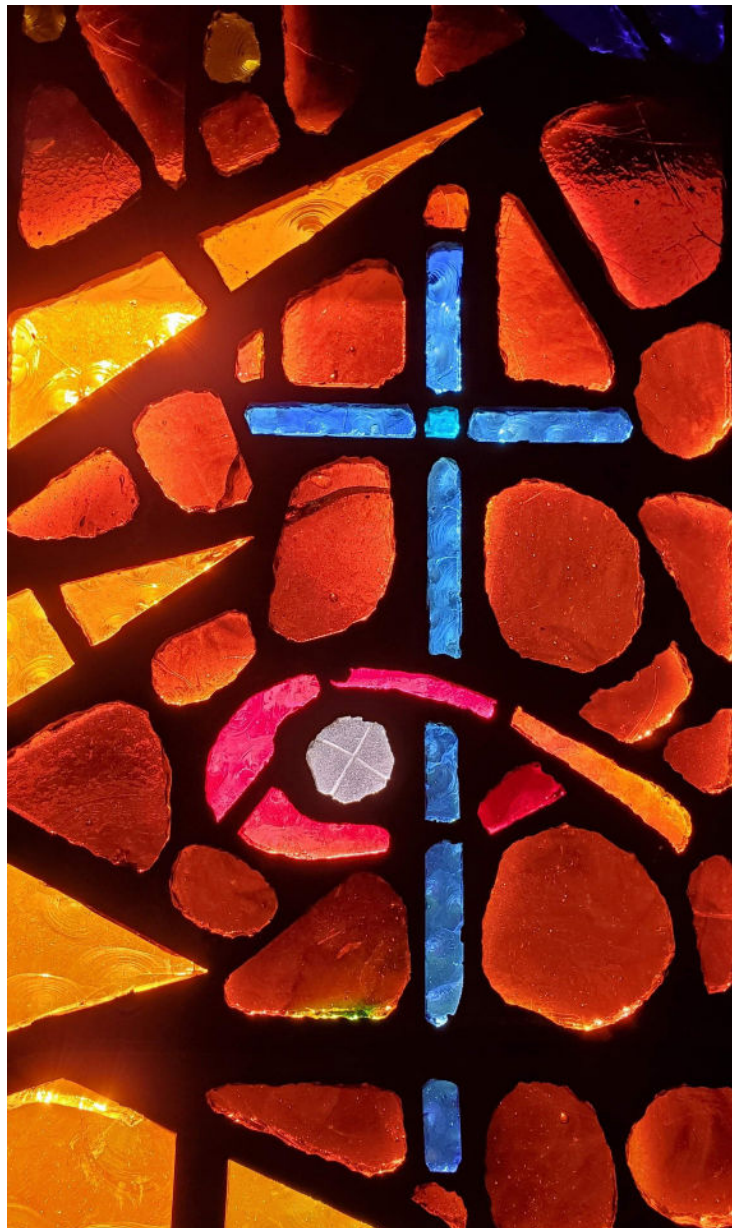




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# The Tower Newsletter

March 2025



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## WORDS FROM THE REV. DR. GENE MCAFEE



### Let's Talk About It

One of the things that ranked high on the list of wants members of FHC reported to the Holy Cow! consultants was the opportunity to come together

in small groups for meaningful conversation with the sharing of food.

This year's Lenten program at FHC is a response to that desire for community

building and nurturing over a meal. We get to know one another better when we share our stories in meaningful ways—what matters to us and not simply what we did with our day—and communal meals have always provided a perfect setting for those meaningful conversations. There will be three meal-and-service Lenten opportunities this year at FHC, all focusing on our spiritual lives and practices.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 5 this year. There will be a service in the sanctuary at 7:00pm, preceded by a meal in Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm. Bring a pot of your favorite soup or a loaf of your [cont'd p. 3]

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favorite bread—there will be a sign-up sheet to provide balance—and enjoy the company of others who have decided to observe the season of repentance and renewal.

Midway through Lent, on March 19, we will gather again in Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm for a soup-and-bread dinner and discussion. Following a brief evening devotional service, Danielle Cosgrove will facilitate small group discussions on our spiritual journeys and practices. We are seeking three men to bring soup and anyone to bring a loaf of bread. Please sign up if you will share these gifts with our community gathering.

Our third Lenten opportunity to share food, fellowship, and worship will be on Maundy Thursday, April 17, when we will gather in Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm for a simple bread-and-soup potluck followed by a Service of the Upper Room and Tenebrae. Families are especially encouraged to attend this gathering, as the kinetic and sensory experiences of the Lord's Supper and the extinguishing of lights provide ample opportunity for participation by even young children.

Other Lenten observances, such as the ecumenical Good Friday service, will help to shape our experience of Lent, but I wanted to bring these three in-house events to your attention especially, since they will give us a chance to build on the work done by the congregation with the Holy Cow! Consultants.

All of us crave and need companionship. Lent is a journey that invites company; we want to talk about what makes our lives full and rich and blessed as well as those areas in our lives where we know we have room to grow. Repentance and renewal go hand-

in-hand for a healthy Lenten observance. Hearing from one another about our spiritual lives, our spiritual practices, and our spiritual disciplines provides all of us with a valuable resource for growth and nourishment. I hope you'll join us as we journey together through Lent.

In service to Christ and Christ's church,



Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor



**Lent 2025:  
Repentance and  
Renewal**

<b>March 5</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
5:45pm	Soup and bread potluck
7:00pm	Worship with imposition of ashes
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Dinner and Discussion</b>
5:45pm	Soup and bread dinner, then small-group discussions
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
5:45pm	Soup and bread potluck
7:00pm	Intergenerational service of Communion and Tenebrae
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Good Friday Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b>
12:00pm	Drop-in ecumenical service

[Click here](#) for more information about these events. Register for meals here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/b1c64b>

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Invitation to “Timeless Voices,” a new intergenerational choir!

If you can talk, you can sing! The Music Ministry invites everyone to join a new group that promotes singing for all ages. With direction from Madelaine MacQueen and Ying, this intergenerational choir will meet on the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:15pm in South Hall. For fifteen minutes, we will learn new and fun songs. All ages are welcome. Rehearsals begin on March 16.



### Drum Circle

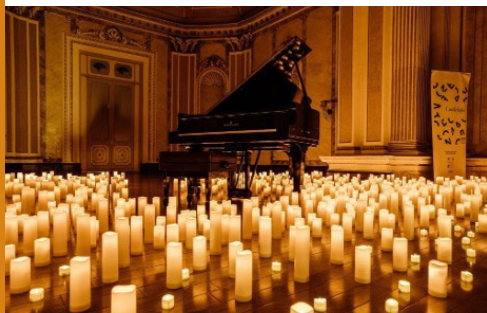
We are excited to resume drum circles at Forest Hill Church with Don Davis! Drumming on second Sundays will begin on March 9 at 12:30pm in the sanctuary. The sessions will last 30 minutes. All ages are welcome, and registration is encouraged through Breeze: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/56c94d>



## RESONANCE PROJECT CONCERT: LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Resonance Project presents a  
**Candlelit Piano Recital of Lenten Reflections: Rachmaninov and Franck**  
Saturday, March 15, 7:30pm  
Forest Hill Church Sanctuary

Join Ying’s partner, Irwin Shung, as he guides listeners through a colorful Lenten recital accompanied by compelling narration and arresting visuals.



Franck’s “Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue” is the very stuff of revelation.

Overtly religious, it opens with visions of brooding despair but ultimately transcends to the heights of ecstasy in its final moments.

By contrast, Rachmaninov’s virtuosic “Ten Preludes, Opus 23” are steeped in lush, romantic worldliness; yet even within this opulent landscape, fantastical apparitions emerge at unexpected moments. The climax of the “First Prelude in F-sharp Minor” culminates in a cataclysmic and profound loss of faith, while the final movement, in enharmonic G-flat major, lifts us to the stars.

Info and tickets are available at [RMSeries.com](http://RMSeries.com). The Resonance Project is devoted to accessibility, and Pay-What-You-Can tickets are always available.

## FAMILY, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN MINISTRY



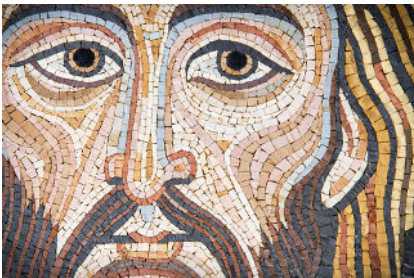
**Family Lunch with Pastor Gene  
Sunday, March 2  
12:15pm in Fellowship Hall**

Parents, grandparents, children, and youth are invited to gather for fellowship and a family-friendly meal. This will be a fun and informal opportunity to meet Pastor Gene and welcome him to FHC!

Please RSVP here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/7972b5>

Questions? Please contact Amy Wheatley at [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org).

### **Young People's Study with Pastor Gene**



**The Faith of Jesus**  
**Sundays, March 9 and 16, 9:30-10:30am,**  
**Room 104, for young people in**  
**grades 6-12**

Jesus was Jewish. How do we know this?

Why is it important?

What does it mean for those of us who call ourselves his followers?

Pastor Gene McAfee will lead two sessions with our young people to investigate the Jewishness of Jesus and why that matters for Christians. We will begin with the evidence from the Bible and trace the historical paths that led to what one scholar has called “the reluctant parting” of Christianity from Judaism. We’ll learn about the “Judaisms” of Jesus’ day and some of the practices associated with them. By understanding Jesus’ faith better, we may come to understand our own faith better as well. As Philip said to Nathanael, “Come and see!” (John 1:46)

On Sunday mornings in February, children attended worship with their families, helped serve communion; sang with Ms. Julie; learned and played with friends in Sunday School; and participated in a Black History month reading of *Born on the Water*.





## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### *Vision Statement of Session:*

*By 2027, Session will courageously embrace the transition by:*

*Being spiritually led, more diverse, and more fully prepared to serve  
Living into individual gifts  
Connecting with and across ministries, and  
Communicating openly and actively with congregants, all as a Matthew 25 Church and Beloved Community.*

The Session of FHC met on January 15, 2025. Pastor Gene McAfee was the Moderator. Pastor McAfee invited all to join in singing Hymn #307 – God of Grace and God of Glory. The lyrics are reflective of the current times for our church leadership, encouraging all to seek wisdom and grace.

The Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2024, was received.

The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for 2025. The budget included

a total income of \$834,117 which included annual gifts, church rental, endowment support and other support. Expenses included pastor and staff compensation, building and grounds expenses and ministries, totaling \$834,177. After discussion, Session approved the budget.

Session approved the formation of a Mission Study Committee (MSC) as a part of the process of calling a pastor. The MSC will have four to six members and report to Session. The report of the MSC must be completed and approved by both Session and the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Western Reserve before the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee can begin.

Submitted by Elizabeth J Shaw, Clerk of Session.

Congregants are invited to observe meetings of Session. While observers are not able to actively participate in discussions or decision-making, they can see firsthand how Session coordinates the work of the church. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm in South Hall.

## WORSHIP

To contribute flowers for Sunday worship, use this form: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db7701127776329>



If you are interested in being a lay reader for worship, please contact Linda Martin at [martin3386@ameritech.net](mailto:martin3386@ameritech.net) or (216) 280-4049. If you wish to assist in serving communion, contact Jeanette Nemcek at [jet0830@aol.com](mailto:jet0830@aol.com) or (216) 789-6740.

### **Lay Readers for March**

March 2: Charity Stock  
March 9: Adam Majot  
March 16: Eileen Vizcaino  
March 23: Peg Weissbrod  
March 30: Jeff Smith



## ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH (ASG)



### Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:15-10:15am

Two Bible study classes continue on Sunday mornings through March 16. We are studying the books of Ruth and Esther. One class is led by Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff both online and in person in South Hall. The other class is led by Ron Zimmerman in the library. Sign up at this link: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/9b8ab4>.

### Scriptural Contemplation March 9 and 23, 4:00-5:00pm, in the chapel

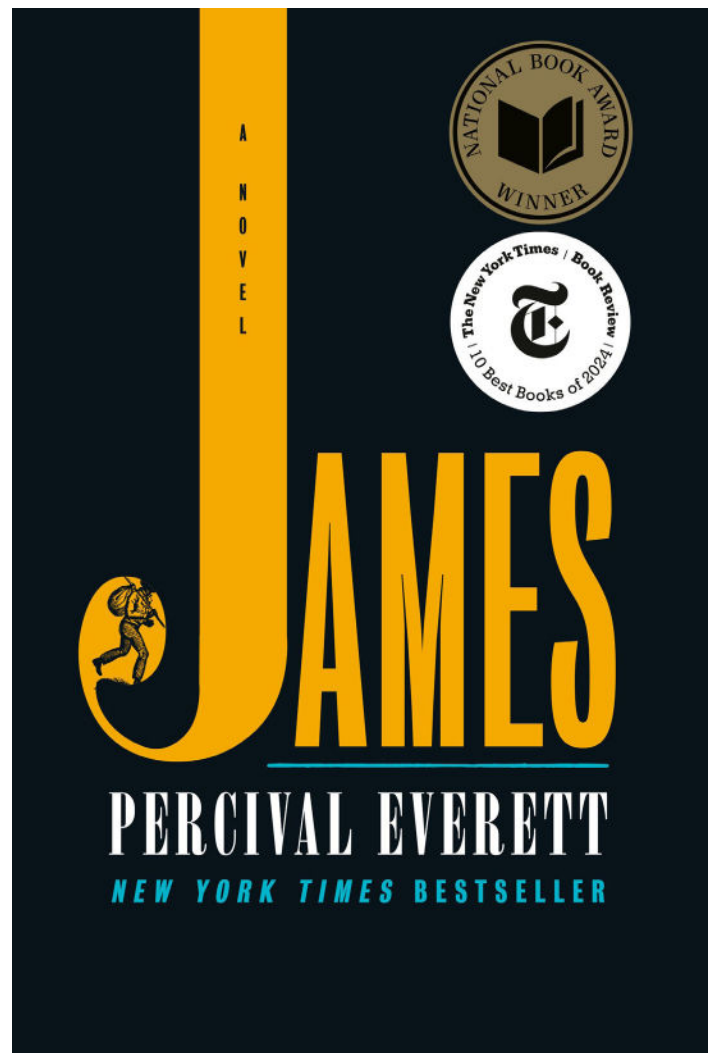
We will read a selection from the lectionary for the following week with brief periods of silence followed by sharing and praying for each other. This has been a very beautiful spiritual and connecting experience and would make a lovely Lenten practice. Sharing a simple song in our acoustically awesome chapel adds to the experience. Feel free to join us.

Find more details and other ongoing classes on the church website: <https://fhcpresb.org/adults/class-sign-up/>

### Book Study on *James* by Percival Everett March 24, 6:00pm, in the library

*James* by Percival Everett won the National Book Award for fiction in November 2024. This powerful book reimagines Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the vantage of James, the runaway enslaved man whom Twain called Jim.

Join Karen Long, the former book editor of the *Plain Dealer*, for a yeasty group conversation of *James*. The book is available from the public library and at a 10 percent discount from Mac's Backs-Books on Coventry Road. [Please sign up here.](#)



# HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**A Community Forum**  
**Saturday, April 5, 10:00am-1:00pm**  
**North Church Presbyterian**  
**4501 Superior Ave., Cleveland**

This event will be a powerful community gathering honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music, discussion, and action. The program includes live gospel music, a panel on Dr. King’s unfinished work, interactive breakout sessions, and a closing drum circle to inspire collective action.

The date is significant: Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. This gathering is a robust call to action—blending culture, knowledge, and community to honor his legacy and advance his fight for equity and justice.

We begin with uplifting spiritual and gospel music to set the tone. A thought-provoking panel follows, exploring Dr. King’s unfinished work and its impact on Greater Cleveland today. From there, we move into interactive breakout sessions to reflect, strategize, and find ways to take meaningful action. Each group will share key takeaways before we close, as we began, with culture—this time, a drum circle to embolden and energize us as we carry forward the work of justice.

A continental breakfast will be served from 10:00-10:30am as part of the program.

RSVP by emailing [racialequitybuddies@fhcpresb.org](mailto:racialequitybuddies@fhcpresb.org), or by calling the church office. [cont’d p. 11]

## Panelists



Matthew Ahn,  
Attorney & Criminal Law  
& Justice System Expert



Brenda Glass,  
Trauma Expert



Chris Knestrick,  
Director of the Northeast  
Homeless Coalition

## Moderator and Cultural Artists



Maria Smith,  
Attorney & Advocate



Professor Olu Manns,  
Africana Studies,  
Kent State

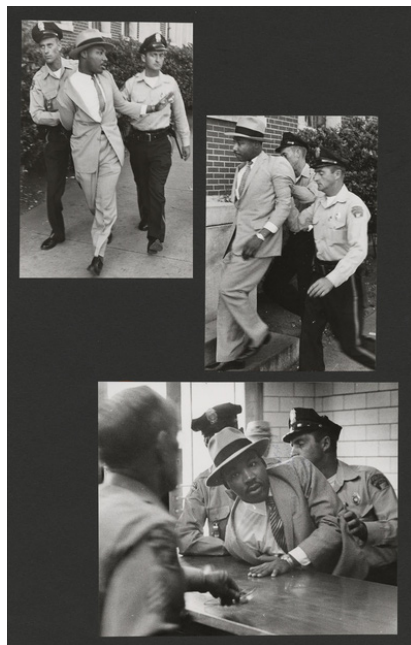


Donna Walton,  
Gospel Artist

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Our drum major for justice, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., not only stood with the poor, oppressed, and marginalized—he was treated as one of them. We strive to revive that spirit within ourselves, acting boldly in the solidarity and justice he exemplified.

Honor MLK by Demanding Real Change. Dr. King knew that justice requires more than words—it demands radical structural change. He spoke unapologetically about systemic racism, writing in *A Testament of Hope* (1969), “White America must recognize

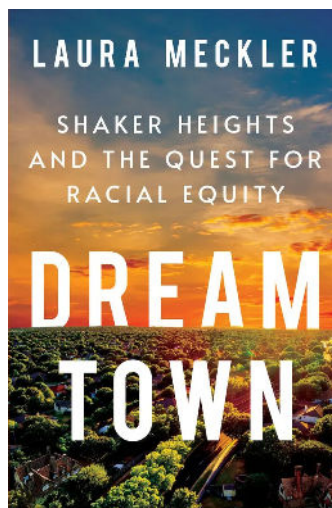


that justice for Black people cannot be achieved without radical changes in the structure of our society.” In *Stride Toward Freedom* (1958), he reminded us, “True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice. In August 1967, King spoke about the three evils “the sickness of racism, excessive materialism, and militarism.”.

**Join Us. Stand in Solidarity. Take Action.**

Sponsors: Racial Equity Buddies of Greater Cleveland • Federated Church UCC, Chagrin Falls • Pretrial Support Team of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland • The Eastside Citizens’ Empowerment Foundation of East Cleveland • The Peace and Justice Ministry of Lyndhurst Community of Faith Church

**RACIAL EQUITY BOOK CLUB**



**Saturday,  
March 8,  
10:30am-  
12:00pm  
via Zoom**

***Dream Town* by  
Laura Meckler**

Persons interested in reading and discussing books that further individual and collective knowledge about racial equity issues are invited to join the discussions. For more information, or the Zoom links, email [racialequitybuddies@fhcpresb.org](mailto:racialequitybuddies@fhcpresb.org).

The First Congregational Church of Hudson (UCC) and the Ministry of Adult Spiritual Growth of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian are sponsors of the Racial Equity Book Club and Racial Equity Buddies program.

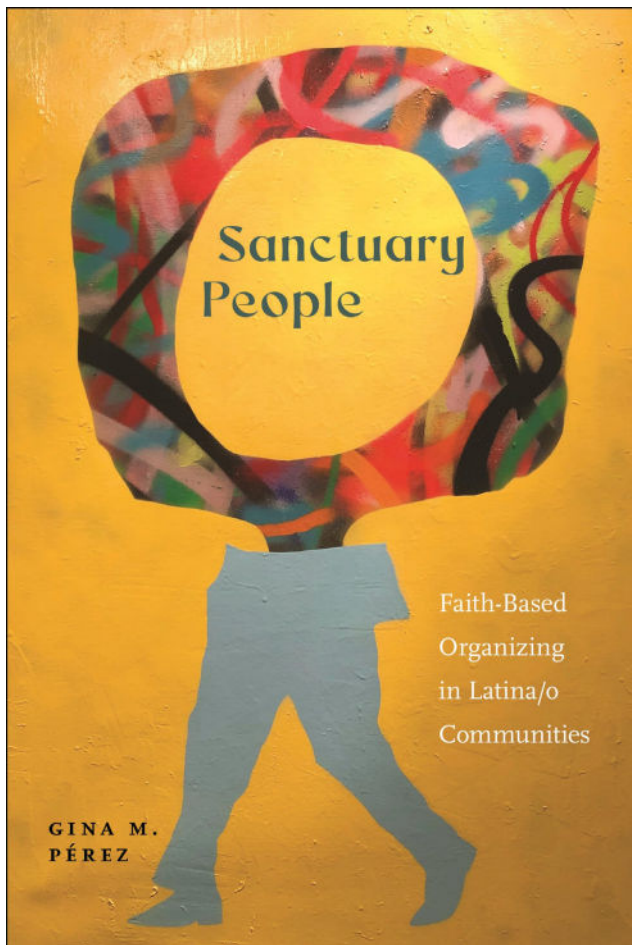


## BEING SANCTUARY PEOPLE

**How Faith-Based Communities Can Respond to the Needs of Immigrants**  
**Sunday, March 9, 12:15-2:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

The FHC Immigration Task Force is offering a timely program of urgent importance, “Being Sanctuary People” for those interested in the well-being of immigrants and eager to be engaged on their behalf. On Sunday, March 9, Dr. Gina Pérez, will speak at Forest Hill Church about her latest book *Sanctuary People: Faith-Based Organizing in Latina/o Communities*. The event includes a meal at 12:15pm followed by the presentation.

If you’d like to attend, please register by March 5 at this link: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/BeingSanctuaryPeople>



Dr. Pérez is a Cultural Anthropologist, Professor and Chair of the Department of Comparative American Studies at Oberlin College. As an author of several books, she describes herself as a scholar, and person of faith. Her latest book, *Sanctuary People* has heightened relevance considering the oppressive policies of the Trump administration toward immigrants.



*Sanctuary People* examines the role that faith communities in Ohio have played in the development, proliferation, and strengthening of sanctuary practices and other forms of organizing connected to Latina/o communities and Latin American migrants. By focusing on efforts to help those affected by immigrant detention and Puerto Ricans displaced in the wake of Hurricane María, Dr. Pérez reveals the ways faith communities, activists, and community leaders are creating new strategies to address the increasingly precarious contexts in which Latina/o people live, and how they are imagining and enacting new forms of solidarity. The story of Leonor Garcia and Forest Hill Church is portrayed in the book as an example.

Dr. Pérez will inform us about the distinct alliances, relationships, and ways of knowing and being that faith-based activists have employed to create places of safety. The role of faith-based organizing in these communities contributes to what Puerto Rican journalist Maria Mari-Narváez describes as the need to “build a more horizontal society, a place for everyone to live and work and love in.”

## THE EXTENDED FAMILY FUNDRAISER



High Tea in the Afternoon  
Saturday, April 5, 2:00-4:00pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tucker Hall  
2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights

Cordially invite family, cherished friends, church members, neighbors, youth groups, teammates, and associates to fellowship with you.

Attire: Luncheon or party dress with a festive hat or decorative headband aka fascinator!

[\\*Eventbrite for Tickets\\*](#)  
\$35 Adults, \$15 Youth



For more information, contact The Extended Family Cleveland at 216-673-3701, or go to the website [theextendedfamilycle.com](http://theextendedfamilycle.com).

# OPEN HOUSE

## AT THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, please join us for an Open House at The Fair Housing Center! From 5-7pm, you are invited to tour our office space, enjoy food with friends, mingle with Fair Housing Center staff and board members, learn more about the work that we do, and find out how you can get involved.

### WHEN:

WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 12, 2025  
5PM - 7PM

### WHERE:

FAIR HOUSING  
CENTER FOR RIGHTS  
& RESEARCH  
2728 EUCLID AVE,  
SUITE 200,  
CLEVELAND, OH  
44115

[REGISTER](#) >

[thehousingcenter.org/events](http://thehousingcenter.org/events)

## PACSETTERS

Calling All Pacesetters! Here is the calendar of events for 2025!

What is a Pacesetter? This social group was started about 40 years ago by a small group of “20-30 somethings” to build fellowship in the Forest Hill community. Pacesetters are now mostly in their 60s and 70s, couples and singles, who like to have fun and work together to serve. However, anyone who is interested in fellowship is welcome to check out the Pacesetters! Come and see! Questions? Feel free to contact Sue Lafferty, 440-669-4885.

Hosts will determine the date and publicize each monthly event. Watch the FHC weekly emails, *The Tower* and other communications for details!

In addition, look for fun POP-UP events throughout the year!

- Pacesetters Soup Making/Wednesday Meal for Transplant House
- Cookie Making for Y-Haven – December 2025
- Culinary Class
- FHC Walkers for Transplant House of Cleveland
- Wednesday evening Summer Concert on the Hudson Green/Wade Oval Wednesdays

Month	Event	Host/Organizer
March	Cleveland Museum of Art	Carol Gifford and Cindy Newton
April	Karaoke Night (tentatively April 26)	Roger Heineman and John Dugard
May	Hike and Picnic Trustees’ All-Church Work Day - May 10	Laurie and Keith Logan
June	Cain Park	Julie and Gary Lustic
July	Pool Party	Jeanette Nemcek
August	Rabbit Run Theater	Derry and Kathy Stauffer
September	Game Night	Mark and Carol Wedell
October	Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner - All Church Event	GWCTD Committee
November	Tentatively Labre Thanksgiving Meal at North Church	TBD
December	Christmas Party	TBD
January 2026	Planning Party	Sue and Scott Lafferty

## NEWS OF KEMP JAYCOX

For those of you who may be wondering about our good friend Kemp Jaycox, here is an update.

In early January 2025, Kemp moved with the assistance of his wife, Cindy Fink, and daughter, Kate, to the facility in Cincinnati called The Beechwood Home. Kemp had applied to be admitted there several times and for good reason, it is one of the nation's premier long-term residential facilities for persons experiencing neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, and ALS (or Lou Gehrig's disease).

I was fortunate to visit Kemp in late January and was pleased to see him in good spirits. His room is bigger than the one he had in Parkside Villa, with a scenic view and plenty of light. It is filled with pictures of his friends and family. The staff is very professional and supportive of the residents. Kemp continues to have occupational and speech therapy on a regular basis. His work with the speech therapist involves trying puréed foods with the hope of being able to eat solid food again. A sign of how top rate Beechwood is—some of the staff have worked there for anywhere from 12 to 30 years!

While I was with him, we watched OSU win the national college football championship game with several of his new buddies at Beechwood, all of whom welcomed Kemp with open arms. He gets together with them often



to watch sports, play euchre and participate in other group activities.

Though he

misses the loving community he cherished at Forest Hill Church, Kemp is fortunate to have several friends from his high school days in Cincinnati as well as his parents who live nearby come to visit often. What impressed me most upon seeing Kemp was what impressed me when I first met him. Despite all he has endured, he remains a positive, caring, warm soul with a wicked sense of humor.

If you're so inclined, Kemp would love to hear from you. He can be reached at Kemp Jaycox, 2140 Pogue Avenue, The Beechwood Home, Cincinnati, OH 45208 or by email at [kempjaycox@yahoo.com](mailto:kempjaycox@yahoo.com).

To continue Kemp's legacy at Forest Hill Church, donations can be made to the Kemp Jaycox Environmental Sustainability Fund, a restricted fund within the FHC Endowment with a purpose of recognizing our interdependence with God's creation.

Stephen Sedam



*Steve Sedam and Kemp Jaycox*

## EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS



### What's in Store for This Year?

As we look back on 2024, there were a number of good gains on maintaining the environment during the Biden administration. Too many individual results to specifically name on the local, as well as national, scene. Working with the governmental agencies, two of the most prominent non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Natural Resource Defense Council and Earthjustice, together with others, brought their legal muscle to bear in fighting off the usual industry-brought challenges to “good works” relating to the environment.

With the new administration firmly in power and wishing to issue executive orders overturning the Biden orders, it is now more important than ever that we must turn to the NGOs with their aggregated financial impact, thousands of supporters, and army of lawyers to continue the fight. Here are the most important issues.

**EPA:** The new administration will most likely try to slash environmental rules and regulations which govern air and water quality, and side with industry pollutants. At constant risk is the health and welfare of

many populations in dense chemical plant concentrations on the Gulf coast.

**ESA:** While last year saw gains in protection of the iconic monarch butterfly, wolves and grizzly bears, the Republican dominated states will seek to undue these protections, as well as for other less well-known species.

**Energy:** The new administration is hell-bent on “drill, baby drill,” threatening pristine environments and indigenous peoples in Alaska, ocean population in off-shore drilling, and land desecration through fracking in state and federal lands.

**Climate Change:** The new administration abhors scientific reality and may intend to do nothing regarding escaped methane and other green house gases which contribute to emissions, including roll-back of acceptable limits.

**Clean Energy:** Despite the prominence of Elon Musk (Tesla) in the new administration, there is no “mandate” for conversion to clean energy—wind, solar, nuclear power. Many clean energy plans face growing opposition for approval in many parts of the country.

So what should we do? I continue to recommend that we support these NGOs as the best means of adding our voices to many others and let them carry the fight. Contacting individual legislators and requesting action is less likely to achieve any result, whereas the thousands of supporters represented by the NGOs has a much better chance of success.

Dave Neff  
Earth Care Leader



## COMPOSTING STATISTICS FOR 2024

By composting with Rust Belt Riders in 2024, Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, diverted 1.2 Tons of food scraps from landfills. That created 5 yards of compost, and was the equivalent of 1.1 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e avoided. Carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) are a measure of the effect of different greenhouse gases (GHGs) on the climate.

Ohio landfills are significant contributors to methane emissions, and every pound of food scraps we compost helps mitigate this impact. Additionally, by turning waste into nutrient-rich compost, we're supporting local gardens and sustainable agriculture right here in Northeast Ohio, fostering a greener and healthier community for all.



## SUBURBAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

See church member Anne Hunter perform at Severance Music Center!  
Sunday, March 16, 2:00pm

Our 70th anniversary concert starts with the Finnish and ends with a bang! First, Sibelius's charming Karelia Suite evokes images of his homeland. Then brace yourself for the power, the drama, and joy of Beethoven's iconic Ninth Symphony; an Ode to Joy, a universal anthem of brotherhood and hope and a spark of light in turbulent times.

Only one concert hall in Cleveland can properly celebrate SSO's 70 years of commitment, dedication and passion for music, so...

Join us at Severance Music Center and be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime SSO event! Get tickets at [suburbansymphony.org](http://suburbansymphony.org).

**SUBURBAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

*Beethoven's Ninth at Severance*

**SSO's 70th Anniversary**

**Sunday March 16, 2025 | 2:00pm**  
**Severance Music Center**

Suburban Symphony Orchestra  
Domenico Boyagian, Conductor  
with Western Reserve Chorale and West Shore Chorale

Ticket Info available at [suburbansymphony.org](http://suburbansymphony.org).

## THANK YOU

A very special THANK YOU to my Forest Hill Church family. You are my angels. So appreciated your support of love, prayers, cards, gifts, and visits. It meant a lot to me for my recovery and continuing recovery.

Faithfully yours,  
Ellen McChesney

## SHUTDOWN OF OLD WEBSITE

I'm sure you're all enjoying our new website! However, the new site doesn't include all the old posts and pages from the previous site going back to the '00s. Because of this, we have kept the previous site online at <https://legacy.fhcpresb.org>, but the time has come to take it down. We'll take it offline on June 30.

If you have anything on the old site that you want, now is the time to get it! If you need help, contact Kurt Haas at [kurt@dangereddy.com](mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com).

## PICTURES REQUESTED

We are building a digital library of church photos. If you take a few pictures at an event, please send them to Laura at [churchadmin@fhcpresb.org](mailto:churchadmin@fhcpresb.org). If you take a lot of pictures at an event and would like to upload them to Google Drive yourself, contact Laura for access.



## SPRING CHURCH WORK DAY

### Save the Date!

The Spring Church Work Day will be  
Saturday, May 10, 9:00am-Noon.



## BIRTHDAYS

March 2 – Robert Brock  
March 3 – Ellen McChesney  
March 5 – Pam Conover  
March 6 – Danielle Cosgrove  
March 7 – Laura Minder  
March 7 – Dave Peterjohn  
March 9 – Emily Klein  
March 10 – Annette Himes

March 11 – Doris Allen  
March 11 – Cameron Peters  
March 12 – Grace Uhle  
March 13 – Jim Hogg  
March 13 – Ahren Stock  
March 13 – Carol Wedell  
March 15 – Deanne Lentz  
March 21 – Ralph Thomas

March 22 – Dale Dannefer  
March 22 – Jane Duncan  
March 22 – Carolyn Vrtunski  
March 23 – Derek Duncan  
March 28 – Roz Peters  
March 30 – Mary McMillan  
March 31 – Chuck Ishler

# CALENDAR

## March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30am - Men's Group (virtual)
2 9:15am - Bible study 12:15pm - FYC Ministry Family Lunch	3 6:00pm - RR&R Task Force Meeting	4 7:00pm - Personnel Committee	5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 5:45pm - Soup Dinner 7:00pm - Service	6	7 5:00pm - Praying with Others	8 10:00am - Fiber Fellowship
9 <b>Daylight Savings Time Starts</b> 9:15am - Bible study 12:15pm - Sanctuary People discussion 4:00pm - Contemplative Scripture Study	10	11 7:00pm - Church Growth Meeting	12 5:00pm - Eastside Citizens Empowerment Foundation 7:00pm - Ministry Meetings	13 7:00pm - Forest Hills Homeowners Association Meeting	14 9:30am - GCC Meeting	15 9:30am - Session Retreat 7:30pm - Resonance Project Concert: Lenten Reflections
16 9:15am - Bible study 12:15pm - Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 5:45 - Soup Dinner and Discussion	20 <b>Deadline for the April Tower</b> 5:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting	21 5:00pm - Praying with Others	22
23 - Labre Ministry at North Church 4:00pm - Contemplative Scripture Study	24 6:00pm - Book discussion	25 5:30pm - Canaan Care Group Dinner	26 7:00pm - Session Meeting	27 5:45pm - Excell Parents Meeting	28	29
30	31					

<b>Regularly scheduled events meet every week unless noted</b>  11:00am - Worship service	<b>9:00am - Bulletin and email deadline</b> 6:00pm - AA: Progress Not Perfection 7:00pm - Al-Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30pm - AA: Borton Group	10:30am - 1:00pm Abundance Food Pantry	7:30am - Bible & Bagels (virtual) 12:00pm - Staff Meeting 12:30pm - AA: Wed. Women's Group 6:00pm - AA: Four Absolutes	1:00pm - English Country Dance 6:15pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00am - Al-Anon: Hand in Hand 5:00pm - Praying with Others 6:30pm - Scottish Country Dance	9:00am - 1:00pm VITA Tax Service
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**Deadline for the April Tower: 9:00am on March 20, 2025**  
**Deadline for The Week Ahead email: 9:00am every Monday**

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