

John C. Lentz, Pastor

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



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The Tower

November 2018

Dear All,

I am still basking in the joy and energy of two Sundays ago when Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines preached and the congregation voted to accept her as Co-Pastor by the count of 188-3. Rev. Goines has shared the news with her present congregation. Now you are welcome to celebrate and begin to spread our good news with your friends and on your social media.

I remember clearly - after I was elected to be your pastor - receiving cards and letters of congratulations and encouragement between the date of the congregational meeting and my start date of March 1, 1994.

The Deacons are planning to set up a special table in Fellowship Hall after worship so that you can write a card or a letter. Of course you can write to Rev. Goines directly from your home. Here is her home address:



Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines
25 Terrace Drive
Marin City, CA 94965

Early in the new year after Rev. Goines arrives, we will organize house groups so that she can get to know the members of Forest Hill Church more personally. If you wish to host one, please let the office know.

God bless you all!

Rev. John Lentz, Co-Pastor

Veronica's September 30 sermon may be heard at

<https://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/2018/09/not-one-of-us-mark-9-38-50/>

Music Notes



November starts with the ending of **Daylight Saving Time** on **November 4**, so I hope the congregation and choirs will enjoy the extra hour of sleep! That's also All Saints Sunday when we remember, with the chiming of a bell, all those who have passed away during the previous year.

Congratulations to **new Sine Nomine Choir officers**: President Noel Ullom and Co-Vice Presidents Linnea Koops and Cassie Webster (a new member whom we welcome to the choir this year).

Please mark your calendars for a special Compline service on Sunday evening, November 11 at 7:00 pm. Compline is an ancient monastic sung service, the last religious observance (office) of the day. The entire 30-minute service is sung, mostly unaccompanied, and the sanctuary will be illumined by candles. The cantors (Pastor Lentz and Jack Lentz) and choir will sing from the congregational pews, allowing the congregation to sit in the choir pews, transepts or front of the church. It's particularly peaceful to be in church at night, in the darkened sanctuary. The choir of Plymouth Church, Shaker Hts. (Jim Riggs, director) will be joining us for this service.



The Descant Choir will sing the charming **Scottish Penny Song** on **November 18**, and the children will be collecting pennies to donate to Abundance Food Pantry. Kindly start saving up your pennies in preparation for throwing them gleefully into the children's baskets!

Anyone wishing to sing with the Chancel Choir for Advent and Christmas should begin attending rehearsals on Thursday, November 15. All are welcome!

Soli Deo Gloria~~

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CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY MINISTRIES

November Theme: Ruth, Immigration, and the Lineage to Christ

In November, across age groups we will be studying the book of Ruth, her immigration story, and the lineage from Ruth to Jesus.

Pathways

The class will be taking an in-depth look at the book of Ruth. We will be trying a new curriculum from the United Methodist Church: Deep Blue Kids, in which the children learn in a rotational setting that allows them to encounter the chosen theme in a different manner each week.

Youth Education

The youth will be examining the book of Ruth through the lens of modern immigration issues. For Youth Group, we will have two main events: House Church hosted by the Koops family on the evening of November 4; and a trip to a Mosque and fellowship with a Muslim youth group on November 18.

Youth Group Events

Sun, Nov 4: House Church @ the Koops', 5-7:30 pm

Sun, Nov 11: Sine Nomine Choir

Sun, Nov 18: Mosque Trip and Fellowship with Muslim Youth, 3-5 pm

Sun, Nov 25: Sine Nomine Choir

Sun, Dec 2: House Church @ the Burleighs', 5-7:30 pm

Family Events

Matinee Movie at FHC: Pixar's **Coco**

Saturday, November 3 from 3-5pm

This is a very informal event for anyone who wishes to join us. We will have snacks (popcorn, chips, pop) and watch the Pixar movie **Coco**.

Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. (from imdb.com)

Ages 0-104 are invited.

Save the Date: Christmas Cookie Carnival: Saturday, Dec. 1, 5-8pm

Christina Hidek has graciously agreed to host a Christmas Cookie Decorating party at the church on Saturday, December 1. We will have more details as we get closer to the event but mark your calendars now. Thank you, Christina!

Christian Ed Google Calendar

To stay up-to-date check out the CE Calendar: bit.ly/ceCalendar

Rev. David Wigger



See, I Am Doing a New Thing

2019 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Campaign for 2019 – “SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING” – officially concludes on Recommitment Sunday, October 28. Thank you to everyone who submitted a pledge/gift during the campaign. If you have not yet done so, it is not too late! Please drop your commitment card into the offering plate or send it to the church to the attention of Delilah Dervic, Financial Administrator. If you have questions, call the church office (216-321-2660).

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Forest Hill Church. Every pledge is important.

The Ministry of Stewardship

Elders Melanie Alban, Leslie Pendleton,
Mark Gerteis
Elected Leaders David Burleigh,
Bill Ladebue, Peter Williams



Deacon's Desk

Christ-Like **A**ttention **R**eaching everyone
with **E**mpathy

As I near the end of my 3 year term as Deacon of the **Jordan CARE Group** and reflect back over the years, my jaws ache because I cannot stop smiling from ear to ear. The experience has been the single most greatest spiritual experience thus far at FHC. I have been asked by my fellow Deacons to share a little of my experience. Keep in mind, your experience may not mirror mine.

The relationships that I developed as a Deacon working with the other Deacons and sharing ideas directed for creating relationships within each of the CARE Groups assigned to them was exhilarating and will be forever cherished.

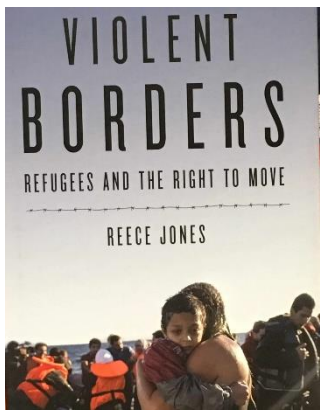
If there is one thing I could wish for anyone reading this who might be considering this unique ministry it would be that you do not hesitate. There are so many wonderful ministries and opportunities available at FHC but what makes the ministry of Deacon unique is that we are blessed with the opportunity of assisting our Pastors in the care of you....the congregation. We are here for you and we are assisted by those in our CARE Groups during the one month per year that each CARE Group is called into service. However, it's the other 11 months of the year where great things can occur. When I became a 1st year Deacon, I had no idea what to expect. I only knew that I was drawn to the decision after observing the dedication of other Deacons and experiencing the value of serving in a CARE Group. What I discovered was that I was welcomed and encouraged by the 2nd and 3rd year Deacons and amazed at how organized they were. Yet there was something that concerned me and I felt compelled to address that concern. Some church members did not know what CARE Group they were in when I asked them, especially newer members and regular attendees of FHC. I had some ideas of how to remedy this, and when I discussed my ideas with the seasoned Deacons I was encouraged to implement them. I wanted everyone in the Jordan CARE Group to know what CARE Group they were in and who their Deacon was. This goal blossomed into wanting everyone in FHC to know what CARE Group they were in and who the current Deacon of that CARE Group was. My fellow Deacons agreed on the importance of this, and together we have moved the congregation in that direction.

What truly surprised me was how this one small goal would mushroom into an unimaginable blessing for me. Over these "gone too soon" 3 years, I have been able to develop treasured relationships with many members of the **Jordan CARE Group**. I have witnessed the growth of our Jordan youngsters as they excelled in ballet, hockey, music and academics, even fall in love and been able to attend some of their events to cheer them on. Jordan has had gatherings like our Taco Party and Game Night, dining out together, and sharing in the joys and concerns of our families. However for me, the flagship of Jordan has been our **Jordan Newsletter** which has allowed even members who are not as active as others, to share in the lives of our members. Through this newsletter that arrives via email, every member of Jordan has had the privilege of following the development

of Jordan's children; celebrate the professional career accomplishments of other members, witness specific gifts and talents of other members and most importantly get to know each other better. Jordan even has a mascot named Peppercorn (a Jersey Wolly rabbit.)

As the 3rd year Deacons end their term of service, I am so excited to see what the incoming Deacons will bring to the ministry. We welcome young fresh ideas and, in fact, desire them. It might not be a newsletter. What ideas will you bring?

Deacon John Dugard



Join the Immigration Book Club

The Immigration Justice Book Club is open to everyone who genuinely and empathetically wants to learn more about immigration. The club seeks to bring people together from across the immigrant rights community and will therefore meet in different places in Northeast Ohio. The first meeting is at FHC on **November 20 at 7 pm**,

reading Reece Jones' *Violent Borders*.

Prof. John Flores, immigration historian in the Social Justice Institute, CWRU will open our gathering with some brief remarks. He will then answer several questions about the reading before transitioning us to a broader discussion with all of the attendees.

We encourage you to join us at our book club even if you do not complete the book before our first meeting.

If you have a question that you would like Professor Flores to answer, please send your question to the Forest Hill Church office. Flores will answer a few of these questions on November 20th, and then he will try to answer all remaining questions on his website.

A limited number of books are available for purchase at FHC. The books are available through retail stores, on-line sites, or libraries.

Some Earth Care Good News



We've all felt the sting of anti-global warming sentiment, and the disdain for many government administrative decisions that go against protection of the environment. Fortunately, many NGO's have taken up the battle, especially in the courts, and have stifled much execution of these anti-environmental policies. (A non-governmental organization, **NGO**, is any non-profit, voluntary citizens' group organized on a local, national or international level). Here is some additional good news to report:

God's creatures in the animal world now have an even greater champion in the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). In March of this year, the Director of Trafficking at WWF took the initiative and with Google hosted an event with the world's largest e-commerce, social media, and technology companies to make a game-changing announcement: Twenty-one companies with operations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America have joined together to launch the Global Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online. In addition to poaching, online offerings and sales of animals, birds, and parts—endangered and otherwise---have become rampant. A staff of specialists and volunteers has been established to scour the Internet and find offers of illegal wildlife trafficked items such as endangered species, body parts, skins, claws, fur, meat, medicine, skulls, and beaks. Such listings will be removed from the internet sites, when identified, and local wildlife authorities will be alerted to the greatest extent possible to track down the sources. In many instances, trafficking in wildlife funds other criminal activities.

In the US, firms such as Google, E-bay, Etsy, Facebook, and Microsoft, plus Chinese e-commerce giants such as Alibaba, Baidu, and Tencent are among the organizations participating in this program. The goal is to reduce on-line trafficking by 80% by 2020.

May God bless this endeavor to become a reality in caring for God's creatures who can't speak for themselves.

Dave Neff, Earth Care Green Team

Vigils at the ICE offices:

Stand With Us! Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Thursdays at 4 pm

We invite people of faith and conscience to take part in a weekly interfaith prayer vigil to be held outside of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office, 925 Keynote Circle, Brooklyn Heights. Our goal is to unite and amplify many faith voices calling for compassion and justice to guide the actions of ICE and to bear witness to ICE-imposed injustices and human rights violations taking place in our communities. We welcome non-partisan



signage that lifts up values of justice, peace, compassion and hospitality to the immigrant. You can help us to stand up with and for our immigrant neighbors with your “ministry of presence.” If you are able, please come to this prayer vigil led by rotating faith leadership every Thursday from 4 to 4:45 pm.

The Rev. Lisa O’Rear, rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Mentor, leads a prayer outside a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Brooklyn Heights on October 11, 2018.

(photo by Eric Heisig/Cleveland.com)

Posted on Cleveland.com on October 11:

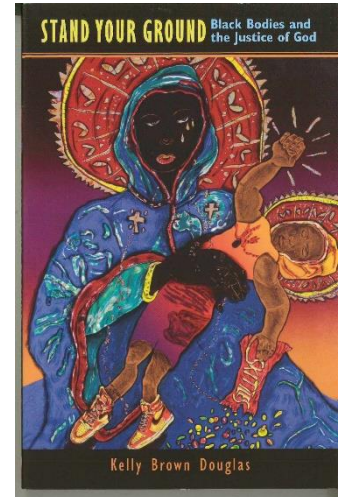
https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/10/prayer_vigil_outside_brooklyn.html

Book Study in November

The Black History Education Team will offer a four-week book study of Kelly Brown Douglas' 2015 book ***Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God***.

From Amazon.com's webpage for the book:

In this timely and compelling book, Kelly Brown Douglas examines the myths and narratives underlying a "stand-your-ground" culture, taking seriously the social as well as the theological questions raised by events from Ferguson, Missouri to Staten Island, New York.



But the author also brings another significant interpretative lens to this text: that of a mother. She writes:

"There has been no story in the news that has troubled me more than that of Trayvon Martin's slaying. President Obama said that if he had a son his son would look like Trayvon. I do have a son and he does look like Trayvon."

Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas is Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral and Director of the Religion Program at Goucher College, Baltimore, MD.

A native of Dayton, OH, Dr. Douglas was ordained in 1985 at Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church – the first black woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest in the Southern Ohio Diocese, and one of only five nationwide at the time. *Essence* magazine counts her "among this country's most distinguished religious thinkers, teachers, ministers, and counselors."

The study group will meet Monday evenings from 7-8 pm during November. You may sign up on line using the link provided in the weekly email. Please obtain a copy of the book. You are welcome to attend one or all of the study sessions. For more information, please contact Peter Williams (216-789-9247 or pwilliams3495@gmail.com) or Cheryl Anderson ([216-407-9103](tel:216-407-9103) or churl345@yahoo.com).

News of Our Church Family

Marriages

Cory Gifford and Gail Miller were married on September 29, 2018. Dr. Lentz officiated.

New Contact Information

Barb Cloud
Crystal Towers, 16000 Terrace Rd.
East Cleveland OH 44112

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

Members of the Jericho CARE Group are:

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

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Volunteer Hours in September

The office volunteers and TOWER assembly team– Nancy Grube, Ellen McChesney, Jane and Chuck Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Anne Smith, Elspeth Peterjohn, Pat Jenkins, Dean Sieck, Veronica Chapman, Betty Clark and Marilyn Wilk – worked a total of 67 hours in September. Thank you all!

Dear Forest Hill Church,

I would like to thank everyone for helping me to complete my Eagle Scout project. Without your support I would not have been as successful in raising money and supplies for Trials For Hope. Overall, the donations amounted to \$1,500, along with 54 packages of babywipes, over 100 cans of meat, 91 washclothes, and 25 cases of bottled water. Jonathan Gray, director of Trials For Hope, was very appreciative and grateful for all of your support. Thank you to everyone at Forest Hill Church who helped me make a difference in the lives of the homeless in Cleveland.

Thank you,
Rowan Trammell

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s – 80s): Mary Poppins and dinner

The Group will attend the Sunday, November 4 Cleveland Heights High School's musical production of "Mary Poppins," held at the High School at 4 pm. Purchase tickets online at www.clevelandheightschoirs.com: go to "musicals" and then to the drop down menu to "purchase tickets." You may also call 1-866-967-3106. If you want sit together, try for tickets at front center rows K-M. Tickets are \$12 in that section. Tickets at \$8 are also available. Following the show, we will be dining at Boss Dog Brewing Company on Lee Road. RSVP to bobpatj@aol.com if you want to attend dinner.

November 4, Heights High, 4 pm

Hilltoppers (retired): Mary Poppins and dinner

Hilltoppers will also attend the November 4 performance of Mary Poppins, followed by dinner at Tree Country on Coventry. Please contact Lucy Conde (216-382-5177) for tickets and reservations.

November 4, Heights High, 4 pm

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

We will meet to make Christmas ornaments for the FHC Holiday Angel tree for Boulevard School. All supplies will be provided; we just need helping hands. We will also put together CARE packages for FHC's college freshmen to help them through their first round of finals. Bag lunches will be available from Don Ghiandoni. The cost is \$8, with a choice of turkey or roast beef sandwiches. Order your lunch by contacting Cathy Ghiandoni (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or (216) 691-1905) by Friday, Nov. 9.

November 13, Bodwell Hall, 11 am

A note from the office...

Many of you have asked me what I plan to do after I retire. The subtext of this is often “why are you leaving?” There are many answers that are NOT why I'm leaving – NOT because I'm tired of being employed, or because of ill health, or because my husband is retired (he has another year and a half to go), or because I don't want to be part of Forest Hill Church anymore. There are a number of things I'd like more time to do, but the main one is this: I want more time with my grandchildren. My son and his family live in Portland OR (which is, according to Google Maps, 2488 miles away) and they have a 2½ year old (whom many of you have admired on my computer) and a new baby coming in early February. My daughter and her husband, who live in Madison WI, don't have children yet. Our family generations are long, and I want time with these children (and their parents) while I can.

So if anyone is responsible for my retirement and departure, it is this little charmer.

Lynda Bernays



Announcements! Announcements!

The Fair Trade – Local Vendors Bazaar is December 2	Advent begins December 2
TOWER deadlines: 7 am on Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 17 2019	The office will be closed Nov. 22-23

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>Interim Coordinator of Family, Youth and Children's Ministries</i>		
Anne Wilson	<i>Music</i>	annew@fhcpresb.org

Custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257

Additional email addresses:

The Sanctuary Coordinators: sanctuary@fhcpresb.org
 The CoPastor Nominating Committee: fhccpnc@gmail.com
 The Long Range Planning team:
LongRangePlanning@fhcpresb.org
 Black Caucus: blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org

Sundays in November

9:15 Child care begins
9:30 Adult education
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Donut Time
10:10 Youth education (gr. 6-12)
 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
 Children's Worship class (preK, K)
12:15 Coffee & conversation
2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus (Nov. 4, 11)

<p> <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> November 4: All Saints, observed 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:30 Exploring Membership class PRISM meeting 4:00 Hilltoppers & the Group to <i>Mary Poppins</i> and dinner Reconnecting with Creation class Youth: House Church </p>	<p> Ruth 1: 1-8 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 1-14 Mark 12: 28-34 </p>
<p> November 11 10:30 Cherub Choir 12:00 Sine Nomine Choir 3:00 Youth to Mosque 7:00 Service of Compline </p>	<p> Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44 </p>
<p> November 18 11:00 Worship: Baptism 12:15 Blood Pressure check 4:00 Messiah performance </p>	<p> 1 Samuel 1: 4-20 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Hebrews 10: 11-14 Mark 13: 1-8 </p>
<p> November 25: Reign of Christ 12:00 Sine Nomine choir </p>	<p> 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37 </p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted	6:00 AA: Progress not Perfection Black History Book Study 7:00 AI Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30 AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Trp #403	1:00 Abundance Pantry 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class	7:30am Bible & Bagels 12:30 AA: Wednesday Women's Group	4:00 ICE vigils 5:00 Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 Voices in Bronze 7:30 Chancel Choir	9:30am AI Anon: Hand in Hand	
NOVEMBER				1	2	3
4	5	5: ELECTION DAY 12:00 Abundance Pantry Lunch 7:00 Fr. Of HOLA (at St Dominic's) 7:15 Black History Team mtg	7 7:00 Jung Education Ctr program	8 5:30 Small Plates: Photography	9	10 9:00 am PRISM 3:00 pm Movie: Coco
Daylight Saving Time Ends See "Sundays in November"						
11	12	13 11:00 Iris Circle	14 1:00 Hilltop Garden Club 7:00 Ministries worship 7:15 Ministries meet	15 7:00am TOWER deadline	16	17 8:00 Men's Group 9:00 PRISM 10:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus rehearsal
18	19	20 5:00 Borton Group anniversary dinner	21 10:00am TOWER collators	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
		7:00 Immigration Justice Book Club	12:00 Bullshevicks 7:00 TransFamily East	OFFICE CLOSED		
25	26	27	28 7:00 Session meeting	29 7:15 Black History Team mtg	30	DECEMBER 1 5:00 Christmas Cookie Carnival
	5:00 PWR meeting					