



The Circular

AUGUST 11, 2019

To my First Presbyterian Church family,
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, visits and flowers you have provided me during my recent hospital stay and rehabilitation at Wasen. I came home this past Saturday and have family helping me continue to recover. I am so thankful for all of you and can't tell you how much I appreciate your expressions of love. I hope to continue to improve and hope to see you at church sometime soon. Thank You! Thank You! God bless you all.

Bill Mast



On behalf of my family, the First Presbyterian Church family's prayers and cards during my mother's (Rita Reidy) illness were greatly appreciated. Mom is at peace now: free from pain and reunited with my father and other loved ones. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Kevin and Debbie Reidy

Presbytery Event

Cross Cultural Church
Reclaiming Pentecost



Friday, September 13
Camp Wakonda
9:00am - 4:00pm

The Presbytery has a day planned around the benefits and challenges of church with a variety of cultures. Our own Dr. Dolly Dong is one of the presenters.

Volunteer Training

Safe Haven Volunteer Training
will be offered
October 15 - November 7
Tuesdays and Wednesday
4:30pm - 9:30pm



This forty hour training will enable volunteers to become prepared to serve in any capacity at the shelter. Call Volunteer Coordinator Kate Scott at 419-282-6097 or email kscott@safehavenofashl.org for additional information and to register.



Following the custom of open church, all congregants of FPC are invited to attend the wedding of

Mollie S. Webb
and Gerald Lee Stearns

September 1 at 2:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary
Music begins at 2:15pm
All are also invited to the reception following the service at Mollie's home
No gifts please



Retreat at Wakonda

Retreat day with Dr. Hany Rizkalla at Camp Wakonda on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Morning Gathering:
"Bringing Along People:
Making and Growing
Disciples"
Afternoon Gathering:
"A New Model of Church and
the Leadership it Needs"

Pre-registration is required by calling the office at Christ Presbyterian Church, 330-456-8113.



FPC Next Couple of Weeks

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 11 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship 11:45am E&O Ministry 1:00pm Private Baby Shower | 12 | 13 9:00am Worship Planning 10:00am Worship Ministry Team 8:00pm AA | 14 Quarterly Session Packet Items Due 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band | 15 | 16 | 17 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church |

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| 18 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths' | 19 | 20 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA | 21 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band | 22 | 23 | 24 9:00am Session 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church |

**Transforming Lives
in Jesus' Name**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND
August 11, 2019

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GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

Carlo Carretto *Letters from the Desert*

Trust in God; giving praise to the All-Powerful; satisfying our thirst for knowledge in the infinite sea of his Fatherhood; accepting his mysterious plan; entering school to listen to his word; knowing how to wait on him. This is an act of adoration worthy of human beings on this earth.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 103 NIV

***Opening Song** *10,000 Reasons*

***Opening Prayer**

One: Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

All: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

One: We may cry through the night,
but your joy comes with the morning.

**All: You hear us, O God,
and you are gracious in our distress.**

One: You turn our mourning into dancing!
Our souls cannot be silent!

**All: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!
Amen.**

***Song of Praise** *Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

One: The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #579**

Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings

(Place information cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory *You Are My All in All* arr. Wagner

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination *Sanctuary*

Scripture Reading Acts 17:16-33 NT p. 137

Sermon “Our Sanctuary—Our Safe Place”
Pastor Mike Parker

WE RESPOND

A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry

GOD SENDS US

***Closing Song** #243 red hymnal, twice *Surely the Presence*

***Closing Prayer**

***Blessing**

***The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you!**
(Greet one another in Christian love.)

***Postlude**

*Please Stand, as able