

**Updated 3/16/20**

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Chris Box, executive director of Associated Charities in Ashland, has compiled a list of needed items for families whose children are out of school. **The items include:**

Mac and cheese (microwaveable cups)	Snack crackers (Cheez-Its)
Ramen noodles	Oatmeal (flavored packets)
Fruit cups/applesauce	Pepperoni packages
Granola bars	Peanut butter/cheese-filled crackers
Spaghetti-O's (pop-top if possible)	

These items may be dropped off to the office during regular office hours **(Monday–Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm)**. If you prefer to give a financial donation, consider visiting their [website](#) and clicking on the “Donate” button in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MEAL MINISTRY**

Our CCO partner Dolly Dong has informed us that a number of international students remain on campus and need cared for during this stressful time. Many of them are homesick and dealing with mental health challenges as a result of the uncertain climate in which we find ourselves.

Dolly is organizing an effort to provide meals to approximately 50 students twice per week starting Tuesday, March 17. Funds have been secured for this effort. Dolly is requesting that we recruit **3-4 volunteers** who will deliver meals to international students. Dolly and other helpers will have the meals prepared and packaged; only delivery is needed. Meal delivery will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**; volunteers will be asked to arrive at the church at 11 am and be given instructions for delivery. If you can commit to either **Tuesdays** or **Thursdays**, please contact the church office (419-289-6205 or [office@ashlandfpc.org](mailto:office@ashlandfpc.org)).

### **PRAYER PHONE LINE**

To help meet the ongoing need for spiritual and pastoral care of our congregation and community, FPC is working to set up a phone line with volunteers able to pray with people over the phone. This number will be different from our regular office line. **If you are interested in being one of the volunteers for this phone line, please contact the church office.**

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ASHLAND CITY SCHOOLS**

Ashland City Schools is offering food to our students who are in need during the school building closure. Two options are available to obtain food. Pick-up is available at Ashland Middle School from 11 am to 1 pm on the following dates: Tuesday 3/17, Thursday 3/19, Monday 3/23, Wednesday 3/25, Friday 3/27. Ashland City Schools will also deliver food to selected locations throughout the school district. In order to facilitate food delivery, we need to know which families are in need of this service. Please use one of the methods below to sign up for food deliveries if your family needs this service. For text messages through Remind, text @73h6k to 81010. You may also call Mr. Paramore at 419-289-4502. Delivery will begin Tuesday, March 17 via school bus drop-offs or other arrangements. If you sign up for Remind you will get text message updates about deliveries.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER**

We will be opening the sanctuary on **Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm** to allow for people to spend time in individual prayer, Scripture reading, and reflection. This will simply be an open space; you may come and go as you desire. Should you decide to come, we encourage you to look out for your health and the health of others by following the guidelines set forth by the CDC.

As a reminder, all other church activities and events are **cancelled** until at least 4/5/20.

*“Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.*

*Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.” Psalm 33:20–22*