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## **The TOWER**

## **JANUARY 2022**



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## WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN LENTZ

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Looking forward to 2022 as we move away (I hope, I think, I pray) from Covid-19 alpha, omega, omicron, delta.... Whatever. Look on the bright side: you are learning the Greek alphabet. Now you can read the New Testament in the original language!

But seriously, as strange and hard as 2021 was as a year (shut downs, mandates, COVID-19 deaths reaching 750,000, protests and riots, the "Big Lie," the attack at our capitol, fires, floods and tornadoes), I find myself giving thanks for the small wonders. I don't mean to ignore the big issues. But without creating some space for thanks, it gets very hard to continue the work.

So, as we turn the page on the calendar, here are a few memories of 2021 that bring me joy. They are in no particular order and certainly this is not an exhaustive list. My hope is to encourage you to come up with your own list.

In no time at all (or so it seemed), our Pantry transformed itself from an inhouse grocery store to a drive-through pick-up. EVERY Monday and Tuesday of EVERY week, volunteers filled bags, set up the weather tarps and cones, and got ready to welcome and serve. And the volunteers were not just FHC members; people came from everywhere to help! Magnificent.

Sometime in July we had our first outdoor worship. We gathered in person. Real 3-dimensional people sitting in chairs, real children on the playground, singing hymns together. I was really nervous!

The Stream Team! What more can I say. Making sure that anyone could tune in to Sunday service. Consistently, over 200 computers were turned on and tuned in. From faraway places like India, the Virgin Islands, Nicaragua, Phoenix, Washington, D.C. and Solon, Chesterland, Aurora and Olmsted Falls!

The choir! It was powerful to hear the choir again on that first Sunday back indoors in September. Oh, my what a difference it makes to the praise and worship of God to have the choir singing and glorifying the Lord. Ying has done and is doing an amazing job of bringing everyone together again!

Speaking of Ying, I consider the birth of Sofi a highlight. She is beautiful and almost every Wednesday Ying brings Sofi to our Zoom staff meetings. Sofi adds much to the "serious" work of your staff. At the very least the "adorable quotient" goes up!

I went to my first baseball game in over a year. Cleveland was no-hit by Milwaukee. Alas.

AND I rejoiced when Michigan defeated the Buckeyes (finally!)... but I won't rub that one in.

And even though this is written before the event... I am looking forward to going Christmas Caroling (Dec. 19). Thank you Amy!

Certainly, I give thanks for all of you and your continued support of the mission of Forest Hill Church. God bless you. Happy New Year!

~ Pastor John

## FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

## Finding Joy and Meaning in Changes

The month of December has always been a long-awaited month of Christmas celebration, and all the musicians in the FHC music ministry were excited to share the music we had been preparing for our inperson Lessons and Carols service and for the Christmas Eve service.

Unfortunately, the rising COVID rates in our county prompted us to cancel in-person worship, choir rehearsals and choir for our services. We swiftly formed a "mini" choir who sang our choral pieces with the same joy and passion as a full choir would have done. We combed the town for rapid test kits so as to keep all those singing safe; all took tests prior to rehearsals and the service.

It was not the Christmas Eve service we envisioned for weeks, but it was a miracle that present-day technology allowed us to connect with everybody. Some of my favorite moments included Dolly Sanicky dancing to "Mary, Did You Know," sung by Em Ezell, and the trumpeters and string quartet joining the singers on a jazzy rendition of "Go Tell It on the Mountain!"



Em Ezell singing "Mary Did You Know" with Dolly Sanicky dancing.

~ Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Director of Music 4 Check out the website <u>www.fhcpresb.org</u> Come and see!

## ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION

Hello to all Session Elders.

Planning for the 114th Annual Meeting of the Congregation, on Sunday, January 30, 2022, has begun. It is likely that this year's meeting will use a hybrid format. You will hear more in the weeks ahead.

In addition to the business meeting items, there again will be a section in the annual report about the work of our ministries and committees. During your December and January meetings, please include time to develop your submission and include the items below. While it may be difficult to prioritize, please limit your submission to what is requested, to reduce our need to edit.

- 1. Names of current ministry members
- 2. Mission statement, if your ministry has one
- 3. Three (3) highlights celebrating your work in 2021 (bullet points)
- 4. Two (2) aspirations for your ministry's work in 2022 (bullet points)

If additional reporting is needed from your ministry, I will contact you.

The deadline for submitting this information to Antoinette Richardson, (please cc: me) is Friday, January 14. This is two days after the January ministry meeting date. Third-year elders, please ensure that your report is on time.

Let me know if you have questions. Thank you for your support.

~ Melanie



## **EXCITING STEWARDSHIP NEWS – JANUARY 2022**

#### A STUNNING GIFT HAS BEEN RECEIVED!

As we welcome 2022, the Forest Hill Stewardship Ministry Team thanks <u>each</u> of you who made a pledge to the 2022 Stewardship drive, *Grounded in Faith and Growing to Serve.* Before the end of December, \$717,000 in financial commitments had been received.

And, we are thrilled to tell you that just days before Christmas, an anonymous donor stepped forward to offer a challenge gift to see if the 2022 Stewardship goal of \$800,000 could indeed be achieved. This incredibly generous gift will <u>match</u> every new pledge received and any supplemental pledge given by January  $12^{th}$  – up to \$35,000!

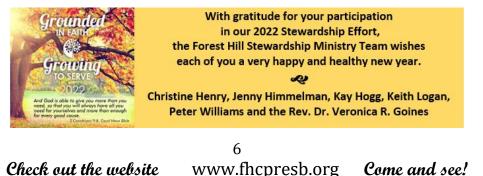
That means that persons who had not made a pledge to the 2022 drive, and any pledgers who increase the 2022 gift they already made, have an opportunity to help our church attain the \$800,000 goal. Today, your gift could double!

#### Can you help us reach this goal? Can you <u>please</u> make a pledge if you have not yet done so? Can you consider an additional sum for a pledge you already made?

To make or modify a pledge, you can copy and paste the following headings into an email, add your information, and send the email in confidence to Peter Williams, Stewardship Ministry Elder, at <a href="mailto:pwilliams3495@gmail.com">pwilliams3495@gmail.com</a>

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone #:	
Annual Amount of My First-time Pledge for 2022: \$	
Please Add an Additional Amount to My 2022 Pledge: \$	

Although slower, you may prefer to mail this information to the church financial administrator: Ms. Nita Clark, Financial Administrator, Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, 3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Your gift will be confirmed in writing to you.





## ~ Black Caucus News ~

## The 1960s' Grassroots Struggle to Integrate Cleveland Heights

Cleveland Heights was not always the inclusive community it is today. As a matter of fact, from the 1920s through the early '60s, the Heights

was unwelcoming and even hostile toward non-whites. Through a variety of tactics, the city was kept almost exclusively white.

Cities and states north of the Mason Dixon line did not usually display signs, like those shown here,



that boldly and unapologetically declared Blacks and other people of color as unwanted, unwelcome, and excluded. However, segregation outside the South was more subtle yet just as pervasive, insidious, and destructive as that practiced in the South.

**On Tuesday evening, January 25**, to commemorate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, the Black Caucus of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, will host a ZOOM conversation from 7-8:30pm with Susan Kaeser, author of *Resisting Segregation*. Her book, available at Mac's Backs on Coventry, details the struggle to end segregation and integrate the city of Cleveland Heights. All are invited to join this session. For the ZOOM link, email "blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org."

Except in the South, America veiled its racist attitudes and morals. Unspoken social norms throughout our country had the same effect as the ignominious signs which restricted where Blacks could dine, sit on a bus, attend school, and even be buried! In housing, Blacks and other non-whites were generally confined to live in unwanted, small, and narrow geographical spaces resulting in overcrowding and its subsequent social ills.

These outcomes were not by happenstance but rather by deliberate design of local, state and federal governments, with the consent and participation of Whites in segregated neighborhoods and schools.

For decades those restrictive covenants and practices kept Blacks, Jews, and other non-whites out of Cleveland Heights. Ms. Kaeser's book documents the history of that segregation and the struggles waged by grassroots citizens – Black and White – to transform Cleveland Heights from a segregated into an inclusive city.

In a 1946 publication of Seattle, Washington's Civic Unity Committee, racially restrictive covenants were defined as "agreements entered into by a group of property owners, subdivision developers, or real estate operators in a given neighborhood, binding them not to sell, lease, rent or otherwise convey their property to specified groups because of race, creed or color for a definite period unless all agree to the transaction."



Then, on April 26, 1947, the article, left, exposing racial covenants initiated by the Van Sweringen brothers, was printed in Cleveland's Call and Post. Beginning in the mid-1920s, the Van Sweringen brothers had placed restrictive covenants in deeds in Shaker Heights. A few years later John D. Rockefeller, Jr., followed suit and placed similar covenants in Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland deeds. The "Fair Housing Act" was introduced in 1966, thanks to pressure from Martin Luther King, Jr., and other civil rights leaders. But, for two years, the bill went nowhere. In a 1967 speech at Stanford University, Dr. King said of the Act, "a bit of our commitment to justice died." King was assassinated in 1968. One day after his funeral, in his honor, Congress finally passed the Civil Rights Act, also known as the Fair Housing Act.

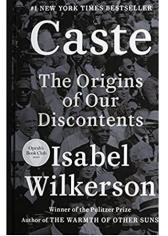
But, as far as Cleveland Heights has progressed from its segregated past, Dr. King's vision remains unfinished in our city. Economic justice is lacking, and arguably, even segregation still exists in our schools and in some neighborhoods. Ms. Kaeser's book, *Resisting Segregation*, reminds us of the principles Dr. King held dear and encourages us to carry on his work and values. She reminds us of a time when people of goodwill, regardless of nationality, race, creed, or color, banded together to extinguish *de jure segregation* (practices that are legally recognized regardless of whether the practice exists in reality) and *de facto segregation* (situations that exist in reality, even if not legally recognized).

Resisting Segregation is a remarkable history of ordinary, common citizens who demonstrated that creativity and like-mindedness can bring about dramatic and substantial change. Dr. King believed in ending poverty, war, militarism and racism in all its forms. Hopefully, our discussion with Ms. Kaeser will bring us closer to implementing Dr. King's ideologies within our community. You are encouraged to join this January 25th session, sponsored by the Black Caucus and the newly-formed "Racial Inequality Repair Committee" of Forest Hill Church.

> ~ Quentin Smith and Elizabeth Shaw, Co-Chairpersons

#### > ALSO on the Black Caucus agenda...

Join us for another ZOOM session, Saturday, January 8, when we discuss Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson. For the link and time, please email AL NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org. All are welcome.



In Caste, Wilkerson describes Martin Luther Kina'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."

"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,



Montgomery, Ala. bus stop, 1962

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

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## BIG OIL, CO<sup>2</sup>, TECHNOLOGY, HOPE

Science tells us that global warming has resulted in large measure from the increase of insulating greenhouse gasses – CO<sup>2</sup> and methane – present in our atmosphere. And much of that is due to our increasing dependency on oil in the form of

gasoline, diesel, and other combustible fuels.

Oil companies today speak more to the public in ways never before used, as to what they are doing to improve the environment despite their continuing exploration, extraction and production. Here's one example from Big Oil:

Aramco is the world's largest oil company, and second only to Apple in total valuation, in the low trillions. The company was founded after World War I when oil was discovered in the Arabian Peninsula. In short order, many Western oil producers – the so-called "seven sisters" (BP, Shell, Standard Oil Companies (2), SoCal, Texaco, Gulf) – began production in the Middle East. Over the years, Aramco became increasingly "Saudi-ized," now being owned by the Saudi Arabian government trust, although many other oil companies still participate in the oil operations there and even on the new Aramco board of directors.

Just a few years ago, Aramco chose to engage increasingly in research to deal with the environmental issues created by their lifeblood oil business model. Here are two encouraging examples of potential "carbon capture" and CO<sup>2</sup> recycling, stemming from their research on oil-fueled transport systems: --Over 1/3 of all transport CO<sup>2</sup> emissions come from road freight. Aramco's research has shown that 40% of the exhaust can be captured and safely stored on board to off-load later for re-use or to store deep underground. If every heavy-duty truck in the world would eventually use this technology, CO<sup>2</sup> emissions could be reduced by up to 473 million tons/year, equivalent to planting 80 billion new trees!

---A new method for curing concrete has been developed, storing up to 200kg of CO<sup>2</sup> in every ton. Applied to the whole precast concrete industry, up to 246 million tons of CO<sup>2</sup> could be recycled very year, equivalent to removing emissions from 53 million cars!

Technical data and sources on these two examples are cited and published in the current issue of the *Smithsonian* magazine. So, certain technologies dealing with global warming are within reach but must be meshed with political and economic wills of nations, corporations and the general public, in order to make such good works help deal with global warming!

~Dave Neff, Earth Care Leader

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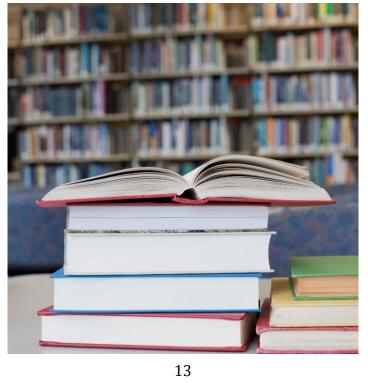
## UPDATE ON THE MEG CAMERON CHURCH LIBRARY

As more people are choosing to worship in person, you may be wondering whether it is time to come back to the church Library on Sunday for some quiet reading, or at least to start taking some books out of the library once again.

When the church closed its doors to Covid-19, quite a few members went through their books at home and donated many to the church library. Thanks to all who donated, including John, Elspeth, Peg, Kermit, Cathy and Doris, as well as several anonymous donors. Thankyou to the Cameron family for their continued generous support of this library.

We have sorted and shelved all the books and magazines so that they are ready to welcome all visitors. As in the past, please sign out any items you take out of the library. When you are finished with a book, please return it to the basket provided.

Please use the same pandemic precautions that you use in the rest of the church.



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## FROM THE MINISTRY OF ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Ministry of Adult Spiritual Growth is pleased to announce the following classes and groups for Winter of 2022. We believe that all adult Christians need lifelong Christian education and spiritual formation. Please consider signing up for one of these opportunities to learn and grow as a Christian!

# IMPORTANT: Due to the pandemic, all classes will be held online only, via Zoom, until otherwise announced.

## Winter, 2022 Classes:

#### Title: How the Scriptures Came to Be THE Bible

Facilitated by: Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff When: Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am, 1/9 – 3/27/2022 (12 weeks). Where: This hybrid class lets you join us via Zoom or in-person (only as in-person meetings are approved).

**Description:** Have you ever wondered how our Scriptures came to be "the Bible?" Have you wondered how the books we study got into the canon in the first place? And who decided what was in and what was out, or even when that came to pass? We share texts with our Jewish sisters and brothers, but we use different collections and use the texts in different ways. When and how did this happen?

We invite you to participate in a 12-week class on developing the Biblical canon. A mix of presenters and styles, with various readings, outside speakers, and our own Pauline scholar, the course will be organized around Bart Ehrman's *The History of the Bible: Making of the New Testament Canon*. There will be readings, including particular sections of scripture and extra-canonical books. It's hard to predict what will be best about the series, but the first class will undoubtedly be a highlight. Our good friend, Rabbi Roger Klein, will start us off with an outline of Jewish thought on forming the canon of the *Hebrew Bible*. And he will pick up on an idea that has been

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raised in our classes: should the canon be open to new books or remove old ones? Is it a formal discussion in our faith? Should it be? Do we have a tradition that parallels the oral and rabbinic traditions of the Jewish tradition? Does the text itself ask for ongoing interpretation?

Sign up here: <a href="https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/784325246418">https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/784325246418</a>

#### Title: The Sum of Us book discussion

Group Leader: Cynthia Lehman

**When:** To be determined; Cynthia will talk with potential participants and choose a time that works for all.

Where: On Zoom

**Resource Text:** The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together, by Heather McGhee. Purchase online <u>Here.</u>

**Description:** Heather McGhee wonders at the beginning of the book why we can't have nice things. By that, she means policies and systems that work for **all** of us. Her exploration of that question produced a book that examines all the ways that the zero-sum game prevents us from creating thriving communities that work for everyone.

Sign up here: <a href="https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/d9d16d">https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/d9d16d</a>

# Title: Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living – "Baptize" and "Live in Community"

Facilitated by: Eileen Vizcaino and Ann Williams

When: Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am, 1/9 – 2/27/2022 (8 weeks). Where: On Zoom only

**Resource texts:** Your own Bible and a resource book for each month, available in printed copy at the church for \$8 apiece.

**Class Description:** Organized around basic Christian practices, these materials from the Presbyterian Church USA focus on ways for adults to live their faith. Each week, we prepare by reading Bible passages and the book and reflecting on the week's topic. On Sundays, we

have a group discussion, following the interests of the group members. This class may be of particular interest to parents since our Family, Youth, and Children's program uses a children's version of this same curriculum, allowing families to study similar material together. **Sign up here:** <u>https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/784325248192</u>

### Title: Open Our Eyes and Hearts to Racial Injustice

**Facilitated By:** Quentin Smith and Ron Zimmerman **When:** Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am, 1/9 – 2/27/2022 (8 weeks); Zoom room opens at 9:15am.

Where: On Zoom only.

**Resource Text:** The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism, by Jemar Tisby. This book is widely available through many local library bookstores and online bookstores. You may order <u>here</u>.

**Class Description:** Noting that FHC has boldly declared itself a Matthew 25 church, the class asks what that means and, more importantly, how does it manifest itself when we also consider Micah 6:8 and Mark 12:28-34.

Shortly after the infamous Birmingham church bombing in September 1963, a White lawyer addressed his friends, neighbors and colleagues and posed a profound question, "Who did it?" The lawyer responded to his own question with the provocative answer, "We all did it." Jamar Tisby writes, "Being complicit only requires a muted response in the face of injustice."

Sign up here: <a href="https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/78432524819297">https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/78432524819297</a>

#### Title: The Men's Group

Group Leader: Pastor John Lentz

When: Every first Saturday of the month; 8:00-9:30am

Where: Via Zoom. Drop-ins are welcome.

**Description:** Men of the FHC congregation get together for a lively group discussion.

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#### Title: Bible and Bagels

Group Leader: Pastor John Lentz

When: Wednesday mornings; 7:30am

Where: Via Zoom. Drop-ins are welcome.

**Description:** Participants meet for coffee and bagels and a lively discussion of the upcoming lectionary passage. There's nothing to read ahead of time.

## Sign up here:

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## Title: Me and White Supremacy Book Club

When: Monday evenings, 7:00-8:15 pm

January 24 & 31, February 7, 21, & 28

Facilitators: Jennifer Blakeney and Lisa Vahey

**Description:** This book club is organized around the book Me and White Supremacy by Layla Saad. At each meeting, we'll discuss the book (which is organized into "weeks" of learning that we'll follow). There will also be journaling and reflection as we read, share, discuss and grow so we can see, understand and actively dismantle white supremacy. You may purchase the book <u>here</u>.

Sign up here: <a href="https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7843252481929717">https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7843252481929717</a>

## Coming in the Spring:

Title: "Reconnecting with God's Creation"

Facilitated by: Kemp Jaycox and Steve Sedam When: Sundays, 4-5:30pm, March 13 – June 5)

Where: Via Zoom

**Description:** Do you find solace and healing in the natural world? Are you curious about the contours of a Christian relationship with God's creation? Would you like to expand your awareness of environmental issues affecting our community and learn what you can do about it?

If so, Kemp Jaycox and Stephen Sedam invite you to sign-up for "Reconnecting with God's Creation", a course they are co-leading for the fifth year in a row. Through "Reconnecting with God's Creation", you will:

- explore the wonder of the natural world from spiritual and scientific perspectives,
- deepen your personal relationship with nature,
- awaken to its power of healing,
- better understand how communities of color are adversely affected by the uneven application of environmental laws,
- become motivated to foster areater harmony with God's creation, and
- be part of a welcoming, inclusive community that learns from each other.

Classes consist of a combination of meditative moments, guest speakers, virtual field trips, thought-provoking readings, mindful observations of nature, and sharing of positive eco-news. A workbook will be provided to help guide you through the experience. The course will culminate with each participant developing their own personal plan of reconnection with nature.

There is room for 12 participants in this Zoom-based course. Registration is free of charge and is on a first-come first-serve basis. Register by Sunday, February 20. If you have questions or would like to participate, please email Kemp at kempjaycox@yahoo.com. Sign up here: https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/e0fc68

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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

Lisa	Chuppa	January 01	
Emelia	McGuire	January 01	
Mia	Pollock	January 01	
Lois	Reilly	January 01	
Lisbeth	Andrews	January 02	
Christine	Henry	January 02	
Charity	Stock	January 02	
Florence	Klein	January 03	
Sarah	Tan	January 03	
Anne	Smith	January 06	
Ethan	Gifford	January 07	
John	Obery, Jr.	January 07	
Susan	Dunlap	January 08	
Dara	Elliot	January 08	
Jennifer	Himmelman	January 08	
Paul	Cary	January 11	
Megan	Allen	January 13	
Lauren	Miller	January 13	
Nancy	Burcham	January 14	
Sandy	Moran	January 14	
Katie	Reed	January 14	
Редду	Sasso	January 14	
Peter	Eloff	January 15	
Mark	Joseph	January 15	
Lisa	Vahey	January 15	
Clayton	Minder	January 16	
Scott	Peters	January 16	
Theresa	Steele	January 16	
Sally	Davis	January 18	
Rain	Birdsell	January 19	
Anne	Caminiti	January 20	

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Zivile	Khoury	January 20		
Jean	Reinhold	January 20		
Bader	Boland	January 21		
Sara	Shaner	January 21		
Molly	Bergman	January 23		
Pat	Seeders	January 24		
Caleb	Wright	January 24		
Linda	Martin	January 25		
Muriel	Dean	January 27		
Elisabeth	Dolan	January 27		
Diana	Woodbridge	January 27		
Emily	Brock	January 28		
Carol	Leslie	January 28		
Patricia	Jeffreys	January 29		
Kylie	Evans	January 31		
Robin	Mervine	January 31		
Eric	Rich	January 31		

## GRATITUDE

Many thanks to the FHC community for the numerous cards, phone calls and prayers. They have truly helped me heal, become stronger and approach a more "normal" way of living.

Bless you All, Grace Uhle

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## February TOWER issue deadline: 8am on January 20

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 JANUARY

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 -AI 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	
January 2 COMMUNION	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8
Testimony Service	OFFICE CLOSED					8:00 am: Men's Group Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
						Black Caucus Zoom Discussion
January 9 9:30 am: Adult Education course	January 10	January 11	January 12 Last day for supplemental pledge	January 13	January 14	January 15 8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22
9:30 am: Adult Education course	OFFICE CLOSED			TOWER DEADLINE		8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29
9:30 am: Adult Education course	7:00 pm: Book Club	7:00 pm: MLK commemoration with Black Caucus				8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5
9:30 am: Adult Education course	7:00 pm: Book Club					8:00 am: Men's Group Women's Walk
ANNUAL MEETING						with Julie Lustic

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