

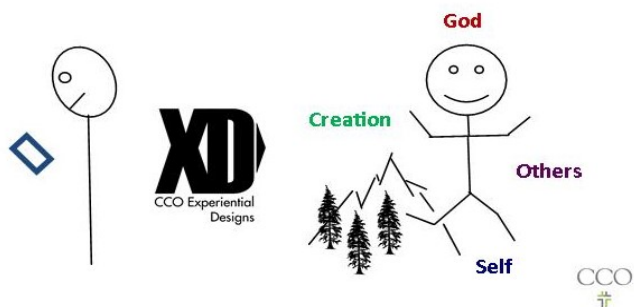


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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WHERE ARE YOU WALKING?

The other day as I was walking on campus I was almost walked into by two students who were looking at their phones with their head down? Have you had this happen yet or maybe it was you that almost ran into someone? It is my observation that we are more and more detached from our bodies and our lives. We have lost the joy of walking and driving. This spring break starting March 4, we will have the opportunity together through prayer and the ministry of CCO XD to take 5 students on a transformative opportunity climbing, hiking and camping in 3 different states. Pray that through Christ they will be RECONNECTED to the Gospel.

Christ is reconciling ALL THINGS to Himself. (Col. 1:20). Let us pray to that end.

Jake Blasdel, Director of College-Aged Ministry



CCO XD ADVENTURE

We are excited to announce that the CCO XD ministry that is in partnership with our church is an officially Chartered organization with Ashland University. This gives this ministry many rights, privileges and opportunities on campus. For example: An AU logo with its name for marketing on campus and funding from the school for expenses starting the Fall of 2017.

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CCO XD ADVENTURE

Here is the written purpose and objective of this ministry:

1. The purpose of CCO XD ADVENTURE at Ashland University (AU) is to transform college students to transform the world by calling them to serve Jesus Christ with their entire lives and to design creative opportunities for transformation through experiential and adventure programming on and off campus for student campus groups and AU community.
2. The objective of CCO XD ADVENTURE at Ashland University is to create a community of students and student leaders around Experiential Designs and Adventure Opportunities on and off campus that is impacting Ashland University students and campus in such a way that they are
a) developing as passionate leaders who

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- serve Jesus Christ in their studies, jobs, communities and families,
- b) serving together with the church and inviting others into the lives of local church congregations and
 - c) designing creative opportunities and experiential programming for campus wide groups that meets the needs of the groups and campus.

**Ways FPC Can Be Involved
in the Life of College Students:**

- **Prayer Walk with Jake around Campus**
- **Gift Cards** - gift cards are a great way to help offset Ministry Expenses that I have with students on ministry-oriented trips. A Kroger or Walmart gift card is a great way to sponsor the Spring Break Trip. We will purchase food and supplies at these stores:
 - Kroger
 - Walmart
 - Starbucks
 - Chipotle
 - Five Guys
- **Scholarship Money** to help Students attend the Spring Break trip. A gift of \$50 -\$100 is a great way to sponsor a student directly for this trip.
- **Praying for students**



**Coalition for
Christian
Outreach**

**Prayer for Upcoming Events
and the New Semester**

- Men's Small Group on Monday Night
- Consistent Discipleship with Student Leaders
- Jubilee: February 17-19
- Spring Break Trip March 4-11. It is a Rock Climbing and Hiking Trip to multiple locations: KY, NC and WV. Pray for the 5 Students currently signed up: Kyle Wahl, Alex Barnard, Courtney Reid, Pratima Pathak, Susar Shrestha. We are praying for 2 more students to attend.

If you currently do not receive Jake's CCO WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES please contact Linda or Jake and he will gladly add you his list. (jblasdel@ccojubilee.org)

*This ministry of connecting lives to the Gospel is made possible through Christ's presence in FPC's partnership with Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and the Experiential Design (XD) department. Thank you for your prayers and support.



to the family and friends of
Helen A. McClellan,
who passed away
on January 19

The family of Howard Webb would like to thank our church family for all their love, prayers, cards, flowers and all varieties of support. It is all so appreciated and helpful in making our sadness easier.

Most Sincerely,
Mollie Webb and family

Thank you to the prayer shawl ministry for the prayer shawl. It is warm and fuzzy and I enjoy the bag that came with it, too.

George Holmes



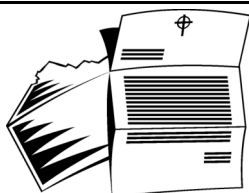
ESSENTIAL PRACTICES OF THE FAITH

Jake Blasdel will facilitate discussions around Essential Practices work FPC is currently using.

These discussions start this Sunday, January 29, at 9:00am and will meet for the next 5 weeks until Lent begins. Please meet in room 101 in the corner of the lower level.



Giving statements for 2016 were mailed or emailed this week. If you did not receive one or need another copy, please contact Linda Swanson in the office.



A new chart for providing flowers for worship is now on the door in the narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice.

The next quarterly Session meeting is Saturday, February 11.

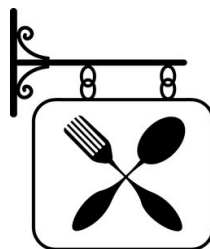


FPC's next opportunity to host ACCESS is March 5-11. Please look for the volunteer sign-up board.

Crystal Care Center of Ashland is seeking volunteers to spend time with their residents. They are looking for people to read, play board games, and other activities for around 1 hour on Sundays. For more information, contact Luanne Michaels at 419-281-9595.



PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH



The Presby Lunch Bunch will gather on February 21 at 11:30am at O'Bryan's. In respect for Presidents' Day, please bring a fact, story or item from your favorite presidents. In recent years, two presidents have visited Ashland.

Reservations to Cora Walker 419-289-2316 no later than Sunday, February 19.



The church office will be closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents' Day

LENT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Ash Wednesday, March 1

6:30pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Communion

Handel's *Messiah*

David Hartzfeld will continue the adult Sunday school class based on Handel's *Messiah* during Lent. This class will study the second part of the work beginning March 5, and will meet at 8:45am Sunday mornings in the Knox Room.

Lenten Study

Pastor Mike and Dr. Jody Watson will lead a book study, discussion, and reflection of Henri Nouwen's *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times*. This study will meet in Andrews Chapel at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights during Lent beginning March 8.

FEBRUARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	2	3	4 Presbytery Meeting, Milton PC, Rittman, OH
5 8:45am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Essential Practices Communion Hunger Sunday 11:15am Deacons	6 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers' home	7 9:00am Staff 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	8 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	9	10	11 9:00am Session Meeting
12 8:45am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Essential Practices Discussion	13	14 10:30am Finance Ministry 8:00pm AA	15 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	16 6:30pm Evangelism and Outreach Team	17	18
19 8:45am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Essential Practices Discussion 2:15pm Worship @ Kingston	20 President's Day Office Closed Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	21 9:00am Staff 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ O'Bryans 2:00pm Worship Ministry Team 8:00pm AA	22 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	23	24	25
26 8:45am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Essential Practices Discussion Communion	27	28 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA				

REAL LIFE 'HIDDEN FIGURES' MATHEMATICIAN IS LONGTIME PRESBYTERIAN

The movie "Hidden Figures," about a group of brilliant female African-American mathematicians that aided NASA during the space race, features the story of Katherine G. Johnson, a longtime Presbyterian and 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee.

Based on the non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly, the film tells the true story of Johnson and her colleagues, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan, who worked as "human computers" with the burgeoning space program of the late 1950s and early 1960s. They were charged with collecting flight data and verifying that NASA's newly introduced electronic computers had correctly calculated the details of space missions.

A member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, for more than 50 years, Johnson served the church in several leadership roles including, not surprisingly given her gift with numbers, its finance chair.

The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, former pastor at Carver Memorial and now Union Presbyterian Seminary's president and professor of New Testament, called Johnson "a true space heroine, but one of the people you rarely hear about." Blount spoke of Johnson's humility, saying he had been the pastor at Carver Memorial for three years before he ever heard about her early work at NASA.

"She's been a wonderful Presbyterian, [and she] served in all kinds of capacities at the church when I was there," added Blount.

A NASA mathematician and aerospace technologist from 1953–1986, Johnson's computations have influenced every major space program from the Mercury launches through the space shuttle program. Johnson was initially hired as a research mathematician

at the Langley Research Center with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the agency that preceded NASA, after they opened hiring to African Americans and women.



Katherine Johnson sits at her desk with a globe, or 'Celestial Training Device.' (Photo courtesy NASA)

Johnson exhibited exceptional technical leadership and is known especially for her calculations of the 1961 trajectory for Alan Shepard's flight as the first American in space and for her 1962 verification of the first flight calculation made by an electronic computer, in this case for fellow Presbyterian John Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth.

She is also famed for her trajectory calculations of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, the first human voyage to the moon and on-the-fly computations that enabled the Apollo 13 astronauts to return safely home from space. In her later NASA career, Johnson worked on the Space Shuttle program and the Earth Resources Satellite and encouraged students to pursue careers in the science and technology fields.

In addition to the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Johnson co-authored more than 20 important scientific papers for NASA. On May 5, 2016, the 55th anniversary of Alan Shepard's historic rocket launch and splash down, the new Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility was formally dedicated at the NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
February 20**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

For January, we had an average collection of items for Associated Charities. We did really well with cereal.

With your support, Associated Charities was able to provide Christmas toys and food to 394 families (1,263 people).

Keep in mind that cash donations are also appreciated on our Hunger Sundays.

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Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs

Fresh Potatoes
Hot Chocolate
Soups: Cream of Chicken, Chicken Noodle, and Tomato
Cans of Fruit
Spaghetti-o's and Ravioli
Saltine Crackers
Rice: instant brown/white or flavored
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo
Vegetable Oil
Sugar

Non-Food Needs

Shampoo and Conditioner
Paper Towels
Kleenex!
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Bath Soap - liquid and/or bars
Tooth Paste - adult and children
Feminine Products - always appreciated



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

February 5