

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

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## COLLEGE AGE MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone that helped provide food, set up, serve and clean up for the Student Welcome Dinner. What a blessing to see how many asked me if I had everything I needed and to see so many pitch in and serve our students!!! Please pray for the students that attended. May they taste and see through our congregation the Goodness of the Lord. Kyle Wahl, William Thatcher, Ryan Deemer, Zoe Scarpone, Jake Emser, Jacob Jenkins, Jacob Whisler, Kirsten Albright, Nick Jacobs, Kyle Buxton.

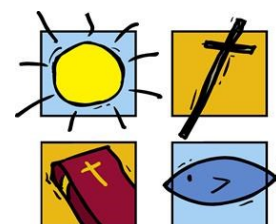
## October 3-5 New York Support Raising Trip

I will be making 3 presentations at churches about the ministry here at Ashland. Thank you for your prayers and prayers for the 3 students I will be taking with me on this road trip.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The first few weeks in the atrium went very well. The blessing to work with this congregation's children is something that I am grateful for on a daily basis. We welcome, one at a time, any adults who would like to experience our new ministry for themselves. We have a few weeks left to sign up to be a guest in the room and see how our children are working on their spiritual formation. Please call to set up your Sunday to join in this journey.



Blessings,  
Tia Sponsler, Director of Children's Ministry





AshlandXD  
Integrating Faith and Adventure

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### Fall Break Backpacking Trip Oct 17 - 21 to PA Grand Canyon

Please pray for the students that will be participating. May they learn the skills needed for safe, nurturing and enjoyable backpacking and begin to consider and ponder the implications of backpacking as a ministry to others here at AU and their range of influence in the future. Kyle Wahl, William Thatcher, Leslie Akerly, Maggie Laginya, Tanner Orillion, Michael Kahle and 2 Adult Leaders: CCO XD Instructor Patrick Emery and Nick Schwartz, a current attendee here at FPC.



### T-Group—a transformational group and study

This semester I have 11 students on Sunday Night gathering together to study the book *Good and Beautiful God*. Pray that these students will become more like Christ and know that God is Good. Kyle Wahl, William Thatcher, Leslie Akerly, Maggie Laginya, Tanner Orillion, Michael Kahle, Ty Davis, Sean Houghton, Kyle Nelson, Austin W., Nathan Z..

Jake Blasdel, Director of College Age Ministry

### CROP HUNGER WALK October 5 at 2:00pm Christ United Methodist Church

#### CROP WALK CHALLENGE

The Board of Deacons is issuing a CROP WALK challenge to the congregation.

Any donations up to **\$500.00** will be matched by the Deacons.

Keep in mind that Crop Walk funds support these Ashland hunger programs:

- Emmanuel Methodist Saturday Breakfasts
- Salvation Army Food Bank
- St. Edward's Hunger Center
- Helping Hand in Loudonville

There are three ways to donate: sponsor a walker, put your donation in the offering plate designating it for Crop Walk, or donating online at [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org) - look for our team's page (links can be found on FPC's website).

See Lana Potter for more information.



You may have noticed the new stoneware cup and plate on the communion table in the chancel the last few weeks. This set will be on the communion table on Sundays when we do not observe communion as a reminder of the sacrament. Another similar set was created for Andrews Chapel. Both were a gift from Howard and Mollie Webb.



When an aging man insists he has won a big jackpot, his son agrees to take him to Nebraska to claim it, stopping off to visit relatives along the way. This film, one of the best of 2013, will be shown Friday, October 17 in the home of Steve and Peggy Yoder, 1100 Surrey Circle. Bring a friend and some food to share. The fun starts at 6:30pm, with the movie starting at 7:00pm and a discussion to follow.



### PMS FAMILY POTLUCK

Saturday, October 4, 4:00pm  
Yoder Cabin



For PMS participants, or anyone who wants to participate in PMS, and their families. Hotdogs, table service, and bottled water provided. Please bring food to share. Contact Peggy Yoder for more information.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY LAST CHANCE!



Production of our church directory is wrapping up. If you still would like to have your picture taken, please contact Linda in the church office. If we have 15 people/families who still want pictures taken, we can schedule another day. Please contact Linda by **Monday, October 6.**

Christ United Methodist Church women's group is in need of clean used denim jeans (no matter how worn out) for use in making comforters. These comforters are then given to various agencies for distribution. Donated jeans can be left in CUMC's church library, 1140 Claremont Avenue. (419) 289-0507



### MOPS— MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS is a ministry to encourage, equip, and help mothers of young children. They meet at Grace Brethren Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month during the school year, 9:00-11:00am. They socialize over brunch, have a speaker or creative activity, and enjoy small group discussions that allow the moms to get to know each other.

MOPS offers free child care during their meetings, but they need help! They are in need of 4-8 volunteers to watch the children. You can volunteer once a month, twice a month or even serve as a substitute or be on call. To volunteer, contact Molly at [ashlandcosgirl05@yahoo.com](mailto:ashlandcosgirl05@yahoo.com), or call Sara at 202-352-3473.

For more information about MOPS, please ask Bethany Blasdel.

Pioneer Clubs has begun for children ages 4 years-old through 6th. It is not too late for kids to join them! Pioneer clubs are held on Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm through November 20. Registration forms can be found on our website, [ashlandfpc.org](http://ashlandfpc.org), or in the church office and narthex. We also welcome walk-ins.



### Please Mark Your Calendar

#### Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 16

Following Worship



# OCTOBER

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			<b>1</b> 9:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Healing Care Group  7:30pm Choir	<b>2</b>  6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Euchre	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  4:00pm PMS Family Potluck @ Yoder Cabin
<b>5</b> Hunger Sunday Communion  2:00pm Crop Walk @CUMC	<b>6</b> Deadline to Contact Office about Pictures	<b>7</b>  6:30pm Writing Group 7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	<b>8</b>  9:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	<b>9</b> Session Packet Info Due  6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Bridge	<b>10</b>  Wedding Rehearsal	<b>11</b>  1:30pm Wedding
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00pm Stephen Ministry	<b>14</b>  9:00am Staff Meeting  6:30pm Session 8:00pm AA	<b>15</b>  9:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	<b>16</b>  6:00pm Pioneer Club	<b>17</b>  6:30pm Movie Night @ Yoders' House	<b>18</b>  11:00am-8:00pm ACCESS Souper Sat. @ GBC
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>21</b>  7:00pm Next Steps 8:00pm AA	<b>22</b>  9:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	<b>23</b>  6:00pm Pioneer Club	<b>24</b>  6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>25</b>  5:30pm Wedding
<b>26</b>  Reformation Sunday Communion	<b>27</b>  Monthly Newsletter Deadline	<b>28</b>  6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Invite, Connect, & Sent Ministries 8:00pm AA	<b>29</b>  9:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:30pm Choir	<b>30</b>  No Pioneer Club	<b>31</b>	



## ACCESS HOUSE WARMING BASKETS

When our ACCESS guests move into their homes, the ACCESS churches give them a House Warming Basket of supplies. The supply storeroom is almost empty and could use your help. The following items are needed:

### Household Cleaning Supplies:

mop and bucket, broom and dust pan, spray cleaner, spray bleach cleaner, window cleaner, sponges, dishcloths and dis towels, liquid dis detergent, paper towels, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, trash cans, garbage bags

### Personal Hygiene:

toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, towels and washcloths, hand soap, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, bars of soap, shower gel/body wash, toilet paper, tissues

### General Items:

small alarm clock, gift cards, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, sandwich baggies, gallon-size storage baggies

Emmanuel United Methodist Church spearheads this part of the ACCESS program. If you want to donate cash instead, please send your donation marked ACCESS to them at 322 Cleveland Ave., Ashland. Jan Grimm can also pick up donations if you call her at 419-908-3104. You can also leave donations in the basket in FPC's main office.

## TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES

Lana Potter recently delivered to the Kroc Center the travel-sized shampoo, soap, lotion, etc. that has been collected by FPC. These are used by ACCESS guests when they take their showers there. The Kroc Center was completely out of these toiletries, so our donation was timely! Please continue to donate these by placing them in the basket in the office.

## ACCESS SOUP-ER SATURDAY



Saturday, October 18,  
11:00am—8:00pm  
Grace Brethren Church  
Gymnasium

Soup-er Saturday is an all-day fundraiser for the ACCESS program. Local schools and businesses have been asked to donate handcrafted artistic soup bowls to be purchased by participants for \$20, including a meal. Regular bowls of soup are available for \$6. Participants can vote for their favorite soup.

The event includes a day-long silent auction as well as a live auction which will begin at 1:00pm. Homemade desserts will also be offered for sale.

If you are interested in donating your favorite crock of soup, fresh bread, pies, cookies, etc., please contact Tracy Webb at 419-685-0608. They are also seeking basket donations and/or gift certificates for the auction.

## DAYTIME RETREAT

### Living the Word:

### Mindfulness through Scripture

Thursday, October 9, 9:30am-3:00pm  
Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center, Perrysville  
\$15.00. Register by October 1.

This retreat, brought to you by our Muskingum Valley Presbytery, will be lead by Rev. Dr. Bob Meyer. In August 2014, he received his Certification of Spiritual Direction from the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University.

Linda Mapes has attended these retreats and can answer questions you have regarding them.

Registration forms are in the church office.





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MEET HUMAN NEEDS**

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**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**Monday  
October 27**

**Food Gram  
From the Food Dude**

September donations  
were very sparse.  
Let's rally for October.

Associated Charities served:

in July 2014, 260 families,  
a total of 711 people

in August 2014, 281 families,  
a total of 784 people

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**To:**

**October 2014**



Associated Charities Requests the following items:

**FOOD NEEDED:**

Cereal- boxed or boxes of oatmeal (individual packets)  
Pancake Mix and Syrup  
Chicken in a can  
Boxes of Tuna or Chicken Helper  
Canned Fruit – Any  
Jelly or Jam: Strawberry or grape  
Cream of Mushroom and Chicken Soup  
Sugar  
Egg Noodles  
Vegetable Oil  
Saltine Crackers

**Taxable Items Needed:**

Shampoo and Conditioner  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Soap  
Deodorant



**HUNGER  
SUNDAY**

**October 5**