



Forest Hill Church

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***Discovering God's call. . .
Celebrating the Spirit's presence
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!***

The TOWER

JUNE AND JULY 2023



Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Pastor

WORDS FROM REV. DR. JOHN C. LENTZ, JR.

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from heaven!
Praise God in the heights!
Psalm 148:1

Dear Friends,

Even though the last few days have been chilly we know that soon and very soon the temperature will heat up, the sun will shine, and we will begin to complain about how hot it is! I love the summer on the North Coast. I am excited about the summer at Forest Hill Church.

We will be bringing back a tradition: **Summer Worship at 10:00. Sunday, June 4 to Sunday, September 3.** But this year we will be worshiping outside every Sunday on the front steps of the church. So, bring your lawn chairs (buy a Forest Hill folding chair!!) and blankets and we will praise God, as Psalm 148 tells us to, together in the Heights. Those driving by or walking in the park will know that something is happening at Forest Hill. Of course, if it is raining we will move inside.



June 4 is going to be a big day of celebration and fun. After church on the steps at 10:00 come back into Fellowship Hall for refreshment and the Ministry Fair. Each of the church ministries will have a table set up and a representative to answer any questions you may have about what the ministries do and how to get involved. There are so many things going on at the church: programs, missions, Bible and book studies, prayer groups, youth groups - all of which are led by active members and staff of the church. If you want to know more about becoming an Elder, a Deacon or a Trustee, this is the program for you!

AND on the evening of the 4th Ying is bringing back the JUNE CABARET and TALENT SHOW. Pizza and salad will be served beginning at 5:00 and the show will start at 5:30. This intergenerational event is a NOT TO BE MISSED program. Bring friends.

All of these great things are happening on the first Sunday of Summer. Just think what July and August will bring. Spread the good news the church is back!

~Grace and peace to you, John



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Family, Youth, and Children Ministries

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!



On Sunday, **June 4**, we will recognize those in our church family who are graduating this spring.

SUMMER SUNDAYS



Sunday School and Youth Group take a break in June, July, and August. Our Sunday morning programming will resume in September.

Children and youth of all ages join their families for 10am outdoor worship this summer. There will be activities for little ones in a family area on the lawn. On rainy Sunday mornings when we worship in the sanctuary, childcare will be available for children, ages birth to 6yrs, in Rooms 201/203.

Look for announcements of special activities for families, youth, and children throughout the summer. To be added to our mailing list, please contact Amy Wheatley at ce@fhcpresb.org.

~Amy Wheatley, Director of Family, Youth and Children

WORDS FROM QIN YING TAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Forest Hill's Got Talent!
FHC - Fellowship Hall
From 5-7 PM
Sunday, June 4**

Join us for an Evening of Fun and Fellowship.

Potluck Dinner & Talent Show
(We'll provide pizza, please bring a side dish or dessert)

Share your talents with your church family!
(Or just come and enjoy dinner and the show.)

Entertain us with songs, instruments, comedy, magic, skits, dance...

All talents (hidden and not-so-hidden) are welcome!

Individuals, families, and groups are all invited to perform. Invite your friends!

Dinner Reservations/Talent Show Sign Up Here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/d70583>.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Ying (music@fhcpresb.org).



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The sixteen Elders on our Session were elected by the congregation to serve, along with the Pastor, as leaders for the Church. Elders on Session serve to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the church.

Session met for a stated meeting on Wednesday, April 26. Pastor John Lentz was the Moderator. After opening with prayer, we addressed many issues, including:

- Had a spiritual conversation to discern ways in which we do or do not carry out the work of Session in accordance with the Traits of the Beloved Community.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Dara Elliott, at her request.
- Approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper planned for Sunday, May 21.
- Reviewed the financial report. Reviewed and approved a revised description of the Committee on Finance. This committee will now focus on budgeting with attention to mid- and long-term issues and recommendations.
- Learned about the ongoing work of the Creating Racial Equity Committee. This committee is serving to enable improvement in measures of racial equity as recommended by the Racial Equity Survey. They are supporting ministries and auditing how the church works to meet racial equity goals.
- Discussed and approved a Minority Vendor Purchasing Policy that will seek to increase our engagement with minority-owned businesses.
- Discussed the need for the church to consider the nature of our pastoral leadership model, our mission and our engagement with the community. We will seek to work with an external third-party to help us better understand the thoughts of leadership and congregants.

~Elizabeth J. Shaw, Clerk of Session

Building and Grounds

Buildings & Grounds Report

A new projector, cabling HDMI port and remote control has been installed and connected to the sound system in Fellowship Hall. Ready for your next meeting.

Bids are being solicited for exterior painting. This may be done in phases so that certain badly needed portions, like the front of the church, can be done sooner.

The Hunter Christian Education Foyer project has three components: lobby, hallways, and handicapped bathroom update. Architectural drawings have been presented to the family. Trustees will get a complete project presentation soon.

HOLD YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT AT FHC!

Did you know the church is available for your next baby shower, family celebration, concert or conference?

The fees are very reasonable. Fellowship Hall seats 200, but there are many smaller spaces available. There are 2 kitchens, custodial help and free parking! The possibilities for your party planning are endless. Fees adjust for members and non-members.

Book your next event soon. For details contact Ann Donkin for more information or fill out a request

here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/9894b2>.

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 4, 2023

Please join representatives from the various ministries in Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning service. Each ministry will have a table where you can meet with leaders to learn more about the purpose of each and perhaps find where you would like to plug in with your own time and talents. The church has many great things happening and we want you to have this opportunity to hear about them firsthand. If you have questions, contact the church office.



FIBER AND FELLOWSHIP

We will be meeting from **10 AM -1 PM** (note time change).

**Upcoming Date:
June 10**

As a group, we are working on quilts for donation and a special project to provide quilts for children who have been admitted to the hospital. Knitters are going strong with car seat blankets and Prayer Shawls.



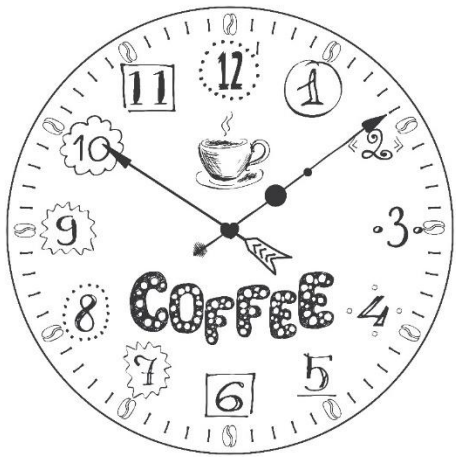
Personal projects are welcome as advice and tips are freely given. All are welcome- beginner to experienced. We are happy to teach. **Contact Carol Gifford for additional information.**

216-598-9730 cmgiff79@aol.com



The Labre Ministry (community service) at Forest Hill Church is reimagined! To learn more, follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaaa22a3fd0-labre#/>



COFFEE HOUR

Please join us every Sunday in Fellowship Hall after worship service for coffee and refreshments!



SPRING CLEANING BOOK GIVEAWAY

The FHC Library is having a Spring-Cleaning Giveaway of selected books. Please feel free to browse and take one or two books that interest you. Look for the book table by the ramp Sunday after church on June 4, 2023.

Contact Zivile Khoury (zivile@gmail.com) or Patricia Jenkins (pbjtwo@aol.com) if you have questions.

The FHC food pantry will
be closed on
June 20 and July 4!

MINISTRY OF ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Linger for A While

For the summer months, the Ministry of Adult Spiritual Growth will provide programming after Worship until noon called Linger A While. Linger A While allows for conversation in an informal setting after Worship until noon each Sunday beginning in June. There are no sign-ups. Come join in for community building!!!

Here are the opportunities for conversation in June:

- **June 4** - Ministry Fair
- **June 11**- Conversation about the traits of the Beloved Community
- **June 25**- Conversation with members of Session

If a Ministry, group, or individual is interested in providing a topic or wants to sponsor a conversation in July or August, please email dale.dannefer@case.edu.

~Ron Zimmerman



32nd Annual Homeless Stand Down

On Saturday, April 22nd, 16 FHC members and friends joined over 300 other volunteers at the 32nd Annual Homeless Stand Down, Cleveland Public Auditorium. With its long history of participation, FHC was a supporting sponsor of the event this year. Despite the rainy

weather, 800 people experiencing homelessness received “resources, respite, and reconnection.” FHC volunteers served as personal shoppers for our guests, helping them select backpacks, clothing, hygiene kits, and books as well as Subway gift cards and 24-hour bus passes. Each guest also received a hot meal and a bagged lunch and were invited to access everything from haircuts to health care to housing assistance. It was a truly moving and uplifting experience for all participants.



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A Matthew 25 Congregation





Many, many thanks to everyone, staff and members of FHC, for helping to make our Gun Surrender Event a success. While I would have been happy if we had been able to melt down more guns, knowing that we were able to make certain the ones we received will never hurt anyone is a huge relief.

Pastor Lentz was a stalwart champion from the beginning. Derry Stauffer, Jack and Mary Ann Breisch and Gary Lustic served faithfully on the Planning Committee and volunteered the day of the event. Thanks to Gary Lustic, Don Ungemach and Jack Breisch for cutting the guns apart. Mark Chupp was an able greeter; Virginia Weiss, Mary Ann Breisch, and Jeff Smith shepherded the cars through the donor line. Jake Ezell and Elizabeth Shaw made sure donors got the right gift card. Anne Smith kept track of gift cards. Derry Stauffer took pictures of the day. Margaret Misch and Quentin Smith filled in as floaters. Justice and Mission offered support from the beginning. Those were just the folks from the church.

Seth Bryant, a veteran, and his son, Milo, checked all of the guns right next to a statuette of Isaiah beating swords into ploughshares! Beth Wachter from Beth El--The Heights Synagogue brought coffee and doughnuts to sustain the volunteers. Lizbeth and Donna, Mary Ann Breisch's cousin and sister, served as runner and gift card cashier. Dawn Greene, God Before Guns Board member, was a member of the planning team, a shepherd and all around go-to for questions. The Rev. Heidi Barham, God Before Guns Board member, served as the Chaplain along with Pastor Lentz. David Eggert, God Before Guns Board President, offered moral support throughout the day. Jeff Smith was our onsite blacksmith. Blacksmith Ken Roby will be making an art piece for the church.

And then there was our staff. Antoinette did a great job getting the word out to the congregation and the community. Ann Donkin provided masterful help in using the space and providing for the needs of the event. Lisa and Michael were endlessly supportive in all of the behind-the-scenes tasks.

Deep thanks to all.
Cynthia Lehman

JOIN FOREST HILL FRIENDS ON JUNE 11TH TO CELEBRATE LIFE AND TO SUPPORT TRANSPLANT HOUSE OF CLEVELAND!

6TH ANNUAL
Transplant House
of Cleveland

Join Forest Hill Friends on June 11 to Celebrate Life and to Support Transplant House of Cleveland!

5K
RUN
1 MILE
walk

There is still time to join the Forest Hill Walkers on **Sunday, June 11**, to Support Transplant House of Cleveland!

Please let Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net or text 440-669-4885) know if you need help with signing up and if you are joining the FHC team.

Can't run or walk but would still like to Support Transplant House of Cleveland? You may write a check to Transplant House of Cleveland and mail it to 2029 E. 115th St., Cleveland, OH. 44106

Give online via this link: <https://www.transplanthouseofcleveland.org/5k-run-1-mile-walk/>.

*Celebrating the Life
of Brian Vitale*



We've been focusing on various areas in the building and grounds where our financial commitments are used, and those certainly are important. This summer, though, will see the release of a series of videos that demonstrate even more personally the work of our church and ministries and their effects in individuals' and families' lives.

Watch the church web site and YouTube channel (linked below) for weekly launches of testimonial videos: interviews with your fellow congregants on what Forest Hill means to them. We'll let you know in weekly updates when each drop. Some will be entirely new interview material; some will be newly edited material from interviews of stewardship seasons past. All of them are sure to remind you of how important our congregation's work is in so many lives.

[YouTube Testimonial Playlist](#)

As always, we are honored to serve alongside you,
~Stewardship (stewardship@fhcpresb.org)

JUNE 2023 BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate Month/Day
Nicole	Lawrence	June 02
Scott	Lafferty	June 03
Jocelyn	Stang	June 03
Laura	Schultz	June 04
Richard	Secor	June 04
Kiva	Bohanon	June 06
Jeremy	Hexe	June 06
Lucinda	Newton	June 06
Lara	Troyer	June 06
Jonathan	Adams	June 07
Gary	Lustic	June 07
Karen	Parker	June 07
Marius	Juodisius	June 08
Nancy	Lyon-Stadler	June 08
J. Linn	Obery	June 09
Suzanne	Seifert	June 09
Beverly	Thomas	June 13
Paula	Harvey	June 16
Vikki	Nowak	June 16
Kathleen	Cameron	June 17
Nancy	Jamieson	June 17
Thomas	Taylor	June 18
Jacob	Ezell	June 19
Carrie	Fister	June 20
Virginia	Weiss	June 20
Lane	Baldwin	June 22
Chris	Chapman	June 22
David	Schellenberg	June 22
Ann	Donkin	June 23
Doris	Bartlett	June 24
Marjorie	Thomas	June 24
LaDon	Headen	June 25
Rachel	Martinez-Finn	June 28
Jane	Frederick	June 29
Kerri	McCauley	June 30

JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate Month/Day
Ron	Schmidt	July 02
Michael	Cosgrove	July 03
Robert	Young	July 03
Dwight	Stauffer	July 05
Brett	Himes	July 07
Diane	Moyer	July 07
Sandy	Ladebue	July 09
Susanne	Peterjohn	July 09
Graham	Peters	July 10
Randall	Shaner	July 10
Jon	Newton (Sr.)	July 11
Edith	Duncan	July 12
Carolyn	Smith	July 12
Ian	Zych	July 12
John	Harmon	July 13
Fran	Thomas	July 13
Peter	Williams	July 14
Barbara	Cloud	July 17
Genetha	Clark	July 19
Sarah	Lentz	July 23
Ronald	Polderman	July 23
Maydene	Young	July 23
Don	Ghiandoni	July 24
Jon	Newton (Jr.)	July 24
Mary	Ball	July 25
Stephanie	Brown	July 25
Joseph	Andrews	July 26
Consuelo	Heineman	July 26
Christina	Hidek	July 30
Lisa	Richardson	July 30
Dr. Qin	Tan	July 30
Amy	Dillenbeck	July 31
Caleb	Peters	July 31

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May 28 9:15-10:15 AM: Adult Education	May 29 OFFICE CLOSED	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2 5:00 PM: Praying with others meeting 6:30 PM: Scottish Country Dancers	June 3 10:00 AM: Native Plant Sale 4:00 PM: Alzheimer's Panel
June 4 10 AM Outdoor Worship Begins HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA! Graduate Recognition Spring Cleaning Book Giveaway FHC Talent Show Ministry Fair	June 5	June 6 6:30 PM: Play Rehearsal	June 7 6:30 PM: Play Rehearsal	June 8 6:30 PM: Play Rehearsal	June 9 5:00 PM: Praying with others meeting 6:30 PM: Play Rehearsal Amira's Closet	June 10 10:00 AM: Fiber and Fellowship 2:00- 4:00 PM: Wedding Shower Amira's Closet
June 11 Seigneur Baptisms Linger A While	June 12	June 13 6:30 PM: Creating Racial Equity	June 14 7:00 PM: Ministry Meetings	June 15	June 16	June 17 Culture Camp 1:00 PM: Pat Chase Memorial
June 18 Banks Baptism Linger A While-Food Truck Culture Camp	June 19 JUNETEETH OFFICE CLOSED Culture Camp	June 20 Culture Camp 7:00 PM: Gendersphere	June 21 Culture Camp	June 22 Culture Camp	June 23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANN DONKIN! Culture Camp 5:00 PM: Praying with others meeting	June 24 Culture Camp
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July 9 Ball Baptism Linger A While	July	July 11 6:30 PM: Creating Racial Equity	July 12 7:00 PM: Ministry Meetings	July 13 TOWER DEADLINE	July 14	July 15
July 16 Linger A While	July 17	July 18 7:00 PM: Gendersphere	July 19	July 20	July 21 5:00 PM: Praying with others meeting	July 22
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July 2023

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August TOWER issue deadline: 8 am on July 13

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).