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PASTOR’S COLUMN: WHEN THE SPIRIT INTERRUPTS

We have just celebrated Pentecost, one of the last major festivals of the church year. Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter (the name means “fiftieth [day]”), and it derives from the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, which occurs fifty days after Passover.

Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai, and for that reason [cont’d on p. 3]

Cover photos by Kris Fay. See more pictures from Spring Work Day on pages 18-19.

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Shavuot is an important moment in the Jewish liturgical year. The divine initiative of an instruction manual allowing the people of God to be the people of God is mirrored in the giving of the Spirit to Jesus' followers. That Spirit allowed them to communicate not only with those already familiar with the traditions of Mosaic Yahwism but also with those who were not.

While Pentecost is often regarded as an astonishing "interruption" of the Judaism of Jesus and his first followers, in fact, it was not wholly unexpected, as Peter's explanation of the event makes clear:

"This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy'" (Acts 2:16-18).

The ability of unlettered Galileans to speak so that speakers of other languages could understand them is the controlling metaphor and sign of grace in the story of Pentecost. God's "deeds of power" constitute the good news that gave birth to the Christian church. Those deeds, while often unexpected and inexplicable — the Bible calls them miracles or signs — are not wholly unexpected among those attuned to God's working in the world. God regularly interrupts our business-as-usual lives with "portents" and "signs" of a reality different from and better than the reality we have constructed for ourselves. The ongoing ability of some to speak in unexpected ways about unfamiliar realities is a central truth of the story of Pentecost.

When we join others in celebrating LGBTQIA+ Pride month this June, we will be part of the divine "interruption" of the way things are usually done, have been done, and, in the views of many people, should only be done. The recognition of sexual diversity remains a clear boundary marker between traditionalists and progressives, and the welcome that Forest Hill Church has extended to LGBTQIA+ persons for years will be celebrated with special services on the first and last Sundays of the month. In between those services we will celebrate Juneteenth, another festival of liberation that took some by surprise.

"Come out," Paul urged the Corinthian Christians (2 Cor. 6:14), reminding them of their distinct calling that interrupted the first-century Greco-Roman world of paganism. That summons remains as urgent and needed today as it was when Paul first issued it. To walk the path of Jesus is to be different in a violent, troubled, and manipulating world. As we move toward the longest day of the solar year, let us take advantage of that light, and reflect a divine radiance that the world cannot give — and cannot take away.

Faithfully,



Gene McAfee
Transitional Pastor



Note: Pastor Gene will be on vacation June 8–22. If pastoral emergencies arise, please contact one of the following people:

June 8–16: The Rev. Carol Wedell (216) 470-0152

June 17–22: The Rev. Sally Wile (216) 374-9306

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 April 22, 2026, in a Stated Meeting. Pastor Gene McAfee served as moderator. The following is a summary of the meeting.

The Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2026, was received.

The Pastor Nominating Committee shared the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) with Session. The MDP describes the vision of FHC as a church, ministries that are vital and the context within our community. It also lists the gifts, skills and qualifications that are sought in the person who will be called to be the next pastor as well as the responsibilities of the position. After discussion and review, Session approved the MDP. After approval by the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, the MDP has been provided to the PC(USA) for job posting.

Deacons recommended, and Session approved, removal of the following people from the membership rolls, either through extended inactivity or by personal request:

Ian Zych
Cynthia Lehman
Andrew Schellenberg

The Ministry of Adult Spiritual Growth reported on plans for Pride Month in June. Plans include a welcoming worship service on June 7 followed by a book showcase and Pride Sundaes.

The Ministry of Church Growth reported that New Membership classes will be offered on May 3 and 17.

The Trustees invited all to volunteer for the Church Work Day on May 9.

Pastor McAfee reported that he will be on vacation June 9–23. Arrangements have been made for worship, preaching and pastoral care. He also reported on plans for summer worship, with summer services starting at 10 a.m. beginning on June 7 and outdoor worship planned for twice each month throughout the summer.

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, June 24, 2026, 6–8 p.m. in South Hall.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The PNC has continued meeting weekly on Monday evenings, with Memorial Day being our first week off since February.

and promptly received a second group of 25 hopefuls. While we are reviewing these, we are also preparing for our first online interviews.

More to come... we promise!

To catch everyone up on our efforts, we received and reviewed the first 25 candidates from the PC(USA)'s national database of pastoral candidates.

Peg Weissbrod, on behalf of the PNC:
Co-chairs Kurt Haas and Mark Wedell, Chris Bell, Bader Boland, Antoinette Franklin, Katie Fay Hall, Rayba Johnson, Chiq Montgomery, and Dean Sieck, along with Presbytery Advisor Arvid Whitmore.

From these 25 we eliminated all but three,

FOREST HILL CHURCH PER CAPITA OBLIGATION

The Presbyterian Church (USA) relies on a mandatory per capita fee for each church member. The annual fee connects congregations with the work of the wider church. These per capita dollars are how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the cost of moving the church forward. The umbrella work of the PCUSA is only possible because members have shown they are "all in" and committed to connection through per capita payment. (The phrase is Latin for "by head" and means "per person.") For more information, see [this article](#) from the PCUSA.

Forest Hill Church assumes this \$40 fee for each member. For our church, this comes to \$12,000-\$13,000 per year, spending down our budget. Each of us – for the cost of a tank of gas – can assume the per capita cost. As you are able, please join us in making that commitment. Please go to the [per capita page on our website](#) and/or submit a check with a per capita note in the memo line. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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 May 19, 2026

Congregation Support:	\$364,361
Budget for Period Ending:	\$336,128
Annual Budget:	\$713,777
Per Capita:	\$490
Budget for Period:	\$1,365
Annual Budget:	\$3,544

FAMILY, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Family, Youth and Children's Ministry continues to support families' meaningful participation in the life of Forest Hill Church.

Last month...

Parents and children served communion and were co-leaders in worship.



Children prepared and served yummy snacks during Coffee Hour.



FAMILY FAITH EVERY DAY



Family Faith Every Day Project Completes First Year

Our first year of the Family Faith Every Day project was a success! Funded by the Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative of the Lily Endowment, this project is designed to help parents nurture their children's faith in daily life at home.

Eleven parents with young children (ages four and under) met with Amy Wheatley for eight sessions, using a curriculum that provided them with tools to establish faith habits and practices with their children at home. Our gatherings included a shared meal and time for prayer and wisdom from scripture, storytelling around a prompt, reflective activities, and discussion.

In between sessions, parents and their children tried out simple faith practices at home, e.g., bedtime blessings, one-minute mindfulness, nature prayer walks, and moments of gratitude at mealtimes. Each family received books and resources to

support their practice. Parents also provided feedback about their experiences that will be used to assess the program's effectiveness.

In addition to gaining tools for nurturing their children's faith, parents also strengthened connections with one another as they shared the joys and challenges of raising young children. Building supportive, loving community was an important program outcome!

Many thanks to the parents – **Lane and Nathan Baldwin, Em and Jake Ezell, Molly Sustar, Madelaine and James Matej MacQueen, Charity and Ahren Stock, and Robin and Chris Nau**, who made a commitment to participate in this program in the midst of remarkably busy family lives.

Our sessions were enriched by their thoughtful, funny, insightful, and meaningful contributions. We can all be inspired by these parents' deep commitment to nurturing their children's faith and living in ways that model what it means to follow Jesus.

The Family Faith Every Day program 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.

For more information about the project, contact Amy Wheatley, ce@fhcpresb.org.

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN



Our summer schedule begins on Sunday, June 7, with worship at 10 a.m.

When worship is outdoors (June 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23) children of all ages join their families on our front lawn. Bring your chairs and blankets! There will be a special area for our youngest children and their families with sand, water, and bubbles for play.

When worship is indoors, childcare and supervised play is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m. in Rooms 201/203/207. Older children join their families for worship in the sanctuary.



THANK YOU



Thank you, Julie Minder!

Special thanks to Julie Minder, Director of the FHC Little Crescendos! Julie volunteers her expertise, time, and energy to lead our children's choir in rehearsals on Sunday mornings and in performances during worship 5 to 6 times each year.

As the choir begins its summer break, we want to express our appreciation to Julie for her dedication, creativity, and all of the joyful music she makes with our children!



Above: Julie Minder leads the Little Crescendos in rehearsal.

Left: The Little Crescendos perform a song during a worship service.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Congratulations, Graduates!

May 31 is graduate recognition Sunday in our church family.

Cora Bissett, a daughter of Katherine and Scott Bissett, graduated from Shaker Heights High School. Cora will attend St. Andrew's University in Scotland, majoring in Psychology.

Marcie Denton received her Doctorate in Education from Kent State University. Her dissertation was inspired by the work happening at Forest Hill Church and her future plans depend on where the spirit leads her next.

Edie Duncan, a daughter of Jane and Derek Duncan, graduated with her M.D. and MPH from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Edie will begin her Residency in OB/GYN at MetroHealth/CWRU in Cleveland.

*We also recognize the recipients of **the Ron Register Scholarship**, a cash award given annually to outstanding students from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school district. The scholarship honors Ron Register, a community advocate and member of Forest Hill Church, who served on the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education for 16 years and as its president for four terms.*

Chelsea Gipson, a 2026 Register Scholar, graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. Chelsea will attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Pharmaceutical Science, on a PharmD track.

Jayla Scruggs, a 2026 Register Scholar, graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. Jayla will attend Howard University this fall, majoring in Computer Information Systems.



MUSIC MINISTRY

A Fundraising Campaign: Choral Scholarships for Students

Dear Friends,

We are launching a fundraiser to help raise support for our Choral Scholarships for students through Friends of Music.

Our Music Ministry is committed to enriching worship through excellent music for worship while also providing meaningful opportunities for talented student singers to serve in the Chancel Choir. The Choral Scholars program helps young vocalists continue developing their musical gifts while serving our congregation through weekly rehearsals and worship services.

We are currently raising funds to provide scholarships and stipends for these dedicated singers. Your support would directly assist students who are passionate about music and help sustain a vibrant music program within our church community.

A contribution to Friends of Music would make a significant impact by:

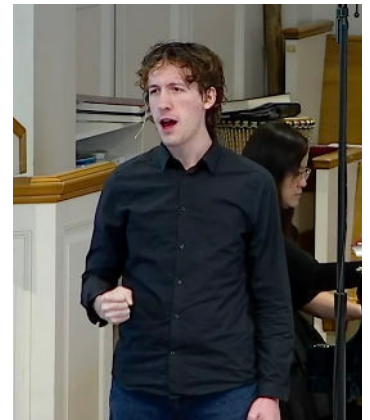
- Supporting scholarships for student choral scholars
- Strengthening our Music Ministry
- Encouraging young musicians in their artistic and spiritual growth
- Helping maintain a high standard of choral excellence in worship

Our goal is to raise \$9,000 by the end of the summer to hire choral scholars for the next worship season 2026-2027. To date, we have raised \$4,000, and we are looking for your support to make our fundraising a success!

Please consider making a contribution either through the Friends of Music Breeze form (<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/e360f9>), or by a check made to Forest Hill Church (please note in the memo: Friends of Music, Choral Scholars).

Here, our current music assistant, Fergus Donnelly, shares a few words on his thoughts on working in the music ministry at Forest Hill Church.

“When I came into Forest Hill Church, I was there to be a musician. I sang hymns for the choir, I played gospel on the piano, and I played in the bell choir. Every week, I was being challenged with new kinds of music, and I listened to the type of singing I never bothered to lend my ear to. I was empowered to embrace my role as a bass in the choir. Becoming a choral scholar allows me to understand a type of music so prevalent but unnoticed by me until now. As a growing musician, having a deeper understanding of choral music has helped me to find other strands of my musicianship. On top of that, as time went on, I learned that there could be more to my place in this church than only a musician. People were so friendly, so accepting, that I feel that I’m not just working for the church. I’m not just singing hymns for it. I’m not just playing gospel for it. I’m actually part of its *community*.”



What I’m saying is, this church has helped me grow as a musician, a person, and as a community member. Thank you very much.”

JUSTICE MINISTRY

On Sunday, April 26, the Justice Ministry hosted its annual Community Grantee Luncheon. Organizations who were nominated by FHC members and received community grants in 2025 were invited to come together for food and fellowship and share with interested FHC members about their organization's work.

This year, 14 of the [15 grantee organizations](#) participated and were represented by 22 of their staff and volunteers. With about 20 FHC congregation members, we gathered around a delicious meal and inspiring conversation to learn more about these committed organizations, their outreach, and what motivates them to support and walk with our surrounding community. It was a beautiful time of mutual learning, with everybody departing with more knowledge about what is happening in our community and how we can be part of a movement for change.

Justice Ministry's 2026 Community Grant cycle is now upon us and the [nomination form](#) is active. Please use the link for the nomination form if you, as an FHC member,

would like to nominate an organization that is making a difference and working toward our vision of beloved community. The deadline to submit your nomination form is June 15th and decisions will be made by early July.

Thank you, FHC, for making this support through community grants possible. This outreach is something our congregation directly supports, as the funds and the amount we are able to give are contingent on our giving and the operating budget. So please remember that YOU are part of this mission accompaniment and we thank you!

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If you are reading this online, please also view this [video of gratitude](#) from another grantee and friend, Christy Lafferty in Nicaragua, where she is serving with AMOS. Since she could not return for the luncheon, she wanted to share a bit about her work and thank FHC for our support through this video.



Justice Ministry thanks you for the opportunity to bring so many great organizations together and lift up their work and looks forward to hearing from you!

Forest Hill Church


Community Grants



The Justice Ministry is looking for community grant nominations from YOU! Think about organizations you volunteer with or know are doing good work in our community and need some funding to do what they do better or to do more.

Get their details, then complete the nomination form and get it back to us by June 15.

If you have any questions or need support to complete the form, please reach out to Chenoa Stock: 314-448-0005 or pcusa.mcw@gmail.com



To access the application, scan this QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/FHCommGrant2026>

PRIDE

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Pride in the CLE
Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland
(Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square)

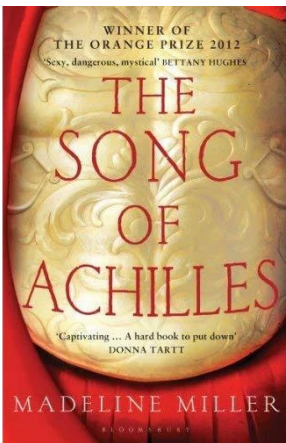
Join Forest Hill Church and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve for [Pride in the CLE 2026](#)! We'll gather as a group on the steps of [First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland](#) beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6. All are welcome to meet at the steps, whether or not you are walking in the parade. We'll pose for a PWR photo, get ourselves together, and then move to our standing location by 11 a.m., the start time for the march.

Check out the PWR site with more info and to sign up to volunteer at the booth – [Pride in the PWR](#).

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY (ASG)

On June 7, after the celebration of PRIDE month with a special worship service, ASG invites you to continue the celebration with Pride Sundaes in Fellowship Hall and a book showcase in South Hall. The purpose of the showcase is to give you the opportunity to discover available literature about the LGBTQIA+ community from non-fiction, fiction, memoirs, and poetry with both secular and religious perspectives. ASG believes that reading brings growth through knowledge, understanding, and empathy to the point of action.

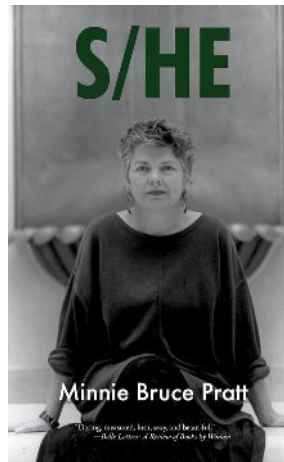
To do this, Hexagon Books has been invited to bring literature from the secular perspective. They will do a brief review of selected books and then offer time to peruse/answer questions about the books and provide an opportunity to purchase them. The church library will also have books available on religious topics related to LGBTQIA+ for checkout. The following are a few examples of books available:



***The Song of Achilles:* A Novel by Madeline Miller**

Genre: Fiction,
Classic Fiction

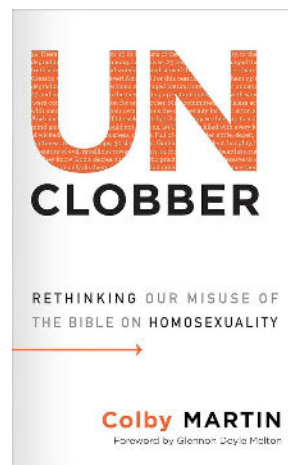
A tale of gods, kings, immortal fame, and the human heart, *The Song of Achilles* is a dazzling literary feat that brilliantly reimagines Homer's enduring masterwork, *The Iliad*. An action-packed adventure, an epic love story, a marvelously conceived and executed page-turner.



***S/HE* by Minnie Bruce Pratt**

Genre: Poetry, Memoir

In this series of poetic vignettes, award-winning poet Minnie Bruce Pratt explores the fluidity, capaciousness, unpredictability, malleability, and shifting everyday terrains of sex and gender. As a memoir, *S/HE* challenges oppressive frames of respectability and womanhood, tracing Pratt's circuitous path through sex, gender, and sexuality. *S/HE* also narrates one of the greatest love stories of the twentieth century, providing an intimate portrayal of how Pratt and Leslie Feinberg met, fell in love, and built a life together.



***UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin**

Genre: Religious
Non-Fiction

UnClobber explores what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality. The author reexamines each of those frequently quoted passages of scripture, alternating with author Colby Martin's own story of being fired from an evangelical megachurch when they discovered his stance on sexuality.

No Summer Sunday Morning Education Hour

The Ministry of Adult Spiritual Growth will not provide class for the summer Sunday morning education hour before worship. If someone feels led to facilitate a class for the summer or a Linger-a-While activity after the worship service, please contact Elders Ron Zimmerman and Sharon Leary personally or via email (spiritgrowth@fhcpresb.org). The length of the class would be at the discretion of the facilitator.

PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

A special invitation...

Join us at God's table
for affirming worship and
open communion
on Sunday,
June 7, 10 a.m.

No matter where you are on your faith journey,
Forest Hill Church welcomes you
as a beloved child of God.

Whether you are certain of your beliefs or full of doubt,
or looking for a place to belong and serve,
**you have a place in God's heart
and a place with us.**

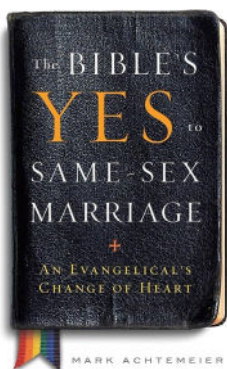
After worship events: Hexagon Book Sale,
showcasing LGBTQ+ in church and in the
community, and our PRIDE ice cream sundae bar.



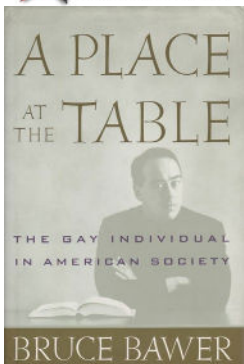
NEWS FROM THE MEG CAMERON LIBRARY

Several new purchases and some existing collection items are highlighted in June for the support of Pride Month. The books will be on display at the Adult Spiritual Growth Program on June 7, and will then be available to check out. We are ever grateful to the Camerons for funding purchases that keep us up to date on books that speak to our belief that all are created by God and worthy in God's eyes. Please consider borrowing a book and enjoying it.

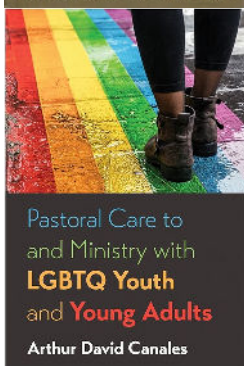
LGBTQIA+ Books Held in the Cameron Library at Forest Hill Church



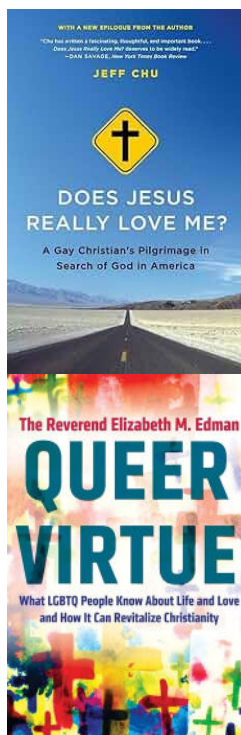
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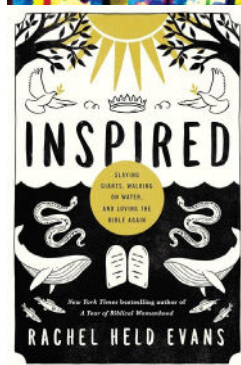
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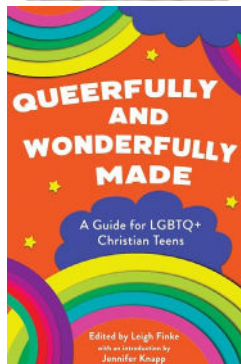
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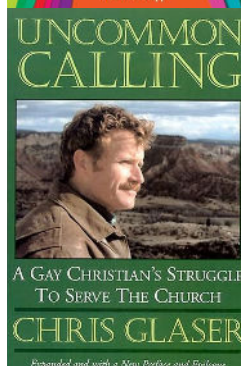


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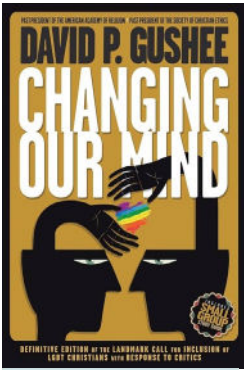
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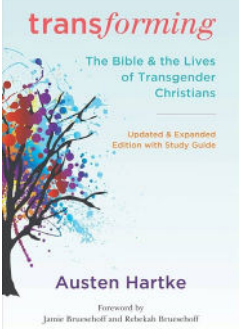
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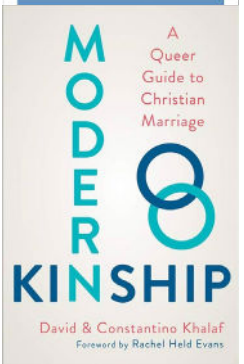
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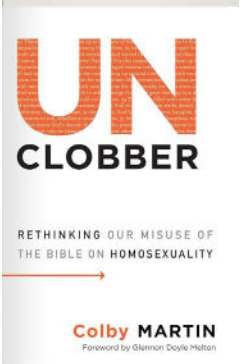
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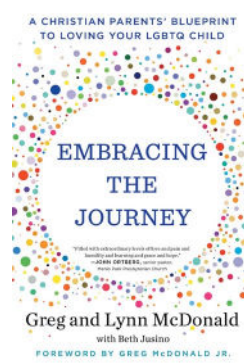
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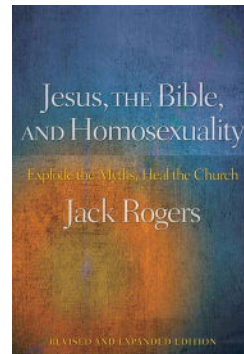
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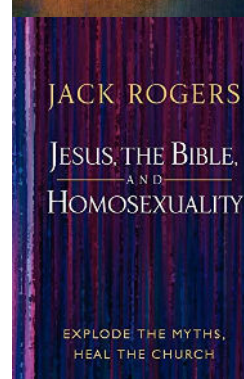
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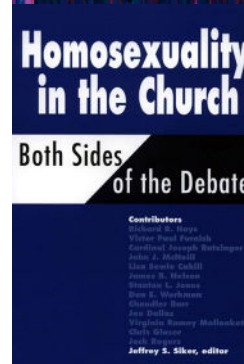
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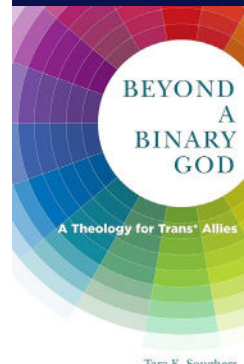
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THANK YOU TO SPRING WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

MANY THANKS to the volunteers who participated in the Spring Work Day! MANY tasks were accomplished and we are almost ready for Summer. MANY new friends were made. We look forward to seeing you in the FALL!

Kris Fay
Jane Frederick
Joe Frolik
Tim Gifford
Carol Gifford
Susanna Gransee
and son
Kurt Haas
Marlene Harmon
Roger Heineman
Jim Hogg
Kay Hogg
Scott Lafferty

Sue Lafferty
Sharon Leary
Gary Lustic
Julie Lustic
Nancy Lyon-Stadler
Gene McAfee
Matt McPheeters
Deedee Pim
Laurie Rose
Steve Sedam
Dean Seick
Jeff Smith
Mark Wedell





EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS



Earth Care in Ohio

This month, let's take a brief look around the state of Ohio and what is going on with Earth Care.

The Ohio Environmental Council is one organization which provides a "Green Watch" concerning several issues that are pertinent to citizens interests in the state.

This organization is active with our legislators in the following:

- Ensuring energy reliability during times of natural disasters
- Promoting clean energy initiatives to counter fossil fuels
- Developing land-use protocols
- Developing a data center policy platform
- Attacking fracking in Wayne Forest
- Saving the waterways and wetlands in the Big Darby area in central Ohio.

More detailed information can be found on the website www.theoec.org and your participation is encouraged.

David Neff
FHC Earth Care Leader

FH CONNECTS: SUNSET AND SOCIALIZE

Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m.

FH Connects is the all-church social group!

Join us for an outing at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's cottage on Lake Erie in Madison on Saturday, June 13. Come anytime after 2:00 p.m. and stay until sunset, if you wish. Kathy and Derry will provide chicken and vegan "chicken," plus some beverages. Bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We'll plan to eat dinner around 5:30 p.m.

Warning: the grounds are somewhat uneven, and it could be slightly muddy if it's been raining a lot.

Contact Kathy at khannas@sbcglobal.net to RSVP and get the exact address.



FIBER FELLOWSHIP

A Small Group for Fiber Arts Crafters

Join us for knitting, quilting, basic sewing, and plenty of conversation. Whether you're working on a group project or bringing your own, you'll find encouragement, ideas, and good company.



We love learning from one another, so feel free to teach us your favorite fiber craft, from crochet to punch needle, macramé, and more. Or simply enjoy the fellowship while you catch up with your mending!

We meet on the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

Location: Jin Room (next to the kitchen on the main floor) or South Hall (adjacent to Fellowship Hall)

All are welcome!

HEIGHTS100 CENTENNIAL WEEKEND

The building on Cedar and Lee
is turning 100!
June 19–21
Cleveland Heights High School
(13263 Cedar Rd.)

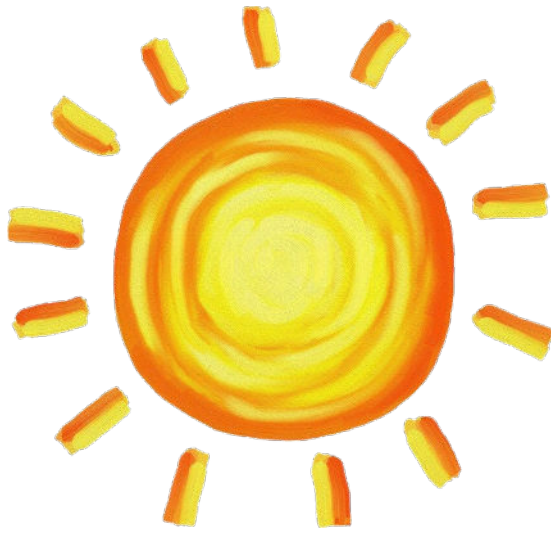
Whether you're an alum, a parent, a neighbor, or a friend of Heights, we need your voice, your energy. Help us make this centennial as legendary as the past 100 years!

Help Us Raise Funds

Through celebration, community engagement, and ambitious fundraising, Heights100 aims to bring alumni together, support students, and raise \$1 million to fuel the next century of graduates.

See the website for more information: www.heights100.com





SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule begins on June 7. Worship will be at 10 a.m. during the summer.

Weather permitting, we will have worship outdoors on June 28, July 12 and 26, and August 9 and 23.

Worship at 11 a.m. will resume on September 13, the day of our fall kickoff.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS

Thursdays, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

The English Country Dancers are a lively group that meets weekly at FHC. Usually, the group dances in Bodwell Hall. The picture below was taken in South Hall where the dancers were recently celebrating spring with a maypole.

All are welcome to join! No need to bring a dance partner. Beginners are always welcome. For more information, visit their website at englishcountry.org.



BIRTHDAYS

June 2 – Nicole Lawrence
June 3 – Scott Lafferty
June 3 – Joy Stang
June 4 – Laura Schultz
June 4 – Dick Secor
June 6 – Kiva Bohanon
June 6 – Cindy Newton
June 6 – Lara Troyer

June 7 – Gary Lustic
June 8 – Nancy Lyon-Stadler
June 9 – Linn Obery
June 14 – Michael Broadwater
June 16 – Vikki Nowak
June 17 – Kathy Cameron
June 17 – Nancy Jamieson
June 19 – Jake Ezell

June 20 – Virginia Weiss
June 22 – Lane Baldwin
June 22 – Chris Chapman
June 23 – Ann Donkin
June 24 – Doris Bartlett
June 28 – Rachel
 Martinez-Finn
June 29 – Jane Frederick

CALENDAR

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00pm - Personnel Committee	4 10:00am - AMIS Finance Committee Meeting	5	6 10:30am - Men's Group
7 10:00am - Pride Sunday Worship Service 11:15am - Book Showcase and Ice Cream Sundae Bar 11:30am - FYC and Church Growth Meeting	8	9 7:00pm - Trustees Meeting	10 5:00pm - Eastside Citizens' Empowerment Foundation 7:00pm - Ministry Meetings	11 1:00pm - Communications Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Forest Hills Homeowners Association Meeting	12 5:00pm - Praying with Others	13 10:00am - Fiber Fellowship
14	15 7:00pm - Deacons Meeting	16	17	18 Deadline for the July Tower 5:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Church Growth Meeting	19 Juneteenth - Church Closed	20
21 Father's Day 11:30am - Juneteenth Celebration	22	23	24	25	26	27 11:00am - Memorial Service for Grace Uhle
Culture Camp						
			6:00pm - Session Meeting	5:00pm - Justice Ministry Meeting	5:00pm - Praying with Others	
28 Outdoor Worship - Labre Ministry at North Church 12:15pm - Safety Committee Meeting	29	30				
Regularly scheduled events meet every week unless noted 10:00am - 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	1:30pm - English Country Dance	10:00am - Al- Anon: Hand in Hand 6:30pm - Scottish Country Dance	

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Deadline for the July Tower: 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2026
Deadline for The Week Ahead email: 9:00 a.m. every Monday

Giving Options

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).