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The TOWER

December 2021



Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines, Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Co-Pastors

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WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN LENTZ

Dear Friends,

As we enter the last month of the calendar year, we also enter the season of Advent – the beginning of the liturgical year and four Sundays before Christmas. The paraments will be purple or blue to signify a season of contemplation and preparedness.

Our Music Director, Ying, our Director of Family, Youth and Children, Amy, and our Co-Pastors, Veronica and I, met to plan the season of Advent and Christmas and felt very excited by what we envisioned. We hope that you will find all of it meaningful as you participate in these activities and services.

It is our expectation that, as more and more people receive their vaccinations and boosters, we will be able to welcome more and more people to our in-person worship in the sanctuary. We will continue to require those who come to worship to wear masks.

We haven't been together for Advent and Christmas since 2019! On the first Sunday in Advent, **November 28**, Caleb Wright and his ensemble Elegy led the congregation in an uplifting and energizing way to begin the season with songs of faith, hope and love.

Add these special dates and events to your calendar:

1. Director Ying is preparing the choirs for a celebration of the diversity of voices and sounds of the season.
2. Amy Wheatly is organizing a caroling party for Sunday, **Dec. 19**. More information is on the way.
3. On **Christmas Eve** we will have a service at 5:00 p.m. for all people. The choirs are back, with even the children bringing their

special beauty to the service. While I know that many will miss the 11:00 p.m. service, the staff and Worship Ministry believes that one service is a good first step to returning to normal.

We will worship on Sunday, **December 26**, with a relaxed service of thanksgiving and carol singing. If children (and I guess adults, too!) want to wear their pajamas to church, this is the day!

On the Sunday after New Year's Day (**Jan. 2**), we will hold our Testimony Service. We will invite some of you to stand to proclaim how God has blessed you in the past year and what you are looking forward to in the new year. If you are interested in giving your testimony, let Pastors Goines and Lentz know. It doesn't have to be long or even very polished. Something from the heart of your faith will be more powerful than you can imagine.

This is a season of joy and anticipation as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please try to attend as many of these special services as you can. We look forward to seeing you and catching up.

~Pastor John

WORDS FROM PASTOR VERONICA GOINES

On Saturday, November 6, in South Hall, 24 Session members (including the co-pastors) gathered for the first time in nearly three years for the Annual Session Retreat. Our theme was, "Like a Tree," a phrase from Psalm One:

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night. They are **like trees planted by streams of water**, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*

(Excerpts from Psalm 1)

Our conversations integrated the imagery of Psalm One and John 15, the metaphor of the Vine and the branches:

I am the true vine and my Father is the vine-grower...Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing....

(Excerpts from John 15:1-12)

These biblical metaphors convey a unified message, that fruitful lives emanate out of vital connection to God in Christ.

We spent the morning tooling, reflecting on Scripture and gathering resources. We explored our theme aided by insights from "Everyday Creativity" – a video by renowned National Geographic photographer Dewitt Jones, who oriented us toward creative solutions to living our best lives and, by extension, living our most generative mission.

Basic principles of pruning provided a framework for small group reflection.

Pruning:

- 1) brings the branches of the tree closer to the bole, where nutrients are abundant;
- 2) removes suckers – growths on the branches that drain the nutrients but produce no fruit;
- 3) creates pathways for sunlight to penetrate the bole of the tree.

Simply put, pruning increases fruit-bearing. With this principle in mind, the Session met in small groups and assessed their personal needs for pruning: Where am I overextended/twiggy, what saps my energy, and how do I make room for God's light to permeate the core of my being?

We emerged from wonderful table-fellowship to engage in an exercise called mapping. If you drop by South Hall, you will see the Session's handywork – a large tree on which both current and future Session members located their respective and anticipated ministries; some in the rooting system of the tree, some in the bole of the tree, and others in the canopy and branches of the tree. With creative imagination, a multi-dialogical work emerged, producing a collaboratively generated portrait of Forest Hill Church, the Beloved Community, "Like a tree."

Do stop by South Hall. Take a look at the tree, and let us know if you would like to borrow the tree and/or the video for your ministry or outreach.

Grace and Peace,
~ Pastor Veronica

FROM DR. QIN YING TAN

This Advent season will be very special because we will celebrate it in person after over a year of virtual services. I'm sure many of you cannot wait for the moment when we sing "Silent Night" in the soft night light, with each of us holding a lighted candle and raising it to the words, "Christ the Savior is born." It will be truly wonderful to experience the light of Christmas in-person again.

Christmas has always been considered a winter celebration, but my first experience of Christmas was in an unconditioned classroom in 97-degree weather. I recall sweltering heat, shorts, a loud ceiling fan, and an enthusiastic crowd belting out Christmas hymns in Chinese, accompanied by an electric keyboard. There were no poinsettias, candles or even caroling around a fireplace, but we all felt the renewed hope of Christ's birth being celebrated even in tropical Singapore.

I've now experienced Christmas in Singapore, France, Germany, Italy, Baltimore, Seattle, and now Cleveland. Each region had its own way of celebrating, and I'm eager to bring this diversity to the advent celebration at Forest Hill Church. Not to worry; I'm not bringing the electric keyboard or planning to belt out Chinese hymns here. But I want to present a variety of music reflective of our congregation.

We'll have gospel, spirituals, classical, jazz, popular music and, of course, traditional hymns. Our first Advent Sunday featured Elégie leading us in worship with jazz and gospel music. The subsequent Sundays will feature music by Charles Gounod, musical selections from Godspell, and Mark Hayes' "Promise of Peace" which was inspired by the beloved nineteenth-century text, "Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promises are."

As the music ministry prepares eagerly for this season of Advent, we wish you hope and health as we await the special season at Forest Hill Church.

AN INSIDE LOOK: SERVICE OUTSIDE OF SERVICE.

Our amazing music ministry always finds ways to remain involved even outside of the confines of rehearsals and services. Below are some of the ways we participated as a community at Forest Hill Church away from worship.



Elizabeth Shaw, a bell choir member and alto from the Chancel Choir assisted a technician from the Muller Company during the annual organ tuning session. Dave Bell (baritone and Stream Team member) and Virginia Weiss (mezzo-soprano and drummer) also helped during this session.



Our choir members took time on one rainy Sunday afternoon to help move boxes of donated music.



Gretchen sets up a station at home with bowls and rolling pins for bell practice!

~Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Director of Music

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Family, Youth, and Children Ministries

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Caroling, Cocoa and Cookies!

Join your church family for an evening of fun and fellowship

5:30 pm: Christmas Caroling

- All voices and ages are welcome!
- Gather at the church to join a group of singers, then set out to carol.
- Carolers will drive to homes of homebound church members or walk to homes in the church neighborhood.

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Hot Cocoa and Cookies

- Return to church after caroling to warm up with hot cocoa and cookies!
- Visit with friends around fire pits in the courtyard.
- Kids! Come to Fellowship Hall to decorate cookies and make a craft.

All are welcome!

Please RSVP here:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/572da7>

Hosted by the Family, Youth and Children's Ministry

Amy Wheatley, Director

Questions? ce@fhcpresb.org

NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Singing Children!

Children's Choir for Ages 5-10

Sundays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Fellowship Hall

9:30am – 9:55am

Leader: Qin Ying Tan, FHC Music Director

Come sing with friends and learn some Christmas songs!

Drumming with Dylan!

Young People's Percussion Group

Children (ages 5-10) and Youth (ages 11-15)

Sundays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Fellowship Hall

10:30 am – 10:55 am

Leader: Dylan Moffit, percussionist

Come play drums and other percussion instruments,
learning rhythms of South America and Africa!

Questions? ce@fhcpresb.org

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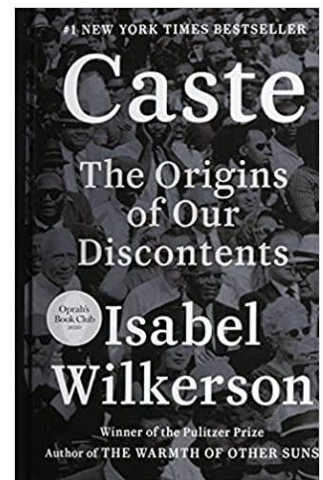
Join us, via ZOOM, Saturday morning, January 8, when we discuss *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson. All people of good will are welcome. Please email blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org for the ZOOM link.

In *Caste*, Wilkerson describes Martin Luther King's 1959 visit to India: "He was greeted like a dignitary. He went to visit a Dalit school and was introduced as a "fellow untouchable." At first, he bristled, but he thought about the 20 million Black people in the US being prohibited from every sphere of life and citizenship. "Those who knew best what a caste system was instantly recognized caste when they saw it."

(Photo: a bus stop in Montgomery, Ala. 1962)



"We in the developed world are like homeowners who inherited a house on a piece of land that is beautiful on the outside, but whose soil is unstable loam and rock, heaving and contracting over generations, cracks patched but the deeper ruptures waved away for decades, centuries even. Many people may rightly say, *"I had nothing to do with how this all started. I have nothing to do with the sins of the past. My ancestors never attacked indigenous people, never owned slaves."* And, yes: Not one of us was here when this house was built. Our immediate ancestors may have had nothing to do with it. But here we are, the current occupants of a property with stress cracks and bowed walls and fissures built into the foundation. We are the heirs to whatever is right or wrong with it. We did not erect the uneven pillars or joists, but they are ours to deal with now. And any further deterioration is, in fact, on our hands."



NAMED THE #1 NONFICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR BY *TIME* MAGAZINE AND ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *People* • *The Washington Post* • *Publishers Weekly* AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *The New York Times Book Review* • *O: The Oprah Magazine* • *NPR* • *Bloomberg* • *Christian Science Monitor* • *New York Post* • The New York Public Library • *Fortune* • *Smithsonian Magazine* • *Marie Claire* • *Town & Country* • *Slate* • *Library Journal* • *Kirkus Reviews* • *LibraryReads* • *PopMatters* Wilkerson's work is the missing puzzle piece of our country's history. *The American Prospect* "An instant American classic" *NY Times* book review

FIRE, HEAT, WATER, SOIL, AND FOOD



It's not hard to imagine how these words are interconnected. They all relate to a strong environmental concern for care of the earth. Wildfires and extreme heat create drought conditions and lack of water availability. In turn, lack of water results in poor soils and soil erosion, making crops harder to grow. The result? Food

becomes less abundant and prices rise, making it harder for many people to feed themselves. Migration occurs as people move to improve their lot and can squeeze into food deserts. In close quarters, disease can catch on quickly and become a health epidemic. A cascade of troubles!

Do you think this is just a fictional cautionary tale? Climate change is rapidly strangling the interconnectivity between natural disaster phenomena (but man-made exacerbated) and human and wildlife well-being. The impact of climate change – especially our ability to survive and thrive – is being threatened daily in many parts of the world, not just in our own local (Ohio) corner of the globe as yet. Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, and Ethiopia are a few countries that quickly come to mind, with many other 'third world' nation-communities not far behind.

This year, in our American West, the Colorado River basin is under distress, with river water levels in virtually all-time lows. This affects much of the agriculture in the southwest, including the fertile California growing fields. We will feel the effects of this in certain food shortages and higher prices. Farmers already need to cut back production, due to lack of sufficient water, or are seeking alternative crops with lower water demands to sustain their economic livelihood.

One such example in Colorado is the plant alfalfa. The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is teaming up with Bridgestone America and a local farmer to test guayule, a drought-tolerant desert shrub that can be used with other materials to produce rubber for tires. Guayule requires roughly half as much water as alfalfa, one of the region's dominant crops. Planting guayule and other low-water requirement plant species potentially could ensure economically viable farming in central Arizona as well.

The bottom line? Water conservation and judicious use is a must everywhere! We need to do our part in our homes and in our local communities to care for this valuable Earth resource.

~Dave Neff, Earth Care Leader

WORSHIP UPDATE

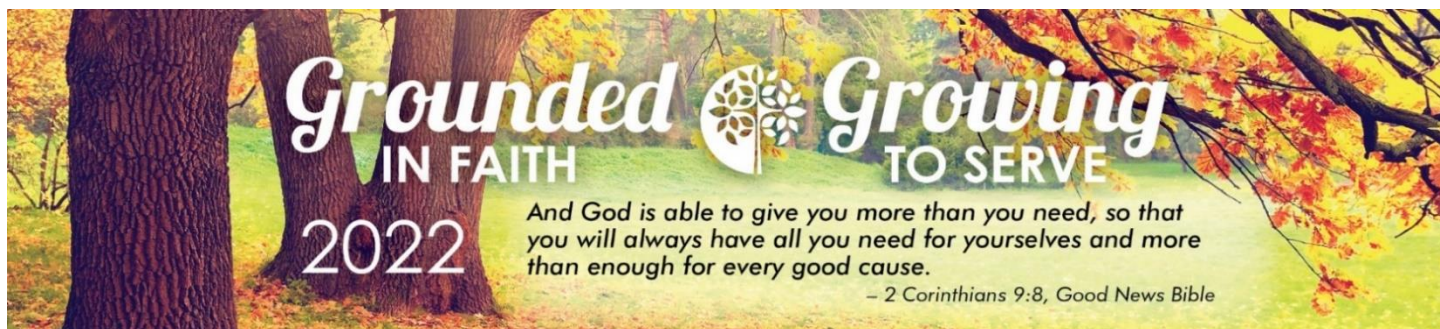
This holiday season, Worship Ministry has ordered 30 Christmas poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. If you would like to support this effort by donating \$20 for a plant, please complete the online form at this address: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db770625536>.

Purchased plants can be taken home after the church service on Dec. 26 or picked up at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Please contribute your support by Dec. 15, so your dedication information can be included in the bulletin.

‘RECONNECTING WITH GOD’S CREATION’ RETURNS IN 2022

For the fifth year in a row, “Reconnecting with God’s Creation” will be offered in 2022! If you want to explore the spiritual dimensions of your relationship to the natural world while learning about current environmental issues of local and global significance, consider signing up for “Reconnecting with God’s Creation.” More information will be forthcoming about this 13-week course (Sundays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., March 13 – June 5) facilitated by Kemp Jaycox and Stephen Sedam.

If you can’t wait and want to enroll now or have questions about the course, contact Kemp at kempjaycox@yahoo.com or Steve at Goldens101@aol.com or sign up here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/e0fc68>.



Forest Hill Church Stewardship News – December 2021

(This is the fourth in a series of 2022 financial drive messages from your Stewardship Ministry Team.)

During this Stewardship Season, our ministry team has shared and emphasized the many aspects of FHC that make it exceptional – that give each of us real reasons to choose to attend and support this caring church.

As the new year fast approaches, we can reflect on the year past, with its countless challenges and unexpected barriers, and yet we remained faithful to God, which isn't always easy. Everyday pushbacks can mount up and make it hard to stay strong in our faith.

But here's the thing: a God of love helps us find a way out – a way through all the earthly things we have to deal with. And THAT God – THAT God of love – is *always* on our side and *always* the God of this church... YOUR church.

As our Stewardship theme logo, above, says, Forest Hill Church is "Grounded in Faith" and "Growing to Serve." That's pretty solid, when it comes to a simple way to describe what this church is about.

We're like a steady, stalwart tree, planted on the corner of Monticello and Lee, finding ways to be one of God's life-giving cores in this community and beyond. Each of us has a chance to "feed the roots" and "be the branches." Each of us has an opportunity to help make our church's hopes a reality – to

make our actions count. When we each give our time, talent and, yes, our "treasure," we help make our church a "saving grace" in this city and around the world.

We are abundantly blessed by the One who sowed the seed.



IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PLEDGED

Select and complete the online Electronic Pledge Form, OR download and complete the 2022 Pledge Card.

Then scan and email it, in confidence, to finance@fhcpresb.org or mail it to the church by regular mail.

As we enter this holiday season and the new year ahead, please be a part of nurturing your church's roots and empowering your church's branches by investing in the future of your church with your caring, thoughtful gifts.

Thank you for all you do to be part of this important community of faith.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Christine Henry, Jenny Himmelman, Kay Hogg, Keith Logan, Peter Williams, Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines

FROM THE MINISTRY OF ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

We are approaching the month of Advent – the time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. And we are about to end the Fall cycle of classes at Forest Hill Church. Advent this year begins on November 28. There are four Sundays in Advent before Christmas. During this busy time of year, we are planning a simplified class schedule – 2 classes on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Title of Class: Hope, from the curriculum, *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*

Facilitators: Ann Williams and Ron Zimmerman

When: Four Sunday mornings, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 9:30-10:30

Format: On Zoom only. We will send a Zoom link to everyone who signs up for the class.

Resource text: *Hope: Adult Reflection Guide*, available in the church office for \$8. Also available online in Kindle format, link here [Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living: Hope](#)

Class description: The first candle on a traditional Advent wreath represents Hope. We will focus on Hope for the entire month of Advent this year.

The “Hope” classes in the *Follow Me* curriculum combine Bible study and group discussion. Working together with specific scripture passages, we as group members will help each other grow into a deeper understanding of Hope as a Biblical practice. We will identify where in our own lives we have already experienced hope. Then we

will envision how we can practice seeing, hearing, offering and receiving, and proclaiming hope more deeply to one another.

To sign up, click here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7843252481>



Title of Class: The Birth of Jesus

Teachers/Facilitators: Co-Pastors Veronica Goines and John Lentz

When: Sundays December 5, 12, and 19, 9:30-10:30 AM.

**Please note that this class will NOT meet on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28.*

Format and Place: Hybrid format, i.e., BOTH in-person in South Hall AND on Zoom. Please indicate your preference when you register for the class.

Resource text(s): A Bible is helpful. No book or any purchase necessary. Class members will watch two sessions of a "Saving Jesus" DVD published by "Living the Questions."

Class Description: This class will first study the two birth narratives in the New Testament. Then, we will take a deep dive into the "world into which Jesus was born," setting the historical, cultural and religious context of the first century. Finally, we will unpack the theology of the Incarnation.

To sign up: Click here <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7843252464>

How to decide which class is right for you:

Both classes will help people prepare themselves to focus on the meaning of Jesus coming to live with us when he is born on Christmas Day, and both include plenty of discussion among the class members. But they are designed for people with different learning needs and styles.

- ❖ “Hope” focuses on each of us hearing and seeing hope in scripture and in our lives, and on sharing hope and proclaiming hope to each other. Learning in this class relies on, first, class members preparing for the class by reading and reflecting on scripture and a selection from the book; next, on sharing with each other in the group session; and finally, after class, practicing what we learned during the time between group sessions. It is especially good for people who learn well through group discussion, deep group sharing, and doing things in their lives.

Please note: This class will cover an adult version of similar topics being presented in the children's classes, so parents may enjoy learning along with their children. But it is not for parents only! The adult version is for ALL adults. The materials are flexible enough to use with a wide variety of learners.

- ❖ “The Birth of Jesus” is a more traditional type of class, with a presentation followed by discussion. It is especially good for people who yearn to know more of the background behind the Biblical narratives of Jesus's birth, especially more of the historical, cultural, and religious background. It is also particularly good for people who want to explore the theology that we can draw from understanding the birth stories and their context more thoroughly.

FROM JUSTICE AND MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering



The Christmas Joy Offering helps support our past, present and future leaders. \$1.1 million dollars of gifts given in 2020 help provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need. This has included income supplements, housing assistance, and emergency assistance grants to those struggling with life's challenging circumstances. Through these gifts, we honor the work of these faithful servants.

The Christmas Joy Offering also is using \$1.1 million of gifts from 2020 to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. These institutions include Menaul School in New Mexico, Presbyterian Pan American School in Texas, and Stillman College in Alabama.

During this Advent Season we have an opportunity to reach out and support those who are in need. In doing so, we help open doors for healing and opportunity. As God has opened doors for us, may we respond to the call to support others during this holiday season.

Help open a door to someone in need. Give with joy and thanks for our many blessings.

CHURCH GROWTH MINISTRY

Everyone please welcome our new members to FHC:



Kelsey Banks



Satyam Dvivedi



Diane and Robert Doyle

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Elégie's Winter Wonderland Holiday Concert



**JOIN ELÉGIE IN CONCERT!
LIVE AT THE
FRANK L. WILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

2181 MIRAMAR BLVD, UNIVERSITY HTS, OH 44118

DEC 18TH 730PM

Dear Forest Hill Church,

I am writing today to ask you for end-of-year support for Camp Lilac.

Many of you remember hearing about Camp Lilac – a summer overnight camp in northeast Ohio for transgender and gender-diverse youth. The camp was co-founded in 2016 by JodiLyn Solomon and me; both of us have close family members who are transgender. In the last five years, our church has given Camp Lilac generous support, and many of our members have personally donated to the camp experience.

As you are well aware, transgender and gender-diverse youth often face stressful, unwelcoming, and even hostile environments in their day-to-day lives. Depression, anxiety, and suicide occur at much higher rates than in the general population for this age group. Since our first summer camp in 2017, we have created a safe, welcoming, and confidential space in which gender diversity is the norm. Our program is designed so that campers emerge with both an increased sense of confidence in their identities and a strong community of peers and supporters. We believe our camp fills a crucial gap in the lives of transgender and gender-diverse youth, setting them on a path to success.

Here are a few words from the parents of some of this year's campers (names have been changed to [my camper] for privacy):

Camp Lilac was an amazing experience for my kids! [My camper] has made incredible strides in loving and accepting himself, and has gained so much confidence! [My second camper] found an environment where they felt safe talking and interacting with other kids, even though they were still shy. - Parent One

For the first time in a very long time, I saw [my camper] genuinely smile and laugh. They became more confident and were excited to make so many connections. They were finally able to be

themselves.... Thank you for providing a safe place for [my camper] and the rest of the campers, so they could meet others like them and learn more about themselves. - Parent Two

[My camper] had a wonderful time with camp even though it was virtual. I am hoping it will be in-person this coming year and he will be able to attend.... I have shared the camp with his doctors and counselor to pass it on to other interested people that aren't aware that it exists. We are so thankful to have found out about it ourselves.... Hopefully the camp will... grow and have multiple [in-person] locations. - Parent Three

This coming summer, we would like to have one virtual week of camp, and two in person. Your donation can help support attendance at Camp Lilac for ALL transgender and gender-diverse youth who wish to attend. We can accept donations in any amount; it all helps. Below is a list of levels of support, with an idea of what each level can buy for the camp experience. Every dollar donated goes towards making 2022 the best Camp Lilac summer yet!

Here is a link to the online fundraising page:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/transaction/22k-for-2-camps-in-22>

Or donations can be sent to Camp Lilac, 3583 Ingleside Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, 44122, or call 216-702-4207.

Thank you so much for your support! We look forward to sharing all the camper success stories with you!

Ann S. Williams, PhD, RN, CDE
Camp Lilac
Director of Health Services

JodiLyn Solomon
Camp Lilac
Executive Director

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

John	Schellenberg	December 01
VIRGINIA	Mast	December 02
Emily	Ball	December 03
Kathryn	McWilliams	December 03
Paul	Jennings	December 05
Emily	Mervine	December 06
Kianna	Eberle	December 07
Rev. Dr. Veronica	Goines	December 08
Dick	Obermanns	December 08
Roger	Heineman	December 11
Kimberly	Hill	December 11
Kay	Hogg	December 11
Adam	Majot	December 12
Mark	Wedell	December 12
Carol	Scott	December 16
Dr. Ann	Williams	December 17
Karmen	Garrett	December 19
Paolo	Iannarelli	December 19
Quentin	Smith	December 19
Molly	Dise	December 20
Cliff	Kowall	December 20
Garrett	Vandall	December 22
Jacob	Stauffer	December 23
Carol	Hopkins-Lutz	December 27
Regina	Stemley	December 28
Tom	Harvey	December 31

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Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Interim Director of Music
Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

January TOWER issue deadline: 8 am on December 16

Giving/donation options- Friends of FHC, during this time, you may give monetary gifts/donations by texting 216-400-5300 or give online using either our [BREEZE Giving Page](#) or [PayPal](#). You may also mail in a check to the church bookkeeper (3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted	6:00 pm -AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm -Al Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30 pm -AA: Borton Group	10:30 am -Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm -Fitness Fusion exercise class -Bulletin and Weekly email Deadline	7:30 am -Bible & Bagels (virtual) 12:00 pm -Staff Meeting (virtual) -AA: Wednesday Women's Group	1:30 pm -English Dance 5:00 pm -Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:00 pm -Bell Choir 7:30 pm -Chancel Choir	9:30 am -Al Anon: Hand in Hand	
November 28 Children's Choir 1 st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am: Adult Education course	November 29 Antoinette is out of the office	November 30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANTOINETTE! Antoinette is out of the office	December 1 Antoinette is out of the office	December 2 Antoinette is out of the office	December 3 Antoinette is out of the office	December 4 8:00 am Men's Group
December 5 Children's Choir COMMUNION 9:30 am: Adult Education course	December 6 Pastor Goines is out of the office	December 7 Pastor Goines is out of the office	December 8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR GOINES! Pastor Goines is out of the office	December 9 Pastor Goines is out of the office	December 10 Pastor Goines is out of the office	December 11
December 12 Children's Choir 9:30 am: Adult Education course	December 13	December 14	December 15 Last day to order Poinsettias	December 16 TOWER DEADLINE	December 17	December 18 7:30 PM: Elegie Concert
December 19 Children's Choir 9:30 am: Adult Education course 5:30 pm: Caroling and Cocoa	December 20	December 21 Poinsettia delivery	December 22 1:30 pm: Decorating Committee	December 23	December 24 Office closes at noon 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service	December 25 Merry Christmas
December 26 1:00 pm Kwanzaa Event	December 27 OFFICE CLOSED	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31 Office closes at noon	January 1 Happy New Year
January 2 COMMUNION Testimony Service	January 3 OFFICE CLOSED	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8 8:00 am Men's Group Black Caucus Zoom Discussion

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