

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

September 2018

**“See, I am doing a new thing!”
Isaiah 43:19**

This proclamation from the prophet Isaiah is the theme selected by the Session to shape the program year at Forest Hill Church.

When Isaiah shared these hopeful words almost 3,000 years ago, the Jews were in exile. The people were getting by, but it was hard to imagine that there would be a future to look forward to.



Today, we are hardly in exile as the Jews were, although there is a restlessness in the hearts of many, and a sense of unease as we consider the state of our world, our country, and our church. Do we have something to look forward to? Is God still moving among us?

Let me tell you with great confidence that YES, God is moving among us and has great things in store for us as a faith community on the corner of Monticello and Lee.

Be ready for a year of new things, even as we maintain beloved traditions at FHC!

Starting on **Sunday, September 9** we will begin our program year by adding a second Adult Education offering at 9:30 am. There will be an offering for those who want to dive into the gospel of Matthew (the Kerygma series) AND

a class for seekers who want to know what it means to be a “Progressive Christian.”

There is a new schedule for our children. After Descant Choir, children in grades 1-5 will head to their education program; they will then be in the worship service with their families.

We have a new Director of Family, Children and Youth Ministry, the Rev. David Wigger. Some of you have met him and seen him in action. He is an amazingly talented person with a deep faith and passion for his ministry. We are blessed to have him on the staff.

With the children in the worship service, the Worship Ministry and Family, Children and Youth ministry have collaborated to plan new ways to incorporate our children and youth into Sunday worship.

Keep your eyes open for other new things that will be popping up now and again. You will find surprises happening throughout the year – you won’t want to miss even one Sunday.

Even though Anne Wilson and I (the old-timers!!) will still be around, we have a lot of new things to try. Anne is full of surprises!

Sometime in the course of this program year the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee will have great news for us that will set us on a new path of discovery and faith.

Bring friends and spread the news. I am really looking forward to what God has in store for us. Keep your eyes and hearts open!

“See, I am doing a new thing!”

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

From the Director of Family, Youth and Children's Programs

I have spent the summer trying to familiarize myself with the program and trying to organize for the year. I am very excited about the number of volunteers who have expressed interest, but we always need more. If you have been considering whether or not to help out, please reach out and we can have a conversation.

See, I Am Doing a New Thing is our church theme this year, and is very appropriate for what the fall programming will look like. We will be experimenting with new formats and trying to get ready for a larger conversation about the program's future.

Children's Worship Class (~3-5 year-olds) and the **Nursery care** (infants/toddlers) will continue relatively the same way as before. Both will meet during the worship service.

The biggest change will be the timing of our **Pathways** program for Elementary (1st-5th grade) kids. Last spring parents voted on a time-change to *before* worship. So, for the fall, Pathways will meet from 10:10-10:55 am on Sunday mornings. Children will then worship with the congregation in the sanctuary. Later, we will have a families/volunteers meeting to decide on the future continuation of that time. Be on the lookout for information about that meeting, which will probably take place in December.

As part of that change, we have been discussing ways to involve the children and youth in the worship service more. This includes an activity time for kids during the sermon, which we started this summer. It also means asking our children and youth to lead worship in new ways.

The **Youth** program for Middle and Senior High (6th-12th grade) this year will focus on offering opportunities for *study, fellowship, worship, and service*. A youth Sunday School class will meet in the *Ruah* room on Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:55. We will start together, and then break into discussion groups along Middle/High school lines. Chances for fellowship and service will be offered after church on Sundays. We will continue with the House Church worship services started by Shannon.

We are also offering **family events** throughout the year. This fall/winter we have three events already lined up:

September 22: *Green Eggs and Ham* Mini-Opera

October 6: Blessing of the Animals

December 1: Christmas Cookie Carnival

To stay up to date on Children, Youth, and Family events at Forest Hill this year, subscribe to our calendar at: **bit.ly/ceCalendar**

I'm very excited to get to know the families, children, and youth more in the months ahead.

Rev. David Wigger

Time	Infants/ Toddlers ~Ages Birth-2	Young Children ~Ages 3-5	Elementary Children Grades 1-5	Mid/Senior High Youth Grades 6-12
9:30- 10:10	Child care begins (2 nd Floor CE Wing - Nursery)		Descant Choir (Sanctuary)	
10:10- 10:55	Child care is available through worship (Nursery)	Child care is available (Nursery)	Pathways Sunday School (Room TBD)	Youth Sunday School (<i>Ruah</i> room)
Worship 11:00- 12:00	Children are also welcome to worship in the sanctuary.	Children's Worship (Room 207)	Children/Youth worship in the sanctuary.	
12:00	Child care ends		Worship concludes	

Music Notes



Have you heard that singing in a choir lowers stress levels and leaves one with feelings of euphoria and contentment? With all that's going on in our world, perhaps it's time to consider joining a choir!

The 2018-2019 choir season is about to begin. Those who participated last year will receive an email, but here's the general information for persons who may be interested in finding out about the musical opportunities at Forest Hill Church:

Chancel Choir (adults; high school and college students warmly welcomed): 1st rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 6, beginning with a pot-luck supper and general frivolity at 6:40 in Fellowship Hall. Bring whatever dish you enjoy preparing (or purchasing) and we'll have a fine time getting caught up and electing new choir officers. The rehearsal takes place from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Our first choir Sunday is September 9 (rehearsal at 10:30 am – worship at 11:00 am).

Sine Nomine Choir (grades 6-12 plus college students): 1st rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept. 16 in the Chapel after worship. Generally we'll meet every other Sunday (with occasional exceptions) for 30-40 minutes. We'll elect officers at the first rehearsal (looks good on college apps 😊) and there will be a candy bribe 😊.

Descant Choir (grades 1-5): 1st rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. The choir practices every Sunday until 10:10, and then the children will have a snack and go to their Christian Education classes.

Voices in Bronze (high school students and adults): 1st rehearsal for our handbell ringers will be Thursday, Sept. 13 from 6:20-7:15 pm in the bell room. An understanding of rhythmic notation is required, but no previous experience in bell-ringing is necessary.

Forest Hill Steel Drum Band (all ages): This group plays for worship several times per year. Up to six people at a time can play and the rotation of players is flexible. Rehearsals are arranged at the convenience of the players and take place around three weeks before the performance.



The “Orcha-Band” will be back to play for worship on Sept. 2. If you’d like to play, let me know so I can send you the music.

I’m looking forward to our Kick-off and Fall Fellowship Sunday, September 9. Special jazz musicians will be joining us that Sunday – the music will be festive!

Please call or email me if you have any questions about the choirs or music program. I hope to see lots of new faces and fresh voices intermingled with the “regulars” in the choir families this September.

Let us all sing (or ring) a new song to the Lord---Soli Deo Gloria! (To God Be the Glory!)

Anne Wilson

Organist/Director of Music

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Sunday Schedule Beginning September 9

Note changes (in bold)

- 9:15 Childcare begins
9:30 Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:10 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
10:30 Chancel Choir (adults)
Continental Breakfast
11:00 Children's Worship Class
Worship (**Pathways children will sit with their families**)
12:15 Coffee and Conversation (Fall Festival on September 9)

Eagle Scout Project

Rowan Trammell, a sophomore at Cleveland Heights High School, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 403, is earning his Eagle Scout rank by collecting items and fundraising for Trials For Hope. Trials For Hope is a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless in Cleveland. Rowan is collecting the following items:

- bottled water
- baby wipes
- canned meat
- washcloths

Donations may be dropped off in the designated box in South Hall. Monetary donations are also much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Rowan at rowanseagleproject@gmail.com, or visit TrialsforHope.org

Yeah! Here
comes the
Rocket Car



**FOREST HILL CHURCH DEACONS
INVITE YOU TO
THE 2018 FALL FELLOWSHIP
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Come join in the fun and games,
great food and music,
something for everyone.**

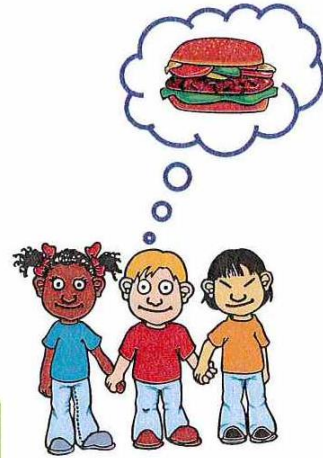
Menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers
grilled by "Master Griller" (*it's a secret*).
Coleslaw, baked beans, watermelon and ice
cream bars. Beverages and desserts.

Games: Corn hole toss, Horseshoes, Bubble
Wand and rides on the famous "Rocket Car."

Music: Nostalgic to Modern "Name the Song
and artist."



**I remember
that song
honey, we
used to
dance to it**



**One
medium-well
coming up**

What new things are planned?

Isaiah's call to "See, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19) is the inspiration for our new program year, beginning in September. Each week, a ministry will give a Minute for Mission during the worship service to celebrate its work and the mission of Forest Hill Church. Join us on September 9 to hear from the Deacons and stay to enjoy the Fall Festival. On subsequent Sundays, we will hear from the Ministries of Justice and Mission; Adult Spiritual Formation; Families, Children and Youth; Worship; Trustees; and Stewardship. See how we are using our time, talents, and treasures to further the vision of Forest Hill Church.

The Ministry of Stewardship

Fall 2018 Adult Education Offerings

Kerygma: The fall study of the Gospel of Matthew begins on September 9. There will be three classes (leaders Pat Jenkins and Laury Larson in the Library; Ron Register and Ahren Stock in Bodwell Hall; and Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff in the Chapel on September 9 and in South Hall thereafter). Pat Seeders will be registering and selling handbooks (\$24.00) in South Hall after worship.

Christianity 101: Dr. Lentz will lead a Christianity 101 class at 9:30 am, in the Jin Rm, beginning September 9. This class is for anyone who wants to “start at the very beginning” in their understanding of Christianity. You may come to one class, every class, or somewhere in between.

A Study of the Book of Revelation, from Ann and Peter Williams: We are interested learning about the Book of Revelation. Would you like to join us? We plan to co-lead a small group study of Revelation this fall, using the Kerygma study guide. We plan to meet every other week for 7 sessions, beginning Monday, September 10. We will set specific meeting times according to the best time for ALL those who plan to attend. Interested? Contact Ann (asw1217@gmail.com or 216-381-2744)

Small Plates: Small Plates is the shorter version of the year-long Faith Leader program. Through a number of small classes, participants get a taste of Faith Leader, especially its central questions of “Where is God in this?” “What are my gifts?” and “How might God be calling me?” Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements of several exciting classes that will be offered this fall under the direction of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes will include an art experience, Christianity 101, learnings from the Prism program on the Four Levels of Racism, and a meditation retreat in Advent.

PRISM

PRISM is self-described as “a racial equity learning laboratory.” For all of us who just completed the last PRISM cohort at the end of April, that one statement holds a lot to unpack! “Racial equity” means that we didn’t just talk about creating equal opportunities, or even focusing on how to make spaces more diverse; we talked about how racism exists on four levels: structural, institutional, interpersonal, and internalized, and how each exists and persists in our cultural circles. “Learning laboratory” meant that we had to show up with open hearts and curious minds, being willing to challenge our own assumptions and biases, and respect others’ experiences and truth.

As you can probably tell, PRISM isn’t easy! It was a 40-hr immersion experience over the course of three months. It was not a neat and tidy experience, but no growth opportunity is. We got to know each other and ourselves on a much deeper level. We experienced our own hurts and each other’s hurts. We had moments of tension, of renewal, of growth, of enlightenment, of anger, and of release. Many of us came away with one overriding question: What do we do now?

Forest Hill Church is a progressive, open and affirming community. Our church is going through big, important transformations! We have been providing sanctuary for a family since September 2017. We are in the midst of a Co-Pastor search with an express desire to call an African-American woman. However, as a predominantly white church, we struggle to grow as a racially diverse congregation and to confront the levels of racism embedded in our church’s culture.

PRISM is developing goals, strategies and an action plan in line with the mission statement of Forest Hill Church. PRISM is an opportunity to facilitate open and ongoing dialogue on multiple levels, i.e. individual, dyads, triads and groups. The settings can run the gamut from a relaxed date for coffee to an in-home potluck dinner.

Addressing institutional racism at Forest Hill Church recognizes our collective pain created by a collective injustice. This pain of racism affects and harms every single one of us: our relationships, our ability to talk to one another, our ability to work and create together, our ability to live and love together. Race

is a false construct but it is real in its pain. Because it lives inside us, touching every aspect of our lives every day, it can be difficult to recognize. Consider asking yourself: What part am I playing in this? How do I see others in the image of God? More specifically, when I walk into Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary how has the color of someone's skin impacted the choice of friendships I have or depth of conversation I engage in? What conversations am I afraid of, uncomfortable about, or shy away from when I engage with someone of another race? When a young African American is shot dead, do I feel afraid to talk about it?

For more information about PRISM, you may contact Leslie Clement, clemscomet@sbcglobal.net or 216-702-9444.

Angela Boland

Racial Equity: A Step on the Journey

I have had the chance to hear Mark Joseph talk about racial equity and inclusion several times. I'm a #fangirl, I'll admit it. Each time I hear Mark, my path becomes more clear. Not easier, but more clear. In June, my good friends Vicki and Carmella and my daughter Ellie and one of her friends joined us at FHC to hear Mark's talk. That's why I love Forest Hill so much: diverse... inclusive... welcoming. That is US!

Looking around the room that warm June afternoon, I felt some comfort in the path I don't always feel – having friends there, having family there, having our Forest Hill community there, listening, leaning in, asking hard questions, being a living church. It was a powerful time, and I walked away with a new commitment around two pieces toward which Mark pushed us.

First, being vigilant about my **micro-intentional actions** -- my eye-contact, my smiles, my “hellos.” Thank you, Mark, for this reminder that every day, I can make this choice and be a more active participant in striving for racial equity.

Second, **leaning into discomfort**. I love to be confident; no doubt, it can come across as bossiness (or worse!), so being uncomfortable is, well, extra-uncomfortable for me. But I've been getting myself into some "good trouble, necessary trouble" as John Lewis calls it. Asking harder questions, and letting there be more white space in the air, as I sit in the awkwardness and discomfort: Are we removing barriers? Are our perceptions accurate? Are we doing enough to combat our instincts toward "othering" those who don't have power or privilege? It is not an easy time to strive for racial equity, but Mark's words and tools continue to help me find a path, join hands with others, and keep moving forward.

Lisa Vahey

*Mark Joseph's talk is available on CD from the church office;
it is also posted on YouTube
(search for Dr. Mark Joseph Forest Hill youtube)*

Greater Cleveland Congregations Criminal Justice Update A Full House in North Collinwood Continues the Momentum!

Recently, at Greater New Canaan Ministries, a packed turnout of GCC member institutions heard County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley and Administrative and Presiding Judge John Russo provide updates on our shared reform agenda.

The Reverend Karell McDaniel, Life Recovery Ministries, and Donna Weinberger, Kol HaLev, GCC Strategy Team, led a discussion determining Mr. O'Malley's and Judge Russo's progress on five reform initiatives. Here are Rev. Mc Daniel and Ms. Weinberger's comments:

Violence Intervention/Gun Docket

Prosecutor O'Malley announced the beginning of a pilot program for the gun diversion program, which works with young adults 18-21 who are vulnerable to falling into more serious criminal activity. Judge Russo added that the Federal government has joined the Court and Prosecutor's Office in a grant application for expansion of the program.

Civil Rights Conviction Integrity Unit

Prosecutor O'Malley announced further staffing for the Conviction Integrity Unit, which reviews convicted offenders' claims of innocence. To date, ***four convictions have been overturned***, with another possible exoneration in process.

Drug Court

GCC pushed Judge Russo on his plans for expanding the drug court, which is at least 80% white, and not acceptable to GCC. Judge Russo said that drug courts cost approximately \$325,000 a year to set up and must be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. Both Judge Russo and Prosecutor O'Malley agreed to write to the County Executive about Drug Court funding as well as go to County Council to push for expansion of the eligibility pool to ensure that the drug court includes a more proportional balance of African American defendants. GCC would join them in these actions.

Second Chance Docket

This program is intended to provide more intense probation supervision for defendants charged with lower-level felony offenses who have a prior unexpurgable felony that prevents entry into diversion programs. Prosecutor O'Malley announced that two top officials within the County Prosecutor's office have been designated to work on the Second Chance Docket. Judge Russo also committed to expanding resources by October/November to get the program up and running.

First Appearance Docket

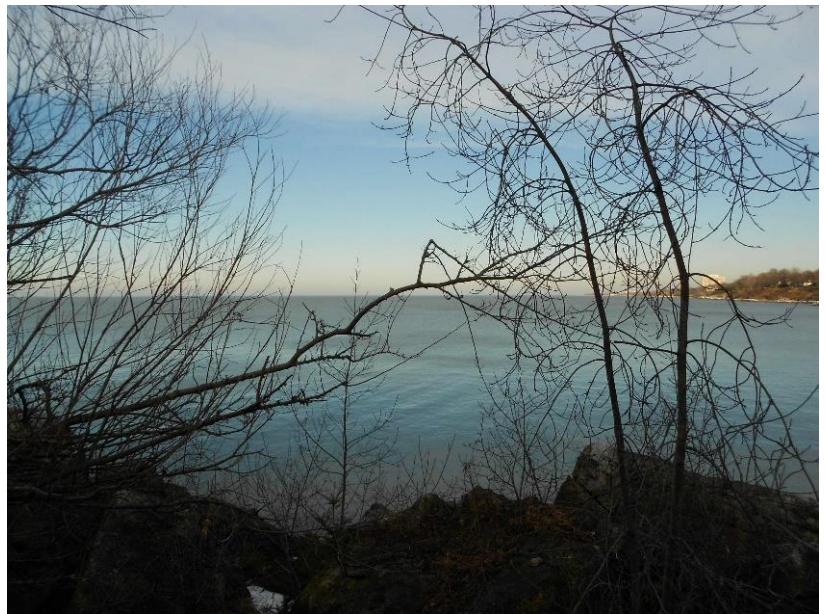
The First Appearance Docket gives prosecutors and defense attorneys time to negotiate charges and avoid grand jury, and admits offenders into diversionary programs as early as possible after arrest. Judge Russo committed to making the First Appearance Docket a reality by the end of the year.

As part of his closing remarks, Rabbi Rob Nosanchuk from the GCC Strategy Team said that while GCC is pleased with the progress being made and the relationship it has deepened with Prosecutor O'Malley and Judge Russo, GCC will continue its push to eliminate racial disparities in Cuyahoga County's criminal justice system.

Diana Woodbridge, member, FHC's GCC Core Team

From Margaret Brouwer, composer and FHC member

As some of you know, I believe the earth is a gift from God that we must care for and not abuse. As Rev. Dillenbeck said in his sermon on August 12, God wants us to lift our praise with whatever gift best fits us and allows us to express our love for God's goodness. Three years ago, I decided that since what I know how to do is compose, I would try to help Lake Erie in the only way I know how. I would compose an oratorio trying, through music, to extoll the beauty of the lake, but also dramatizing musically the pollution problems that threaten the lake. I would love to share the music with you and hope you might be interested in attending the environmental Oratorio, "Voice of the Lake," which will be performed at the Cleveland Institute of Music on Friday, October 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$20; comp tickets are available. Contact me if you are interested.



Margaret Brouwer
margaretbrouwer1@gmail.com

For more information about the oratorio, go to
<http://www.margaretbrouwer.com/voice-of-the-lake/>

Interested in Forest Hill Church?

An Exploring Membership class will meet before worship for two Sundays – September 30 and October 7. Share your story, meet the pastor, and explore how to get involved.

In our Exploring Membership classes, we:

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

Child care can be made available. Let us know if you need it! Register your attendance by calling the office (216-321-2660) or by email but if you decide to show up at the last minute - come anyway!

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

Peg Weissbrod and the Church Growth Committee



It's a Breeze....

Forest Hill Church is using a new church membership database called *Breeze*.

Breeze, which we began using about a year and a half ago, replaced our old ChurchMaster database. The pastors, program and administrative staff have been using it for about a year.

- Our financial administrator, Delilah Dervic, uses Breeze to record contributions and pledges and prepare giving statements.
- Our office administrator, Lynda Bernays, uses it to record contact information, relationships, and create mailing lists—for both email and USPS mail. Working with the Deacons, she keeps track of everyone's membership status. She also uses Breeze to record attendance at worship and other events.
- The Pastors use it as a directory, to check information about members, and record concerns.

We hope each Ministry will find a use for Breeze:

- The Stewardship Ministry has been using it for over a year to record pledges.
- Growth and Nominating can use it to follow up with visitors, track member participation and increase ministry involvement.
- Education and Spiritual Growth can record education classes, students, teachers and volunteers and who has received the annual child protection policy training.
- Deacons can manage the CARE groups, track which members have experience and an interest in care-giving, which members need care, and follow up on the care given.

Breeze is a cloud-based program, meaning it can be accessed from any device or computer that is connected to the Internet, with numerous levels of security to protect your data.

Over the next several months, we'll be sharing ways individual members can access Breeze and use it as an online Member Directory.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Peg Weissbrod (pegw@fhcpresb.org or 216-291-2586).

Take a Chance – Be an Unexpected Guest (or Host!)

My mother would have been mortified if I'd ever just shown up at someone's house unexpectedly for dinner. "That's not how you were raised" would have been her stern statement to me.

But back by popular demand, the Forest Hill Church congregation is encouraged to show up unexpectedly for a dinner out. Surprising conversations and consequences will ensue!

The Unexpected Guest Dinner Party **Saturday, October 27, 2018** **6:30 pm**

Join fellow congregants for dinner at someone's house. The trick is that you won't know where to go or with whom you'll dine until that morning.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to be a guest or a host. Guests simply show up and bring their beverage of choice. Hosts plan and present a meal for 8 to 10 people. No one knows their matching until that day!

Children are welcome this year as we'll have some dinner groups planned around families with children of similar ages. No need to get a babysitter – bring the whole family this year!



If you're interested in being a guest – or a host, as we need those too –contact me before October 15 for more details and to register.

Cindy Fink
finkcindy@gmail.com or 216-571-7060

News of Our Church Family

*The parents of
Cory Gifford and Gail Miller
would like to invite you
to the open church wedding of their children
at 1pm on September 29, 2018.
Cookies and lemonade will be served
immediately following the ceremony.*

Marriages

Maura Logan and Kevin Obermeyer were married in Columbus OH on August 10. Dr. Lentz officiated.

In Memoriam We Remember

Charles Stewart Smith, who died July 27, 2018.

New Contact Information

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University Hts, OH 44118

Seth Ungemach
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Willoughby OH 44094

Mark and Carol Wedell
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Willoughby OH 44094
440-571-5429

Usher News: Retirement looms!

On August 26 we celebrated Roger Heineman's 9 years as Head Usher (as well as many years before that as usher and team leader). THANK YOU, Roger, for all you have done to see that each and every Sunday runs smoothly. We hope you can now sit in the pew with Consuelo and enjoy the worship services.



Robyn Hales and Deborah Erwin will step into Roger's shoes as head ushers.

Care Group

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

Members of the Bethlehem CARE Group are:

Sally Davis, Deacon leader	Karen & Clyde Loughridge
Jon Adams & Pam Conover	Bethany & Joe Pinzone
Clarence & Elsie Boyd	Ron Register
Margaret Brouwer	Jean Reinhold
Chris & Rhonda Chapman	Baldwin Sawyer
Peter & Kathryn Eloff	Mollie & Dick Secor
Sharon Hansen	Doug & Lisa Vahey
Kemp Jaycox & Cindy Fink & family	Carolyn Vrtunski
Morag & Tom Keefe	Amy Wadsworth & David Wigger
	Beth & Tom Zych

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Volunteer Hours in June and July

The office volunteers and TOWER assembly team— Nancy Grube, Barb Hansen, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Pat Jenkins, and Betty Clark –worked a total of 142 hours in June and July. Thank you all! Special thanks to Peg Weissbrod and Ann Donkin who covered for Lynda when she was out of the office.

Iris Circle (all women of the church) and **Hilltoppers** (retired) – save the date for this outing!

Tour of Old Stone Church

We will take a tour of Old Stone Church (on Public Square in downtown Cleveland) on Tuesday, October 16, at 11:00 am. Details regarding transportation to the church and a restaurant for lunch following the tour will be in the Sunday Bulletins closer to the date. Any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Burcham (burcham@roadrunner.com or 440-446-0832).

Announcements! Announcements!

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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Rev. David Wigger		CE@fhcpresb.org
	<i>Family, Youth and Children's Ministries</i>	
Anne Wilson	<i>Music</i>	annew@fhcpresb.org

Custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257

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The CoPastor Nominating Committee: fhccpnc@gmail.com

The Long Range Planning team: LongRangePlanning@fhcpresb.org

Black Caucus: blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org

See, I am doing a new thing

There will be many new things at Forest Hill Church this year, including learning to live without Lynda Bernays. It is with great joy for her that Trustees announce Lynda's intention to retire by year end 2018. Although she cannot be replaced, Trustees have been working on staffing model plans and will be posting a position in early September. Please watch the Tower for further updates.

41ST ANNUAL HEIGHTS HERITAGE HOME & GARDEN TOUR

presented by:
HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONGRESS

Our Fair City

SUNDAY TOUR

September 16, 2018
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

TICKETS: \$20.00

After September 3rd
all tickets are \$25.00



Celebrating the
50th Anniversary
of the landmark
Fair Housing Act

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SATURDAY PREVIEW PARTY

September 15, 2018
Harcourt Manor
6:00 pm

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invitation to this
Gala Evening
call the
HCC Office at
216.321.6775



For information on group discounts or to order tickets on-line visit:

www.heightscongress.org

Tickets can also be purchased at any of the following Tour sponsor locations:

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and donations to HCC are fully tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Prayer Warriors

Did you know that "The Prayer Warriors," a group of dedicated church members, have been offering intercessory prayers with sincerity and love for a number of years? Rob Reynolds has agreed to coordinate the team upon my departure. Here's how it works: you can send prayer requests to the office or to Rob (rdtaylor@gmail.com) and your request



will be shared with the team. Your need will be treated with utmost confidentiality, love and respect. Team members currently include Pat Jenkins, Sandy Ladebue, Nancy Burcham, Rob Reynolds, and Grace Uhle. Team members will not follow up with you, but will invite you to follow up with them at any time because we want you to have ownership of the information of whatever is happening in your life.

Working with the "Prayer Warriors" has been one of the highlights of my time at Forest Hill Church. I have truly seen love in action in their timely and compassionate responses to prayer requests! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Rob. And let's all keep praying without ceasing!

Faithfully, fondly, and very gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois".

Lois Annich

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Sundays in September (begins Sept. 9)


9:15 Childcare begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Descant Choir
 10:10 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
 10:30 Chancel Choir (adults)
 Continental breakfast
 11:00 Children's Worship Class
 Worship (Pathways children will sit with their families)
 12:15 Coffee and Conversation (Fall Festival on Sept. 9)

September 2 (last day of the summer schedule) 9:30 Childcare begins Continental breakfast 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee and Conversation Youth and families invited to Ruah Rm	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9 Regular schedule begins 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:15 Fall Festival	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2: 1-10, 14-17 Mark 7: 24-37
September 16 12:15 Blood Pressure check Sine Nomine Choir 4:00 Jung Education Center program	Proverbs 1: 20-33 Psalm 19 James 3: 1-2 Mark 8: 27-38
September 23	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37
September 30 9:00 Exploring membership class 12:15 Sine Nomine Choir Black Caucus meeting	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 Psalm 124 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted 2 See "Sundays in September"	3 6:00 Progress not Perfection AA 7:00 AI Anon 7:30 Borton Group AA Boy Scout Twp #403	4 1:00 Abundance Partry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	5 7:30 am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA meeting	6 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 Voices in Bronze (not Sept 6) 7:30 Chancel Choir	7 9:30 AI Anon	8 1
9 Regular schedule begins 	10 7:00 Adult Ed – Book of Revelation – at home of Ann and Peter Williams	11 12:00 Abundance Partry Lunch 7:00 HOLLA mtg at St Dominic's	12 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	13 7:00 am TOWER deadline 7:30 FH Swim Club	14	15
16	17	18	19 10:00 TOWER collators 12:00 Bullshevicks 7:00 TransFamily East	20	21 1:00 Hiltoppers	22 5:00 Family event: "Green Eggs and Ham," an opera
23	24 5:00 PWR meeting at North Church	25	26 7:00 Session meeting	27 7:15 Black History Team mtg	28 5:00 Wedding rehearsal	29 1:00 Wedding of Gail Miller and Cory Gifford. The congregation is invited.
30	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4	5 6:00 Jung workshop	6 10:00 Jung workshop 5:00 Blessing of the Animals

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Come and see!