

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*October 13, 2019 at 11:00 am*  
*Welcoming of New Members*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.  
Please sign in and join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

*Centering Words*

“God is the source of all my joy, and fills me with His love. The grace that I employ, He sends down from above.”  
--The late Rev. Isaiah Jones

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Eugene Bozza

“Aria”

Jon O'Brien—alto saxophone

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship (Excerpt from Psalm 66):**

Veronica Chapman

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing glory to God and praise the Lord!

**Come and see what God has done: how awesome the deeds among mortals.**

Bless the Lord, O peoples, let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

**Truly God has listened; God has smiled on us and hears our prayers.**

Let us worship God!

**\* Opening Hymn No. 749**

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

**Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns. Yet, we often neglect the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget God’s blessings, and thus fail to bless others. Restore us to covenant faithfulness, in Christ’s name we pray. Hear us now in silence. . .**

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

Francisco Nuñez (Dominican Republic)

Señor, Ten Piedad

Sine Nomine Choir

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word  
Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Welcoming of the new members

\*Hymn No. 152 (AAHH)

“God Has Smiled On Me”

During the hymn, children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon.

God has smiled on me, he has set me free.  
God has smiled on me, he's been good to me.  
1 God is the source of all my joy, and fills me with his love;  
2 A light un-to my path is he, my strength when I would fall;  
the grace that I em-ploy, he sends down from a - bove.  
he guides each day for me, God is my all in all.

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Scripture Passages

Numbers 6:22-27 (page 109); Luke 6:20-26 (page 838)

Veronica Chapman

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica C. Goines

“God Has Smiled On Me”

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory

Paul Halley

“Agnus Dei”

Jon O'Brien—soprano saxophone

Translation: Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and grant us peace.

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

\* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

\* Closing Hymn No. 701

“Sanctuary”

The image shows the musical score for Hymn No. 701, "Sanctuary". It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you." The score is divided into three systems. The first system starts with a measure rest of 3 measures. The second system starts with a measure rest of 6 measures. The third system ends with a double bar line.

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in F Minor”



We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. **Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!** Be sure to visit our website, [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org), for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers:

- Leslie and Lia Clement in loving memory of Michael C. Clement.
- Jon Newton in memory of his son Jeffrey Robert Newton, his father John A. “Pa” Newton, and his mother Nora L. Newton.
- Laurie Logan in honor of her mother’s birthday (October 12).

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to request prayers for a personal concern, please use one of the slips of paper in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the requests during the middle hymn and pastors will include them in the congregational prayer.

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** Cheryl Anderson, Mark Davidson, the family of Peter Van Dijk, David Dorer, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Barb Cloud, Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

**Care Group: The Jericho Care Group** will assist our pastors in meeting members’ needs during **October**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Sue McCauley**.  
**Thank you** to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today’s usher team.

**Thank You to all office volunteers** (Kathy Hanna- Stauffer, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat Jenkins, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith). You are appreciated!

**The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 10/17/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**To stay up to date on family programming**, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ceNewsletter).

**Please start saving your egg cartons again!** Place all donated egg cartons in the pantry shopping cart.

**Stewardship 2020-Good things are happening at Forest Hill Church!** “God Has Smiled on Me”-the theme for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign reflects how we are continually reminded of what a blessing it is to experience the “new things” God has led Forest Hill Church to do. Forest Hill Church is called to be the Body of Christ as described in the Book of Order. We are steadfast and active participants in building the Beloved Community. We appreciate you for your contributions to the mission and ministry of Forest Hill Church. Whether you are renewing/increasing your financial gift or if this is your first pledge, remember all pledges are important in building the Beloved Community. We hope you will prayerfully consider making a pledge during the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. It is the giving of time, talents, and treasures from all our members that empowers our church to be the Body of Christ. This year, FHC “Swag” will be awarded to the first member to submit their pledge and, to 3 people with “Golden Leaves” on their pledge cards. Pledge cards with Gold Leaves must be submitted to claim the Swag.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Today we welcome guest saxophonist, Jon O'Brien.** He is a senior (majoring in music education) at Case Western Reserve University.

**The Sine Nomine Choir** will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

**2020 Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off and Mission Fair.** Visit the Stewardship Ministry’s table to hear more about Stewardship, pick up/ turn in pledge cards, take advantage of another chance to win FHC Swag or just say hi.

**Justice and Mission Ministry** invites you to a 'speed dating' style event called: Passport to Partnership (in Fellowship Hall immediately following service). Congregation members and visitors have the opportunity to find out all of the amazing ways they can get involved with the incredible and fulfilling work Forest Hill Mission partners are participating in. As a participant, the more partners you engage with, the more stickers you earn. Each sticker represents a raffle ticket for a drawing that we will hold at the end of the speed dating event. The winner will get a \$25 gift certificate to a local black-owned restaurant! \*\*Light refreshments will be served.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are: **Jer. 31:27-34, Psalm 119:197-104, Luke 18:1-8 and 2 Tim.3:14-4:5.**

**Women of Forest Hill Church and Iris Circle-Tuesday October 15 at 1:00 pm in Bodwell Hall-**We will be viewing the movie "Knife Skills", the 2018 academy award nominee for Best Documentary Short Subject that tells the story about the founding of EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute. It has rave reviews and it will give your insight into the restaurant program founded by Brandon Chrostowski. There will be a Q and A after the movie with a representative from EDWINS. We will serve dessert and coffee too. All are welcome.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall through November: “Job And The Life Of Faith.”** This is the last week to receive the resource book. If you would like more information or if you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please contact Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com).

**Adult Education with Pastor Lentz 9:30 am in the Chapel:** "Saving Jesus," a video series listening to scholars talk about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century.

**Formerly known as Sew and Knit-“Fiber and Fellowship”** -Our first meeting was a wonderful success with 4 knitters and 3 quilters attending. We had a stitchin’ good time! Next meeting is **October 12 at 9 am**. Please contact Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com) for more details.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES OCTOBER 26 AT 7 PM! The October Pacesetters** event is a movie night at the home of Mark & Carol Wedell (5645 Hartshire Dr, Willoughby) also hosted by Leslie Clement. Bring a snack to share. Some beverages will be available, but if you have a favorite, bring it along. Visitors and those new to the church are particularly encouraged to come. **Questions? Contact Leslie at 216-702-9444 or clemscomet@sbcglobal.net or Carol at 216-470-0152 or carolwedell@gmail.com.**

**Stewardship 2020-October 27: Recommitment Sunday and Celebration Lunch.** Turn in your pledge cards during service then meet us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and to celebrate the generosity of the FHC family. There will be fun Stewardship activities and the FHC “swag” winners will be announced.

**Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women on Saturday, November 2** at The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue. Jane Granzier of FrontLine Service and Rev. Robin Craig will be the featured speakers for our “Lives at Risk” program to help us understand and deal with the increasing number of suicides in our country. Cost is \$10 – make check out to PW-PWR and send to Suzan Plautz, 7295 Connie Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. If you need more information, please contact Gladys Kershaw at 440-238-2363.

**Exploring the racial equity buddy concept!** Please join us on **November 10** at 12:30 pm in Bodwell Hall. Dr. Mark Joseph will lead the workshop that will focus on exploring and encourage the expansion of formations of racial equity throughout the church. Want to help? We need table facilitators, who will help lead a brief reflective conversation at the start of our session. If you are interested in assisting, join us **November 3** after church for a brief training (we'll share conversation prompts and handouts!).

## ***Welcome New Members of Forest Hill Church!***

- **Ben (Benjamin) Breisch** is the son of Jack and Mary Ann Breisch and is joining Forest Hill after attending and participating for several years.
- **Ed (Edward) Dickerson** is a native Clevelander. He retired from a long career with the US Postal Service, and now spends his time golfing, reading, and watching independent films. Since his wife passed he has been cared for by his family, daughter Dr. Karen Jackson, granddaughters Kim and Kathy, and great-grandsons Tre and Eddie.
- **Dara Elliott** is from Savannah, GA where she attended Butler Presbyterian Church. She moved to Cleveland in 1992 and attended Church of the Covenant where her mother, the Rev. Jonyrma R. Singleton, was Associate Pastor. Dara worked with infants and toddlers, youth, and did missionary work at Covenant. She is the mother of James, Nicholas and Immanuel. Dara currently works as a Teacher Assistant at the Urban Community School, and looks forward to becoming part of this beautiful community.
- **Marina Grant** grew up on the east side of Cleveland and has lived in Rochester NY and Newport News VA, and returned to Cleveland in 1982. She has four children and fourteen grandchildren. Marina is the financial officer at E. F. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home and hopes to retire in December. She loves to read fiction, listen to contemporary jazz, classical music, and “old-school” rock, and hopes to get back to playing golf next summer.
- **Jeremy and Viktor Hexe** live in Lakewood, where Viktor is an Independent Home Health Aid. We are pleased to have Viktor and Jeremy as part of our church family.

- **Nicole Lawrence** was born and raised in New York and moved to Cleveland after attending Oberlin College. She received her MBA from CWRU's Weatherhead School of Management. She has worked with youth for over 18 years: first as Dir. of Programs and Alumni Services for E-City, and now as Dir. of Community Engagement and Partnership for University School. Nicole loves animals, being outdoors and spending time with her family. She also enjoys scrapbooking, dancing and traveling. Nicole is excited to officially join our church family.
- **Kitty (Kathryn) McWilliams** has lived in Cleveland since 1972. She was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, became a Methodist for nearly 30 years, and is looking forward to being a Presbyterian once again. For the last two years she has lived right down the street from Forest Hill Church. Kitty retired from the environmental field and dance presentation. She lives with her partner Ed; her three grown children live out of town. She was struck by the warmth and caring ways of Forest Hill; she is seeking a spiritual home that emphasizes both inclusion and social justice. Kitty is looking forward to becoming involved and getting to know Forest Hill members. She feels right at home with the preaching and music here!
- **Zelma Sharp** has been a regular visitor at Forest Hill for many months. She lives in Cleveland Heights and is an Account Executive/Insurance Underwriter for AmTrust Financial.
- **Judy (Judith) Sockman** lives in University Heights, is happily retired and enjoys spending time hiking and snowshoeing in the Cleveland and Geauga County Metroparks, and reading both for pleasure and as part of two study groups (one of which brings women of the three Abrahamic faith traditions together). Her two children and their families live in the area and she is able to cheer for her four "grands" at their sports and other events. She is a new Presbyterian and is looking forward to continuing her faith journey at Forest Hill Church.
- **Susan Way** is a retired Shaw High School math teacher. She lives in Cleveland Heights and is transferring from University Circle United Methodist Church.
- **Gloria Webb** is transferring her membership from Antioch Baptist Church and is "beyond excited" to join Forest Hill Church.
- **Claudia and Ron Zimmerman** moved to South Euclid from Holmes County to be close to family. They have three biological daughters, three foster daughters, and seven grandchildren. Claudia is a former English and French teacher who returned to graduate school to become a librarian; she enjoys reading, sewing, knitting, and quilting. She joins Forest Hill Church by letter of transfer from Church of the Saviour UMC. Ron grew up in eastern Ohio and lived in Holmes County for over 40 years. He taught social studies and coached cross country and track at West Holmes High School. In Forest Hill Church he has found a community that thinks, acts, and tries to be like Jesus.

### InterReligious Task Force

On December 2, 1980 four US women paid with their lives for their decision to stay in solidarity with poor, marginalized victims of violence in El Salvador. Since 1981, the InterReligious Task Force (IRTF) has been promoting peace and justice in Central America by engaging Ohioans in education and action. **On Sunday, November 3, 2019**, IRTF will commemorate the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sacrifice of these Cleveland missionaries at its annual Human Rights Banquet, being held at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights, 4-8 pm. The guest speaker from Bogotá, Columbia, is Natalia Garcia Cortés of War Resisters International. Tables of 8 are being formed for Forest Hill Church congregants and their friends. The price of admission is \$35 in advance or \$31 each for 8 or more. **Please contact Jeff Smith (jeffsmith2756@gmail.com, 216-932-2932) by October 31** if you would like to attend this important event. Let Jeff know how many tickets you want and if any of the meals should be vegan or vegetarian. Schedule: 4:00 pm: Social hour, live music, raffle, silent auction, fair trade sales  
5:30 pm: Speaker program, preceded by interfaith prayer service  
6:45 pm: Dinner (vegetarian and vegan options available)



## MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND MISSION GRANTEES 2019

**Abundance Food Pantry:** Volunteers distribute groceries to an average of 180 households each week. By working with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the FHC- based pantry provides a food safety net for those in need in a variety of neighborhoods. Once each month, FHC volunteers also prepare a hot meal and serve as table hosts for the pantry guests. J&M funds help purchase food from the Food Bank. There are many volunteer opportunities. Please contact Paul Jennings (Jennings\_paul@att.net) for more information.

**Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS)** works to raise funds to support a Haitian asylum seeker in our community. The J&M grant will be used for the education costs of his children.

**Boulevard School** in Cleveland Heights and FHC have had a partnership since 2003. Over the years, our church has supported the school by providing school supplies, winter coats, used books, holiday gifts, and volunteering in many ways. The needs change every year. This year there are needs for children and young adult clothing for the new clothing closet, volunteers to help with a monthly fresh produce school market, and support for the Holiday Angel program. J&M helped fund the Faiths Alive program which provides funds to help with the gap needs of students.

**Camp Lilac**, co-founded by Ann Williams is a camp for youth who are transgender. This year we have supported them through the endowment fund and community grants for two administrative assistants, and for the creation of staff handbooks and training curriculum.

**Dougbe River School** is a not-for-profit Presbyterian school in Liberia which aims to help its 240 students to find pathways out of global poverty through education and self-development. J&M funds are directed to a beekeeping program.

**Family Promise of Greater Cleveland** provides temporary housing and supportive services to homeless families so they can achieve long term stability. Our funding this year went to provide food and baby formula. These funds will not only meet an urgent food need but will also enable the families to focus on other needs such as securing permanent housing.

**Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)** is a non-partisan coalition of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County working together to build power for social justice. J&M funds pays Forest Hill's membership dues which help run the organization.

**Home Repair Resource Center** strives to empower residents with the knowledge and skills they need to maintain their homes for sustainable & diverse communities. The J&M grant will provide operating support to identify, acquire, and rehab houses in the Noble neighborhood of Cleveland Heights.

**International Partners in Mission** works across borders of culture, faith, and economic circumstance with children, women, and youth, to create partnerships that build justice, peace, and hope. Our funding provided support for "Connecting People to the World," a process to bring 20-25 people together to create social cohesion through shared experiences, discovering common ground.

**Labre Ministry** serves meals at the East Cleveland Our Family Home Center every other week. J&M funds provides the rent for the center. The food is cooked and served by FHC volunteers. More help is always welcome.



**Metanoia** is a seasonal overnight hospitality center serving the shelter-resistant homeless population. That is based at St. Malachi’s Church. Our funding provided the cost of operating the shelter for one night during the winter, which operates in a low-income area on the Westside.

**PRISM** is a 40-hour racial equity learning lab designed to help Forest Hill members and friends better understand how racism manifests within self and society.

**Restore Cleveland Hope** tells the stories of the courageous Freedom Seekers who came to Cleveland on the Underground Railroad and their black and white allies already here. RCH is justly credited with saving the Cozad-Bates House from demolition and its eventual partnership with and management by University Circle Incorporated. The J&M grant is for a short-term staff person to organize records for more efficient operation and fundraising.

**Transformative Stories** is a project of the “Coalition To Stop The Inhumanity” at the Cuyahoga County Jail, which aims to bring artists and activists together to find new ways to help formerly incarcerated people tell their stories of trauma, healing and hope.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program provides free tax preparation to lessen the tax burden on low to moderate income individuals. The J&M grant provided funds for additional office equipment to serve Cleveland Heights and South Euclid residents, including our guests at Abundance Pantry

**Y-Haven** offers healing and hope by providing temporary housing and drug and alcohol treatment to adults in Cuyahoga County who are most in need. Formed in 1993 by the YMCA of Greater Cleveland, Y-Haven has helped thousands recover from addiction, secure permanent housing, and re-build their lives. J&M’s community grant and an allocation from Endowment will enhance a community room where residents may enjoy and support each other.

**Yoga for Kids** is a pilot program aimed at using yoga and meditation as an alternative for punitive disciplinary action for young children who have experienced multiple traumas. This program is being designed and implemented by Virginia Weiss.

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**Rev. David Wigger, Interim Dir. of Family, Youth & Children’s Ministries**  
**Tara Beverly, Youth Leader**  
**Anne Wilson, Director of Music**

For many years, Forest Hill has offered the Faith Leader program. Participants in this program meet once a week for about seven months to develop spiritual practices that help them grow closer to God and discern God’s call in their lives. During the off years when Faith Leader is not offered, Forest Hill has started offering Small Plates. Each of these experiences focuses on just one spiritual practice and is relatively short in duration. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Forest Hill will offer the following Small Plates experiences to nurture and stretch our spiritual growth:

Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care

What memory do you have about bread? Come share stories, faith and recipes as we bake bread together! This small plate offering will meet for five consecutive Saturday mornings starting **October 26 and ending November 23. We will meet from 10:00 am until noon in the church kitchen.** We’ll bake bread from different cultures, and even try our hand at making bread for our own Forest Hill communion service. Cost is \$5 per class. Registration will be for each class individually, and is limited to eight people per class. This class will be led by Deanne Lentz, Chris Henry and special guests! Registration information will be available soon. “I knead bread to experience God” - Deanne Lentz

Yoga for People of Color

While yoga originated in ancient India, its popularity among white people in the United States has made it so people of color do not always feel safe or welcome in yoga studios and classes. In the development of this small plate, God’s call for Forest Hill to provide a safe place to those who have been wronged has grown louder. People of color are invited to join a yoga class lead by Dawn Rivers of Daybreak Yoga. The cost is \$12 per each of five sessions which will be **November 16, 23, 30, 14, and 21.** Specific times for the sessions will be available soon. Spread the word! This small plate is intended for any person of color, whether they attend Forest Hill Church or not. For more information, contact Marcie Denton at [marciedenton70@gmail.com](mailto:marciedenton70@gmail.com).

“White Fragility” Book Discussion Group:

Come explore the book "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin DiAngelo. This small group will read together and uncover the issues that make racism such a challenging topic for white people to deeply engage. Through study and conversation, become more aware of the barriers that prevent each of us from becoming active allies in the work of racial justice and reconciliation. **Beginning on October 20, we will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons from 5 - 6. The class will conclude on November 24.** COST: \$15 will cover the cost of the text and supporting materials. Email Todd Webster with any questions [toddwebster1967@gmail.com](mailto:toddwebster1967@gmail.com).

Forest Hill is a community, and we are here to help each other out. If the cost for any of these Small Plates could be a barrier to your participation, please contact one of the organizers.

**A memorial service (celebration) for Nan will be held at Forest Hill Church Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am. There will be a lunch reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.**

I (David) set up an email address (nan.dorer27@gmail.com) so that people can RSVP for lunch after the service. You can also send in a written reflection about my Mom, either in the body of the email or as an attachment. I will gather these into a booklet that I will distribute at lunch. I will also email (or regular mail) the booklet out to people who were unable to attend. So people should send an email regardless. The service that my mom wrote says "NO TESTIMONIALS." That would be her! The booklet will be in keeping with her wishes by letting people "speak" through their contribution to the "memories" booklet without talking during the service. If some would prefer mailing me a paper copy of a writing, my address is:

David Dorer  
26 Beals St  
Brookline MA 02446.

I really enjoyed reading the memories that people had of Judy, my sister. Thanks again!

Blessings,  
Dave Dorer

Staff Emails

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| <p><b>Sunday, October 13:</b></p> <p>9:15 am    Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am    Adult Education</p> <p>              Youth Education</p> <p>              Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p>              Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p>              Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>              Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>              Justice and Mission Fair</p> <p>              New Member Reception</p> <p>2:00 pm    Messiah Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm    Civil Rights Pilgrimage</p> <p>7:00 pm    Promises on Sunday</p> <p><b>Monday, October 14:</b></p> <p>6:00 pm    AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm    Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p>              OA Big Book Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm    AA: Borton Group</p> <p><b>Tuesday October 15:</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>              Registration</p> <p>1:00 pm    Iris Circle</p> <p>5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>              Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>6:30 pm    Adult Ed Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 16:</b></p> <p>7:30 am    Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm    Staff Meeting</p> <p>              Hilltop Garden Club</p> <p>12:30 pm    Wednesday Women's Group</p> <p>7:00 pm    Speak Life Bible Study</p> <p>              TransFamily East Meeting</p> <p>              Jung Workshop</p> | <p><b>Thursday, October 17: TOWER deadline</b></p> <p>11:00 am Pantry Lunch Group</p> <p>1:30 pm    English Country Dance</p> <p>5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>6:20 pm    Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:30 pm    Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, October 18:</b></p> <p>10:00 am    Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 19:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 20:</b></p> <p>9:15 am    Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am    Adult Education</p> <p>              Youth Education</p> <p>              Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p>              Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p>              Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>              Youth Apple Picking trip</p> <p>2:00 pm    Messiah Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm    Small Plates Discussion</p> <p>7:00 pm    Promises on Sunday</p> |
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**BELOVED COMMUNITY** manifests and protects agape love as guiding principle and expresses in the following ways:

1. Offers radical hospitality to everyone, an inclusive family rather than exclusive club.
2. Recognizes and honors the image of God in every human being.
3. Exhibits personal authenticity, true respect, and validation of others.
4. Recognizes and affirms, not eradicates, differences.
5. Listens emotionally (with the heart); fosters empathy and compassion for others.
6. Tolerates ambiguity; realizes that sometimes a clear-cut answer is not readily available.
7. Builds increasing levels of trust and works to avoid fear of difference and others.
8. Acknowledges limitations, lack of knowledge or understanding, and seeks to learn.
9. Acknowledges conflict or pain in order to work on difficult issues.
10. Speaks truth in love, always considering ways to be compassionate with one another.
11. Avoids physical aggression and verbal abuse.
12. Resolves conflicts peacefully, without violence, recognizing that peacefully doesn't always mean comfortably for everybody.
13. Releases resentment and bitterness through self-purification (avoiding internal violence through spiritual, physical, and psychological care).
14. Focuses energy on removing evil forces (unjust systems), not destroying persons.
15. Persists unyieldingly and unwaveringly committed to justice.
16. Achieves friendship and understanding through negotiation, compromise, or consensus, considering each circumstance to discern which will be most helpful.
17. Righteously opposes and takes direct action against poverty, hunger, and homelessness.
18. Advocates thoroughgoing, extensive neighborhood revitalization without displacement (this also applies to the Church, working toward responsible and equitable growth, discipleship, and worship).
19. Blends faith and action to generate a commitment to defeating injustice (not forgetting that injustice can also be found *within* the Church).
20. Encourages and embraces artistic expressions of faith from diverse perspectives.
21. Fosters dynamic and active spirituality; recognizes that we serve a dynamic God who is not left behind by a changing world or people, and that a passive approach will not work.
22. Gathers together regularly for table fellowship and meets the needs of everyone in the community.
23. Relies on scripture reading, prayer, and corporate worship for inner strength.
24. Promotes human rights and works to create a non-racist society.
25. Shares power and acknowledges the inescapable network of mutuality among the human family.



## ***Exciting News for Greater Cleveland Congregations!***

Keisha Krumm, an IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) Organizer for more than 17 years will become GCC's new Lead Organizer on **November 1**. We can't wait! John Lentz and I were privileged to be part of the interview/selection process, and I know I speak for both of us in saying how thrilled we are that Keisha said an enthusiastic *Yes!* to GCC's invitation. To play on Dr. Seuss, "Oh the places you will go," GCC. Keisha is a strong and proven leader and community-builder; she has committed her life to seeking justice where injustice reigns and to empowering others – individuals and congregations – to be part of this important work.



Keisha has a master's degree from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Christian Community Development. She and her husband Stuart have a daughter, Olivia. Keisha comes to us from our sister IAF organization, Common Ground Milwaukee, where she has been Lead Organizer for the past 8½ years. Prior to that she was an IAF Organizer in Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma.

I had the opportunity to represent GCC at Keisha's farewell party. About 80 leaders gathered from multiple congregations, Black, White and Latino – and impressively, they seemed to all know each other. The program was chock full of memories and appreciations that characterized Keisha as a caring friend, a devoted mother and a leader passionate about injustice, full of the cold anger that stands firm in the face of power. Though I didn't think it possible, I came home even more excited about the gifts Keisha will bring to Cleveland and the work we will do together as GCC.

*-Diana Woodbridge*