



# Reaching Heights

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## May Preachers and Elders' Pastoral Care Schedule During Pastor Roger's Sabbatical

May 7	<i>Joe LaGuardia</i>	Elders of the Week:	Donita Singerman, Linda Durham
May 14	<i>Rev. Albert Pennybacker</i>	Elders of the Week:	Val McMillan, Scott Phelps
May 21	<i>Rev. Joan Brown Campbell</i>	Elders of the Week:	Val McMillan, Scott Phelps
May 28	<i>Minister Michele Moreland</i>	Elders of the Week:	Joe and Bernadette LaGuardia

**"ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END"**



After twenty (20) years the  
GIANT Garage Sale Will end an era!

HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
GIANT GARAGE SALE'S "LAST CALL"

Saturday, May 6, 2017 ♦ 9am—3pm

For more info, call the church office at 216.561.4800  
or visit our website: [www.heightscc.org](http://www.heightscc.org)



**P.S. Pass the word to your Family, Friends and Neighbors!**

All proceeds to benefit the programs and outreach ministries of Heights Christian Church

## We Walked — Let's Talk



Join us on Thursday, May 11 at 7:15 pm for a chance to reflect on our recent "Walking the Neighborhood" trips. We will gather to share what we noticed and how we think we may be able to join God in mission in the community. You are welcome whether you came to one, all or none of the HCC walks. Perhaps you have (or will) take a walk on your own to see and hear what's going on. Your perspective will be helpful as HCC discerns next steps for community engagement and mission.



**Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!**  
**Annual Congregational Luncheon — June 4<sup>th</sup>**



Plan to join us for our annual meeting of the congregation.

Hear a message from our Peace Award recipient. Elect new church officers.

Bring a salad or main dish to share **and** your own table place setting (plate, cup, silverware).

We'll also celebrate Pentecost with a birthday cake for the church as dessert!

Please wear your red. Hope to see you there!

## Moderator's Musings



Throughout my life I have had a love/hate relationship with the hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers. It certainly has a strong melody, a tune very familiar to most of us and a stirring, majestic feel. On the other hand, it is militaristic and causes me to recall many injustices, historic and modern, which have been perpetrated in the name of the church. Quite a dilemma for a modern Christian whose faith carries strong threads of peace and social justice as its underpinnings. Quite a dilemma for a modern Christian like me!

I must confess, however, that as I have anticipated and engaged in planning for Pastor Roger's sabbatical, I have had a strong desire to "rally the troops"!!! The Sabbatical Committee (Donita Singerman, Val McMillan, Pastor Roger, Kate Gillooly, Minister Michele Moreland and myself) have worked along with Ben Malkevitch, Kese Webb and Mike Faust to try to plan for any eventuality that might occur. Plans are in place for Sunday worship with preachers, guest preachers and worship leaders laid out on an extensive spreadsheet. Events such as the Giant Garage Sale, the Shaker High School Awards Ceremony where our new Peace Award winner will be announced, the May Board of Trustees meeting, the May Elders' meeting, Pentecost and the Annual Meeting have been explored and arrangements made. The Elders have signed on to provide care and visitation for the congregation and shut-ins during Pastor Roger's time away. Jim Nicks, Scott Phelps and the Property Committee are poised to follow through on projects like the solar panel installation, installing a water line for the Community Gardens and supervising repairs to the sanctuary ceiling. Whew!!!!

No matter how much thought and planning have already taken place, I know that there will be lots of details that arise and surprise us. I hope that each of you will help us move through these months together. We will all need extra energy, a willingness to pitch in when needed, lots of good humor and, especially, loads of patience. This is my rallying call to each of you! Onward Heights Christian soldiers! Let's make this time a great experience for all of us!

*Jane*

### BECAUSE YOU CARE

#### *Illness—Surgery—Hospitalization*

Bobbi Phelps	Ray Everett	Liz Perdue	C.D./Lois Clark	Elizabeth Newman
Shirley Reading	Joe Feudi	Lisa Peabody	Alma G. Jones	"Cas" Castleberry
Nancy Wilson	JoAnn Brown	Kate Backe	Peggy Yeager	Sidney Mallory, Jr
Paul/Shirley Hummel	Bernadette LaGuardia	Joe/Barbara Tolley		

#### Death

April 7th *Augusta Harden*



Many thanks to all who helped with or contributed to our Easter Egg Hunt! We had lots of families from the community and were so glad to be able to offer gracious hospitality and dozens of delicious cookies and hundreds of eggs to find! Everyone had a terrific time and was very grateful for a fun morning's activity. Special thanks to Lynda for coordinating the event.

### New Members



Tom and Clara Roberts became members of HCC on Sunday, April 23rd. Here they are pictured with their son, Andre. The next time you see them, be sure to introduce yourselves.

Welcome to the family!

### Attention Graduates!

 If you are graduating from high school or college, please take a moment to let the church office know your name, major, and future plans. Please call the office or email us at [kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net). 

### It's Gardening Time!

There are plots available in the Community Garden for those you who are interested in growing your own produce. Please call the church office or contact Sue Buddenbaum.

## Kate's Cogitations

The month of May often fills up with "lasts." We hold our last committee meeting or Sunday School class of the program year. We attend spring recitals, theatre performances, and awards banquets. High school students look forward to prom and university students take finals and attend commencements. Meanwhile, warmer weather activities pick up. We plant our gardens, we go for bike rides, we consider picnics and parades.

The liturgical year keeps on moving forward. With Pentecost on June 4th this year, the entire month of May is within the Easter season of resurrection and new life. We move toward Pentecost with stories of hope, of powerful ministry, and the spreading of the Good News of God's love.

My prayer for all of us at HCC is that we do not lose momentum. I hope we can hear these stories of amazing ministry and see ourselves as part of the story. We, too, have heard the Good News, and we, too, have a story (or two!) to tell. We can gather strength and inspiration from our time in worship together, and go out to live lives of resurrection in the world the rest of the week! May this month of May be hopeful, inspiring, and powerful as we continue to engage in God's mission in the world!

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## Outreach Donations

We have received thank you letters from several organizations for our contributions to their cause.

The following are **excerpts** from those letters:

### **Family Promise:**

**February 1, 2017** Dear Rev. Osgood, we gratefully acknowledge receipt of the donation to our annual Holiday Shop at Family Promise of Greater Cleveland. We know the holidays are a busy time, and we want to extend a big thank you for taking the time to think of Family Promise during this winter season.

**March 2017** Capital Campaign for Family Promise of Greater Cleveland. Thank you again for the wonderful support. Note: Heights Christian Church made a contribution of \$1,000 to this cause from the Tithing Reserve Fund of the Campbell Court funds.

**March 27, 2017** Dear Roger, we gratefully acknowledge receipt of the donation of move out bags in support of Family Promise of Greater Cleveland. I want to let Heights Christian Church know how much we appreciate this gift.

Joan Maser, Executive Director Family Promise

 **Greater Cleveland Food Bank** **March 8, 2017**  
Dear Ms. Ackerman, thank you so much for your support of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and your help in the fight against hunger. We are so grateful for the Heights Christian Church's generous gift of \$429.74 on behalf of your Souperbowl Sunday event.

Joanne Clemens, Senior Manager of Corporate Relations

 **The Achievement Centers for Children** **March 20, 2017**  
Dear Roger, The Achievement Centers for Children is truly grateful to the Heights Christian Church for your thoughtful gift of \$400. Thanks to you, children with disabilities will have the opportunity to walk into a future of a new possibilities at Camp Cheerful this summer. We want to extend a special invitation to join us for a personal tour of Camp Cheerful.

Sally Farwell, President & CEO

 **God Before Guns** **April 11, 2017**  
Dear Ms. Jones-Sharp, Thank you so much for the very generous contribution of \$6,000 to God Before Guns from Heights Christian Church. Your gift sustains our grass-roots efforts to reduce gun violence, save lives, and create a safer community for all. Working with people of good conscience, we are focused on altering attitudes and behavior and public policy to achieve a concrete decrease in injuries and lost lives.

David Eggert, president

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

10:00 a.m.      **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m.      **Coffee Fellowship**  
11:30 a.m.      **Education Hour**  
(Nursery & Preschool care provided)

**STAFF**

Minister	<i>Rev. Roger D. Osgood</i>
Assistant Minister	<i>Min. Michele Moreland</i>
Minister of Outreach	<i>Rev. Joan Brown Campbell</i>
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**OFFICERS**

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