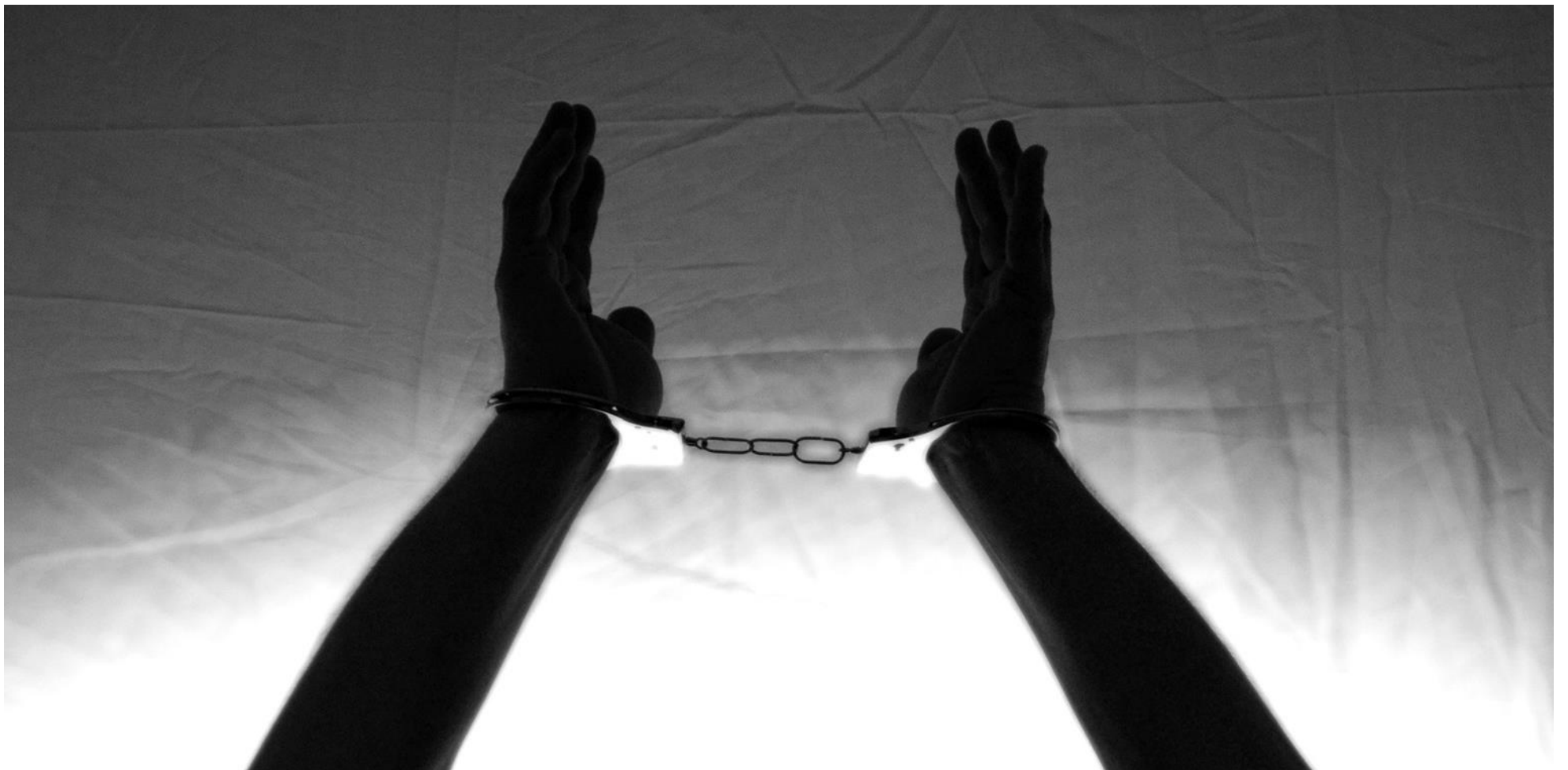
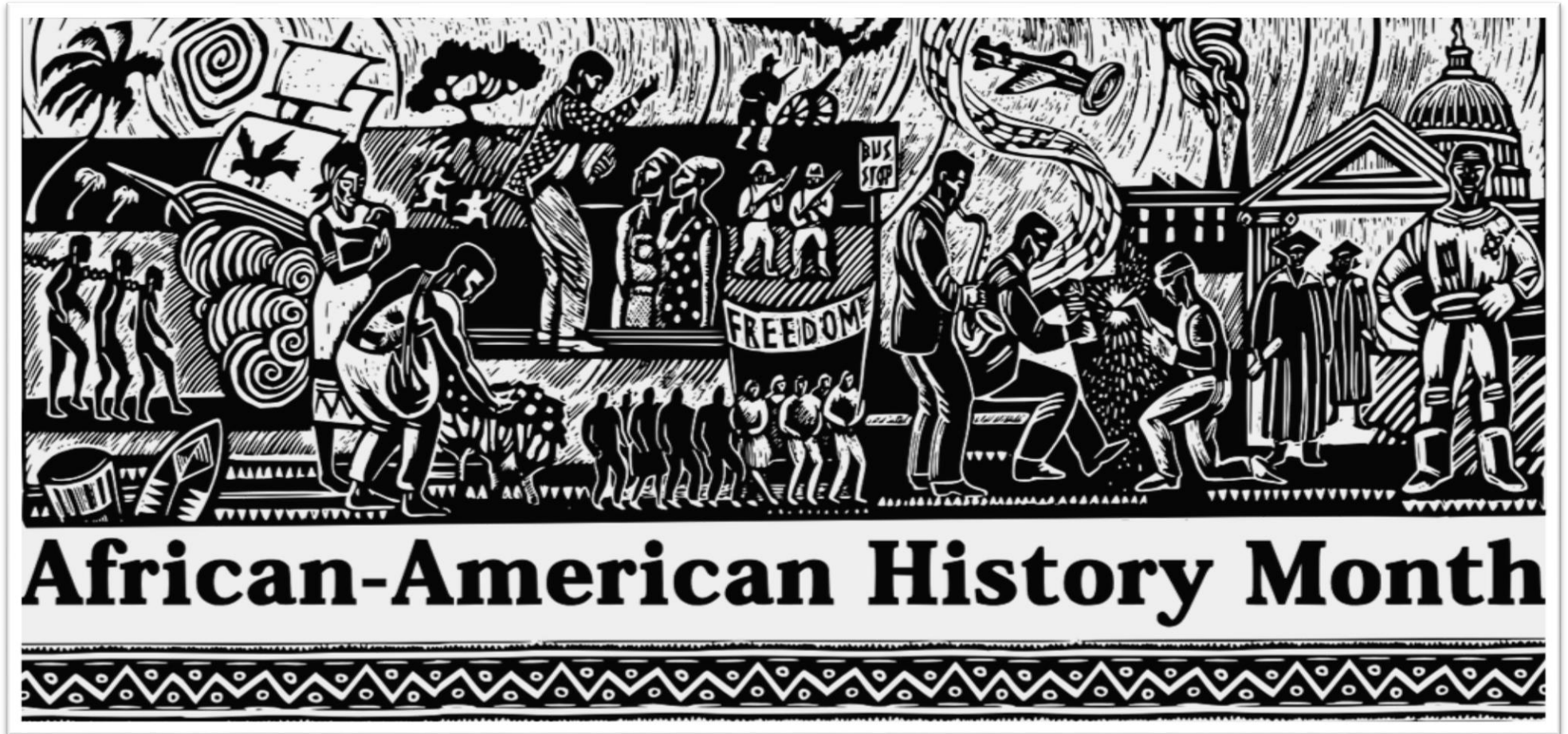


*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
February 2, 2020 at 11:00 am*

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:

*“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.
It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can
have.*

Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within.

-James Baldwin-

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Welcome

Honoring of the Ancestors

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

Choral Introit

Nigerian song

“Wa wa wa Emimimo”
(Come, O Holy Spirit, Come)

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship:

Dara Elliott

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**Shall we come before God with burnt offerings? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams
and ten thousand rivers of oil?**

And what does the Lord require of us?

But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Come one and all! Let us worship our living, loving, just and kind God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession:

We confess, Holy One, that in our human foolishness, we often seek to appear wise. In our attempt to cover up our insecurities, we act as if we have it all together and blame others. It is hard to tell the truth, to admit to our need, and our shortcomings. We forget to come to you and seek forgiveness. We forget to turn to our neighbor and say “I’m sorry.” We are stuck. Help!

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Bill Carter

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

Gloria

Taizé

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

Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Passages

1 Corinthians 1:18-30 (page 926)

Dara Elliot

After the readings

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“With Our Backs to the Wall”

Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory

African American spiritual, arr. Sam Batt Owens

“Walk in Jerusalem”

***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**

Eucharist

Invitation/Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

Leon Roberts

Prayers of the People /The 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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Ghanaian folk melody

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Prayer after Communion

We have shared the kingdom feast of love. We have been fed with the food of heaven. At one with God our Creator who loves us as we are; at one with Christ our Redeemer, who calls us blessed and sends us forth; at one with the Holy Spirit who guides our lives in the way of peace; we will go out in truth, we will go out in wisdom, we will go out in love: to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly before God and one another. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

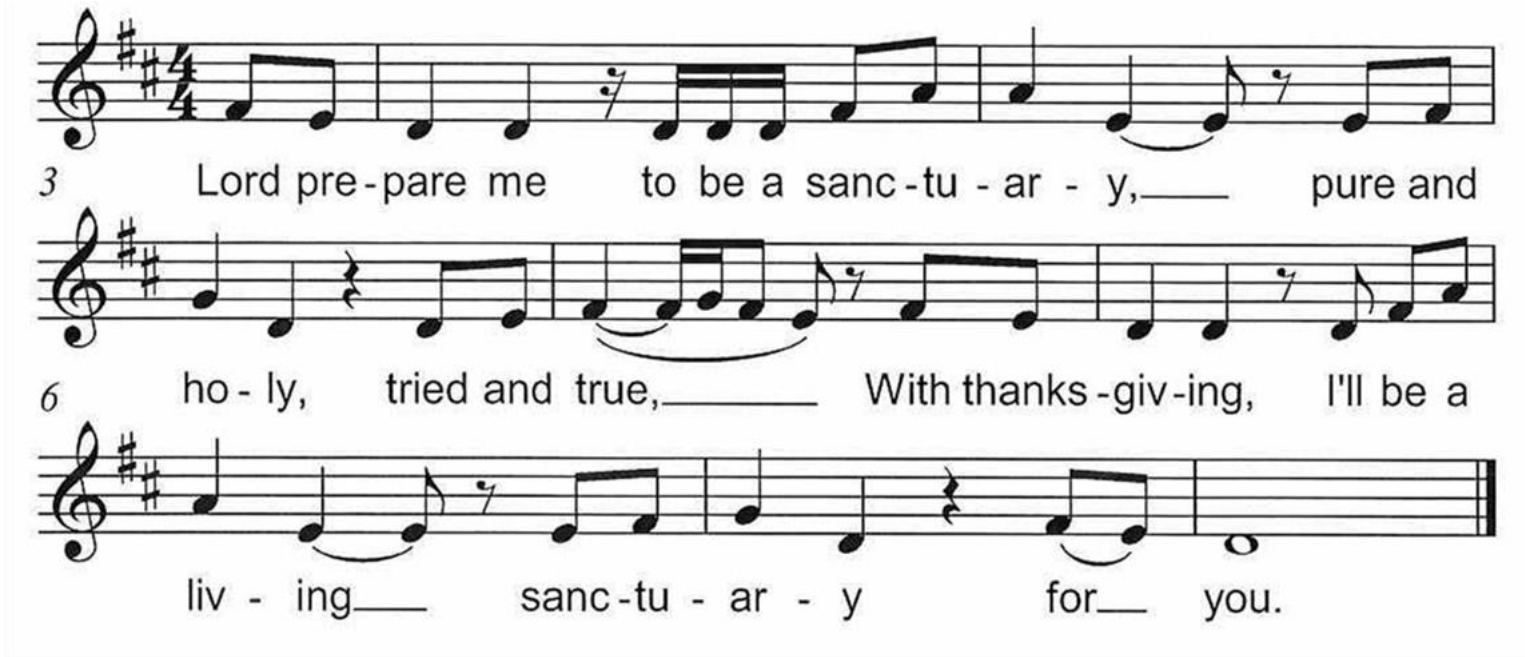
Closing Hymn No. 384

“Soon and Very Soon”

***Commission and Blessing**

*Choral Benediction No. 701

“Sanctuary”



3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv-ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

G. F. Handel

“Concerto in F”

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Welcome Visitors!

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, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers:

This morning’s arrangements have been anonymously donated in honor of the “Beloved Community.”

Prayer Requests:

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 for inclusion in the congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Doris Brandt, Breisch family, Kathy Carr, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, the Loughridge family, Derrick Matthews (custodian), Bill Proudfit, Ron Register and Kathy Hanna-Stauffer.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: 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 Eden Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members’ needs during **February**. 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, Deanne Lentz**.

Thank you, Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales (**head ushers**), along with the rest of today’s usher team; **all office volunteers:** Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith; **and the sound board team:** David Bell, Bader Boland and Steve Marunowski.

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **2/13/19 at 8:00 am**. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Coming Up

TODAY

The Immigration Task Force is seeking volunteers to assist with welcoming our guests from Burkina Faso. Current volunteer needs include: overnight volunteers (male only), daytime hospitality volunteers, and meal drop-off. Future needs may include English tutoring and transportation. **Please email the Immigration Task Force at ITF@fhcpresb.org** if you are interested in becoming involved. Thank you for your support!

Today, the Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship.

The Forest Hill Church Safety Core Team is reviewing and our Safety Protocols. If you are a Forest Hill Church member with a background in the fields of medicine, emergency management, insurance, security, law enforcement or communications, we encourage you to become involved with this process. If you would like to volunteer your expertise toward developing action plans to prepare the Beloved Community to respond swiftly in case of emergencies. **Please contact Sandy Moran at 216.990.1046**. Watch for future announcements of member presentations, open comment and training events in the weekly bulletin and TOWER publications.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Isa. 58: 1-12; Ps. 112: 1-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; and Matt. 5:13-20**.

NEXT WEEK

The Adult Education classes will continue their study of 1st Samuel. Join 9:30 am in South Hall and Bodwell Hall. Everyone is welcome!

The Adult Education class with Pastor Lentz, titled “Questions of Faith,” will continue in the chapel at 9:30 am.

Please join our knitting, sewing and crocheting group, "Fiber and Fellowship." Next meetings are: **February 8 at 9 am (in the Jin Room) and February 11 at 10 am (in the Faith Leader Room)**. Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

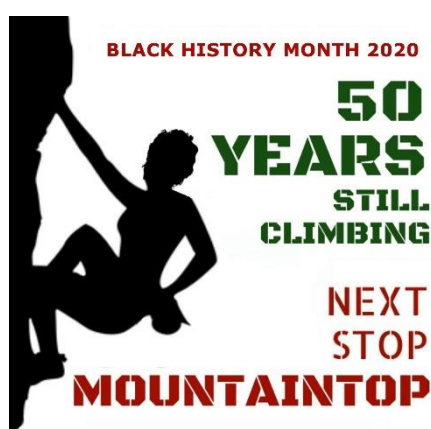
Group/Hilltoppers and anyone who wants to party.

We will have a Super Bowl party at the home of Kathryn and Peter Eloff, 1243 Oakridge Dr., CH on **Sunday, February 2, 2020**, starting at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy chili provided by our hosts during the half time. Bring an appetizer, dessert or your favorite beverage. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni at 216 691-1905 or Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com so we know how many chairs to set up for our TV viewing. It’s always a fun time along with a little side betting. Bring your quarters!

"BE COUNTED FOR WHAT COUNTS - GCC Public Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 7 PM, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Ave, Cleveland. WE NEED YOU to be part of Forest Hill's commitment to bring 101 people to support GCC's action to secure one or more off-site, pre-booking Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Centers in Cuyahoga County, so police will have an alternative to jail for persons suffering such a crisis. Greater Cleveland Congregations has been pushing for the creation of these centers for the past two years because we know they work; they will save lives and public money – and they will reduce the overcrowding in our County jail that unduly burdens people of color. If you have not already let us know, sign-up and commit to attend on Feb. 27. Carpools will be organized. **We will have signups in Fellowship Hall on Sundays following worship or signup by email to Diana Woodbridge (diana@ninthrung.com) or Scott Lafferty (swlaff@sbcglobal.net)."**

"Reconnecting with God's Creation" is back for a third year! The course is one of several "small plates" offerings by the Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes consist of readings, mixed media presentations, small group discussion, adoption of a place for nature observation, and field trips. Environmental justice and climate change will be emphasized. You will draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to serve God's creation. A suggested \$10 donation by participants would be appreciated to offset the cost of class materials and facility rental fee at one of the field trip locations. Please sign up soon as the course is limited to 12 people. **Classes will take place on Sundays from 4-6 pm March 15 to June 7, 2020 excluding Easter (April 12), Mother's Day (May 10) and Memorial Day (May 24).** They will be held at FHC in South Hall or will include field trips to nearby parks/nature preserves. **If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating please contact Kemp Jaycox (kempjaycox@yahoo.com; 216-785-5375) or Steve Sedam (Goldens101@aol.com; 614-783-4467).**

Black Caucus Book Club: On Saturday morning, **March 21**, in Bodwell Hall beginning at 10 am. We will discuss the book ***Strength to Love***, a compilation of sermons given by MLK, Jr. All people of good will are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Caucus has access to a few copies of the book "Strength to Love." **If you wish to borrow a copy please see or email Nicole Lawrence at nalawrence3@gmail.com.** You can also get copies from the ClevNet consortium or you can order the book via EBAY or Amazon. -Black Caucus Book Club



Schedule for Black History Month at Forest Hill Church February, 2020

**Unless otherwise stated, all events will be held at:
Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, 3031 Monticello Boulevard, Cleveland
Heights, OH, 44118**

Sunday, Feb 2: 12:30-1:30, Base Camp Basics

There will be a choice of follow-up meetings, times to be announced.

This is a large group meeting where we will prepare for the month ahead. We will read and discuss what we need to reach that mountaintop as a community. The Black History Education Team has prepared educational modules to help congregation members build their skills and stamina for the climb. The modules are based on major ideas about racial reconciliation work that has been developed over the last 50 years.

Saturday, Feb 8: 3:30-7:30 pm, Intergenerational Movie Night

Join the Black History Education team and the Ministry of Family, Youth, and Children for an intergenerational movie night for families and individuals of all ages. Times are tentative (depending on theater show time) but plan on meeting at church at 3:30 pm for carpool and kids drop off. Kids will watch the movie ***Zootopia*** as a lead in to a discussion on race and racism. Youth and Adults will go see the film ***Just Mercy*** in the theater. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

*****Saturday, Feb. 15: 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM, MA'AFA**

A play written & directed by Terrence Spivey and performed at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue. The drama, in song and dance, takes the audience on a mystical journey from present day to witnessing the torturous transatlantic slave trade to the antebellum, in order for a ten-year old girl may learn her family tree and save an African burial ground in the South. We have reserved blocks of tickets for both the 2 PM and 7 PM shows. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 18 and under. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BHMa-afa>.

*****Saturday, Feb. 22: Cooking Class with Chef Eric Wells, 4:00 PM-7:00 pm**

Chef Eric Wells, of Sky LaRae's Culinary Services, will offer a hands-on interactive program where we will cook a gourmet four-course meal! After preparation, we will all sit and eat communally. Chef Wells is a Cleveland native and a graduate of Loretta Paganini's International Culinary Arts and Sciences Institute. Cost (not yet finalized) will be about \$50/person. The event will be at FHC. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BHcooking2020>.

Sunday, Feb. 23: 5:00-6:30 pm Soul Food Pot Luck, Theme: Soul Fusion

Our traditional Soul Food Pot Luck with emphasis on that cuisine blends elements from traditional Southern cooking with different regional American southern states or other very different cultures (such as Asian, or Mexican). In recent times, innovative African American Chefs have drawn from multiple traditions to create new delicious combinations. Sign up and tell us what you plan to bring here: <https://tinyurl.com/BHpotluck2020>.

Sunday, Feb. 23: 6:30-8:00 pm- Ascension: An Evening of African-American Music

The seventh annual Black History Month Concert, organized by musical director Caleb A. Wright will be an evening of African American sacred music and jazz focusing on the last 50 years. Dear friend of our church and seminarian Shannon Garrett Headon will serve as host for the evening. Theron Brown, a national jazz recording artist & pianist, will direct a collective of creative local musicians, including Michael Hives, Reginald Bowens, Malika Turner, Adrianna Miller, Sierra Delaine, Toyia Wright-Reynolds. Local artist Eris Dyson will serve as our Poet Laureate. This is an evening of phenomenal music that you do not want to miss!

February 27, Greater Cleveland Congregations ACTION. See page 6 for GCC details.

Sunday, March 1: 12:30-1:30, Mountaintop Summit

A large group debriefing where we look back on our climb and assess where we have grown and where we have opportunities for more growth.

Our Three New Guests Have Arrived!

The FHC Immigration Task Force is pleased to announce that Issoufou Lembane, Idrissa Kiema, and Emmanuel Sabo arrived at the church's sanctuary apartment. The three men are savoring freedom after being locked up in a maximum security prison in Youngstown for eight months. Their only "crime" being asking for asylum in the United States after the horrific massacre of their families in their village in Burkina Faso. Their release was secured after Forest Hill Church and many community organizations (Catholic Charities, Heights Friends of Immigrants, American Making Immigrants Safe, Jobs with Justice) worked together to raise the \$15,000 bond set for each man. This was done in just eight days! Idrissa, Issoufou, and Emanuel have expressed many times how grateful they are for the generosity, care, and protection so many are providing them. These sweet, gentle men are eager to learn English and to learn our customs. They are eager to teach us as well. They also have expressed how they want to help out whenever they can, saying we all are their new families. The Immigration Task Force wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations of clothes and money. We have everything we need at this time. Go to the "Sign up Genius" web site if you would like to volunteer to spend some hospitality time with the men, cook a meal, take the men to outside activities, or spend the night. We guarantee that any time you spend with Emanuel, Idrissa, and Issoufou will be most rewarding for all of you. God Bless You All!



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Calendar: February 2-9

<p>Sunday, February 2: 11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Rehearsal 12:30 pm Base Camp Basics 5:30 pm AA: Promises on Sunday 6:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers: Super Bowl Party</p> <p>Monday, February 3: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope OA Big Book Meeting 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday February 4: 10:00 am Fiber and Fellowship 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration, Lunch and Distribution 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline 6:00 pm Adult Education Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, February 5: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Safety Protocol Team Guest Group: Speak Life Ministries</p>	<p>Thursday, February 6: 1:30 pm English Country Dance 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, February 7: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand 7:00 pm Netflix and Church</p> <p>Saturday, February 8: 8:30 am CEIRS Class Deacon’s Retreat 9:00 am Tax Prep Fiber and Fellowship 11:30 am Food not Lawns Seed Swap 4:00 pm Movie Night</p> <p>Sunday, February 9: Baldwin Baptism 9:15 am Childcare begins 9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir 10:00 am Special Session Meeting 10:10 am Pathways 10:30 pm Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation 12:30 pm Base Camp Basics 5:30 pm AA: Promises on Sunday</p>
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