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PASTOR'S COLUMN: OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

In 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV) Paul writes, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared. . . ."

Easter is the center of the Christian life.

Easter is that fixed point, of first importance, that summarizes everything else in the story of Jesus and, for that matter, the entire Bible: God's love for the world cannot be defeated by human sin.

That's it. That's the message of Jesus, of Scripture, and, in theory at least, of the Christian church. As Christians, we believe that we receive the abundant life promised by God through Jesus by embracing that one, simple truth: God's love is greater than our sin. Resurrection is the word that summarizes that truth.

In a world marked by violence, injustice, and grief, Easter can feel almost too hopeful. And yet, it is precisely in such a world that resurrection matters most. Easter proclaims that despair does not get the final word. Fear does not have ultimate authority. Death — physical, spiritual, communal — does not define the limits of God's power.

Easter does not deny suffering; it defies it. Resurrection is not a metaphor for optimism or a spiritual way of saying, "Everything will be fine." It is a bold, unsettling claim that God's way of life is stronger than all our modes of death.

The resurrection of Jesus does not erase

the wounds of the cross. The risen Christ still bears the marks of crucifixion. This matters. It tells us that God does not bypass pain but transforms it. New life emerges not by forgetting what has been lost, but by redeeming it.

Resurrection also calls us into action. If God is making all things new, then we are invited to participate in that work. We become witnesses to life in places of death, agents of hope in the midst of despair, and partners in God's ongoing creation.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded that the Christian story always moves through a season of waiting toward the surprise of new life. In much the same way, the third and final phase of our pastoral search is opening. The Transitional Pastor Search Committee has done its work. The Mission Study Committee has done its work. Now comes the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Here are the members of Forest Hill Church who make up the Pastor Nominating Committee; please pray for them daily:

- Chris Bell
- Bader Boland
- Antoinette Franklin
- Kurt Haas
- Katie Hall
- Rayba Johnson
- Chiq Montgomery
- Dean Sieck
- Mark Wedell
- Peg Weissbrod

Over the next several months, these individuals will complete the Mission [cont'd on p. 4]

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Discernment Profile for the denomination, evaluate profiles of pastoral candidates, interview a very short list of finalists, and recommend one of those finalists to the congregation to be the next pastor of Forest Hill Church.

After months of discernment, prayer, and patience, when what has been hoped for begins to take shape before us, we will celebrate the Easter message again and again: that God is always at work bringing renewal out of uncertainty and possibility out of transition. So this moment in our search is not simply

a procedural step, but a hopeful sign of resurrection life within this congregation — a reminder that God continues to guide the church forward, calling new leadership, and opening a new chapter in the shared ministry of reconciliation.

Easter blessings,
everyone –



Gene McAfee
Transitional Pastor



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 Forest Hill Church met on February 25, 2026, in a Stated Meeting. Pastor Gene McAfee served as moderator. The following is a summary of the meeting.

Rev. Matt Skolnick, Interim General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve (PWR), led a guided devotion on the scripture, John 3:1-17.

Session elected Elizabeth Shaw to a two-year term of Clerk of Session.

Session elected Marina Grant and Mary McMillan each to one-year terms of Co-

Treasurer.

Session elected Commissioners to represent FHC at upcoming Stated Meetings of the PWR.

The Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2026, was received.

Session approved the transfer of funds from a Black Caucus account to a Racial Equity Buddies account, pending approval of the original donors of the funds. The Racial Equity Buddies is a successor to the Black Caucus and is carrying forward work that aligns with the original purpose of the funds. The Black Caucus is no longer active.

The Justice Ministry received a \$4,000 grant from the PWR for the Visible Welcome Project. This project includes several elements designed to create a visible and intentional welcome. One element will feature inclusive signage such as banners, flags, and artwork, to clearly communicate that all are welcome at Forest Hill Church. A second element is the availability of pronoun pins, magnets, and [cont'd on p. 5]

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stickers to be used alongside nametags. This practice signals respect for gender identity and belonging. Finally, a church member will be sponsored to attend the More Light Presbyterians National Gathering in April 2026. This will allow Forest Hill to learn from and connect with affirming congregations nationwide, bringing back new ideas and best practices for creating a more inclusive church community. Together, these elements meet the need for a safer, more welcoming, and visibly inclusive community.

A new job description for a custodial position, recommended by the Personnel Committee, was approved.

Session approved the removal of the following people from the membership roll, based on recommendation of the Deacons: Sonji Kenyatta, Brittany Seigneur, Andrew Schellenberg, and Mark Gerteis.

Session approved a wedding planned for

October 3, 2026, between Brittney Perkins and Eglon Morgan. Pastor Deante Lavender, The Remedy Church, will be the officiant.

Reports were received on the work of the Nominating Committee, the need to develop a policy for the protection of adults with vulnerabilities, a draft of an anti-racism policy, staff performance reviews and the 2026 endowment process.

Sonji Kenyatta submitted a letter of resignation from the position of Elder Deacon.

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, April 22, 2026, 6–8 p.m. in South Hall.

SERMON ON THE AMOUNTS

Each month we will publish year-to-date financial data showing congregation support versus the budget to keep members updated on the financial status of our church.

We are thankful for your support.

Marina Grant and Mary McMillan,
Co-Treasurers

As of March 15, 2026

Congregation Support:	\$281,565
Budget for Period Ending:	\$250,898
Annual Budget:	\$713,777
Per Capita:	\$170
Budget for Period:	\$775
Annual Budget:	\$3,544

FAMILY, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

CHILD CARE for little ones (birth to 4) 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. during Easter worship is available in Rooms 201-203.

CHILDREN (ages 5+) join their families for Easter worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School and Youth do not meet today. Young children are invited to pick up a special worship activity bag as they enter the sanctuary.

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP - Children ages birth to 8, accompanied by a parent or grandparent, are invited to join us on the front lawn for our annual Easter egg hunt! We'll have special treats for older children, too.



March Activities

In our Classrooms...

We welcomed Kay Dunlap as our guest storyteller one Sunday morning in March. She read *When You Dream Big* by Peter Reynolds, to our Sunday School class, and *Tiny T Rex and the Oopsies* by Jim Stutzman and Jay Fleck to the children in the nursery. Thank you, Kay for engaging us in these fun stories!



We look forward to inviting more storytellers from our congregation to join us to share a book. Contact Amy Wheatley (ce@fhcpresb.org) if you'd be interested in reading with our children.

In the Kitchen...

Children baked dozens of cornbread muffins to contribute to the meal being prepared by adult volunteers for guests of the NEOCH (Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless) seasonal shelter and Transplant House of Cleveland. Thanks to Sue Lafferty and her team for giving our kids an opportunity to help and to put faith into action!



In Worship...

Violet, Clementine, Leandro, and Emmett presented a *Minute for Mission* during worship, highlighting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that will be collected on Easter Sunday.





Family Faith Every Day

As parents, we want to teach our children about gratitude, hospitality, and generosity. We want them to have a sense of wonder and see how they are connected to something beyond themselves. We want them to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. We hope that they develop faith practices that are sacred, meaningful, and alive.

But it's hard to know how to nurture this kind of faith in the midst of our busy family lives, in a society that emphasizes consumerism, wealth and fame, and in a world that is so often chaotic, violent, and unjust.

Forest Hill is one of 17 congregations in the U.S. and Canada chosen to participate in Family Faith Every Day, an exciting new initiative that focuses on helping parents meet these challenges in nurturing their children's faith at home.

Family Faith Every Day is funded by the Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative of the Lilly Endowment. It is based on the Faithful Families series of books authored by the Rev. Traci Smith, who directs the project.

Last year, in the first phase of the program, Amy Wheatley joined faith leaders in the other participating congregations for retreats, monthly zoom sessions, and one-on-one coaching with the project director, Rev. Traci Smith, in order to become familiar with the program curriculum goals and methods.

Now, in the second phase of the program, Amy is leading sessions with a group of six families in our congregation. These parents have made a commitment to meet together for eight sessions throughout the spring. Each session is designed to provide parents with tools they need to establish faith habits and practices at home. Our gatherings include a time for prayer and wisdom from scripture, storytelling around a prompt, a reflective activity and time for sharing. Between sessions, parents are asked to try out a faith practice in their daily routine and give feedback on their use of that practice. The *Faithful Families* book is our guide, providing many examples of simple, meaningful faith practices that can be incorporated into daily life at home.

In conjunction with our gatherings, each family receives books and other materials to support their use of faith practices at home. Last week, for example, we talked about the power of a bedtime blessing, and parents received several books of prayers and blessings to inspire their family's nighttime routines.

In addition to gaining tools for nurturing their children's faith, parents are also strengthening connections with one another as they share the joys and challenges of raising young children. Building this supportive, loving community is also a meaningful goal of the project.

We look forward to sharing more about our experience as we conclude our first round of parenting sessions in May. The project will continue in the coming year, with opportunities for more families to participate in parent groups and events that focus on nurturing faith at home.

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We are grateful (and excited!) for the opportunity to partner with **Family Faith Every Day** to strengthen and expand our ministry to Forest Hill families.

For more information about the program, please contact Amy Wheatley (ce@fhcpresb.org) and see: <https://chalicepress.com/pages/family-faith-every-day>.

Children and families celebrate Palm Sunday!



MUSIC

The Tradition of the “Hallelujah Chorus”

Many of us associate the “Hallelujah Chorus” with Christmas concerts, but it actually makes just as much, if not more, sense on Easter morning.

The chorus comes from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel, a work that tells the whole story of Christ’s life, not just the Nativity. The famous “Hallelujah” appears near the end of Part II, right after the music reflects on the Passion and Resurrection.

In Handel’s own time, *Messiah* wasn’t just a Christmas piece. It was often performed during Lent and around Easter, so singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” at this time of year is closer to the work’s original context.

We may also have noticed that people often stand during the chorus. This tradition is sometimes traced to King George II, who was said to have stood during an early

performance, though no one knows for sure if that story is true. Either way, it has become a meaningful way for listeners to show respect and share in the moment together.

Today, many churches include the “Hallelujah Chorus” as part of their Easter celebrations, sometimes inviting the whole congregation to join in. Whether sung by a choir or by everyone present, it’s a joyful and powerful way to proclaim the hope and victory at the heart of Easter. We welcome you to join us in our annual tradition of singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” on Easter morning.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Are you hoping we'll announce the name of our new pastor candidate sometime soon? Well, it's still early yet

but here's where we are in the process and the next steps we will be taking.

After Pastor Lentz retired, Session called a Mission Study Committee to survey the congregation and find out where we are, spiritually speaking. Thanks to their thoroughness and the support of many members who provided valuable insights, that group was able to present their Mission Study to the Session in January of this year. Once it was accepted and approved by Session, it then went to the Presbytery for its Committee on Ministry to review and approve.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) finally began meeting in February. We meet weekly and are currently focused on

answering the myriad questions required by the Presbytery that will introduce Forest Hill Church to potential pastor candidates.

Here's a sample of the questions we're working on: What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

They are like college essays, in a way. Thankfully, as we draft the answers, we are guided by the very thorough and very helpful Mission Study Report.

There's not a lot else to report at this time, but we want to keep everyone up to date. Thank you for your continued patience and prayers.

Your PNC:

Co-chairs Kurt Haas and Mark Wedell, Chris Bell, Bader Boland, Antoinette Franklin, Katie Hall, Rayba Johnson, Chiquitia Montgomery, Dean Sieck and Peg Weissbrod, along with Presbytery Advisor Arvid Whitmore

RACIAL EQUITY BOOK CLUB

On Settler Colonialism

IDEOLOGY,
VIOLENCE,
AND
JUSTICE

Adam Kirsch

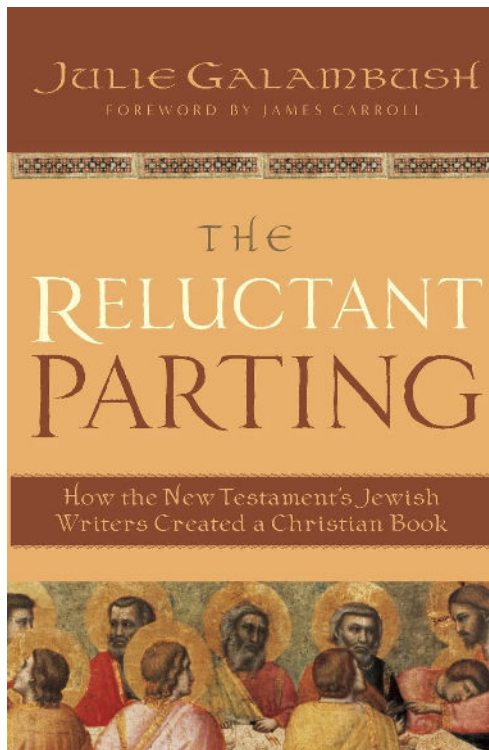
Saturday,
April 18,
10:30 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.
via Zoom

*On Settler Colonialism:
Ideology, Violence
and Justice*
by Adam Kirsch

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.

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.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH (ASG)



***The Reluctant Parting:
How the New Testament's Jewish Writers
Created a Christian Book***

**Sundays, April 26–May 30,
9:15–10:15 a.m. Meet in South Hall.**

Pastor Gene McAfee will facilitate a book discussion starting April 26 through the month of May. The book to be studied is *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book* by Professor Julie Galambush. The book can be purchased from these sources-Thriftbooks, HarperCollins, Amazon (ebook or paper), Barnes and Noble (ebook or paper), Bookshop.org or Strand Books. You may attend in person or online. Please email Gene with any questions at pastormcafee@fhcpresb.org.

Register here by April 20: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/ReluctantParting>

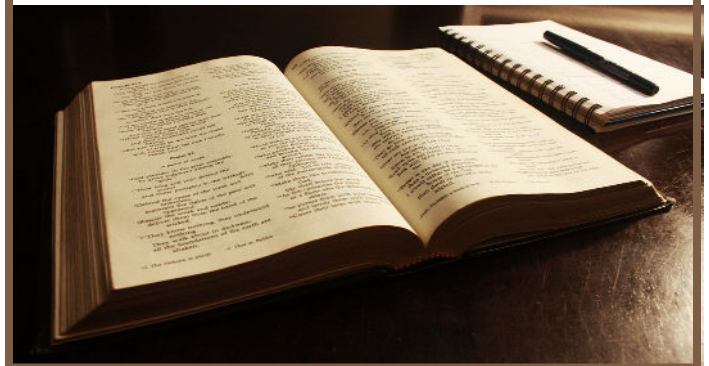
**Contemplative Scripture Study
Sundays, April 12 and 26, 4–5 p.m.
Meet in the Chapel.**

All are welcome to join us for a contemplative study of the lectionary (scripture readings for the week) and community prayer.

Create community through collective reading and inquiry of lectionary passages followed by periods of silence to explore the personal significance of the passage. We have the opportunity to share with our small group the way we are called to bring this message into our life. After this we pray for each other.

This is a deeply meaningful way to bring scripture into our lives and make deep connections with each other.

Contact Valeria Stutz or Jennifer Blakeney with any questions.



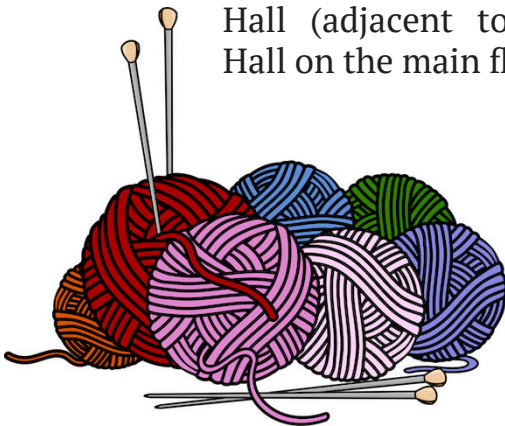
FIBER FELLOWSHIP

Join this Small Group of
Fiber Arts Crafters

Learn knitting, quilting and even basic sewing. Our group enjoys talking, giving advice and sharing each other's company! You can work on a group project or your own personal activity.

And we are always up for learning! Show us how to crochet, punch needle, weave, macrame, or more! If you prefer, just delight in our company while you mend socks!

We meet at the church on the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Jin Room (next to the kitchen on the main floor) or in South Hall (adjacent to Fellowship Hall on the main floor)!



JUSTICE MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 26, 12:15–2 p.m.
in South Hall

Hello, Forest Hill Church! It's that time of year again! It's time to celebrate and lift up our 2025 community grantees and their outreach. Justice Ministry will be hosting our Community Grant Luncheon on Sunday, April 26, from 12:15–2 p.m. We invite you to come and hear from organizations, who you nominated and supported, and learn about the work they carried out this past year with our financial and spiritual accompaniment.

Please fill out the [registration form](#) to RSVP as soon as possible, especially if you will require childcare. We hope you can join us to learn and walk with our community partners!



HOMELESS STAND DOWN

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Cleveland Public Auditorium

You are cordially invited to join FHC's Stand Down team! For many years FHC volunteers have served as "personal shoppers" at the event, individually assisting guests as they select donated items of clothing (coats,

sweaters, boots, etc.). If you're interested in having a transformative personal experience, please email Jack Breisch at jackbreisch@gmail.com.



HOMELESS
STAND DOWN

resources • respite • reconnection

A NOTE FROM YOUR GCC CORE TEAM

Elections are key in our battle for democracy — and they are coming soon! If you want to vote in the May 5 primary, and we hope you do...

- If you are NOT registered to vote, you must do so before April 6!
- If you are registered, check the Board of Elections website to be sure your information is accurate.
- If you have recently moved or changed your name, be sure to update your registration.



Let's all mark our calendars for May 5, and VOTE!

Saturday, April 11 • 6PM

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Here's how it works...

On this evening dinner parties will be held in the homes of church members.

You may participate either by purchasing a guest ticket at \$10 per person to attend, or by volunteering to host a dinner as your donation. The day before the event

guests will receive a text revealing their secret destination. Likewise, hosts will not know who will be coming to dinner until the guests arrive!

All are invited- those who like to eat and those who love to cook!

A night of mystery and good fellowship for all!

To host contact Anne Smith at anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com or 216-287-8572.

For questions and assistance in purchasing a ticket contact

Sue Lafferty at 440-669-4885 or salaff@sbcglobal.net

Tickets on sale each Sunday in Fellowship Hall.



CARPETING FELLOWSHIP HALL

WE CAN DO IT!

**Will YOU help to carpet Fellowship Hall by purchasing -
1 square yard @ \$75?**

The congregational survey of Capital Improvement Priorities revealed the most urgent project on the list to be the flooring issues in Fellowship Hall. Nearing 25 years of constant use, the carpet is faded and stained. The dance floor cannot be repaired and is a liability. Several solutions were studied with the most practical solution being to eliminate the dance floor and carpet the full hall. The major challenge is fundraising the estimated \$35,000 needed for this project.

There are approx 433 square yards of carpet needed. A substantial gift to kick off the campaign has been received from Drs. Bruce and Beverly Cameron. With this gift there are only 270 yards of carpet remaining to be funded! The plan is to sell square yards of carpet for \$75 each to all of you!

A chart to be displayed in Fellowship Hall represents the square yards of carpet needed. The green area represents the Cameron's gift. When a yard is sold, the buyer will receive a colored paper square to physically adhere to the chart. When completely filled, we will proceed to order the new carpet!

Buyers are welcome to purchase 1 yard, multiples or maybe go 1/2 with a friend. No donor names will be displayed. A Trustee will be in the hall each Sunday to handle sales. We have set up a QR code for online and in-person purchases aside from the usual cash or check.



We are very enthusiastic about this plan and hope you will support this fun campaign. Come on... let's get excited and see how quickly we can complete the goal!

Make a donation online here:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/FHcarpeting>



EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS



What, How, and Why Forest Hill Church Is an Earth Care Congregation

This month's article is prompted by questions from the Pastor Nominating Committee for background as they continue their quest for our new pastor.

About 16 years ago, PCUSA launched an initiative for member churches to become more strongly involved in caring for God's Creation, with an Earth Care Certification program. An introductory workshop was held at Montreat; Keith Mills (from Fairmount Church) and I (from FHC) attended. That led to both churches becoming the first ones in Ohio to become "certified" Presbyterian Earth Care Congregations.

Certification involved a self-graded survey on completion or progress of certain earth care-related activities in worship, education, facilities, and external programs. With help from the responsible actions of our pastor, education minister, buildings and grounds manager, and several groups in Justice and Mission, we easily qualified as a PCUSA Earth Care Congregation in 2011. Because we did so well, and continue to abide by good principles of responsible Earth Care, we earn re-certification annually with just a simple application. Our 2026 certification should be arriving soon.

The mission statement for Earth Care is, "to agitate, educate, and advocate our congregation on all matters caring for the Earth." Our professional and support staff members are also urged to be conscientiously intentional regarding Earth Care in all their FHC activities.

Although an Earth Care Committee exists, we embody emphasizing and encouraging individual FHC members, families, and friends to act responsibly in care for the environment in their daily lives. This is manifested in judicious utilization of natural resources, recycling, responsible energy usage, and care and conservation of water, air, land, plant and animal life. Congregational and/or member participation is also encouraged as the need and desire arises to support local, state, and national action and legislative initiatives through governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on matters pertaining to sustaining and betterment of the environment.

Fortunately, locally in Northeastern Ohio, we are largely free from experiencing any local natural disasters, air and water pollution, deforestation and desertification which cause such environmental degradation in many areas in the rest of the country and world.

Therefore, unlike many or our brethren, FHC groups under the Justice Ministry umbrella, group activities and actions involving local issues are not readily existent, relevant or particularly meaningful. Therefore, the monthly article in *The Tower* on Earth Care issues serves as the main mechanism to promote Earth Caring involvement for all members. Fostering individual earth caring [cont'd on p. 17]

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conscientious awareness and action, and support for several NGOs provides the most beneficial effect. These several NGOs who are often mentioned in *The Tower* articles have legions of lawyers and hundreds of thousands of supporters to create better “clout” than individuals for addressing environmental issues with government agencies and our representatives.

In summary, Forest Hill members indeed greatly “get it” when it comes to caring for God’s creation by practicing good environmental stewardship, and thus we are truly an Earth Care Congregation.

David Neff,
Earth Care Leader



Join your church family for a fun day of service and fellowship. We’ll tackle lots of important projects around the church like window washing, taking down storm windows and putting up screens, setting air conditioners in place, cleaning and organizing kitchen(s). There is a skill for everyone.

There’s plenty to do inside if it rains -
outside tasks will be rescheduled.

Meet in the Jin Room to choose an assignment.

Pastry and coffee when you arrive and a
pizza lunch together when we complete our tasks!

Contact [Tim Gifford - tcgifford@aol.com](mailto:tcgifford@aol.com) or
[Ann Donkin - adonkin@fhcpresb.org](mailto:adonkin@fhcpresb.org) with questions

CHILDCARE for the “littles” can be provided.

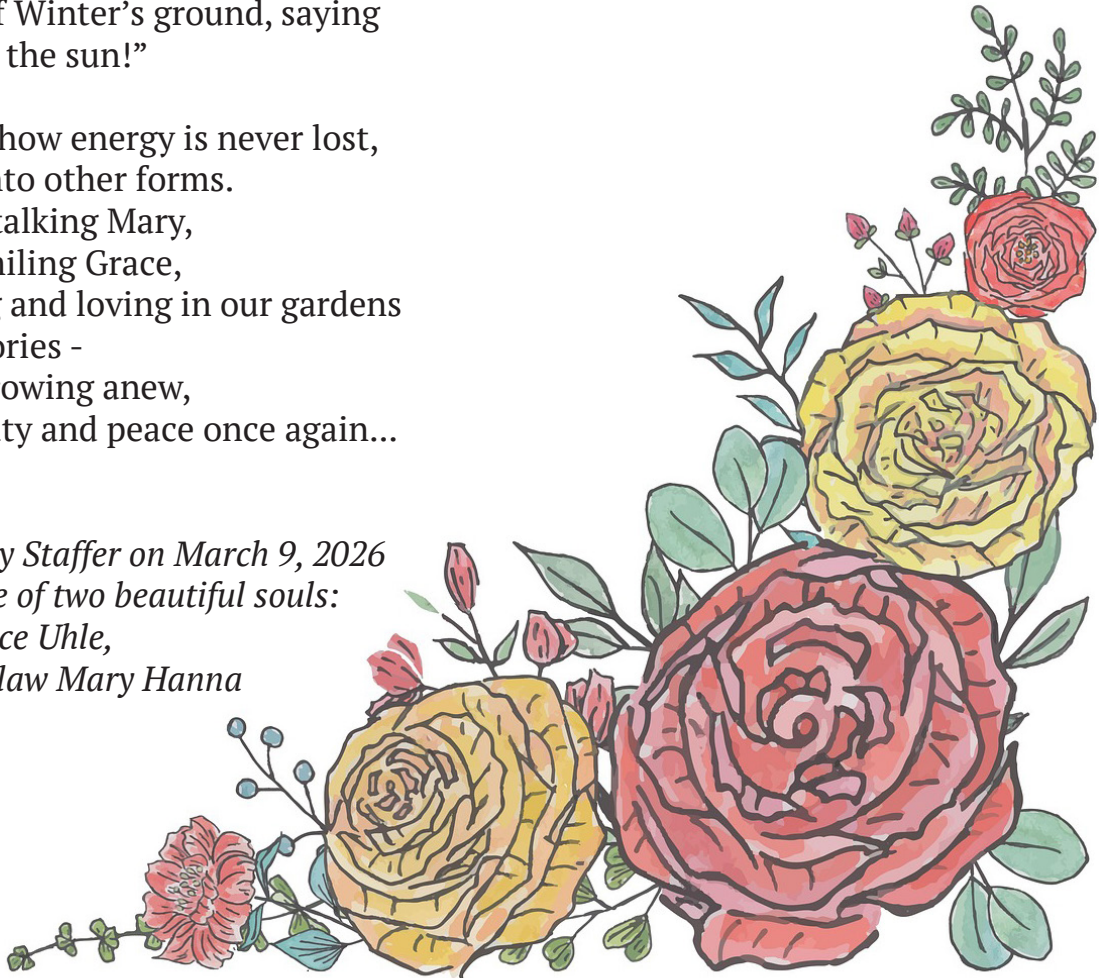
**Requests must be arranged at least 2+ weeks in
advance by contacting Amy Wheatley at ce@fhcpresb.org**

Grace and Mary – In Passing

Both Grace and Mary, still shining smiles and twinkling eyes on the verge of 100th birthdays, quietly passed on in the cold days of this winter. But today, Spring announces itself with green shoots bursting free of Winter's ground, saying "I will live into the sun!"

Now I think of how energy is never lost, just changed into other forms. So, gracefully-talking Mary, and merrily-smiling Grace, continue living and loving in our gardens as in our memories - irrepressibly growing anew, spreading beauty and peace once again... forever again.

*Written by Derry Staffer on March 9, 2026
In remembrance of two beautiful souls:
good friend Grace Uhle,
and mother-in-law Mary Hanna*



BIRTHDAYS

April 1 – Bruce Cameron	April 10 – Deborah Erwin	April 23 – Phyllis Baumgartner
April 1 – Brynn Keefe	April 13 – Marcia Grant	April 24 – Hal Musick
April 4 – Madelaine Matej MacQueen	April 14 – Gene McAfee	April 24 – Dave Neff
April 4 – Jeremy Ryman	April 14 – Laura Peterjohn	April 24 – Jeff Smith
April 5 – Bob Jeffreys	April 15 – Jeannine Gury	April 25 – Scott Bissett
April 5 – Sharon Shumaker	April 15 – Amy Wheatley	April 27 – Jon Hall
April 5 – Bobbie van Dijk	April 17 – Bill Finn	April 29 – Victoria Sampson
April 6 – Carol Smith	April 17 – Ajah Hales	April 30 – Margaret Misch
April 9 – Cora Bissett	April 17 – Seth Ungemach	April 30 – Dan Shaner
April 10 – Nick Baumgartner	April 19 – Benjamin Stadler	
	April 20 – Kermit Lind	

CALENDAR

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm - Personnel Committee	2 5:30pm - Family Faith Parent Group 6:00pm - Maundy Thursday Dinner 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service	3	4 9:00am - VITA Tax Service 10:30am - Men's Group
5 Easter Sunday 9:00am - Worship Service in Courtyard Garden and Chapel 11:00am - Worship Service in Sanctuary	6 3:30pm - GCC Presentation Practice	7	8 5:00pm - Eastside Citizens' Empowerment Foundation 7:00pm - Ministry Meetings	9 1:00pm - Communications Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Forest Hills Homeowners Association Meeting	10 5:00pm - Praying with Others	11 9:00am - VITA Tax Service 10:00am - Fiber Fellowship 6:00pm - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
12 9:15am - Bible Study 9:15am - Family Faith Parent Group 4:00pm - Contemplative Scripture Study	13	14 7:00pm - Church Growth Meeting 7:00pm - Trustees Meeting	15	16 Deadline for the May Tower 5:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting	17	18 10:00am - Homeless Stand Down 10:30am - Racial Equity Book Club
19 9:15am - Bible Study 9:15am - Family Faith Parent Group	20 7:00pm - Deacons Meeting	21	22 6:00pm - Session Meeting	23	24 5:00pm - Praying with Others	25
26 - Labre Ministry at North Church 9:15am - <i>Reluctant Parting</i> Study 9:15am - Family Faith Parent Group 12:15pm - Justice Ministry Luncheon 12:15pm - Safety Committee Meeting 4:00pm - Contemplative Scripture Study	27	28	29	30		
Regularly scheduled events meet every week unless noted 11:00am - Worship service	9:00am - Bulletin and email deadline 6:00pm - AA: Progress Not Perfection 7:00pm - Al-Anon: Now There's Hope 7:00pm - Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting 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 Starting September 11: 6:15pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00am - Al- Anon: Hand in Hand 6:30pm - Scottish Country Dance	

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Friends of FHC, you may give monetary gifts or donations by texting 216-400-5300, or see the online giving options at fhcpresb.org/give. You may also mail a check to the church bookkeeper (3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118).