CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES IN OUR FHC FAMILY!

Henry Ampong, age 4, graduated from EduCare Preschool in Cleveland and will attend kindergarten in the fall. Henry is the son of Beatrice and Isaac Ampong and big brother of Elsie.

Andrew Burleigh graduates from Shaker Heights High School. He'll be heading to The Ohio State University this fall to study psychology. Andrew is the son of Kate and David Burleigh.

Jaden Cosgrove graduates from Cleveland Heights High School and will attend Cuyahoga Community College in the fall. Jaden is the son of Danielle and Mike Cosgrove.

Nora Duncan graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH. in December 2023 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. She will complete a Master's program in Mechanical Engineering at Miami University this winter. Nora is the daughter of Derek and Jane Duncan.

Fiona Neff graduated with an Advanced Degree with Honors from Madison High School in Vienna, VA. She will attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. this fall. Fiona is the granddaughter of David Neff.

Andrew (Drew) Stadler graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Business. He will join the professionals at Eaton, working in the power industry. Drew will be assigned to the Manassas, VA., office, working on projects throughout the U.S. Drew is the son of Nancy Lyon-Stadler.

Adam Stauffer graduated from Cleveland State University with a degree in Information Systems Technology. Adam is the son of Laura and Kevin Stauffer, and the grandson of Derry and Kathy Stauffer.

Valeria Stutz received her Masters of Social Work from Case Western Reserve University. She will be working as a bilingual therapist at Catholic Charities in Lake County.

On June 2 and 9 after church for about 1 hour, listening stations will be held in Bodwell Hall, Library, Chapel, Fellowship Hall and by Google Meet in the Jin Room.

To join the video meeting, click here!

RON REGISTER SCHOLARS 2024

The Ron Register Scholarship is named in honor of FHC's own Ron Register, who served on the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education for 16 years, including four terms as president. Two Cleveland Heights High School graduates were selected to receive awards of \$2,500 this year.

Gianni Mitchell, an exceptional student, was inducted into the National Honor Society as a sophomore. She was active in the Senior Student Council and the Minority Student Achievement Network, where she mentored and tutored other students. Gianni played volleyball for 4 years, serving as captain of the varsity team in her senior year. She plans a future career in Business, possibly in Real Estate.

Egypt Sa'ad participated in the Minority Student Achievement Network and was nominated by district leadership to be part of the First Ring Student Leadership Institute during her sophomore and junior years. In addition to playing lacrosse and holding down part-time work, Egypt found time to serve as a school ambassador and mentor for refugee students. She plans a career as a criminal defense lawyer.

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*Please stand if able

CENTERING WORDS

Satisfy us with your love in the morning And we will live this day in joy and praise! (Psalm 90:14)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN NO. 399

"God Welcomes All"

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

*HYMN NO. 406

"We are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576) "Lord, Have Mercy" Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA (Hymn No. 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (sing twice)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

ANTHEM Matt Redman

"10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord" Em Ezell, soloist

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Matthew 6:25-34 (page 787)

After the reading

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

*HYMN NO. 466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz. Jr.

"Yeah, Right!"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY

Henry Smith

"Give Thanks"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Traditional Spiritual

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all God's benefits. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 750

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us. Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE

We thank Dean Sieck for serving as Lay Leader this morning.