

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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Formational Prayer Seminar June 10-13, 2015

Dr. Terry Wardle leads seminars in formational prayer two times a year at the Ashland Theological Seminary. Formational Prayer is a ministry of the Holy Spirit, moving through a Christian caregiver, bringing the Healing Presence of Jesus Christ into the place of pain and brokenness within a wounded person.

Program Objectives:

- Equip caregivers for good self-care
- Provide tools for addressing dysfunctional behaviors
- Develop sound techniques for emotional healing
- Teach steps for dealing with deep wounds
- Present information on spirituality and world view as each relates to helping the broken
- Demonstrate pathways that help people dismantle destructive, false beliefs



Pamphlets about this seminar can be found in the church office, or visit seminary.ashland.edu/ifc

For any church member interested in this seminar, FPC will pay the deposit. One should be decided to attend by May 4. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information.



Toxic Charity Workshop with Bob Lupton

Saturday, June 13

Unity Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, OH.

"Giving to those in need what they could be gaining from their own initiative may well be the kindest way to destroy people."

Bob Lupton has spent over four decades working in inner-city Atlanta and beyond to develop models that are effective and truly serve the poor. Lupton, a trained psychologist, and his wife moved from the suburbs and raised their family living in the inner-city of Atlanta. By observations and by building relationships of trust, Lupton has seen the transformation of people out of poverty and their neighborhoods change from dangerous and blighted to thriving and even successful. His first hand experience and writing comes from working with churches, government agencies entrepreneurs, and volunteers seeing that many good intentions can translate into ineffective care or even harm. He reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. Toxic Charity provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. His groundbreaking Toxic Charity shows us how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change.

Please consider attending this Presbytery-sponsored workshop. Contact the office for more information.

Prayer

The Bible tells us that the power working in us is the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. "I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help; those who believe Him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in heaven." Ephesians 1:19-20



Here is a story demonstrating this verse. There was a church service beginning but when the organist sat down at the organ to play, nothing came from the instrument. The pastor determined to go ahead without music and read the Scripture for the morning. Then he prayed. As the story is told, it was after the prayer that music was restored and the people sang, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Prayer can make the distinction between operating in human power or God's power.

God's prayer room is always open to those in need. His telephone line is in service twenty-four hours a day. Our line to Him is never busy. No matter how many are praying at the same time, He never misses one prayer. He may not answer immediately or in the manner we choose. Those are the times He calls us to have faith and trust in Him and His discerning ways.

- Jolynn Lopeman



IMPORTANT* We have a growing need for Stephen Ministers. If you are currently an inactive Stephen Minister and feel lead after prayerful discernment to serve again or if you are interested in training to become a Stephen Minister then please contact me.

Blessings, Tia Sponsler
Stephen Ministry Coordinator
419-606-7155

Need a Name Tag?

Please continue to wear your FPC nametag Sunday mornings.

If you do not have a nametag, please contact the church office by marking the Information Card found in your Sunday morning bulletin, calling, or emailing office@ashlandfpc.org

by May 31.

Please tell us how you would like your name to appear on the tag.



Your Name

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Invitation to "Solitude and Silence" with Ruth Haley Barton

Solitude is the Christian discipline in which we withdraw from our life in the company of others in order to give our full and undivided attention to God. Silence deepens our experience of solitude as we allow the noise of our own thoughts, strivings, and inner compulsions to settle down so we can hear a truer and more reliable Voice—God himself speaking in the depths of our being.

Spiritual Director Ruth Haley Barton will introduce individuals to a journey into solitude and silence as referenced in her book *Invitation to Solitude and Silence* (InterVarsity Press, 2010). Ashland Theological Seminary encourages you to attend with your small groups, Sunday School classes, retreat groups, and spiritual friends. Tuesday, May 12, 7:00pm in the Alumni Room of Ashland University's Upper Convocation Center. \$10.00 tickets are available through the seminary.

**PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH
A.K.A. GATHER 'N' GO**

May Luncheon
with an Award-Winning Chef
Beautiful Rural Setting
Amid the Pines

Tuesday, May 19, 11:30am
The Pines Golf Club
(Near Orrville)

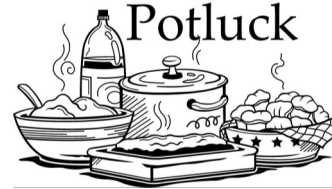


Route 30 exit to Apple Creek Road North
Printed Directions will be Available

Reservations No Later Than Friday, May 15
Cora Walker 419-289-2316

Let Cora Know if you need a ride.
We will depart from the church parking lot at
10:30am for the 11:30am luncheon.

Our Next
Celebration Sunday
May 17
All-Church Potluck
Following Worship
Potluck

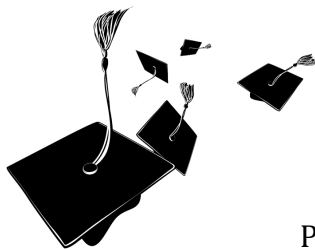


Bring a Main Dish or Side Dish to Share.
Cake will be served in celebration
of our new members.
Table service will be provided.



Lord, Here Our Cry
Thursday, May 7,
6:30am
AU Convocation
Center

Speaker will be River Jordan,
storyteller, author, speaker, radio host
Tickets are \$15 and available at
Transformation Network, Trinity Lutheran
Church, Grace Brethren Church,
and Bethel Baptist church.



Graduation:

FPC would like to
recognize any of our
church family that
will be graduating
this spring.

Please notify the office
about high school and/or
college graduates by **Monday, May 11**
so we can celebrate with them
on **Sunday, May 31.**

Be on the lookout for news of mission
opportunities and projects to be posted
on the bulletin board in the upstairs hall
around the corner from the narthex.



Mission Ministry

Friday, May 15
Yoders' Home
1100 Surrey Circle



Movie
Night

A story of difficult choices, love,
action, selflessness, integrity,
sacrifice, and elements of a
different culture are the subjects of our next
movie. Come, join us to discuss what you would
do when faced with the loss of a loved one;
what would you do when your manhood is
challenged? Bring along a snack to share and
enjoy Christian fellowship and entertainment.
We gather at 6:30pm; movie begins at 7:00pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Hunger Sunday Communion 8:45am Foundations of Faith SS 6:00pm Dad Connection	4 5:00pm Baby Steps 5:30pm Meal & Community (not at church)	5 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	6 Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	7 National Day of Prayer 6:30am Prayer Breakfast @AU Convo 2:00pm Euchre	8	9
10 Mother's Day 6:00pm Dad Connection	11 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Meal & Community (not at church)	12 1:00pm Bridge 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	13 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	14	15 6:30pm Movie Night @ Yoders'	16
17 Celebration Sunday Potluck Lunch 6:00pm Dad Connection	18 5:00pm Baby Steps 5:30pm Meal & Community (not at church)	19 9:00am Staff 10:30am Stephen Ministry 8:00pm AA	20 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	21 9:30am Worship Ministry	22	23
24 Pentecost 6:00pm Dad Connection	25 Office Closed— Memorial Day	26 7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	27 9:30am Bible Study	28	29	30
31 Loud Sunday Offering Communion 6:00pm Dad Connection						



Property Commission

The lighting project is progressing and we have received a picture of the refurbished fixture which had been removed. It is beautiful and will reflect back to the opening of the church. That fixture will be used as a template for all the others when the lift is finally available to remove the remaining fixtures. The lift we need is very unique and is presently on a job in Virginia. BCU is our electrical contractor for the work and once the lift arrives the project will probably be done in about a month. Partial payments have been sent for the lighting upgrade work.

The kitchenette sink repair is done and the lights will be replaced in the kitchenette soon.

The concrete contract with Lee's is signed. We are on the schedule to repair sidewalks, curbs and parking lot apron.

Meetings with contractors will begin for the sound system upgrade as funds from capital funds will permit. Pastor Mike is handling the negotiations.

Other housekeeping chores are being met and addressed as we are aware of them. A big event coming up is the work week where the congregation takes ownership of the building and we will clean up and organize.

Mark Your Calendar

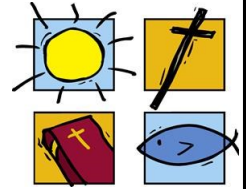
July 27-31

Clean Out the Church Week



The office will be closed to regular business as staff and volunteers throw open all the cabinets and clean out all the drawers in the building. We will need plenty of help as we tidy up!

**Children's Ministry
In the Atrium:**



The children are starting a new journey as Discipling Detectives and we are asking the congregation to participate. As our Discipling Detectives are given a new "mystery" to solve every Sunday it might include you. Feel free to ask the detectives what mystery they have to solve that week and see if you can help them.

Guests are always welcome to visit during the atrium time. If you are interested please contact me.

Blessings, Tia Sponsler
Director of Children's Ministry 419-606-7155



We are still looking for a "fill-in" volunteer in the nursery. This is a position that would only be called on in case of current volunteer schedule conflict. If interested contact me.

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Young Life

Lucas Update: April 20, we had our first Lucas club and around 40 kids attended!

Young Life Camp: We have 6 kids registered to attend camp this summer, with a few more that intend to register.

Thank You for the spare change you shared in the jars and for Loud Sunday. Proceeds help send kids to camp.



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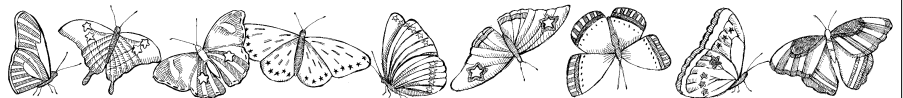
**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
May 11**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

April donations
were awesome!
The spring weather must
bring out the best in people.
Associated Charities
really appreciates
the paper products
and the taxable items
because food stamps
do not pay for them
and they are in demand.

May 2015



Associated Charities
requests the following
items:

FOOD NEEDED:

Vegetable Oil
Brownie/Cake Mix
Chicken Noodle Soup
Saltine Crackers
Pancake Mix
Canned Fruit (any is needed)
Mustard and Mayonnaise

Taxable Items Needed:

Deodorant
Paper towels
Toilet Paper
Feminine Products

March 2015, Associated
Charities served 195 Families
... for a total of 484 people!
Together, we can do so much!
-Rosemarie Donley



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

May 3