

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

June 2018

Dear Friends,



All of a sudden we are in summer! Thanks be to God.

My news this month is both sad and happy – but we can rejoice in it all! As of May 31 our outstanding team of Christian educators are stepping down from their positions.

Shannon Headen, who recently graduated from Notre Dame College, and who has been the Director of Youth Ministries for the past three years, is moving to Pittsburgh where she will enter Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Shannon has shown herself to be a compassionate Christian leader who can pray and preach and lead worship as well as go deep with young people. I believe that Shannon will make a significant impact in the life of the PC(USA). I am so pleased that Forest Hill Church was her faith community! I will miss Shannon and her husband LaDon and their wonderful family – Lotus, Zen and Lyric.



Kate Burleigh has been the Director of the Pathway program, nursery and children's worship for the past three years. Kate has contagious energy and a deep love of children. She is a champion of children in worship. She re-shaped the program so that adult leaders can mentor our children, and the children can learn more about the mission of FHC. Kate added a Lego bible story unit to the curriculum. Once a month the children interpret a Bible story



by building with Legos! That would make for a fun sermon! I am so thankful that Kate and her wonderful family will NOT be moving anywhere except perhaps to a new pew in the sanctuary.

I cannot express my respect and affection enough for these two amazingly gifted people!

The happy news is this: we welcome the **Rev. David B. Wigger** on to the staff as the Interim Coordinator of Family, Children and Youth Ministries. David has a one-year contract to oversee the entire family, children and youth programs. He will depend on parent and FHC member volunteers to teach, lead and chaperone. He will help the Session focus on the next 5 years of ministry to families, children and youth. David is an ordained PC(USA) pastor who has served as a hospital chaplain. He is calm, grounded, faithful, and smart, with a love for children, and he gets the mission of Forest Hill Church. He is married to FHC member Amy Wadsworth, who sings in the choir. David and Amy have a daughter, Elly, who is 14 months old.

Please let Shannon and Kate know of your gratitude to them. Welcome David and support his ministry among us.

Thanks be to God for raising up leaders who “equip the Saints for ministry!”

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



I recently stumbled on a lovely poem by Pedro Arrupe S.J. If you don't know about this Jesuit scholar and priest, look him up! You'll be greatly inspired by his deep spirituality, hunger for justice, and merciful response towards suffering people. He was a prisoner of war during WWII (kept in solitary confinement), served as a medic to the wounded after Hiroshima, and cared for the poor in many different places. Clearly his relationship with God helped him face earthly trials with grace and wisdom.

I don't know about you, but I really need encouragement and strength when the news is unremittingly bad, when family and friends are suffering, and divisions among people loom large. I am therefore deeply touched by Father Arrupe's reminder to abide in God. Our lectionary readings recently urged us to abide, or rest, in God, and this sweet poem really brings that message home. I pray that you will be blessed by Father Arrupe's practical advice for the living of our days—the good, the bad, and the in between!

***Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in Love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.***

Lois Annich, Interim Associate Pastor



Transitions are challenging. The congregation, including our children, are experiencing the stresses and strains of the transitions that are now occurring at FHC. It's the end of the program year, I am leaving my role as CE Director, a new director (David Wigger) is coming in June, a new pastor is being called, Shannon is leaving FHC and going to seminary, Lois is transitioning out of her role, and on and on and on. Let us be reminded to have faith during this time. Good things are coming! First, however, the chaos. Disorder so there is space for reorder. The children know that I will be returning to the congregation in June. I assured them, and reassured them, that they will see me at Forest Hill this summer and next year. Lucky me, I can even volunteer to teach on Sundays!

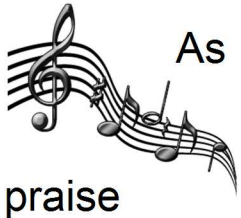
We are incredibly lucky to have David Wigger moving into the role of Interim CE Director. He will begin at Forest Hill in mid-June and brings a host of gifts with him - he has been to seminary, is ordained, has worked as a chaplain, taught at the elementary school level, and he's even a parent. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to David this summer. I know you will all make him feel welcome and provide him the support necessary to help him be successful in this role.

Finally, I would like to say thank you. Serving as the Director of CE for Forest Hill these past three years has been a tremendously powerful experience for me. I am deeply grateful to you all for entrusting the children of Forest Hill into my care.

Peace to all,

Kate Burleigh
Director of Children's Ministries

Music Notes



As the choir season draws to a close, I would like to take this moment to thank all the dedicated, creative and loving people who have faithfully attended rehearsals each week in order to praise God in song every Sunday morning. It is a joy for me to work with all the choirs, and I'm grateful to my special helpers, particularly Nancy Grube (choir librarian), Seth Ungemach (music intern), the choir officers, and all the singers and instrumentalists who share their faith through music.

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 3 and sings through July. Rehearsals are held at 9:30 am every Sunday before the 10:00 am worship service. The music will be easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes-in-arms) are most welcome to participate. No hot choir robes – just come as you are. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from *the other side*.

I wish you good health and safety during your summer travels. My own summer plans include vacationing for a couple of weeks in southwest England (Cornwall, Dartmoor, Penzance, Bath, London and the Cotswolds) following in the footsteps of some of my favorite British TV shows (Doc Martin and Poldark) and favorite British authors (Jane Austin and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle). In August, I'll attend an Early Music and English Country Dance camp in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

With the exception of June 3, Fern Jennings will be the organist while I'm away. She earned a degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music and most recently served as Music Director of the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland. I know that you will give her an enthusiastic and warm FHC welcome! The music on June 3 will be led by Grant Heineman and his amazing colleagues.

I wish you all a restorative summer!

Soli Deo Gloria
Anne Wilson

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Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day



Two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, American slavery came to an end and a celebration of freedom was born

*A summary of an article by Kenneth C. Davis on smithsonian.com
June 15, 2011*

Juneteenth falls on June 19 each year. It is a holiday whose history was hidden for much of the last century. In essence, Juneteenth marks what is arguably the most significant event in American history after independence itself—the eradication of American slavery.

For centuries, slavery was the dark stain on America's soul, the deep contradiction to the nation's founding ideals of "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and "All men are created equal." When Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, he took a huge step toward erasing that stain. But the full force of his proclamation would not be realized until June 19, 1865.

The westernmost of the Confederate states, Texas did not get news of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomatox until Union Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with more than 2,000 Union troops. It was on June 19 that he publicly read General Order No. 3, which began: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

In amazement and disbelief, the 250,000 former slaves in Texas learned that they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, which could not be enforced until the war was over. (It applied only to the states "in rebellion" at the time it was issued.) Shocked, disoriented, most likely fearful of an uncertain future in which they could do as they pleased, the liberated slaves of Texas celebrated. Their moment of jubilee was spontaneous and ecstatic and began a tradition of marking freedom on Juneteenth.

A grass-roots celebration highlighted by joyous singing, pig roasts, and rodeos, Juneteenth took root in many African-American communities during

the late 19th century. But Juneteenth was never accorded official respect or recognition. In the bitterness of the Reconstruction and Jim Crow eras, few states of the former Confederacy had any interest in celebrating emancipation. And as many African-Americans migrated north, especially in the Depression era, Juneteenth became a largely forgotten vestige of the Civil War era.

Over the past few decades, however, there has been a movement to revive this celebration of more complete freedom in America. Today, 39 states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth, although most don't grant it full "holiday" status. A Congressional resolution also underscores the historical significance of "Juneteenth Independence Day." And museums (including some of those that make up the Smithsonian Institution), now mark Juneteenth with annual programming.

This year, let's remember Juneteenth, the holiday marking the fundamental promise of America.

Dorothy Herd

Forest Hill Church 2024 Long-Range Planning Committee

What will Forest Hill Church look like as a worshipping community in five years? How will it carry out its mission and ministry? To help answer these questions, Session voted in early 2017 to develop a long-range plan (LRP). A design committee was appointed to map out the process and the roles and responsibilities for executing the process steps. In August, Session approved the LRP design.



In Fall 2017, the LRP Coordinating Team and four teams to focus on specific issues were recruited. An orientation was held in November. The teams are as follows:

Long-Range Planning Coordinating Team

Melanie Alban and Bob Fox, Co-Leaders

Barbara Hansen

Jeff Smith

Leslie Clement

Issue-Focused Team Leaders

Sheryl Dugard

John Lentz (ex officio)

Ajah Hales

Building and Grounds Team

Carol Leslie, Leader

Jenny Himmelman

Nick Baumgartner

Anne Smith

Tim Gifford

Beth Zych

Ann Donkin (Manager, Building & Grounds)

Evangelism and Outreach Team

Rachel Martinez-Finn, Leader

Lia Clement

Keith Logan

Chris Henry

Treva Offut

Financial Stability Team

Mark Wedell, Leader

Robin Mervine

Laurie Muller-Girard

Stephen Sedam

Technology Team

Kurt Haas, Leader

LaDon Headen

Deedee Pim

Steve Marunowski

Dan Shaner

The first step in the process was to develop five-year goals based on FHC's vision, mission and core values, as well as the historical information in the 2011 Discernment Task Force Report and the surveys and questionnaires collected by the 2016 Discernment Task Force. At its February meeting, Session approved the five-year goals presented by the LRP Coordinating Team.

Long-Range Goals for Forest Hill Church

Forest Hill Church is called by God into a dynamic tomorrow. We respect tradition, but are not bound by it. We appreciate our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to the future.

In the next five years, God is calling Forest Hill Church to follow Jesus by being and doing the following:

- **Modeling a welcoming congregation that is warm, diverse, and inclusive.**
- **Creating opportunities for spiritual transformation.**
- **Being just and generous, invested in being a change agent both inside and outside the walls of the church.**
- **Engaging in transformative social action.**
- **Offering exciting, innovative worship experiences that meet the needs and desires of our diverse faith community.**

The second step in the process was for each team to develop a long-range plan that includes five-year goals, strategies and key actions to accomplish the goals. These long-range plans will be submitted to Session for review and approval in the Fall 2018.

As part of that second step, the Long-Range Planning Committee directly solicited ideas from you, the congregation. On two Sundays in May we asked you to answer two questions:

**Change: How should Forest Hill Church change in the next 5 years?
What should we do differently?**

Challenge: What is the biggest challenge Forest Hill Church needs to address in the next 5 years?

We received over 75 answers and are assimilating them.

June Update: And now we want more input from you! A Congregational Survey will be sent out in June, and we encourage you to complete it. The contents of the survey were developed by the Long-Range Planning Committee, using the responses we received from you in May.

We hope you will participate in the Congregational Survey and share your thoughts about the future of Forest Hill Church.

If you would like to know more about the LRP teams or process, contact Melanie Alban (melaniealban@aol.com) or Bob Fox (foxr@ccf.org), or any of the team members listed above.

From the Ministry of Stewardship...

Principles of Stewardship

In ***Leadership Is Stewardship***, Bill Peel, Executive Director of The Center for Faith and Work, identified four principles of biblical stewardship. This month we share two of those principles as summarized by Hugh Welchel of the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics.

1. The principle of ownership.

The psalmist begins the 24th Psalm with these words:

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that work *is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.*

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all-encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service.

2. The principle of responsibility.

In explaining responsibility, Peel writes,

Although God gives us “all things richly to enjoy,” nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we’re responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

We are called as God’s stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

Bill Ladebue, the Ministry of Stewardship

Tea for Peace

Tea for Peace is an interfaith gathering of communities to listen, learn and contribute to better understanding of our citizens. The National Council of Jewish Women and Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple are co-sponsors of the next Tea for Peace that take place on Wednesday, June 27, at Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio. All are welcome to attend and share conversations and understanding. We plan to arrive and mingle from 6:30 to 7:00 pm; the program will end at 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Jennifer Blakeney



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Summer Adult Education, 2018

Call to Covenant

On June 24 we will begin a seven week summer study using Living the Questions 2.0: *Call to Covenant*, a video-based small group exploration of what's next for Christianity, featuring premier religion voices of our day. Each study session begins with a 20-minute video segment including conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. The study will be facilitated by the Reverends John Lentz and Laury Larson and will meet from 8:45 – 9:45 am in South Hall on June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, and August 5. A resource guide and topic syllabus will be available after services of worship on June 10 and 17 and from the church office.

Rev. Laury Larson

HOLA Benefit, June 16

Friends of HOLA are holding a benefit to support the work of HOLA, a small, grassroots Latino organization based in NE Ohio focusing on Latino Outreach, Advocacy and Community Organizing. Leonor Garcia, who is living in sanctuary at Forest Hill Church, worked with them for many years assisting other immigrants in her community.

The benefit, ***Our Adobe Hacienda***, will be held from 6 – 9 pm on June 16 at Federated Church's Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls.

Join us for an enchanting evening celebrating the rich history and cultures of Mexico. This is HOLA's annual fundraiser to support its critical work serving the Latino community. This year's event will feature the Grammy-nominated SONES DE MEXICO ENSEMBLE performing in the beautiful Family Life Center in Chagrin Falls. They will take us on a musical tour of Mexico, showcasing the country's varied rhythms and sounds. Ana Garcia of The Ana Show on Channel 3 WKYC will be our MC for the evening. Come and dance a little to the fun music of Mexico. Meet and mingle with new friends, and enjoy a traditional meal prepared by Don Tequila of Mentor, a cash bar, and other activities and surprises!

*All proceeds benefit HOLA Ohio. Tickets must be purchased in advance at **holaohio.eventbrite.com***

For more information about Forest Hill Church's sanctuary project, or to donate or volunteer, please email **sanctuary@fhcpresb.org**

For more information about HOLA, go to **holatoday.org** or email Kelsey Fischer, **friendsofhola@gmail.com**

The TOWER offers, on occasion, articles written by a church member who wishes to share their passion with you. This one comes from Kermit Lind.

Government-Sponsored Abuse of U.S. Citizen-Children

We should ask about the rights of Leonor's U.S. citizen-children living in terror of being instantly orphaned or exiled to a foreign country and thereby losing their identity, their security, their health and safety. Can we not protest our government's abuse of innocent children by destroying their families for the offense of fleeing here undocumented in order to escape violence, poverty, disease and oppression?

In his book, ***Forgotten Citizens: Deportation, Children, and the Making of American Exiles and Orphans***, Luis H. Zayas tells what these children and their families are facing. Dr. Zayas, Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin, uses his own clinical experience and scholarly research to describe in readable prose the impact of aggressive deportation policies. He also points out the denial of constitutionally guaranteed legal rights to citizen-children in the immigration laws and enforcement proceedings. Their plight is regarded by the government as acceptable collateral damage. All U.S. citizens bear a cost for how we treat these children. Dr. Zayas puts it this way:

The effects of deportation as the end-game of immigration policy bar the undocumented parents of citizen-children from full participation in our society. This, in turn, has consequences not just for their children but for all of us. In fact, the oppressive pursuit of undocumented immigrants and

the manner in which immigration enforcement has been implemented is harmful to our national developmental health. Social and legal policies that impede the chance for personal development will cost our country economically, socially, politically, and morally in the long run”.

After his chapters of detailed description and analysis of the impact of deportation policies and procedures, Dr. Zayas offers a chapter of suggestions on how to mitigate the harm done to citizen-children. He starts with putting the legal principle of the child’s best interest into the legal proceedings that affect children. Insulating immigration law and deportation proceedings from the established norms of the country’s legal system should not continue. Citizen-children should not be denied a voice or a legal advocate when the existence of their family is at stake.

Soon after this book was published, Donald Trump was elected President. Since then, his policy is to increase the level of hostility toward refugee immigrants generally and especially to hunt down undocumented persons, including taxpayers with jobs who have U.S. citizen-children and no criminal history. The determination to detain and deport undocumented working parents can only mean more government sponsored child abuse by Immigration Control Enforcement (ICE), an agency of the Department of Homeland Security that operates outside of the Department of Justice.

No doubt immigration law and enforcement are necessary. But it is neither necessary nor just to abandon the laws and values that define us as a nation. Denying citizen-children, who did not choose to be born to undocumented parents, of legal rights and civil protections that are their birthright is an abandonment of our duty of citizenship. The consequences for the nation will be expensive and enduring.

The book, ***Forgotten Citizens: Deportation, Children, and the Making of American Exiles and Orphans***, is widely available in print and digital formats.

Kermit Lind



It's been a busy month at GCC. Here are highlights of the Criminal Justice Action, the education assembly and the Power Training.

Criminal Justice Action: 30 members of FHC joined the 400-person assembly to hear commitments from Judge Russo and County Prosecutor O'Malley on their continued work for sentencing reform, establishment of **Civil Rights Unit**, and **expansion of drug court**. More information may be found at greaterclevelandcongregations.org. Four FHC participants give their comments below:

The thing that was most significant for me was O'Malley keeping his promises and agreeing to provide leadership on other important CJ issues, particularly the over representation of minorities in the CJ system.

Ron Register

I attended the C J action because sentencing reform is a key to making our legal system a more just system. Needless incarceration is ruining lives and families, and wasting public resources. It costs more money to keep a person in jail than to send them to college. We can't just sit and let it happen.

Eileen Vizcaino

I left the meeting very energized after witnessing how the dedication, focus, and collaboration among city officials, judges and GCC members was being channeled into actions that are delivering such solid results. Let's keep going!

Mark Wedell

Did you learn something that you did not know?

Yes, to hear from the public officials themselves that the role of GCC was significant and impactful in moving forward with new collaborative ideas in the criminal justice system. Also, just darn inspiring and energizing to be in public space with people acting out democracy and engaged citizenship.

Deanne Lentz

Don't Stand Idly By, the national campaign for gun safety, won a big victory: Sturm Ruger shareholders approve a proposal for the gun-maker to report on risks of its business.

- A proposal, backed by the Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment, asks gun makers like Sturm Ruger to prepare a report about the financial and reputational risks associated with their business.
- Ruger's CEO, Christopher Killoy, said at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday that the company will comply and prepare the report.
- It was the first major test this year for faith-based shareholder groups, which have been urging the nation's gun industry to act after recent extreme examples of gun violence.

There are so many ways to be involved! The GCC core team would be happy to include you in making FHC even stronger in working for a more just Greater Cleveland region. Please contact Jennifer Blakeney, (jablakeney.13@gmail.com).

GCC Education LAW (Listen, Act, Win) Action May 8, 2018

We had a highly successful 185 person packed house at New Tech Collinwood School with Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon.

I am most excited by the kinds and degree of engagement reflected in the various asks and promises presented. We heard from PTO representative, parents, teachers, CMSD graduates and two 11th grade students who are leading a team of 55 students in identifying actionable needs in their school. (This is the first such youth-led action)

CEO Gordon provided an update on two important asks from the 2017 action:

- An agreement to turn the Downtown Education Center, housed at the Juvenile Justice Center on Quincy Avenue, into a year-round school. GCC's persistence played an important part in adding access to learning opportunities for youth who were previously locked down on their units during summer break.

- He has committed to provide further support at JFK High School to build Trauma Teams and provide new training for the staff to help them better assist families experiencing trauma,.

GCC presented and CEO Gordon accepted the following asks:

- **Jobs** Work with GCC and key local workforce organizations to directly connect CMSD parents to entry-level CMSD jobs through a jobs training and support pipeline initiative. – Citywide
- School volunteer training and support for additional approved school volunteers – Citywide
- Upgrade classroom computers – Marion-Sterling Elementary
- Support exploration of new after-school program – Riverside School
- Upgrade gym – Willow Elementary
- Engage corporate partners to paint school interior, bathroom improvements, new mural – Collinwood High School
- Increase healthy food options throughout day – Collinwood High School
- Connect students to the CMSD summer paid apprenticeship program – Collinwood High School

CEO Gordon Requested:

- Considering imminent closing of multiple charter and private schools, point affected parents toward CMSD schools
- Participate in upcoming meetings to provide input into potential revisions to school modernization plan approved in 2014 Bond Issue. Expenses to be reimbursed by the state have been capped at 2008 level. Plan revision recommended. (Look for more information forthcoming.)

Gretchen Reynolds, GCC Core Team member

The New Fatherhood



Would it surprise you to know that according to the 2014 ***“Survey of Income and Program Participation, Fertility Research Brief”***, the most recent year for which data are available, there are 72.2 million fathers in the United States?

That translates into a lot of neckties, socks, power tools, golf clubs and fishing gear that will be purchased by June 17, 2018 because – let’s be realistic – dads are not overwhelming interested in flowers and candy. However, dads would raise their bushy eyebrows to a thick sizzling juicy steak provided they did not have to grill it themselves.

Did you know that the origin of Father’s Day is rooted in tragedy? On December 6, 1907 in Monongah, West Virginia the “worst mining disaster in American History” occurred in Fairmount Coal Company’s No. 6 and No. 8 mines. 362 men were instantly killed in an explosion as the ventilation systems failed and the roof collapsed.

On July 5, 1908, in a church in West Virginia, the Sunday sermon was dedicated to the memory of those men who had died. The next year, in Spokane, Washington, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd (who, along with her five siblings, was raised by her widower father), tried to establish a day that would mirror the equivalent of Mother’s Day in honor of her father and other male parents. She experienced success after presenting her idea to local churches, the YMCA, businesses and government officials. Washington State celebrated the nation’s first statewide Father’s Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly the idea began to spread and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson sent a telegraph signal to Spokane from Washington D.C. On receipt of that signal the instructions were to unfurl an American flag at the moment he pressed the telegraph button.

The idea, however, was not universally received. Men “scoffed at the holiday’s sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

Even after President Calvin Coolidge in 1924 urged acceptance by state governments to officially observe Father's Day, protest occurred and continued into the 1930s in an effort to eliminate not only Father's Day but also Mother's Day and replace both with a holiday entitled "Parents' Day" because the belief was that both parents should be honored together.

This movement was placed on the back burner during The Great Depression as struggling retail establishments pushed to commercialize products that appealed to men in order to be productive and increase their bottom line. It was not until 1972 that President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation creating Father's Day as a federal holiday. It is estimated that today Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on gifts for Dad.

Fatherhood has dramatically changed over the past 4 decades. Fathers today play a much different role in the lives of their children. In 2014, an estimated 211,000 fathers were stay-at-home dads. These married fathers with children younger than 15 remained out of the labor force for at least one year primarily so they could care for the family while their wives worked outside of the home. (*Source: America's Families and Living Arrangements*) Census data on May 13, 2015 indicates an estimated 1.9 million fathers remained home with the kids, accounting for 16 percent of the stay-at-home parent population. (*Source: Huff Post analysis of U.S. Census data.*) Despite the discrepancy, the good news is that "Fatherhood" has taken on a new identity and as a father I am grateful. There is no comparison to the fulfillment that comes with spending quality time and providing quality care for children by their fathers.

So fathers – it's time to clean out the sock drawer to make room for the new ones and conduct an inventory on your fishing lures that need replacement. Maybe, just maybe, someone other than you will grill your "T-bone" this year.



Deacon John Dugard

Plastic!



Do you remember the movie ***The Graduate***, with Dustin Hoffman? At a party he was given one word of advice: “Plastics.” The future is Plastic. Well, the future has arrived, with undesirable consequences. The planet is awash in discarded plastic, especially water bottles and flimsy plastic bags from convenient stores, grocery stores and drug stores – virtually all retail establishments.

Much plastic trash ends up in landfills, or is ultimately dumped into the ocean. Regardless where it ends up, it can eventually foul our water, and experts postulate that in a few decades plastic could displace *fish* in our oceans. Hard to believe? Perhaps. But look around your home – especially the kitchen and bathroom – and take note of all the plastic containers.

As responsible stewards of the Earth, all of us can and **MUST** do something about this. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Use re-usable sturdy plastic or cloth bags for retail purchases.** Keep and replace these bags in your car, or by your back door, or the garage door for easy access. Make a habit of having them available and conscientiously taking them in to the store with you.
- When you make a purchase with your own re-usable bag, make a habit at the check-out counter to speak how important it is to stop accepting the use of the flimsy plastic bags supplied “free” by the merchant. Be loud enough – pleasant but one step below being obnoxious -- so others in line get the message about this problem.
- Check with your local grocery store to see if they have, and then use, a specific plastic bag recycle container for the thin plastic bags that are unavoidable (newspaper wrappers, for example).

Dave Neff, Earth Care Green Team

CPNC Calling a Co-Pastor

<u>Completed</u>	<u>In process</u>		<u>To be done in the future</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate relationship with Presbytery of Western Reserve • Elect CPNC • Prepare Ministry Information Form (a description of what we are seeking in our Co-pastor) • Gain approval for MIF from Session • Post MIF on PCUSA matching service • Define interview process 	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Receive PIFs (Personal Information Forms) from Presbyterian matching service</p> <p>Receive PIFs from self-referral</p> <p>Receive PIFs from ads placed in various media</p> <p>Receive PIFs from people who have been recommended to CPNC</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p>Review PIFs with criteria and discern whether candidates should move forward</p> <p>Discernment</p> <p>Video interviews with consistent set of questions</p> <p>Discernment</p> <p>Face to face Interviews</p> </div> </div> <p>This is an ongoing stage wherein the CPNC is doing all of these at the same time: receiving PIFs, evaluating PIFs, and - with certain candidates - conducting video interviews and planning for face-to-face visits.</p> </div>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attain background and reference checks • Select nominee • Extend call • Negotiate terms • Report nominee to Session • Plan for a congregational meeting • Get approval from Presbytery for suitability of candidate and terms of call • Hold congregational meeting to vote on approving call

You may contact the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee at FHCCPNC@gmail.com.

News of Our Church Family

New Contact Information

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Carolyn Smith

6759 Mayfield Rd #704, Mayfield Hts. OH 44124

New members received on May 20

Kianna Eberle joined by profession of faith and received the sacrament of baptism

Deborah Erwin joined by Letter of Transfer from Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Hts.

Sandra Moran, joining by reaffirmation of faith

David Murray joined by reaffirmation of faith

Congratulations to these 2018 Forest Hill Graduates

Shannon Headen graduated from Notre Dame College and will attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Pittsburgh PA).

Peter W. Lafferty graduated from the The Breen School of Nursing of Ursuline College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Jack Lentz from Notre Dame College.

Grant Heineman graduates from Heights High on May 29 and will attend Berklee College of Music (Boston MA), majoring in Jazz Composition and Voice.

Laura Peterjohn graduates from Shaker Heights High School on June 5 and will attend Wooster College (Wooster, OH).

Ian Zych graduates from Hawken School on June 3, and will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design ("SCAD" in Atlanta GA) as a film major.

***Is there a graduate in your family whom you would like us to recognize?
Please let the church office know.***

Care Group

The Forest Hill Church Deacons will be responsible for assisting the pastors in meeting members' needs during June. Please contact the church office in case of illness, hospitalizations, births or deaths (or other family emergencies) in any FHC family.

The Forest Hill Church Deacons are:

Chris Bell	Mary Hosier
Wendy Brock	Ellen McChesney, Elder
Sally Davis	Robin Mervine
John Dugard	Jeanette Nemcek, Elder
Barb Hansen, Elder	Margie Ravas
Jason Hidek	Rob Reynolds

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Volunteer Hours in April

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 78 ½ hours in April. Thank you all! Special thanks to Peg Weissbrod and Ann Donkin and volunteers who put in extra hours when Lynda was away.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s – 80s): Dinner and Theater

June 16 is the date for our annual outing to Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's cottage in Madison and a show at Rabbit Run Theater. Come anytime after 2 pm; dinner will be about 5:30; the show ("Harvey") is at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Stauffers will provide beverages and meat; plan to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216-408-2514 or ghiandoni.c@gmail.com) by June 2 for reservations.

June 16, Madison OH, 2 – 9:30 pm

Hilltoppers (retired): Planning meeting

Hilltoppers will meet at Nancy Burcham's (301 Rosebury Ct, Mayfield Hts.) for a planning meeting on June 22 at 1 pm. RSVP by June 8 to Gretchen Reynolds (440-571-5560); let her know if you need a ride and she'll help arrange it.

June 22, Nancy Burcham's, 1 pm

Iris Circle (all women of the church): Planning meeting

Iris Circle will meet at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's (6362 Woodhawk Dr, Mayfield Hts, 44124) on Tuesday, June 19 at noon.

June 19, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's, 12:00 pm

Employment Opportunities

Montreat Conference Center in Asheville NC is looking for long-term and seasonal employees.



Go to montreat.org/employment for more information.

From the website:

The Montreat Conference Center is one of the largest conference centers affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The conference center is under the management of the Mountain Retreat Association, which formed in 1905 and is a church-related institute. For over 100 years, we have been a place set apart for those who journey here seeking a closer relationship with their Creator.

Announcements! Announcements!

The Summer Schedule begins June 3.
Worship will be held at 10 am.



TOWER deadlines: **7 am** on June 14
(for the July-August issue), August 16,
Sept. 13

September 9
The regular
schedule resumes
and the Fall Festival
will be held.

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

Emails for the staff are as follows:

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<i>Interim Coordinator of Family, Children and Youth Ministry</i>		
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Stavros Gazis	<i>Custodial</i>	office@fhcpresb.org
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Custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257

The Sanctuary Coordinators: sanctuary@fhcpresb.org

The CoPastor Nominating Committee: fhccpnc@gmail.com

Sundays in June

9:15 Child care begins
9:30 Continental Breakfast
 Summer Choir
10:00 WORSHIP
11:15 Coffee & conversation

June 3: Summer schedule begins 8:00 PRISM group 9:00 Nominating Committee	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 Mark 2:23 - 3:6
June 10 11:15 Program: Dr. Mark Joseph "Toward Racial Equity and Inclusion"	1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 Mark 3: 20-35
June 17: Juneteenth Celebration 11:15 Blood Pressure check Juneteenth celebration 12:00 Culture Camp set-up	1 Samuel 15: 34-16 Psalm 20 2 Cor. 5: 6-10, 14-17 Mark 4: 26-34
June 24 8:45 Adult Ed: Call to Covenant 9:00 Nominating Committee	1 Samuel 17: 32-49 Psalm 9: 9-20 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41

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You Are Before Me, Lord

(Psalm 139)



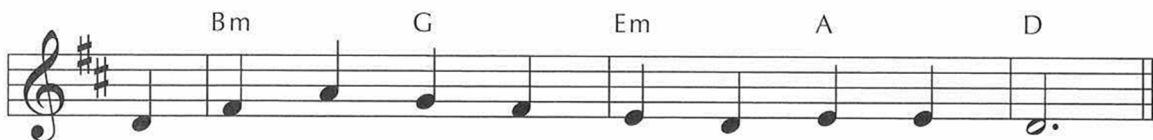
1 You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,
 2 Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;
 3 If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
 4 If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
 5 Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
 if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
 try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
 If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,
 your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
 and still are with me if in hell I lie.
 and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

The effectiveness of the paraphrase of Psalm 139 partly derives from its imitation of the characteristic repetitions that give emotional intensity to Hebrew poetry. Such patterns of repetitiveness can also be seen in the last three notes of each phrase of the tune.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted	6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 AI Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA	1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA meeting	5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	9:30 AI Anon	
					1 6:30 Church Growth Dinner Scout Strawberry Fest	2
3 See "Sundays in June"	4 7:30 Boy Scout Troop #403	5 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch 6:00 Adult Ed mtg 7:00 Friends of HOLA (at St Dominic's)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 Black History Education Comm	13 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	14 7 am TOWER deadline	15	16 9:00 Culture Camp set-up 2:00 The Group 6:00 HOLA Benefit
17 Juneteenth celebration	18	Culture Camp this week, 9:30 – 4				
		19 12:00 Iris Circle (at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's) Abundance Pantry CLOSED	20 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bulishevicks 7:00 TransFamily East	21	22 1:00 Hilltoppers (at Nancy Burcham's) 7:00 Culture Camp Fiesta	
24	25	26	27 7:00 Session meeting	28	29	30

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