

Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future

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Alpine Tower at
Mapleridge Ranch

*"For we are what He has made us,
created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared
beforehand to be our way of life."
Eph. 2:10*

As I reflected upon the life and ministry of FPC, all that has happened these last three years, and of course the hopes, dreams, and prayers that many of us share (so encouraging to read these from you on Sunday!!) this verse came to mind. It's one of the verses in the Bible that holds me in balance. It speaks to all that God desires to do in us – He is the prime mover – and yet it compels us to act upon Christ's work in us by making our good works a way of life. In doing so, we live into the plans and purpose for which God created us as we take part in His mission of reconciliation and restoration of the world in Christ. May this verse encourage you (God has a hold of your life in Christ Jesus),

challenge you (are you striving to do good works in Christ?), and strengthen you (we are what He has made us!) as we move into this next quarter of ministry.

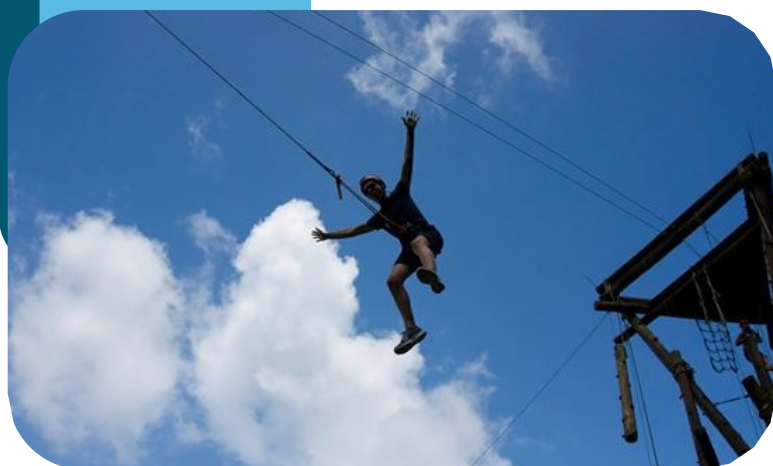
I'd be remised if I didn't quickly mention how much I enjoyed celebrating the 200th anniversary this past weekend. I have enjoyed learning more about the history of our life and ministry, the heritage that serves as our foundation, and especially how Christ-centered so much of our heritage truly is. It served as an inspiration to me to continue to lead this congregation in reclaiming our Christ-centered identity as we focus on becoming and making Disciples of Christ who make Disciples of Christ. Of course, many thanks to those who served in many different capacities to make this a special and meaningful celebration!

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CCO AshlandXD Summer

Mapleridge Ranch

This summer Colton Johnson, a student leader of AshlandXD, spent his summer at Mapleridge Ranch as the Alpine Tower Director. Colton shared his testimony at our 200th Anniversary Celebration Service and you might remember seeing his name on our prayer list during the summer. He had a great summer instructing campers and staff at camp. Here are some testimonies and pictures from his work this summer.



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Colton Johnson
training counselors
at the Alpine Tower.

"MAPLERIDGE Ranch continues to see God changing lives for eternity!!!! Over 30 campers prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior this summer. Volunteers, Supporters, and Staff... Thank You for making Summer Camp 2014 a huge success!"

Posting to Mapleridge
Ranch's Facebook
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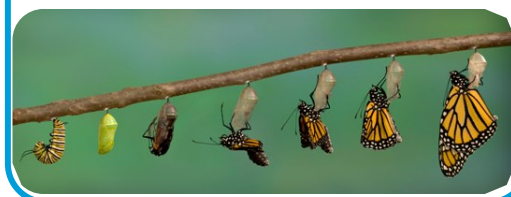
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*"transforming college students
to TRANSFORM THE WORLD."*

How Can I Help in Student Transformation?

- Sign up to Adopt-A-Student
- Volunteer to make Lasagna, salad or bread for our FPC Student Welcome Meal on Sept. 21st
- Help serve the meal on September 21st
- Provide scholarship money for Fall Break Backpacking Trip
- Join me in Praying Walking around campus on Thursday Evenings at 7:15pm

Jake Blasdel
Director of College-Age Ministry



Fall Student Program Calendar & Prayer Points

- Weekly Thursday Night Prayer Walks at 7:15pm - Church Members Welcomed to Join Jake
- Religious Life Fall Retreat September 5-7
- Weekly Sabbath Rest Small Group - Starts Saturday Night September 13
- 9 Week Discipleship Group - Starts Sunday Night September 14
- Fall Student Welcome Meal & Adopt-A-Student Kick Off - September 21
- Fall Break Backpacking Trip - October 17-21

Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

1st	Barbara Bradford
	Donna Mohn
3rd	Blake Beaire
4th	Brenda Luttrell
7th	Peggy Yoder
10th	Alexander Webb
12th	Connie Dravenstott
19th	Lori Dix
	Troy Dix
	Ray Perkins
20th	Ruth Detrow
	Evan Dix
21st	Emily Barnett
25th	Nancy Seifert
28th	Laura Callahan

OCTOBER

3rd	Jonathan Wetzel
5th	Larry Hiner
	Katrin Parker
6th	Mike Parker
9th	Walt Ramage
	Suzanne Steury
10th	Abigail Funk
11th	Aiden Keener
	Kristal Paullin
	Fannie Switzer
18th	Mandy Parker
19th	Nicholas Barnett
21st	Sabrina Pepsny
	Linda Swanson
22nd	Sandy Sexton
25th	Sallie Hooker
	Jasmine Webb
28th	Sydney Saffle
29th	Susan Shafer
30th	Mary Jean Stuart
31st	Dan Yoder
	Elva Wicker

NOVEMBER

1st	Patty Hart
2nd	Ruth Armstrong
	Vickie Holdren
	Dale Wojciechowski
3rd	Al King
5th	Bethany Blasdel
	Andrew Elderbrock
6th	George Holmes
7th	Jamie Boggs
10th	Amy Smetana
13th	Alan Pepsny
14th	Stephen Stuart
16th	Dann Marble
20th	Vivian Stitzel
22nd	William Mast
23rd	Tom Foley
27th	Ronald Walker
29th	Jan Grimm

Top Ten Reasons to Sing in the Choir

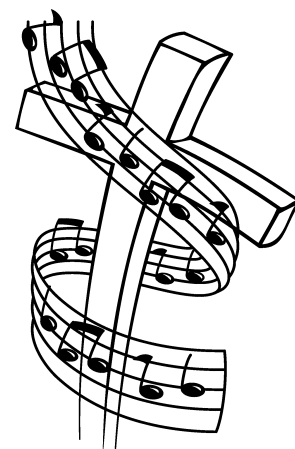
10. You don't have to dress up--the robe hides a lot.
9. The ushers never pass the collection plate in the choir loft.
8. You always have a great reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
7. Let's face it--you might as well volunteer to sing since nobody's ever going to pay you to do so.
6. It's exactly like singing in the shower, except you're dressed and people are actually listening.
5. Sitting with a group in the chancel every Sunday is excellent practice in case you're ever called for jury duty.
4. No auditions or solos required!
3. Singing is one of the best ways to memorize scripture verses.
2. St. Augustine himself is credited to have said, "To sing is to pray twice!"
1. Serving the Lord—considering all He does for us, it's just a little giving back to HIM!

List adapted from choralnet.org.

Seriously, though, FPC is looking for singers to join the choir. No one needs to have a solo voice, just a bit of musical knowledge and a heart to worship the Lord.

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 7:30—8:30pm.

Please contact JoAnne Kash at 419-564-7142 to volunteer.



Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future

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There is a lot that has been happening and will be happening in our life and ministry. I simply want to use the remainder of this article to bring you up to speed on some of these happenings. First, let me tell you about some new discipleship opportunities for you to be a part of that begin in the next couple weeks.

Next Steps – This is a class that I will be conducting to help individuals grow deeper in their faith in Christ and then to put that faith into practice. We will be meeting two Tuesday evenings each month beginning September 16th at 7:00pm (please see the calendar for the complete schedule of dates.) This fall's study will be based on the book *The Disciple Making Church: From Dry Bones to Spiritual Vitality* by Glenn McDonald. Our session read and studied this book together over the past year; it is one that helps to reclaim and revitalize what it means to live out our faith in Christ as individuals and consequently as the church. While the book will serve as a curriculum per se, rather than simply meeting to discuss the content of the book, we will be encouraging one another to live out the content in our day to day lives in very practical ways. I hope you will consider being a part of this group study. We will meet in the Adult Sunday School room on the 2nd floor.

Discipleship Circles – These are a new and exciting take on “small groups” that meet for the purpose of learning the spiritual disciplines and practices that help one live out their faith in their daily life. The circle consists of five men, or five women, and is lay lead by one of the group members. They provide the flexibility to meet at a time best suited for the group, use an accelerated learning style that keeps the meetings short but extremely effective, and also offer the accountability and safe environment to engage the practices alongside other believers. Our goal is to launch one men's circle and one women's circle this fall. Please contact me if you are interested in being involved in this exciting and formative opportunity.

Next, I just want to bring you up to speed on some decisions made by session at our August meeting.

Prayer Chapel – Beginning September 8th, Andrew's Chapel will undergo a renovation to create a prayer chapel that will allow us to designate a place in the building for individual and collective prayer through the week. We intend to develop a space that will continue to function as it currently does but will be versatile to serve for other purposes. This renovation will include new paint and plaster repair, new wall to wall carpet, and updated lighting. To create the desired versatility, the plan also includes removing the pews from this space and replacing them with 40 chairs that can be rearranged in various patterns. The pews will be repurposed and placed along the walls in the fellowship hall to be used as additional seating. This space will be used for small worship services, weddings, and funerals and also will take on the new purpose of being our primary place of prayer – a need within our congregation as we devote and commit ourselves to being a “praying church.” The highlight of the room will be in the back overflow area where a circular kneeling prayer station will be created that will be the exact design and dimension of a prayer space in Billy Graham's prayer chapel in North Carolina. The funds for this renovation are being provided by the Louise Beer Payne Trust. She is the mother of Frank Beer, grandmother of Bob Beer, and grew up in the church. Her parents were also members of the congregation and close friends to Rev. and Mrs. Andrews, making the opportunity to contribute funds to this space very meaningful to the family. We thank them for their generous contribution towards this needed renovation and look forward to dedicating this space later this fall.

Director of Children's Ministry – The session approved the hiring of Tia Sponsler to develop and implement a Montessori-based Sunday morning children's ministry, train individuals in teaching within this ministry, and oversee all other phases of ministry for the

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children ages birth through 6th grade. We welcome Tia to our staff; you can read more from her later in this newsletter. The first year funding for this hiring will come fully from an estate gift from Nancy Donley, the second year will be 50% estate gift and 50% operating budget, and the third year will be 25% estate gift and 75% operating budget. This will allow us a smooth transition into having a fully funded ministry position in three years. We look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry in spiritually forming our children.

Someone recently asked me where I see our church's focus moving over the next year. While this could be a very long answer, I responded with this statement: I pray we will continue to develop more openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that leads to a deeper commitment to prayer. May the Spirit continue to lead us to become the church God is calling us to be for this particular place and time in our life and ministry.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor Mike*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



When the monthly check-in meeting with our church's Stephen Ministers comes to an end my heart feels full of appreciation.

Appreciation to be part of such a wonderful ministry. Appreciation to be able to witness the Stephen Ministers growth in Christ as they lovingly walk beside their care receivers.

Appreciation to hear on a monthly basis the healing the care receivers are finding on their own with the support of their Stephen Minister. But most of all the appreciation to see Him at work in every one of His children involved.

If you feel called to be used or healed by Him through this program please call me at anytime.

Blessings, Tia

200 *for* 200

Thank You! Thank You! - for your prayers and financial support of the 200 for 200 campaign. As of Sunday, August 24th, we received 82 pledges for a total amount pledged of

\$207,767.45

We can be very excited and proud of this accomplishment. Of this, we have collected \$125,067.45 or just over 60% of what has been pledged. I anticipate receiving several additional pledges and pledge information and forms are available in the church office should you need them.

To date, we have made payments of \$73,105.42 toward the boiler project. The next project will be started shortly. Because of your support, we are able to make these improvements at this time. Thank you for your past and current commitments and all of the ways you support the life and ministry of our church.

Peggy Yoder, Treasurer



Thank You Note

We would like to thank everyone for attending the luncheon and Brad's 60th birthday party. Thanks to all the help in the kitchen and fellowship hall. We, as parents, would like to thank the church for putting this on in Brads honor.

Jean and Harvey Hudkins

To Jean Hudkins
who was recently recognized
for her 45 years
of volunteering
for Samaritan Regional
Hospital.



Financial Reports

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)

Consolidated - July 2014

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
CASH ACCOUNTS	
Sutton Bank Checking Acct	\$82,355.77
Janney Montgomery Scott	81,889.63
PayPal	271.00
Subtotal Cash Accounts	164,516.40
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$164,516.40</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
200th Campaign Fund	\$20,719.05
Music Ministry Donations	251.08
Memorial & Special Gifts	
Sue Spreng Memorial	809.37
Betty Fox Estate	1,813.88
Nancy Donley Estate	43,205.42
Subtotal Memorial & Special Gifts	45,828.67
Church Mission Trip	1,562.57
Youth Ministry	
ACCF - Johnson	1,138.72
Subtotal Current Liabilities	69,500.09
WITHHELD PAYROLL TAXES	
F.I.C.A.	425.81
Medicare	99.57
Federal Income Tax	375.78
State Income Tax	129.43
City Income Tax	103.00
Employer's Share FICA	425.81
Employer's Share Medicare	99.57
Subtotal Withheld Payroll Taxes	1,658.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES	71,159.06
FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	\$93,357.34
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	93,357.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$164,516.40</u></u>

The balance sheet includes collections of \$93,824.47 for the 200 for 200 Campaign and \$73,105.42 payments toward the boiler. Peggy Yoder, Treasurer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2014

<u>Contributions/Receipts</u>	<u>JULY 2013</u>	<u>BUDGET 2014</u>	<u>JULY 2014</u>
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pledges	\$107,743.00	\$117,833.31	\$125,829.00 *
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$18,336.00	\$27,416.69	\$15,441.97
Loose Offering	\$1,032.21	\$3,208.31	\$2,882.35
Prior Year Pledges	\$1,263.14	\$650.00	\$1,247.00
Church Use Donations	\$790.00	\$583.31	\$350.00
Whiting Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACCF - Program	\$4,177.75	\$7,500.00	\$4,333.75
ACCF - Building	\$4,091.50	\$4,125.00	\$4,242.75
Stunz Mission Fund	\$1,794.75	\$1,875.00	\$1,860.00
Interest/Investment Income	\$154.47	\$29.12	\$43.97
Miscellaneous Income	\$515.36	\$2,625.00	\$700.55
Total Receipts	\$139,898.18	\$165,845.74	\$156,931.34
<u>Expenses</u>			
Personnel	\$100,527.28	\$112,323.30	\$110,491.37
Health Insurance	\$6,872.25	\$7,795.06	\$7,795.06
Missions	\$7,400.00		
Property	\$25,506.67	\$13,387.43	\$27,825.28 **
Property Insurance	\$4,584.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,468.00
Utilities	\$14,027.85	\$13,288.31	\$16,976.45
Finance	\$84.00	\$204.12	\$217.76
Per capita assessment	\$5,838.40	\$5,154.00	\$5,124.77
Session Expenses	\$1,230.82	\$641.62	\$193.00
Fellowship	\$369.55		
Worship/Music	\$1,245.49	\$928.82	\$555.97
Office	\$5,641.23	\$6,358.38	\$5,157.87
Discipleship	\$1,444.78	\$1,895.81	\$2,217.61
Refuge	\$2,114.92		
Pioneer Club	\$893.38	\$1,166.69	\$89.06
Stephen Ministry	\$1,879.10	\$1,239.63	\$0.00
Mid Week Gathering		\$437.50	\$0.00
College-Aged Ministry		\$1,166.69	\$1,630.66
DEACONS	\$2,000.00		
Invite		\$8,750.00	\$5,036.00
Connect		\$2,916.62	\$1,490.04
Send		\$3,500.00	\$1,790.46
Deacons - Miscellaneous		\$583.31	\$2,277.80
ALPHA	\$666.32		
Total Expenses	\$182,326.04	\$186,237.29	\$193,337.16
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES	(\$42,427.86)	(\$20,391.55)	(\$36,405.82)

* Includes Prepaid pledges of \$21,250

** Includes \$4,455 + \$10,945 = \$15,400 total payments toward sanctuary painting

Peggy Yoder, Treasurer

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 5 2:00 PM
(departing from Christ United Methodist Church)

Because of CROP walks over the last 20 years in 2000 communities around the country, over \$264 million has assisted those struggling to feed their families. Come join with members of this congregation and others in the Ashland community in alleviating hunger and poverty around the world, as well as locally. (25% of funds raised locally remains here to benefit Ashland area hunger programs.)

Grab a sponsor envelope, or be a sponsor, and walk with your friends, family and neighbors!

Again, the Board of Deacons will match pledges up to \$500. See Lana Potter for more information.



**Communities
Responding to
Overcome
Poverty**

Movie Night

A depressed Henry Poole buys a house in the suburbs thinking he will be able to withdraw from the world there. Then his Catholic neighbor sees the face of Jesus on the side of his house, and against his will, his backyard becomes a shrine attracting people in search of a miracle. This film, which stars Luke Wilson, will be shown Friday, September 19 at the home of Bill and Connie Dravenstott, 1211 Fairway Drive. Come at 6:30pm with something tasty to share. The movie begins at 7:00pm, with a discussion to follow.



**Movie
Night**

Adult Sunday School



The Adult Sunday School class will start back up on September 7th and will be working through a 6 week study titled "Effective Prayer." They meet in the Knox room, the corner room next to the library on the 2nd floor, from 8:45 – 9:30am.



ACCESS
Our next week
to host is
August 31–
September 7
at Peace
Lutheran Church

Please sign up on the board in the narthex or contact Becky Sheeks to volunteer!

Pictorial Directory

Connected to our celebration of our 200th anniversary as a congregation, we will be creating a church pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken

Friday and Saturday, September 12-13.

If you have not made an appointment yet, Remember Directories will be contacting you to set up time for your pictures.

FPC has not had a new directory for some time. Please help the church out and make sure your contact information is up to date. By chance, do you have a cell phone number or an email now? Please consider sharing your information with the church. Keep in mind that FPC's computer systems have the ability to keep phone numbers and other information unlisted upon request.



**Church
DIRECTORY**

September

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Host ACCESS Office Closed - Labor Day	2 Host ACCESS 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Writing Group 8:00pm AA	3 Host ACCESS 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	4 Host ACCESS Session Packet Info Due 7:00pm Euchre	5 Host ACCESS	6 Host ACCESS
7 Host ACCESS Hunger Sunday Communion Children's Catechesis Begins	8 7:00pm Stephen Ministry	9 6:30pm Session 8:00pm AA	10 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	11 7:00pm Bridge	12 Directory Pictures	13 Directory Pictures
14	15	16 9:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	17 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	18 9:30am Worship Ministry Team 6:00pm Pioneer Club	19	20 Fellowship Hall in Use; Rental
21 Communion 11:00am Fall Student Welcome Dinner	22 Monthly Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm PMS @ Yoder's Cabin	23 10:00am Presbytery 6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Invite, Connect, & Sent Ministries 8:00pm AA	24 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	25 6:00pm Pioneer Club	26	27
28	29	30 9:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA				

October

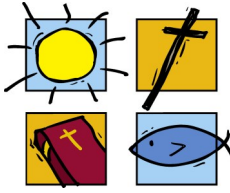
First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	2 6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Euchre	3	4 4:00pm PMS Family Picnic
5 Hunger Sunday Communion 2:00pm Crop Walk @CUMC	6	7 6:30pm Writing Group 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	8 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	9 Session Packet Info Due 6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Bridge	10	11
12	13 7:00pm Stephen Ministry	14 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Session 8:00pm AA	15 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	16 6:00pm Pioneer Club	17	18
19	20	21 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	22 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	23 6:00pm Pioneer Club	24 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	25 Wedding
26 Reformation Sunday Communion	27 Monthly Newsletter Deadline	28 6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Invite, Connect, & Sent Ministries 8:00pm AA	29 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	30 No Pioneer Club	31	

November

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends Hunger Sunday	3	4 9:00am Staff 6:30pm Writing Group 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	5 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	6 6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Euchre	7	8
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16 Host ACCESS Celebration Sunday/Harvest Dinner	17 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	18 9:00am Staff 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	19 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	20 6:00pm Pioneer Club	21	22
23 Communion	24	25 6:30pm Healing Care Group 6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Invite, Connect, & Sent 8:00pm AA	26 9:30am Bible Study	27 Church Office Closed— Thanksgiving	28 Church Office Closed— Thanksgiving Observed	29
30 Advent I Loud Sunday Offering for SA Red Kettle Drive						



Children's Ministry

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- What is it?

FPC begins a new children's ministry this fall called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Catechesis is an approach to the religious formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Our children will be in a mixed-aged classroom where they will learn concepts via a "discovery" model, where they learn concepts from independently working with materials. A "work" will be demonstrated for them after which the children are invited to perform the work on their own or explore other works with which they are familiar. This approach works with the child's openness to faith, so that the child "hears" the Scripture as the Holy Spirit conveys it in a way that speaks to the child personally. When we bring children to the Scripture in this way, we help them enter the Kingdom through loving relationship, working in a way that corresponds to their God-given capacity for faith. We can help children learn to hear God speak to them in Scripture and prayer, and develop a relationship with the Good Shepherd as they hear and respond to God. We do it in a way that speaks to their whole potential for spiritual development. Christian faith thus becomes foundational, and development becomes formation.

The most exciting thing about this type of learning for me as the Director of Children's Ministry is that the children will be interacting with lots of different materials. One way the congregation can be a part of this ministry is through the gathering and creation of these materials. Romans 12:5-6 says, "...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them;..." I ask you to please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this very exciting journey on which the children of our congregation will be.

1st Day of class will be Sept 7th

Children 4 years-old through 6th grade will meet me in the front of the sanctuary after the passing

of the peace. They will go up to the third floor to their classroom, called the atrium. Their guardians will pick them up from the atrium following worship. If the stairs pose a problem for retrieval please inform me.

Possible collaboration with this ministry:

- The blessing of your presence as a guest in the atrium. I encourage everyone to set up a Sunday morning with me to come and be a guest and see what this is all about.
- The skill you can offer to craft wood into many different objects needed for the "works" in the atrium.
- The artistic ability you have to paint or craft needed items for the "works" in the atrium.
- The generosity of any of the following items:
 - metal trays (small enough for a child to carry)
 - small tongs
 - sets of 2 matching bowls (glass or ceramic)
 - small metal spoons (preferably ones that are similar to soup spoon shape)
- Your prayers

Blessings,
Tia Sponsler, Director of Children's Ministry

Pioneer Clubs

FPC invites all children ages 4 years-old through 6th grade to Pioneer Clubs. Pioneer Clubs is something like a combination of Sunday School and Boy/Girl Scouts. JoAnne Kash is the program director.

Pioneer clubs will be held on Thursdays again, September 18 through November 20, except for Ashland's trick-or-treat night. Please note the time has been changed to 6:00—7:30pm.

Registration forms can be found on our website, ashlandfpc.org, or in the church office and narthex. Turning forms in before club begins helps us with planning, but we will take walk-ins.

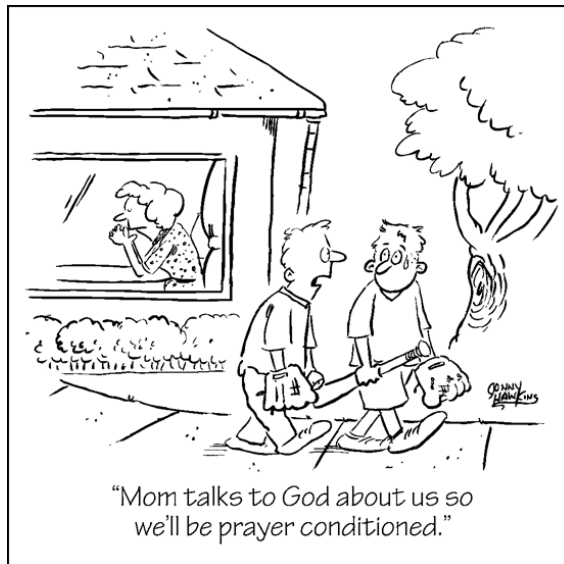


Fun for the Family

Scripture for discussion:

For with God nothing will be impossible.

—Luke 1:37



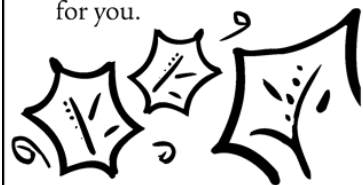
Brighten your dinner table with these festive candle holders.

What you need:

- An adult's help
- Miniature pumpkins (palm size)
- Tea light candles
- Pencil
- Sharp knife
- Spoon

What you do:

1. Place a candle on top of each miniature pumpkin and trace around the candle's base.
2. Have an adult cut around the circle.
3. Scoop out the pulp and seeds.
4. Place a candle inside. Keep scooping, if necessary, so the candle sits inside the pumpkin nicely.
5. Decorate your dinner table with the pumpkins. Have an adult light the candles for you.



Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 ¹ / ₄ ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 ¹ / ₈ ft.
3 ¹ / ₁₆ ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 ³ / ₄ ft.	now		forever	2 ¹ / ₂ ft.
2 ¹ / ₄ ft.	Lord		grow	2 ¹ / ₈ ft.
2 ¹ / ₁₆ ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 ¹ / ₄ ft.
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"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____

_____ and _____.

To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Youth Ministry

Passport to Entertainment and Enrichment

Mehl, Ron. *God Works the Night Shift*. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Books, 1994.

A preliminary chapter introduces the reader to Ron Mehl's *God Works the Night Shift*. He enumerates and briefly describes some of the individuals whose jobs require their work while most of us sleep. Probably we don't think much about them, taking them for granted. Mehl says that there is someone else who works the night shift—God. He is always at work in our lives even when it may not be evident to us.

As a preacher, Ron Mehl has many stories of situations—his own and of others—which he easily combines with Scripture to illustrate the point of each chapter. In the one entitled “He Is Inspecting Hidden Areas of My Heart,” he tells of the experience he and his wife had in looking for a house. Not having a background in construction work, he was concerned that a house might have defects of which he was unaware. A friend urged him to invite Uncle Ernie to go with them. While the author and his wife were looking at the rooms and becoming increasingly pleased with them, Uncle Ernie “disappeared.” When he finally returned, he told them he wouldn't be by the house “in a million years.” Disappointed, the Mehls wondered why. Uncle Ernie had climbed into the crawl spaces and looked at other areas not visible when just looking at the rooms. The years had done much damage to the house's structure. The author quotes 1 Samuel 16:7 where God says that “the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Mehl comments that “God knows there's more to life than looking good, and He knows that what you see is not necessarily what you get.”

This chapter is typical of the eighteen others in *God Works the Night Shift* related in the author's down-to-earth style punctuated with humor. Whatever your problem or concern, you can be sure that God is aware of it and working on it 24/7.

- Beverly Bixler

Ashland University

Every Fall, our little town comes back to life, and once again, Ashland becomes a college town. On campus, it's a season of chaos, excitement, and energy: freshman trying to gain their bearings in a new place, figuring out how to wash their clothes without bleaching them (a skill I still have yet to master... Sorry Lauren), all the while trying to manage a million different competing schedules. Each activity and event is valid in developing them as leaders and believers, but how do you say “no” to so many worthwhile things?

AU does an incredible job promoting student activities, but the thing I've come to realize is that with an increase in the quantity of religious activities comes a decrease in quality of one's commitment and enjoyment. In other words, too many people are trying to do too many things, and the result is a shallow fluttering faith rather than a deep passionate one.

As we get rolling with our work on campus, please pray that our passion to see high school kids meet Christ would be tempered with wisdom in how we train and develop the college leaders God gives us. They are an absolute blessing to us, and their growth in Christ is our top priority. Pray that they would know and feel that.

Leadership Training

This is our Bible study for incoming AU students who are interested in checking Young Life out. This fall we will be meeting every Wednesday night at 9:00pm in Lower Chapel to study through the book of Ephesians (a personal favorite). More specific training on the methodology of Young Life will start up later in the year, but for now, we just want kids passionate and hungry for Jesus.

If you are interested in coming to one of these studies, you are more than welcome. And if you want to bring a snack when you come, even better!



Leadership

The AHS and LHS Young Life leaders meet every Friday night at the Parker's at 5:30-7:30pm. We eat together, study and pray together, and on most nights, we will jump in our cars and head out to the football games together.

This is also open to anyone who wants to come and be around the leaders. Lauren organizes the meals, so if you have a culinary gift and want to put it to good use, she's the one to call (567-215-7806). (Lucas team pic)

Campaigner/Leader Overnight

September 19-21st we will be out at the Yoder's cabin for a Campaigner/Leader Overnight. This weekend is designed for praying, planning, and playing. Our prayer is to come away from the weekend feeling refreshed and bursting at the seams to get to our high schools. Lauren is the master mind behind this idea, so if you would like to make a meal or serve as an on call chef for the weekend, please talk to her.

New School Start-Ups

This fall we will be launching three new ministries. The (1) Lucas Leaders will get their first full semester of contact work under their belts. With the fall being so packed with high school events, there will be plenty of opportunity for them to be around lost kids. We ask them to be at/around the high school with kids no less than 3 times a week. This is a big time commitment on their part, so pray for consistency. They are earning the right to be heard, and that quality of relationship doesn't happen overnight.

We will also be starting a Young Life ministry for middle school kids at AMS called (2) Wyld Life. While it may look a little different, the

principles and methods are the same. Go to where lost kids are, and earn the right to be heard. We have a few teachers excited about the idea, so this could be an awesome platform for them to share their faith.

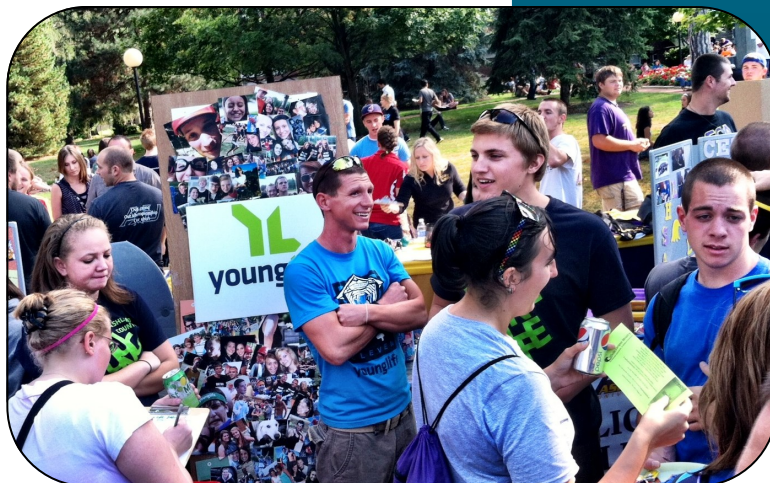
This fall we also hope to gain some ground with (3) Capernaum. Michelle Vanderzyden has wanted to dive into this for the last year or so, and we're finally cutting her loose to do just that. Capernaum is Young Life's ministry to kids with disabilities. In Young Life, we believe every kid should have the opportunity to explore a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and all that comes with it – meaningful relationships, fun and laughter, acceptance and adventure. With Dale Roy School located right in our backyard, and a budding desire to see kids with disabilities pursued, Capernaum is a no brainer. How awesome would a Capernaum Club at Dale Roy be?!!

Matt McClain
Director of Youth Ministry



Lucas Young Life Leaders

Matt McClain, Jacob Jenkins and Kyle Buxton at the AU Orientation Fair



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