



# The Circular

AUGUST 18, 2019



**Labor Day Weekend**  
September 1  
10:30am  
Brookside West  
Front Pavilion

Join us at for outdoor worship, hymn sing and a potluck. Please bring food to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.


### Flocking to the 'Burg

We're "Flocking" to the Olivesburg General Store following church on August 25  
Please join us!

We will meet around 12:30pm. The 'Burg has ice cream and lunch to purchase.




4778 OH-545  
Corner of St Rt 545 and 603  
Hope to see you!!



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



### Volunteer Training

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




**Safe Haven**  
Rape Crisis & Domestic Violence

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@safehavenofashland.org](mailto:kscott@safehavenofashland.org) for additional information and to register.

### 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, challenges, best practices, and first steps towards church with a variety of cultures. Our own Dr. Dolly Dong is one of the presenters.

### Rock the Park

Ashland United Way invites you to an evening of free entertainment at the Guy C. Meyers Memorial Band Shell  
Today!  
6:00—7:30pm



Featuring the KC Big Band  
Directed by Neil Ebert  
Meet the 2020 Campaign Chairs and preview "Roxie" the 2019 Chevy Trax Raffle

# FPC Next Couple of Weeks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship	26 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	27 9:00am Worship Planning  8:00pm AA	28 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band	29 10:30am Finance Ministry	30	31 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church  7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

**Transforming Lives  
in Jesus' Name**



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...

Isaiah 43:2 NRSV



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND**  
**August 18, 2019**

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## ***GOD GATHERS US***

### **Preparation for Worship**

Holy God, we pray your blessing on those who lead us in worship this day, those who speak and sing and move among us, those who direct others in singing and playing, those who have prepared this space with beauty. We ask that each of them may lead with a sense of peace and confidence that comes from your Spirit, so that your truth may be proclaimed faithfully and we may live up to our calling as the body of Christ. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 89:1-4 NRSV

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**All: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Song**      *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

**\*Opening Prayer**      based on Matthew 6:9-10, 13

**\*Song of Praise**      *In Christ Alone*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Moment of Silent Confession**

One: To all who turn from sin in sorrow,  
to all who turn to God in hope,  
this is God's Word of grace:  
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.  
This gift we have from God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

**Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings**

*(Place information cards in the offering plate.)*

**Offertory** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Kellner

**\*Doxology #592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***GOD SPEAKS TO US***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 43:2 OT p. 672

**Sermon** "God's Presence with Us" Jeff Franks

***WE RESPOND***

**A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry**

## ***GOD SENDS US***

**\*Closing Song** #411     *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

**\*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