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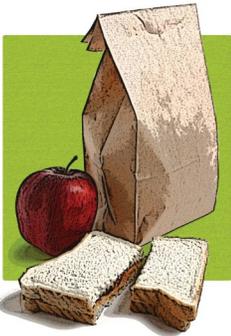
THE JOYFUL NOISE

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February

A LENTEN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY



During Lent, we will be offering a Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays from 12 noon until 1:15pm. We will be studying the first book, well letter, of the New Testament, 1 Thessalonians, and we will be using a recently published book by

Ashland Seminary's Dr. John Byron. The format will be bring your lunch, your Bible, and should you want, a copy of Dr. Byron's book, and over lunch we will work our way through the book and talk about the five overarching themes that John has developed in his commentary:

"Paul focuses on:
(1) the gospel,
(2) remembering,
(3) pleasing God;
(4) community; and
(5) the future." P. 24.

Feb. 19 : Dr. John Byron
and an overview to a study
of 1 Thessalonians

Feb. 26: Chapter 1
March 5: Chapter 2
March 12: Chapter 3
March 19: Chapter 4
March 26: Chapter 5

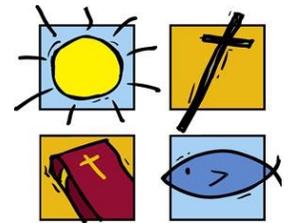
Join us for food, fellowship,
and a Bible study as a part
of your Lenten season.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In the Atrium:

We welcome any child age
4 - 6th grade in our 3rd
floor atrium 9:00am on
Sundays for spiritual

formation and Christian fellowship. Are you an
adult that wants to walk along side our children
during this time? If so call Tia Sponsler, Director
of Children's Ministry, 419-606-7155



2014 in our Atrium ended with a birthday party for Jesus.

CHRISMON 2014

Part of the Christmas Eve service for the past 25 years has been the gift of the Chrismon ornaments for each family to take home and place on their Christmas tree. This year's ornament was the last one in this tradition. This 25th ornament was unique to the First Presbyterian Church of Ashland. The original logo was designed by Liz Yoder Schar a few years ago for our church. We felt it appropriate to use this symbol as the last in this series and also celebrate the 200 year anniversary of our congregation.

Brenda Luttrell and Mollie Webb worked above and beyond to see this year's project to fruition. Many ladies were responsible for doing the cross stitching: Bethany Blasdel, Laura Bowie, Lori Dix, Anne Downs, Donna Harrop, Connie Hoelscher, Brenda Luttrell Judy Mengel, Corinne Sedwick, and Mollie Webb.

Annually, the youth helped distribute the ornaments. This year we were so glad to have the following young people available on Christmas Eve: Kaitlynn Barnett, Stetson Blasdel, Zane Blasdel, Thomas Foley, Vincent Foley, Ashden Maffett, Jakin Parker, Katrin Parker, and Preston Sponsler.

Over the years many people have been generous in sharing their talents in this endeavor. We thank all those who have helped in any capacity to make this ministry possible. It is our hope that each Christmas season these 25 ornaments will recall special memories to your family.



FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH



Matt McClain will be leading a new Bible study focused on the foundations of our faith. More specifically, this class discusses the vision of this church and how one can grow into that mission. This class is required of our future new members, but is open to all. Look for more information about this in the next newsletter.

NEW DAY AND TIME FOR BRIDGE

FPC's Bridge group will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Jean Hudkins.



We would like to welcome Breanna Maffett as our new nursery attendant. She is a bright, joyful, God-loving woman and fulfills a prayerfully guided and needed position. FPC's Child Safety Policy requires two adults in our nursery while caring for children. We have nearly fulfilled this requirement with the addition of Bre and our volunteers. We are still in need of:

- 1 more volunteer to serve alongside Bre in the nursery once every 6 weeks
- 2 on-call volunteers if Bre or one of the scheduled volunteers should have to miss.



**FPC Hosts Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The leaders of the congregations in our presbytery will meet at our church on Saturday, February 7. We are expecting around 125 people to attend. We have most of the volunteers from our congregation we need, but if you want to be a part of this day, please see Lana Potter and Michael Hudson for more details.

**“SOUPER” BOWL CELEBRATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1**

Join our “Souper” Celebration Sunday by staying after worship for a soup lunch and Congregational Meeting. Please bring either a salad, bread, or dessert to share for our meal. We also encourage everyone to bring cans of soup for Associated Charities.



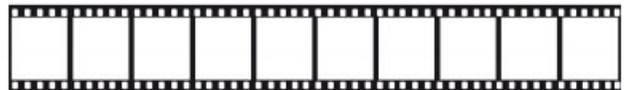
MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night for Friday, February 20 is in need of a host home and we are hopeful that someone would be willing to invite about a dozen or more well-behaved and gracious adults who will be happy to bring snacks to share for the evening.



We plan to watch a movie about a boy who talks about going to heaven, seeing Jesus, and meeting a sister who had died. We will have a discussion about the possibilities.

Gather at 6:30pm; movie begins at 7:00pm. Place to be announced. Email Jolynn at jazzeybelleL@yahoo.com



Hello Congregation!
As a movie reviewer for our monthly Movie Nights, I’m looking for movie ideas that you’ve heard about/seen or not seen. What might be some of your recommendations? We will take ideas from adults, college age, and high schoolers. Please see me, Judy Frame, before or after church or e-mail me at Judy518gmail.com. Thanks!



Worship
February 18
6:30pm
in Andrews Chapel

Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

MONDAY MEAL AND COMMUNITY

A new small group is forming that will gather for a meal in each other’s homes on Monday nights, 5:30-7:00pm. This group looks to build friendships and relationships around a shared meal. The group will meet February 16—May 18. This group will focus some on Lent and after Easter, celebrating the resurrection.

If you are interested, come to a meeting after worship on Sunday, February 8 for planning, or contact Jake Blasdel or Tia Sponsler.

More information about this group after the meeting.



FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "Souper" Bowl Celebration Sunday Communion 11:00am Congregational Meeting Soup Lunch	2 5:00pm Baby Steps	3 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	4 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	5 Session Packet Items Due 6:00pm Pioneer Club 7:00pm Euchre	6	7 Presbytery Meeting @FPC Ashland
8	9 7:00pm Stephen Ministry	10 1:00pm Bridge 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	11 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	12 9:00am Worship Ministry Team 6:00pm Pioneer Club	13	14
15 Communion	16 President's Day Office Closed 5:00pm Baby Steps	17 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	18 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Communion	19 6:00pm Pioneer Club	20 6:30pm Movie Night	21
22	23 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	24 7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	25 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	26 6:00pm Pioneer Club	27	28

WHY DO WE WANT TO PRAY?

First, let us remember that Jesus himself prayed and when those who followed Him asked, He taught them saying, "Our Father Who art in Heaven, Hallowed (or Holy) be Thy Name." God wants us to honor Him and to be in touch with Him so that He has our attention and our ears and ultimately our hearts and lives. In this New Year 2015, let us begin by asking God "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." As we look around the world, we see so many in need of God's love. There is power in the name of Jesus, God's Son...the same kind of power that created the stars, the planets, the mysteries of the universe, for Jesus came as the Word Incarnate. Would you consider making a 2015 New Year's resolution to pray daily, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven?



Sharing God's love, Jolynn Lopeman

Associated Charities

Associated Charities shared some results of the donations they received from the Ashland community.

388 families were assisted with their Thanksgiving dinners

637 total families were assisted with food and/or Christmas toys

2,900 volunteer hours were donated in 2014

Both Rosemarie Donely, Executive Director, and Shirley Bonfiglio, Assistant Director/Program Coordinator expressed gratitude to Ashland for their continued support.



To the family and friends of Carol Johnson, who passed away on December 31, 2014.



Roslyn Ann Lerback was born to Drew and Edie Lerback on December 12, 2014.

Shiann was born to Danielle Conley on December 25, 2014.

Mason Richard Freer was born to George and Lacie Freer on January 8, 2015. Proud great-grandmothers are Carol Freer and Brenda Luttrell. George was expected to return from deployment on January 22.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our church pictorial directory has been delayed by about six weeks due to the resignation of FPC's representative with the company. A proof of the directory has been received and we are editing it at this time. We will make an announcement when the books arrive.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During lent, FPC will be collecting this special offering that benefits Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People.



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**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
February 23**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

Donations to our warm, fuzzy tree were taken to Associated Charities along with our food donations. Thank you for all who "decorated" the tree with their gifts. Canned goods donations for January were average. Let's do better in February by bringing soup for our Souper Celebration Sunday!

February 2015



Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Fresh Potatoes
Mayonnaise
Mustard
Ketchup
Vegetable Oil
Saltine Crackers
Canned Chicken
Egg Noodles
Hot Chocolate
Tea Bags
Coffee

Taxable Items Needs:

Deodorant (male and female)
Dish Soap
Feminine Products
Laundry Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

February 1