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## WORDS FROM PASTOR VERONICA

### Maundy Thursday Observance

April 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

*Maundy Thursday* is part of Holy Week leading up to Easter. It follows Holy Wednesday, and precedes Good Friday and Holy Saturday. In Christianity, these occasions correspond to events that precipitated the crucifixion and the triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ. Maundy Thursday is also known as Holy Thursday and Sheer Thursday. It is a Christian holy day that commemorates the events leading to Jesus' arrest, particularly *the Washing of the Feet* and *The Last Supper* – the final meal Jesus shared with his 12 disciples before his arrest. The wine and bread became instituted by the Church as the *Eucharist* (Thanksgiving), the Lord's Supper, and Holy Communion, depending on the tradition. In this meal, the Church remembers the body (bread) and blood (wine) of Jesus for the salvation of the world.

The word *maundy* means the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor, and it especially commemorates Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet on the night of his arrest. The word *maundy* derives from the Old French *mande* (recorded around 1250–1300 BCE), and from the Latin *mandātum*, which means “mandate or command,” and is the source of the English word “mandate.” In the Gospel of John, the mandate or command refers to the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34, NRSV). Therefore, Jesus both taught and modeled for his disciples a rule of life which holds “hospitality, humility, and service” as fundamental traits of discipleship.

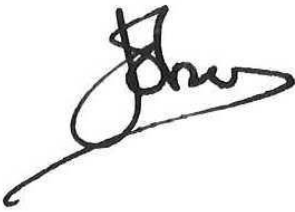
Indeed, Maundy Thursday is multifaceted, and it reaches beyond the Last Supper and foot washing to the heart and depth of prayer. After the Last Supper, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John to the garden to pray. So anguished was Jesus that three times he fervently prayed to God to take away the cup (crucifixion). And, three times he returned to find his disciples not vigilant in prayer, but fast asleep. Howbeit, through persistent prayer, Jesus came to peace, and in faith, he resolved, "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done."

Given our continuing anguish on behalf of a polarized nation and war-torn world, this year our Maundy Thursday observance will center on prayer. Following a fellowship meal and celebration of the Lord's Supper at table, we too will go with Jesus to the garden (sanctuary) for a service of enactment. Centered in God's Word and guided by meditative song, we'll gather at strategically placed pools of water to form our communal tears of sorrow and joy, and kneel in prayer at the base of the cross, in intercession for our broken world.

Do join us on **Thursday, April 14 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, where we will share our first in-person Maundy Thursday observance— **in three years!** Don't miss it! Volunteers are needed to prepare varied soups, salads, and bread for at least 10-15 people. Stay tuned for more information.

~ Continued blessings in this Lenten season,  
Pastor Veronica R. Goines

## WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN



As we watch the continuing horrors that are unfolding in Ukraine (and see the violence in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, and in our own cities), it is hard to know what to say, but we are very aware of how it makes us feel. The brutality of war raises the age-old questions of where is God, and how can God let this happen? There is no answer to these questions. I tend to believe that God is not the cause of human sin and rebellion. God either cannot or chooses not to intervene, rather calling on us to be the embodiment of compassion, justice, mercy, and forgiveness. We must become the answers to our own longings. But this answer doesn't completely satisfy either.

We tend to forget, or overlook, that the story of the crucifixion, is a story of oppression and evil and an experience of God not being there ("My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me?"). How could God let his son die? Why couldn't God send angels to take him from the cross? Aren't there better ways to deal with the problems of sin and evil? God allowed Jesus to be murdered, to take the sins of the world on his shoulders. Jesus' arms spread out to take in everyone through suffering and forgiveness. I don't know if that satisfies our longing for answers, but it points the way to truth.

We do have Easter – the resurrection; evil and death do not have the final word. Suffering can be redemptive if it is shaped by obedience and love. We will never know the whys, but we can know the who and what – and hold fast to our faith that God is love and "although the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet." And we must then take up the mantle, take up our crosses, witness to the power of the resurrection in our own lives, and manifest the risen Christ in our world. So, we continue the work of justice and peace through non-violence; we welcome everyone to the table and see everyone as a beloved child of God (especially our enemies). God calls us to be an Easter people and work towards the reconciliation of the world.

~ Pastor John Lentz Jr.

**In Addition.** . . from Pastor Lentz

During these difficult days we can pray, worship, love, and live generously, weeping with those who weep and laughing with those who laugh; doing the work of the kingdom while we wait for the kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven.

I received these prayers from Rev. Eileen Vizcaino who used them in a community service of lament for the war in Ukraine.

### **A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the world. Amen.

### **Prayer: A voice that speaks of peace**

God of mercy, help us to listen to your voice – a voice that speaks of peace to all people.

Let the sound resonate within us, until a whisper becomes a shout which cannot be ignored.

Move us with your love, so that our actions echo your peace, and we may bring comfort to those touched by conflict. Fill us with your hope, O Lord, and quiet the fear and hatred which divide us, as we seek to build a future together, of true and lasting peace.

## **A Buddhist Prayer for Peace**

If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbors. If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart. - Lao Tsu –

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**Holy Week Schedule** – We have every hope that we will be in person together this Easter season! Of course, livestream will continue.

**Palm Sunday, April 10, 11 AM, Sanctuary.** Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday. On this day Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem. We will distribute palms as we remember both the triumphal entry and the beginning of the passion of Christ.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.** (See more information in Pastor Goines' article, above.)

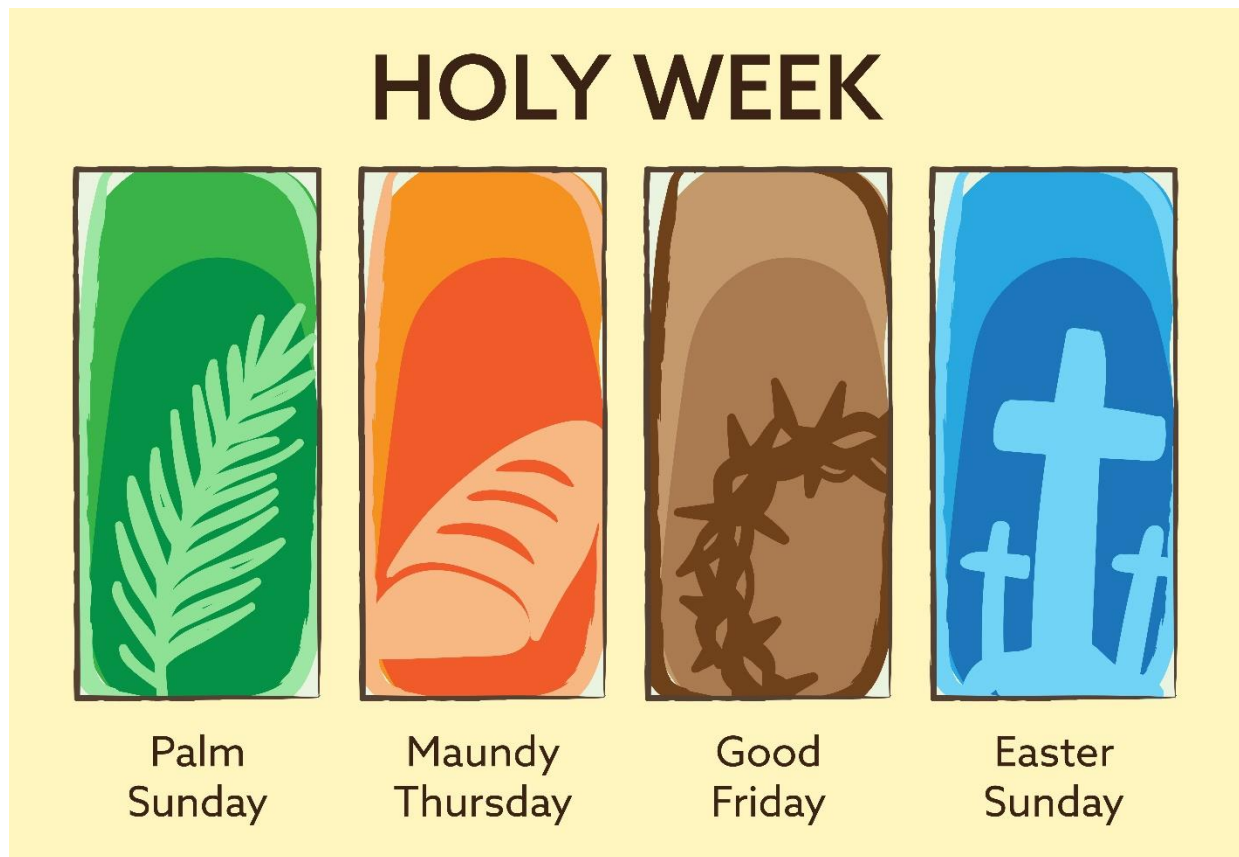
**Good Friday, April 15, 12:00 noon, Chapel.** "Holy Conversations" will take place as we gather to hold a worshipful community reflection on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross." We will focus on these scriptures:

- Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke 23:34)
- Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)
- Woman, behold, thy son! (John 19:26-27)
- My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)
- I thirst. (John 19:28)
- It is finished. (John 19:30)
- Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. (Luke 23:46)

Pastors Goines and Lentz will lead but invite those in attendance to express their own reflections on the texts. Room for prayer and silence will be given. Music and prayer will bring us together in worship as we remember this sacred moment. You may come prepared with a brief reflection or let the spirit move you in that space and time. (1 hour)

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary.** We celebrate the Good News of Christ's resurrection and victory over death. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

~ Pastor John Lentz Jr.







Family, Youth, and Children Ministries



**Sunday, April 10**

**Family Palm Parade in Worship**

**10:45 AM**

Come to worship with your family on Palm Sunday, April 10, as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Children and youth of all ages (and their grown-ups!) are invited to join our joyful palm parade at the beginning of the service. Please plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. We'll meet in the narthex (the area at the back of the sanctuary) and process together during the opening hymn, waving our palm branches!



**Sunday, April 17**

**Egg-stra Special Easter**

**Easter Egg / Scavenger Hunt!**

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

Bring your children and grandchildren to church on Easter Sunday to enjoy a time of fun and fellowship before worship. We'll tell the Easter story and celebrate with an Easter egg / scavenger hunt! Meet at 10 AM in the church courtyard (by the playground); and in Fellowship Hall in case of rain or snow!

**Easter Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM**

Children of all ages are welcome in worship, and we delight in seeing (and hearing!) them. There will be special Easter activity bags for young children containing worship bulletins and activities to do



during the service. Easter is a wonderful day to include children in worship as we share the joy of Jesus' resurrection and celebrate God's love. Please join us!



### **Infant – Toddler – Preschool**

Our rooms for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on the second floor of the Education Wing provide a welcoming space for caregivers and their children, ages birth to 5, during worship. Parents/caregivers of young children who need a break during worship are always welcome to visit the

infant-toddler-preschool rooms with their children to play or rest. Now that in-person worship has resumed, we will be hiring staff to provide caregiving for our youngest children on Sunday mornings. Until staff are in place, we are asking parents/grandparents to remain with their children in the infant-toddler-preschool rooms. **TV monitors have been installed in these rooms so that adults can watch and listen to the worship service!**



### **Children Grades K – 5**

**Sunday Morning Gathering 10:00 AM-10:45 AM in Room 203 on the Second Floor of the Education Wing**

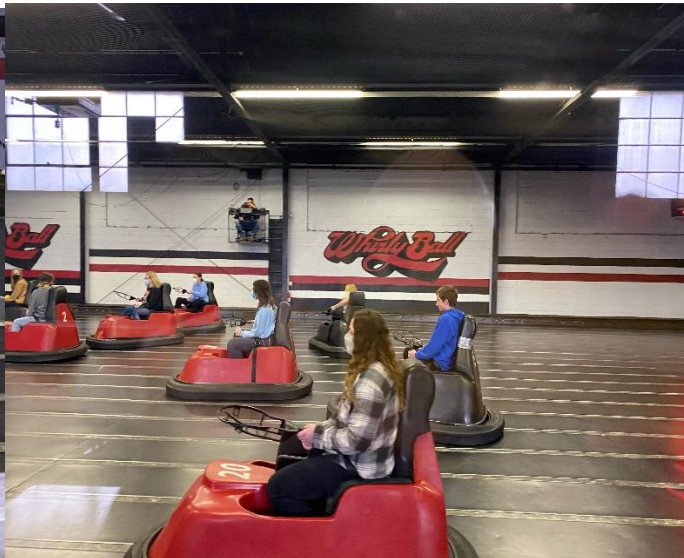
Join us in April as we learn about the events of Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter. Our children's gatherings include time for playing with friends, sharing joys and concerns, and being actively engaged through art, movement, storytelling, music, games, and quiet times of reflection and prayer. All are welcome – please join us!



## Youth Group (Grades 6-12) Whirlyball

Twelve young people - FHC youth and friends - played several spirited games of Whirlyball at the courts in Bedford Hts. on Sunday March 27th.

Whirlyball is a combination of jai alai, basketball, and hockey, with players moving around the court in 'dodge-em-like' cars you'd see at an amusement park. Everyone enjoyed pizza together following the games. Thanks to Rev. Eric Dillenbeck and the Confirmation Class for hosting this event!





## Confirmation Class News

Five young people are exploring their faith and church membership in a Confirmation Class that meets at FHC every Sunday at 10am through **May 8**.

Led by Rev. Eric Dillenbeck, these young people are thinking about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and if they want to express that relationship through membership in the Presbyterian Church and specifically Forest Hill.

Each young person has an adult mentor who will support them in their faith journey. In addition to weekly study and discussion, the group enjoyed an evening of WhirlyBall and pizza on **March 27**, and they will come together at the church on Saturday, April 30th for an all-day retreat.

Confirmation Sunday is **May 15**. As a congregation, we will embrace and affirm our young people. Those who choose to be confirmed will share a profession of faith and their intention to participate actively in the life of the church. A reception for confirmands and their families will follow the worship service.



## **Family Connections**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

Children have received “fish boxes” to collect coins in for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. Our contributions support people and communities around the world who are impacted by hunger, poverty, and natural disasters.

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to talk with their young people about how this annual offering reminds us that we are called to help meet each other's needs and how responding to this call connects us to God and one another. Any amount, large or small, helps someone! Please consider making a family contribution to OGHS during the remaining weeks of Lent.

***If your family is not receiving communication from our FYC program and would like to be informed about our programming, please contact Amy Wheatley, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry at [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org). We'd love to add you to our list!***





## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Hal-le, hal-le... HALLELUJAH!

After two years of virtual services for Lent and Easter, Forest Hill Church looks forward to celebrating the rest of the Lenten season and Easter 2022 in-person! The singers and musicians in the Chancel Choir, Voices in Bronze and Percussion Ensemble are hard at work and eager to present their musical gifts. In addition, we will have some guest musicians for our services. The upcoming Good Friday service features Costa Rican violinist, Guillermo Salas-Suarez, who returns to FHC again. Other more traditional pieces featured for our services include a gospel rendition of "Ride on, King Jesus!" "The Cross," and John Rutter's Easter celebratory piece, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

John Rutter uses an old German hymn as the basis for his anthem, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." This ancient hymn was originally published in 1531 in Ein neu Gesangbüchlein, one of the earliest Protestant hymnals of the newly-founded Order of the Bohemian Brethren. It was written by Michael Weisse (c.1488–1534) who was a Catholic monk but converted to Lutheranism. This hymn differs from the version by Charles Wesley which we sing every Easter, and we are excited to sing the Wesley hymn with you as well as present the Rutter piece.

We look forward to offering our musical gifts during services this month and next!



Would you like to get back into singing? Or are you eager to connect with singers and music-lovers from Forest Hill Church? The FHC Percussion Ensemble, Bell Choir (Voices in Bronze), and Chancel choir are back in person! Please contact Ying ([music@fhcpresb.org](mailto:music@fhcpresb.org)) if you are interested in joining us for practice!



## DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Beloved Community,

We are all aware that the pandemic has impacted every aspect of our lives. This includes the work of the Deacons at Forest Hill Church over the last two years. As many of you know, the entire community of Forest Hill Church is sorted into ten CARE Groups, with a Deacon to oversee each group. **CARE** stands for “**C**hrist-Like **A**ttention **R**eaching **E**veryone with **E**mpathy.” Some changes have been made in care groups assignments in order to bring balance to each group.

Through our activities Deacons strive to make our beloved community feel welcome and included. Each month a different Deacon Care Group leader organizes volunteer opportunities to serve during the mornings of Sunday services and other needed tasks. Each opportunity for involvement takes little time, but our collective efforts make a significant difference in the welcoming and caring culture of Forest Hill Church.

Below is a brief description of current opportunities for service. Some previous tasks have been temporarily suspended due to pandemic concerns. Deacons will review procedures with each CARE group in advance of their assigned month, so all are comfortable with any of the volunteer options.

- Each month, we provide meals, calls, and cards to members of our congregation who are in need. Your Deacon may contact you to ask for help in providing this care.
- Coffee Hour Hosts: Coffee hour occurs after the Sunday service in Fellowship Hall. After the service two hosts make sure



that the coffee carafes are full, and that coffee and juice are poured. The custodian is responsible for set up and cleanup.

- Flower Delivery: Some Sundays a few vases of flowers are donated by members of the congregation to someone who will enjoy them. One volunteer from the CARE Group is responsible for making sure donated flowers are delivered.

Forest Hill Church strives to be a nurturing, loving, serving community. Being actively involved as a member of a CARE Group gives you an opportunity to reach out to the rest of the congregation. It is a mission of love and joy. Working together, CARE Group members function as a beloved Christian community following the example of Jesus Christ.

Mary Ann Breisch  
First Year Deacon Elder

**Forest Hill Church**





## What Did You “Give” for Lent?

Your Stewardship Ministry has decided on a new theme for its 2023 season based on Ephesians 3:20 – *Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.* This theme speaks to possibilities and curiosity and goes beyond the “treasure” part of Stewardship to time, talent and testimony. In the days ahead, we hope to take a fuller, richer, more spiritual look at all the ways we do and can “give.”

With that in mind, we wanted to share with you some of what Cleveland journalist Regina Brett wrote in her blog following Ash Wednesday on March 2. She takes a fresh look at “GIVING” and “GIVING UP” during the 40 days of Lent.

She wrote, “If you start with the end in sight, on Easter morning, [ask yourself] “what do you want to have changed over these 40 days? What difference do you want to have made? What habit or character defect do you want removed? Who do you want to be?”

Brett then suggested a creative list of things to help readers redirect their thinking about Lenten sacrifice. Here are a few of her thoughts:

- *Give 40 minutes of help to a single parent, so he or she could do something alone.*
- *Give fear, doubt, gossip, complaining and whining a rest for 40 days or forever.*
- *Give up all that shame, that darkness inside that makes you feel rotten to the core. You were made whole and holy. Shame on you? No, shame off you.*

- *Give up one meal a week and donate the money to the Cleveland Foodbank...*
- *Give away one item a week to the Cleveland Furniture Bank.*
- *Give thanks to 40 people. Call, text or mail a thank you note every day to the neighbors, teachers, family and friends who shaped you and blessed your life.*
- *Give yourself 40 seconds in the mirror every day to remember who you are in God's sight. Bask in God's love for the imperfect you who will probably cheat and eat a Twinkie, sip a beer and maybe even cuss during Lent.*
- *Give these words to others: You were right...I'm sorry...I love you...Thank you...You did a great job.*
- *Give up your regrets. For 40 days, at the end of every day, pause and review the day. Is there anyone you shut out of your heart? Any words you wish you could take back? Any words you wish you had said? Make amends now.*
- *For 40 days, ask yourself this: What would someone who loved themselves do? Then go do it. Because in the end, Easter is a love story.*

NOTE: By the time you are reading this, there will be only about 20 days remaining in Lent. Let us try to think about GIVING in this new way for whatever time is left before Easter arrives. Who knows what blessings you and others will receive from your efforts?

Excerpted from:

<https://www.reginabrett.com/blog/40-days-to-give-lent-a-chance-to-change-your-life-forever>

## EASTER LILIES

Easter morning our Sanctuary will again be decorated with beautiful lilies. Order yours today! The price is \$20 each. To order by **April 12**, please call the church office or fill out this form: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db7701179>.

Your lilies can be picked up after worship on Easter Sunday, **April 17**, or on Monday, **April 18**, after 9:00 AM. Be sure to note on the form if you wish to have your lilies donated. They will be delivered to our shut-ins by the Deacons.



~The Worship Committee

## INTRODUCING. . . THE RACIAL INEQUITY REPAIR COMMITTEE

What a blessing that Forest Hill Church is a Matthew 25 Congregation. With this commitment, we strive to truly become a beloved community - it means we have joined with other Presbyterian congregations across the United States to accept the call of Jesus in Matthew 25:31-46 to act boldly to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor.

To fulfill this commitment as individuals, we are called to learn more about issues like racism, poverty, and immigration. We can also give our money or time to Labre or the Pantry; we can join the informative and challenging Black Caucus book club or support and join Greater Cleveland Congregations' actions; we can write letters demanding bail reform - these are just a few of the ways we can engage, taking personal, *individual action*, by ourselves or with others.

There is other work happening at Forest Hill to help us take collaborative, *institutional action* to dismantle systemic racism, one of our Matthew 25 commitments. The Racial Inequity Repair Committee (RIRC) is a dynamic multi-racial group born in 2021 out of the Black Caucus' six months of study, discussion, workshops, and conversation about racial inequity. RIRC meets regularly via Zoom to share ideas, embrace possibilities, work through challenges, and move toward a focused action: What can Forest Hill Church do - as an institution - to recognize our church's complicity in systemic racism and craft a path toward systemic repair?

This work has been rewarding and challenging. Participants are not blaming, shaming, or guilt-tripping. Rather, our work reflects a process of informed acknowledgement of the complex and longstanding inequities within our institutions and communities in the face of our

call as a Matthew 25 Congregation to uphold the inherent worth and belovedness of all members of our congregation and our community.

With the support of our co-pastors, RIRC approached the Ministry of Justice and Mission (J&M) to propose that we work together. Starting in 2022, RIRC and J&M will meet monthly during Ministry meetings, building connections to expand and deepen their work.

Over the past few months, the group has explored the power of confession. Using the Book of Common Worship as a foundation, writers have volunteered to draft language for a confession that we can use in worship. We consider (and reconsider!) the importance of each word and phrase. We believe that through personal and institutional acknowledgment of our history, Forest Hill Church can use confession to create systemic repair. We believe that words can challenge us, provoke us, and serve as a connection to the past and to the power of God's healing light and love. Some of you may have heard the prayer on February 13, when Pastor Veronica shared it as our prayer of confession! We will continue to share the prayer with everyone over the next few weeks.

We have also considered how we can use our financial resources as a source of sustained, engaged repair of racism. Our church has some long-standing projects that we can learn from; our Ron Register Scholarship Fund and the Home Repair Resource Center are two projects, one in education and one in housing, where we have partners and stakeholders to help us consider the scope, meaningful repair work, and viability as we grow our plans.

Studying reparations has moments of clarity and energy, and moments of struggle and frustration. The Racial Inequity Repair Committee embraces those challenges and invites others to join us in our conversation and our prayerful learning, and ultimately, in the

work we hope Forest Hill Church will take on, as we honestly reflect on our past, create substantial plans for the present and bend the arc toward justice for our future.

To get involved or learn more, please contact any of the RIRC members below for conversation and connection, and continue to look for our updates as we share more of our work with Forest Hill Church, our beloved community!

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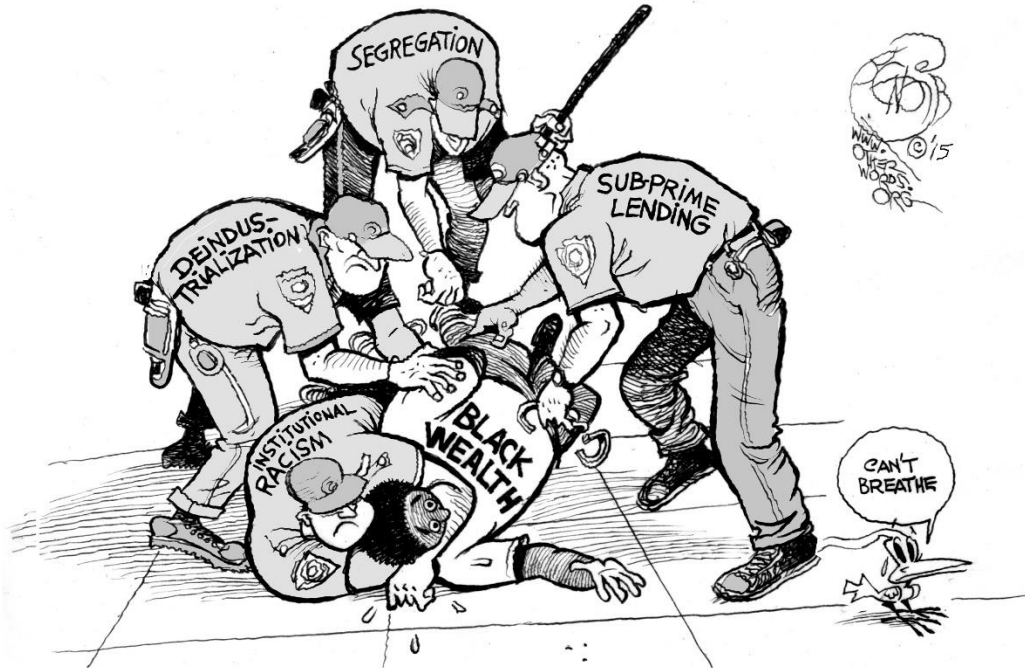
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# BLACK CAUCUS BOOK CLUB

*The Whiteness of Wealth, How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans and How We Can Fix It*, Dorothy A. Brown. Join us as we discuss this book via Zoom, **April 30, 10:30 to noon**.

Please email [blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org](mailto:blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org) to request the Zoom link or register here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7b1894314>. If you wish to purchase the book, you may purchase the book [here](#).



Following are some reviews of *The Whiteness of Wealth, How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans And How We Can Fix It*

**A groundbreaking exposé of racism in the American taxation system from a law professor and expert on tax policy-NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR AND FORTUNE**

**"Important reading for those who want to understand how inequality is built into the bedrock of American society, and what a more equitable future might look like."**

—Ibram X. Kendi, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist*



Dorothy Brown wanted to escape from the grasps of discrimination and unfairness rooted in systemic American racism. In her book, *The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans—and How We Can Fix It*, she uncovers hidden truths from the United States tax code as one of the factors affecting wealth distribution and concentration in the country. After devoting decades exploring the depths of tax laws, she saw how the system—that was supposedly colorblind—was actually white. -max helps books

**“[An] accessible and lively . . . primer on how wealth works in America.”** -*Bloomberg Businessweek*

**“This book is a tour de force. With clarity and conviction, Dorothy Brown reveals how U.S. tax policy sustains and deepens the wealth gap between black and white Americans. As I read *The Whiteness of Wealth*, I found myself shaking my head as I eagerly turned the pages and shouting ‘damn’ with each revelation. If we are finally to address the long history of racism in this country, we must grapple with the arguments of Brown’s powerful book. This is a MUST read for these troubling times.”**—Eddie S. Glaude Jr., *New York Times* bestselling author of *Begin Again* and *Democracy in Black*

**“In this urgent account, Dorothy Brown incisively unpacks how racism is embedded in our nation’s tax system, enhancing White wealth at the expense of Black Americans.”**—Ibram X. Kendi, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist* and *Stamped from the Beginning*

**“An illuminating exploration of how U.S. tax policies exacerbate the Black-white wealth gap.”**  
—*Publishers Weekly*

**“Brown . . . writes brilliantly and lucidly on systemic racism and injustice within the American tax system. [*The Whiteness of Wealth*] is an eye-opening, well-sourced and -argued account of tax law and economic policy at the intersection of racism and social history.”**—*Booklist* (starred review)



## JUSTICE AND MISSION

The 31<sup>st</sup> Homeless Stand Down (Cle) will take place this year from **10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, April 23** at FirstEnergy Stadium.

For many years Forest Hill Church has taken an active role in the Stand Down, both donating ahead of the event and volunteering on the day of the event. Please consider joining our team this year!

If you want to donate, go to this designated Amazon link to purchase underwear, hygiene products, boots, shoes and other needed items:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3BRK6ZHQ2GIWW/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3BRK6ZHQ2GIWW/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

If you want to join a team of FHC folks and volunteer on the day of the event, send me an email: Jack Breisch at [jackbreisch@gmail.com](mailto:jackbreisch@gmail.com).

I'll send signup instructions to you separately. Thanks for considering!

### **FHC WORK DAY** **Saturday, May 7 • 9 AM to 1 PM**

Spring has sprung, and it's time to house clean. We need people of all ages for many tasks, including: switching storms & screens, washing glass, gardening, mulching, and getting organized. Some supplies will be provided, but please label them yours if you have your favorite tool. There's plenty to do inside if it rains; outside tasks will be rescheduled. Please wear your FHC name tag if you have one so that we can make new connections after being apart. **LUNCH** will be served when our work is done. **A SCAVENGER HUNT** is planned for the kids! If you wish to signup, please fill out this form: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/cb0e22>.

# RACE ACTION NETWORK OF THE PWR

Jane Elliott

**Lecture and Q&A Session**

**Sunday, April 24 from 4-6 PM**

One of the pillars of being a Matthew 25 Church is to dismantle systemic racism. Structural racism is “the opposite of what God intends for humanity.” But, where do we begin to understand what structural racism is and the role we play individually and collectively that perpetuates its continuation? What can we do to dismantle it?

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve offers a good starting place with a Zoom lecture and Q&A session featuring Jane Elliott scheduled for **Sunday, April 24, from 4 – 6 PM.**

Since conducting her well known Blue Eyes and Brown Eyes Exercise in her classroom, Mrs. Elliott has become an internationally known educator, lecturer, diversity trainer, and recipient of the National Mental Health Association Award for Excellence in Education. She speaks bluntly about prejudice and racism and will challenge each of us to examine our beliefs on the topic.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register you must first attend one of the following one-hour Zoom prep sessions hosted by the Presbytery of the Western Reserve's Race Action Network:

**March 28 @ 4:30 PM    April 7 @ 10 AM    April 7 @ 6 PM**

Simply select the date and time that best fits your schedule. On that date and time click on this link to find the Zoom link for your prep session. [www.preswesres.org/ran](http://www.preswesres.org/ran).

A zoom link for the **April 24** program will be sent directly to you once you attend a prep session.

For more information about Jane Elliott, please go to <https://janeelliott.com>.

Or click on these links:

[https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/1067949.A\\_Class\\_Divided](https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/1067949.A_Class_Divided)

<https://www.pbs.org/video/frontline-class-divided/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mcCLm\\_LwpE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mcCLm_LwpE)

Mark your calendar today, attend a prep session and plan to join us on, **Sunday, April 24, 4-6 PM.**

Please join the Presbytery of the Western Reserve in welcoming internationally renowned race educator

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# Jane Elliott

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for a Zoom lecture and Q&A session on  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022 | 4-6 p.m.**

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This event is free and open to the public, but **registration is required.**  
To register, you must attend one of the following one-hour Zoom prep sessions hosted by PWR's Race Action Network:  
**March 28 @ 4:30 p.m. | April 7 @ 10 a.m. | April 7 @ 6 p.m.**  
Registration links and more can be found at [preswesres.org/ran](https://preswesres.org/ran)

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Robert Bruce	Cameron	April 01
Brynn	Keefe	April 01
Robert	Reynolds	April 01
Jeremy	Ryman	April 04
Margaret	Sentell	April 04
Robert	Jeffreys	April 05
Sharon	Shumaker	April 05
Roberta	Van Dijk	April 05
Lucille	Conde	April 08
Nick	Baumgartner	April 10
Marcia	Grant	April 13
Audrey	Himes	April 13
Laura	Peterjohn	April 14
Jeannine	Gury	April 15
Amy	Wheatley	April 15
Caleb	Correa-Marcy	April 16
William	Finn	April 17
Ajah	Hales	April 17
Seth	Ungemach	April 17
Steven	Hosier	April 18
Beth	Garrett	April 19
Benjamin	Stadler	April 19
C. Lee	Thomas	April 19
Kermit	Lind	April 20
Phyllis	Baumgartner	April 23
Harold	Musick	April 24
Dave	Neff	April 24
Jeff	Smith	April 24
Laura	Stauffer	April 26
Jonathon	Hall	April 27
Patricia	Ludwig	April 27
Adam	Stauffer	April 28
Victoria	Sampson	April 29
Meridith	Vandall	April 29
Peter	Cary	April 30
Daniel	Shaner	April 30

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**May TOWER issue deadline: 8 am on April 14**

**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 APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Regularly scheduled events: meet every week unless noted</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> -AA: Progress not Perfection <b>7:00 pm</b> -AI Anon: Now There's Hope <b>7:30 pm</b> -AA: Borton Group	<b>10:30 am</b> -Abundance Pantry <b>-Bulletin and Weekly email Deadline</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> –Bible & Bagels (virtual) <b>12:00 pm</b> -Staff Meeting (virtual) -AA: Wed. Women's Group	<b>1:30 pm</b> -English Dance <b>6:00 pm</b> -Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> -Chancel Choir	<b>9:30 am</b> -AI Anon: Hand in Hand	
<b>March 27</b> 9:30 am: Adult Education course 10:00 am: Confirmation Class 1:00 pm: Exploring Membership 4:00 pm: Racism Series	<b>March 28</b>	<b>March 29</b> 6:00 pm: Tuesday Café	<b>March 30</b>	<b>March 31</b> <b>Women History Month Ends!</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b> 8:00 am: Men's Group.  Women's Walk
<b>April 3</b> 9:30 am: Adult Education course <b>Communion</b>  4:00 pm: Racism Series	<b>April 4</b>	<b>April 5</b> 6:00 pm: Tuesday Café	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 9</b> 8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
<b>April 10</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>Banks Baptism</b> 9:30 am: Adult Education course 10:45 am: Family Palm Parade 4:00 pm: Racism Series	<b>April 11</b>	<b>April 12</b> <b>Last day to order Lilies!</b>  6:00 pm: Tuesday Café	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 14</b> <b>TOWER DEADLINE</b>  <b>6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service</b> Antoinette will be out of the office! Nancy G. will cover.	<b>April 15</b> <b>12:00 PM: Good Friday Service</b> <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMY!!!</b> Antoinette will be out of the office! Cathy G. will cover.	<b>April 16</b> 8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic
<b>April 17</b> 9:30 am: Adult Education course 10:00 am: Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt 4:00 pm: Racism Series	<b>April 18</b> <b>Easter Lily Pick-up</b> Antoinette will be out of the office! Lynda B. will be the office volunteer.	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 23</b> 8:00 am: Women's Walk with Julie Lustic 10:00 am: Homeless Stand Down
<b>April 24</b> 9:30 am: Adult Education course 4:00 pm: Racism Series	<b>April 25</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>April 30</b> <b>Confirmation Retreat</b> 8:00 am: Men's Group. Women's Walk 10:30 am: Black Caucus Book Discussion