is useful to reprint the summary which sums up the responsibility we have as people of God:

*We Presbyterians approach creation with the twin perspectives of responsible use and sustainable care. An ethic of stewardship therefore must consider creation both as a good in itself and as a resource for economic justice. The responsibility of holding wealth is directed toward an ethic of engagement that seeks to use wealth to transform injustice and immorality rather than shunning such engagement. Action to bring about that outcome is a faithful response to the urgent climate change issues that are before us.*

Our local Earth Care Certified Congregations – Forest Hill, Fairmount, and Lyndhurst Community – will advocate for the support of this overture within the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, and for forwarding the overture to the General Assembly later this year.

Dave Neff  
Earth Care Green Team

## **2017 Neighborhood Leadership Workshop Series!**

FutureHeights is hosting a series of workshops for neighborhood residents. The workshop series will provide a core set of tools that residents need to engage their neighbors and successfully manage a neighborhood project. For all workshops you will receive strategic skill training and support related to each task listed.

The workshops meet on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 6 pm.



**Session 1: March 11** – Individual Leadership

**Session 2: March 25** – Asset Based Community Development, and Planning Your Project

**Session 3: April 8** – Policy & Advocacy

**Session 4: April 22** – Learn the History of Cleveland Heights, and Your Neighborhood

**Session 5: May 6** – Leveraging Community Resources

**Session 6: May 20** – Building Community

For more information and to apply contact FutureHeights at [sbasu@futureheights.org](mailto:sbasu@futureheights.org), or 216.320.1423.

## **A Letter from Martha Goble of Hts Community Congress**

Dear Friends,

In late July, the Heights Community Congress (HCC) moved its office into your church. We were warmly received and have enjoyed the lovely space you made available to us for such a modest rate. For the previous five years we had been located at Hope Lutheran Church on North Taylor. They combined with another church and relocated; we needed a new home. You really enabled us to stay in business.

I was the director of HCC for many years, retired in 2004 and came back on a temporary basis to help out in 2012. The organization is now very stable and has accomplished a lot in the last five years. Our interactive diversity programs have many new participants and we have gained insight and perspective from their presence. Our fair housing program of 40-plus years is very necessary and valuable in the community. Last week we were saddened by the ending of Cleveland Tenants Organization, a forty-year organization with whom we had numerous interactions. HCC plays an important role in keeping Cleveland Heights and the surrounding communities viable as they strive to prevent re-segregation.

Once again I am retiring, and I thank Forest Hill Church for your support. The Reverend Eric Dillenbeck is the new executive director of HCC; since he and his family are part of your church family I know you will enjoy participating in his ministry and leadership of HCC. Again, I have so enjoyed my time in your church and thank you for all you have done to make things so pleasant.

Martha Goble

# News of Our Church Family

## Care Group

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

Members of the Eden CARE Group are:

Wendy Brock, Deacon leader	Carol Leslie
Doris Allen	Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod
Nathan & Lane Baldwin	Clayton & Julie Minder
Mary Ball	Leslie Pendleton
Kiva Bohanon	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Kathy & Bruce Carr	Lorraine Ranchod
Jane & Derek Duncan & family	Elizabeth Shaw
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer & family	Carolyn Smith
Julie Lafferty Ely	Jeff & Anne Smith
Kris & Bill Fay	Quentin Smith & Sylvia Herd
Carrie Fister	Tammy Steele
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	Elaine Tapié
Sue & Scott Lafferty	Elaine Turley
Linda Martin	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

## Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Al and Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, Beryl and Henrietta Williams

## Ushers

Many thanks to Roger Heineman and his teams of ushers for their faithful service every Sunday.

## Hunger Sunday: March 4

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked **Hunger** will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month the money collected helps support Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

## **Volunteer Hours in January**

The office volunteers and TOWER assembly team– Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Pat Jenkins, and Betty Clark –worked a total of 86 hours in January. Thank you all!

## **Social Groups and Circles**

### **The Group (60s – 70s+): Symphony and Dinner**

The Group will attend a Suburban Symphony Orchestra concert on Sunday, March 18 at Beachwood High School (25100 Fairmount). The concert is a Debussy Centennial and will start at 3:30 pm. Admission is free. After the concert we will have dinner at Anatolia Café, 2270 Lee Rd. For dinner reservations, RSVP to Anne and David Hunter (anneshunter8@gmail.com)

**March 18, Beachwood High School, 3:30 pm**

### **Hilltoppers (retired): Lunch and Symphony**

On March 18 the Hilltoppers will meet at 1 pm for lunch at Burntwood Tavern (5835 Landerbrook Dr, Lyndhurst, OH 44124) and then (along with The Group) will attend the Suburban Symphony concert of Debussy and Ravel at 3:30 at Beachwood High School (25100 Fairmount Blvd). The concert is free; please make reservations for lunch by contacting Nancy Grube (440-461-4693) by March 14.

**March 18, Burntwood Tavern, 1 pm**

### **Iris Circle (all women of the church): Labyrinth**

On March 20, we will learn about the Labyrinth in Bodwell Hall. We will begin with a potluck lunch at 11:30; after lunch Rev. Lois Annich will guide us through the meaning and use of our Labyrinth. This will be a good time for reflection during the Lenten season.

**March 20, Bodwell Hall, 11:30 am**

## Sundays in March

**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  
 Mar 4: Children stay in worship  
**12:15** Coffee & conversation  
**4:00** Labre Project  
**5:00** Faith Leader

**Daylight Saving Time** begins March 11  
**Easter** is April 1

<b>March 4 3 Lent</b> 9:00 Nominating Committee 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:15 CE Parents' meeting 7:00 Service of Compline	<b>Exodus 20: 1-17</b> <b>Psalm 19</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25</b> <b>John 2: 13-22</b>
<b>March 11 4 Lent</b> 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 Scout Troop #403 Dinner	<b>Numbers 21: 4-9</b> <b>Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22</b> <b>Ephesians 2: 1-10</b> <b>John 3: 14-21</b>
<b>March 18 5 Lent</b> 9:00 Nominating Committee 12:15 Blood Pressure check Visitors' Lunch 1:00 Hilltoppers: Lunch and Symphony 3:30 The Group: Symphony and Dinner	<b>Jeremiah 31: 31-34</b> <b>Psalm 51: 1-12</b> <b>Hebrews 5: 5-10</b> <b>John 12: 20-33</b>
<b>March 25 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 50: 4-9a</b> <b>Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29</b> <b>Philippians 2: 5-11</b> <b>Mark 11: 1-11</b>

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

**TOWER** deadlines: **7 am** on March 15,  
April 13 and May 18

Daylight Saving Time  
begins  
**March 11**  
***Spring forward!***

**Easter is April 1**  
See p 6 for the March Lent schedule



The church phone number is 216-321-2660. Our website is  
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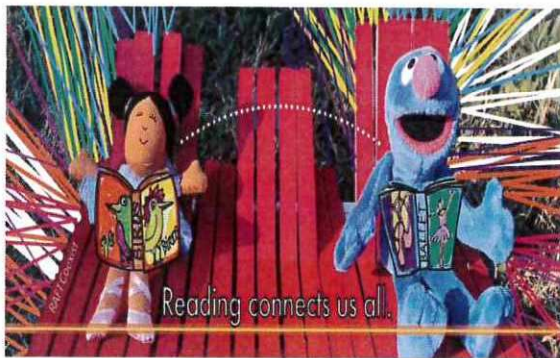
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# WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD \$1,000 FOR A PROJECT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Would you build a community garden? Host a neighborhood gathering?  
Research and promote the history of your neighborhood? Create a  
neighborhood guide for new residents?




FutureHeights is offering small grants of up to \$1,000 to groups of residents in Cleveland Heights to do projects that improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The grants are intended to spur small, grassroots community projects. Grants may be used for a wide variety of activities and projects, and groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their neighborhoods and with whom they might partner.

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5 P.M., MARCH 15, 2018**

For a copy of the application and more information, visit [www.futureheights.org](http://www.futureheights.org) or contact us at 216.320.1423 or [info@futureheights.org](mailto:info@futureheights.org).

## FutureHeights

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	
March 2018						
4 See "Sundays in March"	5	6 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch	7	8 7:30 FH Swim Club	9 6:30 Lenten Dinner	10 Daylight Saving Time begins tonight. Set clocks ahead! 
11	12	13 7:00 Black History Education Comm mtg	14 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	15 7:00 am TOWER deadline	16 6:30 Lenten Dinner	17 8:00 Men's Group 9:00 PRISM
18	19	20 11:30 Iris Circle	21 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bullshevicks 7:00 TransFamily East Session meeting	22	23 6:30 Office Volunteers' party	24
25 Palm Sunday Holy Week begins	26 5:00 PWR at Pioneer Memorial PC, Solon	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Worship	30 Good Friday 12:00 Community Worship at St Paul's	31 7:30 Easter Vigil

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